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## NOTICE OF CALCULATION OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE AND PUBLICATION OF ESTIMATED UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES

I, Robert Klockman, City Manager for  
Eagle Lake, in accordance with the  
provisions of Sec. 26.04, Property Tax  
Code, have calculated the tax rate  
which may not be exceeded by more  
than three percent by the governing  
body of Eagle Lake without holding a  
public hearing as required by the  
code. That rate is as follows:  
\$0.425 per \$100 of value.

The estimated unencumbered fund  
balance for Maintenance & Operation  
fund: \$162,883.00.

The estimated unencumbered fund  
balance for Interest & Sinking fund: \$0.

Robert Klockman,  
City Manager  
August 23, 1983

## CALCULATIONS USED TO DETERMINE EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

|                                                                                                                                          |                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>I. DATA</b>                                                                                                                           |                 |
| 1. 1982 Total tax levy from the 1982 tax roll                                                                                            | \$181,343.00    |
| 2. 1982 Tax rate (1.20 M&O and 0.12 I&S)                                                                                                 | \$3.30/100      |
| 3. 1982 Debt service (I&S) levy                                                                                                          | \$53,475.00     |
| 4. 1982 Maintenance and operation (M&O) levy                                                                                             | \$127,868.00    |
| 5. 1982 M&O taxes on property in territory that has ceased to be a part of the unit in 1983                                              | \$0             |
| 6. 1982 M&O taxes on property becoming exempt in 1983                                                                                    | \$0             |
| 7. 1982 M&O taxes (taxable value lost because property is appraised at less than market value in 1983)                                   | \$0             |
| 8. 1983 Total taxable value of all property                                                                                              | \$42,663,337.00 |
| 9. 1983 Taxable value of new improvements added since Jan. 1, 1982                                                                       | \$258,040.00    |
| 10. 1983 Taxable value of property annexed since Jan. 1, 1982                                                                            | \$69,860.00     |
| 11. 1983 Tax levy needed to satisfy debt service (I&S)                                                                                   | \$51,150.00     |
| 12. Rate to raise 1983 tax levy due to appraisal roll errors (rate that would have been less rate that was levied) (1.30/100 - 0.30/100) | \$0.00/100      |
| 13. Rate to recoup taxes lost in 1982 due to appraisal roll errors (lost dollars divided by 1983 taxable value)                          | \$0.00/100      |
| <b>II. CALCULATION</b>                                                                                                                   |                 |
| <b>MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION (M&amp;O) TAX RATE</b>                                                                                      |                 |
| 1. (A) 1982 Total tax levy (Data 1)                                                                                                      | \$181,343.00    |
| (B) Subtract 1982 Taxes on property no longer in unit (Data 5)                                                                           | \$0             |
| (C) Subtract 1982 Taxes for exemptions (Data 6)                                                                                          | \$0             |
| (D) Subtract 1982 Taxes for productivity valuation (Data 7)                                                                              | \$0             |
| (E) Adjusted 1982 M&O levy                                                                                                               | \$127,868.00    |
| (F) Adjusted 1982 M&O levy (E-F above)                                                                                                   | \$127,868.00    |
| (G) Calculated maintenance and operation (M&O) rate for 1983                                                                             | \$0.30/100      |
| <b>INTEREST AND SINKING (I&amp;S) TAX RATE</b>                                                                                           |                 |
| 1. (A) 1983 I&S levy needed to satisfy debt (Data 11)                                                                                    | \$51,150.00     |
| (B) 1983 Total taxable value of all property (Data 8)                                                                                    | \$42,663,337.00 |
| (C) Divide the 1983 I&S levy (A) above by the 1983 total taxable value (B) above                                                         | \$0.00119       |
| (D) Multiply by 100 valuation                                                                                                            | X 100           |
| (E) Calculated interest and sinking rate (I&S) (A) rate for 1983                                                                         | \$0.119/100     |
| <b>APPRaisal ROLL ERROR RATE</b>                                                                                                         |                 |
| 1. (A) Rate to raise 1982 levy due to appraisal errors (Data 12)                                                                         | \$0.00/100      |
| (B) Add rate to recoup taxes lost due to errors (Data 13)                                                                                | + \$0/100       |
| (C) Total rate to adjust for appraisal roll errors                                                                                       | \$0.00/100      |
| <b>TOTAL EFFECTIVE TAX RATE FOR 1983</b>                                                                                                 |                 |
| (A) Calculated Maintenance and operation (M&O) rate (G) above                                                                            | \$0.30/100      |
| (B) Add calculated interest and sinking (I&S) rate (E) above                                                                             | + \$0.119/100   |
| (C) Add rate to adjust for appraisal roll errors (C) above                                                                               | + \$0.00/100    |
| (D) Calculated 1983 Effective Tax Rate                                                                                                   | \$0.425/100     |
| 1983 Effective Tax Rate is the tax rate published as required by Sec. 26.04, Property Tax Code.                                          |                 |

## Opinion

### 'The party is over, but continue the effort

#### A Local Column By John F. Fearing

Although I don't know the words, there is a song that goes something like "After the party's over," I thought of it while trying to decide whether or not I should comment on Saturday's fund-raiser for Revitalize Eagle Lake's beautification committee.

As of Monday morning, I had made the decision to let a sleeping dog lie, so to speak. However, a friend stopped in the office late in the day, and made an offhand, purely non-personal remark, asking if I had recovered (or something like that) from the party article two weeks ago. If you remember, that was the story on the front page headlined "Elite, in invitation-only party to raise funds."

Well friends, that was the icing on the cake, the straw that broke the camel, if you will. The overall question seems to be: Was that headline and story detrimental to the fund raising effort? Make your own judgment please. But do understand that the committee sent instructions to me to make the story

"sound like a high-society affair." I'm an accommodating soul, so I did.

Was the story detrimental? First decide what criteria you wish to use to make judgment. Did the committee meet its fund-raising goal? I don't know if there was a stated goal.

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The competitive spirit and social showmanship attitude. Now, had I played the story differently in the newspaper, what would reader reaction have been. Leave "Elite" out of the headline, making it read "Invitation-only party to raise funds." Would that have made any difference to the people in town who have been discussing this in their private circles? You answer: guesses on historical events aren't very meaningful, but it is entertaining.

Let's say the headline was something like "Beautification committee to raise funds." That gets the invitation-only out of the headline, but it would have been an important fact. One person suggested I shouldn't have even used the word "invitation" to serve as creating an atmosphere of "If we got an invitation, we really ought to be there, because only some got an invitation."

Who said it should have been an invitation-only party and why? The first answer is The committee. Why? They wanted to make sure people knew about it, and did that through invitations. They also wanted the invitations to serve as creating an atmosphere of "If we got an invitation, we really ought to be there, because only some got an invitation."

What does surprise me, is that very few people have said anything directly to me, but there certainly has been much discussion. One guy commented, "I made the cut," meaning he got an invitation.

Remember? In every community there are people who are negative about everything. It is just that the loudness of that negative is in direct proportion to the size of the community — The smaller

the town the louder it sounds. Those positive influences in the community should remember that, and not let the constant negatives get in the way of the work they have begun.

Never in a community have I seen so many people volunteer to work toward its betterment. Eagle Lake should be proud of that, and support it.

What's the reaction to all this. The first was the childish knee-jerk of mulling to myself something like "see if they get any more free publicity." Talk about cutting off your nose to spite your face, as my father would say. Then, I began to entertain myself

with personally humorous thoughts like publishing a blank square, like where a picture would be, and putting under it a caption of "pictures of the party not taken."

But, after another second or two of analysis, I realized that is letting the few negatives rule the majority of positives, so I'll continue my open door policy of promoting the good side of Eagle Lake as much as is needed.

After all, this is not my newspaper — it is the Eagle Lake newspaper. I just happen to be fortunate enough to work here for a living.

By Velma Kutzer

#### Sheridan News

Call 234-3988

The formal announcement of ambulance service will be made and celebrated by the Sheridan Emergency Aid Ambulance Corp on Saturday, September 10 during a noon day barbecue meal at the Sheridan Community Center. This occasion will call for the serving of a barbecue chicken and sausage dinner at the hall with plates to go being sold also. Serving time begins at 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tickets are being sold for \$4 for adults and \$3 for children six and under.

The "display" of the unit will be the center of attraction with briefing to inform everyone of how the Sheridan Ambulance will operate and the billing system.

The Ambulance Corp at this time is proud to announce the state certification of 14 ECA (Emergency Care Attendants) for the Sheridan Ambulance. This group of people just completed a renewal class of 54 hours of training and passed their state written and skill performance tests required by the State Health Department.

On August 22, The Sheridan Ambulance will be finally finished with the radio which was being waited on, announced R. Kc's to sell BBQ chicken

The Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus will sell barbecued chicken this Sunday (and every first Sunday of the month). You must reserve your orders in advance by calling Andrew Harbich at 234-5524 during the day or Chuck Stephens at 234-5340 at night. Orders must be placed by noon the Saturday before the first Sunday of the month.

The chickens will be sold for \$3.50 for a whole chicken and must be picked up between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the K.C. Hall at 234-5340 at night. Orders must be placed by noon the Saturday before the first Sunday of the month.

Garbage pickup The City of Eagle Lake announces there will be no garbage pickup on Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day. Monday's route will be picked up with Tuesday's route.

Special closings Schools closed Rice Consolidated School District, St. Anthony's School in Columbus, St. Mary's School in Mada, and WCJC in Wharton will be closed Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.

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## Obituaries

### Mrs. Fitzgerald buried in Masonic Cemetery

Mrs. Lue Minette Fitzgerald died of natural causes on the evening of August 22 in Austin. Funeral services were conducted from Christ Episcopal Church at 11 a.m. August 26 with Rev. George Welsch of Christ Episcopal Church in Eagle Lake and Rev. William Brooks of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Houston officiating. Interment was in Masonic Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jack Dromgole, Heyne Dromgole, Jr., Curtis Wilson, Vic Scott, Earl Rogers, Jr., Joe N. Frazier, and Joe Herbert McCreary.

Mrs. Fitzgerald was born August 11, 1903 in Eagle Lake to Louis Fell and Mary Herbert Fell. She had resided in Eagle Lake most of her life.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Lue Minette McDonald of Houston; a son, Howard Herbert Dromgole, Jr.

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Frank Dittich, Jr. passed away August 26 at 3:45 a.m. in the Methodist Hospital in Houston after a lengthy illness.

Pallbearers were Robert Rooks, A. J. Veselka, Frank Brisco, Weldon Bushorn, Earl Dutcher, David Miculka.

Music was provided by Carol Ripper, organist and pianist.

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### By Leroy J. Hajdik County Extension Agent

#### Tour to high plains

#### County Agent's Notebook

### The Colorado County Row Crops Committee is sponsoring a three day trip to the Lubbock and Plainview areas of Texas on September 21, 22, and 23.

The purpose of the trip will be to view the intensive farming operations of that area, tour seed processing facilities, corn and grain sorghum seed production fields, and other ag related items of interest in the area. The final tour itinerary has not been developed but it is falling into place rapidly.

The 15 passenger van will leave from the county agricultural building located at 316 Spring Street in Columbus at 4 a.m. on Wednesday morning.

This would be a jam packed three day trip with lots of fellowship on the van, see miles of top quality farming, and learn a lot about what goes into producing your corn and grain sorghum seed.

The cost is \$10 per person provided we can get a minimum of 12 people to pre-register. This is a major reduction in fare with that reduction being financed by funds acquired by the county row crops committee.

The committee will also provide refreshments on the van. Ladies are encouraged to attend.

Additional expenses on your part will be meals and a motel room. Motel room rates are available by contacting the county extension office at 732-2082.

Registration due September 14 Registration forms and fees for this trip must be received by no later than Wednesday, September 14. To the event fewer than 12 registrations are received we will return the checks to you. Registration is accepted on a "first come" basis.

Checks should be made payable to Colorado County Row Crops Committee and should be marked "business trip" for tax purposes.

Lets spread the word and get out the people for a good trip. If you have any further questions, please call.

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Monday, September 5: Labor Day Holiday. Tuesday, September 6: Hot Dog with Chili & Cheese, French Fries, Fried Milk. Wednesday, September 7: Lasagna, Fried Okra or Peas, Fruit, Butter Bread, Milk. Thursday, September 8: BBQ on Bun with Pickles, Chips, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk. Friday, September 9: Pizza, Green Beans, Salad, Fruit, Milk.

Volunteers needed at HH

Heritage House is in need of some more volunteers. Volunteers are an important asset to the residents. They provide companionship, love and friendship. They replace the need for family involvement, for those who do not have anyone who cares. Some areas we need

Contact Mac Price or Candace Phillips, administrator, if you are interested and make a senior citizen happy.

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