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Tax bills include city amounts

The tax bills area residents began receiving this week are a little different than last year, since Eagle Lake agreed to allow the county central appraisal district to collect its 1984 taxes. Last year, the city prepared and mailed its own tax bills.

The advantage to Eagle Lake taxpayers is that they receive all their tax bills on one statement (city, county

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and school), and can pay the entire amount at one time in one place.

City Manager Robert Klockman said Tuesday the council decision to allow the district to bill city taxes is a test. If successful, and residents agree it is more

convenient, such billing will continue.

As part of the agreement, the appraisal district will set up shop in Eagle Lake's municipal building more often, so local taxpayers who have questions, or want to pay their tax in person, can

do so without traveling to Columbus.

In fact, the district will be in the council chambers of the municipal building on October 17 and 18. Since the appraisal district sets property values, that is the agency to question about your tax statements, Klockman said. Although you may call city hall and ask questions, the staff will refer such questions to the

appraisal district staff.

In other city business, Klockman said a public hearing is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. October 11 (next Tuesday) on the proposed annexation of property in the Austin-Clipsen Road area. At the council meeting last week, council accepted a petition from residents in the area, requesting annexation. The petition had space to sign for and against annexation. Klockman said 17 residents of the area signed in favor of annexation, and there were no signatures in the "no" area. Two residents refused to sign.

Klockman urged residents in the area to attend the hearing, and invited other residents to attend also. A presentation will be made about the annexation process, and the costs, both to the city and affected residents. The date utilities may be installed will be discussed.

A second public hearing on the issue will be held October 18. Council will vote on the request on November 8.

In other business, council

accepted a bid from the Wm. Thomas Jr. insurance agency for health insurance. He was the low bidder over Eagle Lake Insurance Agency. Klockman said the city will retain the same coverage for employees as in the past, but that premiums have increased 21 percent. The city pays the premium for employees, but the employee must pay for dependant coverage. That cost increased from \$75.12 to \$91.04.

Council also heard from Jo Balas Riley, director of the Four-County Council on Alcoholism. She requested the city budget \$2,000 in support of the program, that is projected to cost more than \$80,000 next year. Although she suggested council dedicate the city's share of the state mixed drink tax to cover the local program cost, that has amounted to only \$69 so far this year. Council said because of reduced tax revenues, there is no money this year, and suggested she resubmit her request at next year's budget meetings.



The annual United Way fund drive is officially underway. Last Friday drive leaders Phyllis Thomas and Ernie Sommerlatte made sure the "Goal Thermometer" was ready on the lawn of the Municipal Building. This year's goal is \$13,925.

Final plans made on

Chuck Wagon barbecue

Eagle Lake Rotarians are busy this week making final preparations for their annual Chuck Wagon chicken barbecue supper to be staged in the Eagle Lake Community Center next Tuesday, October 11 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Tickets are on sale with all Rotarians for \$4 each, or you may purchase tickets at the door Tuesday night. The barbecued chicken and trimmings will be served in the air-conditioned Community Center or there will be plates to go in a fast curbside service line in the pavilion area. The

Rotarians remind, however, that only a limited number of tickets will be sold Tuesday night so they encourage you to buy them in advance if possible.

Entertainment will be provided in the hall during the serving hours.

Also, members of the American Association of University Women will sell delicious homemade cakes, whole or by the slice, during the supper. The Rotarians and University Women ask your support in their fund raising projects to benefit local community projects.

Barbara Miller vice chairman

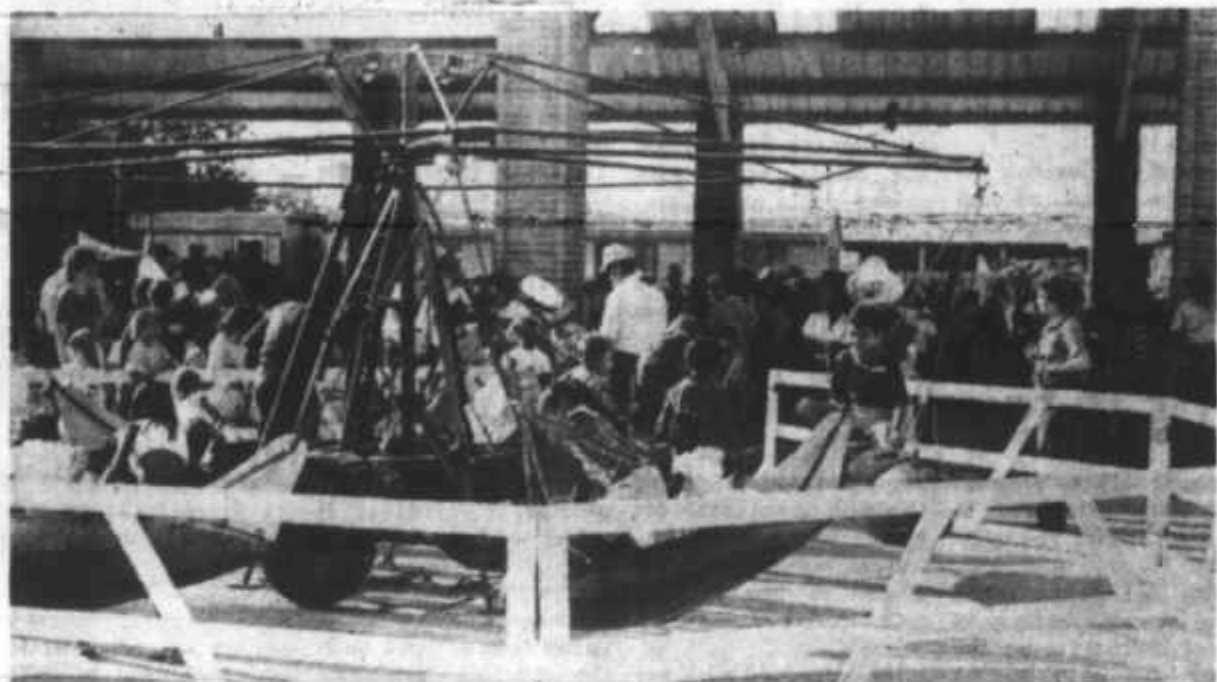
Barbara Miller, vice president and cashier of First National Bank of Eagle Lake, was installed as vice chairman during the National Association of Bank Women meeting held September 27.

Attending from The First National Bank of Eagle Lake were: Miller; Barbara Harborth, auditor; and Sandra Dutcher, assistant cashier.



Chuck Wagon barbecue supper

Eagle Lake Rotarians are selling tickets for their annual Chuck Wagon barbecue scheduled next Tuesday at the Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m. Last Wednesday chairman Don Obenhaus sold a ticket to visiting Rotarian Bill Hawthorne of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Rotarian president Wayne Shifflett looks on.



Lion carnival big success

The kiddie rides were one of the biggest attractions Saturday at the annual Lions Club Parade and Carnival. The carnival netted more than

\$3,000 that the Lions will use for worthy local projects. Additional photos on page 10.

Study Club at work on auction

Work has begun on the annual Study Club Auction that will be held November 5 to raise funds for the Wintermann Library, according to co-chairman Fair Wells.

As in the past, the auction will be held at the Community Center in conjunction with the annual

stew supper sponsored by the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department. That supper is from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., and the department's ladies auxiliary will be selling individual dessert items.

Mrs. Wells said many items already have been donated for the auction, but

other items still are being collected. Photographs and a listing of the items will be published in The Headlight starting next week.

New this year will be a "Silent Auction." In addition to selling items with the audience rendering verbal bids, many items will be on display with bid

cards. Bids are marked on the cards, and the highest bid buys the item. That auction will be from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Also from 4:30 to 7 p.m., the "Bakery" will be open with many tempting items available. The regular auction starts at 7 p.m. "Make plans now for an enjoyable evening at the community center," Mrs. Wells said, adding "Many beautiful items await you."

This is the fourth annual auction. In 1980, more than \$23,000 was donated, and in 1981, \$22,000 was raised. Last year the total was \$18,000.

After auction expenses, all money goes into the general budget of the Wintermann Library for supplies, books, maintenance, salaries and general operating expenses. These expenses are considerable, and cannot be covered by the appreciated and valuable contributions from the budgets of the city of Eagle Lake and Colorado County commissioners, Mrs. Wells said.

Many people contribute to the memorial fund of the library, and this money is used exclusively for the purchase of new books. The Study Club originated and maintained library service in Eagle Lake for many years. Members now invite one and all to participate in their annual event to show local support of the local library.

Area III FFA meet

Honorary Lone Star Farmer awards were presented Monday night in Houston to W. A. Virnau, left, and K. R. Abel, below. Coby Shorter, III, Area III president, presided at the ceremony and made the awards. Also in the photo below are, from left, Ronel Roberts, Mr. Abel, Mrs. Abel and Shorter. The awards program originally was scheduled August 18, but was cancelled by Hurricane Alicia.

Headlight photos by John F. Fearing



Fund setup for victim

A fund has been established at the First National Bank here to help pay medical expenses of Danielle Stefan Hernandez, 16, injured last week in an automobile accident.

She is in extremely critical condition and in a coma in Hermann Hospital in Houston. Her mother and stepfather are Carol and Eddie Hernandez of Rock Island.

