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MEMORIAL DAY

PROGRAM 1983

10:00 a.m., Monday, May 30, 1983

Municipal Building, Eagle Lake, Texas

Welcome.....T.J. Smith, M.C.

Presentation of Colors.....Eagle Lake Cub Scouts

Star Spangled Banner.....Led by Frank Davidson

Pledge of Allegiance.....W. Cherry-M. Perry, Post 108

Invocation.....Rev. Paul Krupicka, Pastor

Grace Lutheran Church

Reading of Gettysburg Address.....Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post 8783, Eagle Lake, Texas

Memorial Address.....Fred R. Frnka, former publisher, Eagle Lake Headlight

Remarks.....Jo Ann Mahalite, President, E.L. Chamber of Commerce

"God Bless America".....Led by Frank Davidson

Benediction.....Rev. Melburn Sibley, Pastor

First Baptist Church

Distribution of U.S. Flags

Flags courtesy of VFW Post 8783 and Chamber of Commerce

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - BBQ Beef and Sausage Dinners served at Eagle Lake Recreation Center Golf Course picnic area.

Tickets must have been purchased by May 26. No tickets will be sold at the picnic grounds.

Call 234-2780 for more information.

(In event of inclement weather, program and BBQ will be moved to the Eagle Lake Community Center)

Monday for the Chamber of Commerce Memorial Day services here, preceding its annual barbecue in the Recreation Center picnic area. Although the barbecue ticket sales deadline through Wilcox Minimax, Jo Ann's and the chamber office at 123 S. McCarty.

Monday is Memorial holiday here

Eagle Lake business firms, including the First National Bank and the Post Office, will be among those closing all day Monday for the observance of Memorial Day.

Because of the Monday holiday and the lack of mail service on that date, reporters and correspondents must get news copy in to The Headlight by Friday afternoon. The newspaper office

will be closed all day Monday.

Courthouse closed The offices in the county courthouse in Columbus will be closed all day Monday.

No garbage pickup Due to the Memorial Day holiday Monday, the city's sanitation department will not make any pickups. Monday's route will be run on Tuesday along with

Tuesday's regular route.

Other special closings Eagle Lake Insurance will take an extra day for the Memorial Day holiday. They will be closed Saturday morning, May 28 along with the holiday on Monday. They will reopen as usual on Tuesday morning.

7% loan fund started

The First National Bank of Eagle Lake announced this week that it has established a low-interest loan fund for the revitalization project, to reduce costs of the restoration and repair of buildings in the downtown area and improve the appearance and attractiveness of our community, according to bank president Bill Harrison Jr.

The bank is making \$50,000 available on a

revolving basis, to be loaned to building owners. The bank's board of directors voted to make a maximum \$7,000 loan, to be repaid over seven years for only seven percent interest.

At current market rates, that would save a borrower around \$1,000 over the life of the loan.

"Use of the fund is limited to exterior repair and restoration. However, this loan could be combined

with funds loaned at prevailing rates and terms, to accomplish a larger project if the owner so desired," Harrison said.

Applications for the low-interest loans first must be approved by a sub-committee of the revitalization committee, which will review the proposal from the standpoint of restoration and resulting appearance. Proximity to the downtown area also will be a determining factor.

"We sincerely hope that property owners will come forward with the applications, whether it's a paint job or a new storefront," Harrison said. "We believe this not only could improve the appearance of our downtown area but business there as well."

Harrison said the money would be available on a revolving basis, meaning that as loans are repaid, the money is a gain becomes available for more low-interest loans.

Annexation talk brings crowd

The possibility that the city might annex a portion of the residential area outside the city's northwest city limits brought a small crowd to council chambers Tuesday night for its regular meeting.

Council invited the land owners to express their opinions on whether they

were for or against annexation, and why. Although council has several options it has drawn up on just how much property might be annexed, it will make no move to do so until residents request it, then a majority of the residents in the area who are registered voters must

approve it. Council learned most of the people in the area, along Campbell and Austin roads, were in favor of annexation, but was surprised to learn it was more than an economic issue. For instance, first complaints against annexation were about having to pay city taxes. Those residents already have city water, although it is through a very inadequate, privately-owned 1 1/2-inch line, have city garbage

collection, and a fire department. The surprise then was that if the houses were in the city limits, homeowner and fire insurance rates

would drop so much that even with the taxes, the costs would be lower. There would be a charge per home for installation of a new six-inch water main for better water service, and for installation of a sewer line.

However, others against the move said that if they were in the city limits, they would lose some of the freedoms they now have, such as prohibitions on animals covered in city ordinances.

Mayor Elmer Brown told the residents that if there was interest in annexation, petition council, and council would act.

Senior baseball play to open

Play in the senior boys baseball league will be at the Columbus High School field. The league tournament will be July 5-8 at Columbus.

Other teams in the league include the Red Sox, Cardinals, Platoon, Weimar, and two teams from Schulenburg.

Graduation ceremonies mark end of school year

Thursday was graduation day in the Rice school district, with eighth graders in Eagle Lake, Sheridan and Garwood moving up to Rice High School, and the seniors at Rice participating in their last ritual of public school.

Also Thursday at the Eagle Lake Middle School, a morning awards assembly was held for the fourth and fifth grades to mark the end of the 1982-83 session.

At 1 p.m., the sixth, seventh and eighth graders gathered for their awards assembly, and ceremonies marking the move to high school. The awards presentation

was listed elsewhere in this issue.

Speaking to the eighth graders, superintendent Harold King reminded them that as students, two-thirds of their public schooling already was behind them. Therefore, he said, as you look to the future, your four years at Rice High School are all the time many of you have left to prepare yourself for the rest of your life.

He spoke also to parents, reminding them of their role in education, and how they can help their children with support, discipline and assistance.

Later that evening at

Rice High School, the gymnasium was crowded with parents, other relatives, and friends of the graduates there to witness the hour-long commencement exercises.

Coby Shorter III at the piano provided the processional music as graduates filed to their assigned seats on the floor.

Honor graduate Mary Lynn Kallins led the class in an opening prayer.

Salutatorian David Adkins then gave his address, saying that "Tomorrow we wake up in the real world." He lauded



Thursday afternoon at the Eagle Lake Middle School, eighth graders received their certificates of completion from superintendent Harold King as principal Charles Abel reads the students' names. Additional photos inside this issue.



Students received their Rice High School diplomas last Thursday night in the school's gymnasium, as superintendent Harold King read the names of the graduates. Principal Fred

Grahmann and school board president Billy Heffner gave the diplomas to students. Additional photos inside this issue.

No ESP: Energy Savings Project bids tossed out

The effort to reduce the cost of utilities in the Rice school district will take a little longer, since the school board Monday afternoon approved a motion not to accept either of the two bids on the work.

Instead, it asked the project be rebid, since the bids received earlier this month were not exactly as requested.

For almost half a year, the board of trustees of the Rice Consolidated Independent School District has been listening to a company called Powermaster, of San Antonio. They have been told that part of the district's utility budget can be spent now for various projects to reduce utility expenditures.

The finished product not only is planned to pay for itself, but should reduce the tax money spent on utilities

in the future. Powermaster has been doing this kind of work for eight years; to sell its services, it presents its proposal to a school board for an agreement to hire an engineering firm to study utility expenses - at no cost at all to the school system.

Then if the board agrees, bids are sought. Powermaster is one of the companies that bids, but there are other companies that bid also.

(Powermaster also is working on a proposal to reduce utility expenses for Community Hospital here.)

In the Rice school district case, the school board advertised for bids in The Headlight, and a state-wide bid publication that is received by contractors.

When bids were opened at the board's regular meeting this month, it was

found that the Powermaster bid was missing required references, and was a couple of thousand dollars higher than a bid from a Houston company, Control Air.

However, superintendent Harold King said Monday that in Powermaster's case, he checked references six weeks ago, and learned the company's work indeed reduced utility costs.

But the lower Control Air bid failed to include several pieces of equipment.

The bids showed wide cost differences in several areas.

In the special meeting Monday, board member Ted Wiese made a motion to toss out both bids, and put the project back on the bid market. Fritz Leopold quickly agreed, seconding the motion. After much discussion, the motion was approved by Wiese.

Leopold and Billy Heffner, regional director of the reclamation bureau's southwest region, issues identified at these meetings will be discussed in the environmental statement, he said.

Interested public entities and individuals may obtain information on the proposed project and provide information for preparation of the environmental statement, by contacting Brooks Gallman, study manager, Bureau of Reclamation, 714 South Tyler, Suite 201, Amarillo, Texas 79101; telephone 806-378-5475.

Meeting June 7 on proposed dam in county

Two public meetings, one on June 7 in Columbus, and another on June 8 in the district court room of the Matagorda County courthouse in Bay City.

A public information meeting was held last November in Columbus to present background information and receive comments regarding the proposed action and other alternatives considered. At that session, several residents were opposed to such a project.

The meetings are being scheduled to determine the scope and significance of the project. We intend to prepare an environmental statement on this project,

according to Gene Hinds, regional director of the reclamation bureau's southwest region. Issues identified at these meetings will be discussed in the environmental statement, he said.

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