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Melvin Gordon Greyhound ordered to continue files for board

Melvin Gordon, 706 East C St. in Eagle Lake, has filed as a candidate for school board position 7 for the Rice Consolidated Independent School District. To date his opponent is Wayne Corman of Eagle Lake. The men are seeking election to the position being vacated by Jane Clipson.

Gordon, 38, is employed as a nurse's aide for attorney Willard Stuart. He is a graduate of E.H. Henry High School and attended Houston Community College, Indiana and Ball State Extension University and the U.S.

Air Force Tech Administrative school. A native of Eagle Lake, Gordon is a former assistant county auditor, justice court clerk and justice of the peace, precinct 6. All these positions were held in Harris county. He served in the U.S. Air Force and is a Vietnam veteran.

Gordon is single and is the father of one child. The Garwood-Nada position 6 candidate is Fritz Leopold, of Nada. There are only two school board openings for this year. Applicants can file for the election until March 6.

By CAROL FREY Staff Writer

Less than 24-hours before most people in Eagle Lake thought they were about to see the last Greyhound bus on Main St., a federal court order was issued to force Greyhound to continue service.

According to Brian Schiabile director of information for the Texas Railroad Commission, one

judge from a panel of three in New Orleans issued the order last Thursday, Feb. 23, one day before Greyhound said it would make it's last runs here.

The effect of the stay upholds service from Houston to San Antonio and all cities inbetween, and means Greyhound passenger and freight service to Eagle Lake will continue for the moment. The

stay is only temporary because all three judges must meet to reach a final agreement, said Schiabile.

Schiabile noted that as a group, the judges could reverse the first decision. "It is possible, but not likely," he said.

An attorney has been in contact with the federal clerk-of-the-court, but was unable to learn when the three judges expect to

meet. Shaible said it should be soon.

The judges could allow Greyhound to suspend service immediately, or continue the order to continue service. Should the latter occur, it was not immediately known how long it would take a case to proceed through court. At least the one-judge decision maintains the status quo for the moment, Schiabile said.

Rotary pancake supper Tuesday at Center here

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, sponsored by the Eagle Lake Rotary Club, is scheduled next Tuesday, March 6, in the Eagle Lake community center. Residents from throughout the area are invited to attend. Shrove Tuesday is the Tuesday before the beginning of the Lenten season.

Pancakes, sausage, butter, syrup, and hot tea or coffee will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Carry out orders will be available in a fast curb service line at the rear of the center.

Tickets are \$2.50 each

and can be purchased from any Rotarian or at the door.

Gardner Duncan is arranging for musical entertainment during the serving hours. Boy Scout troop 334 will be selling cold drinks, and will share with Rotarians the chores of cooking, serving and clean-up.

Proceeds from the pancake supper will be used for such worthy projects as Wharton County Junior College scholarships, support of the community center, special olympics and other community projects.

Council discusses employes, airport board

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However, Tuesday night's discussion included talk of creating the board to advise council on making the actual airport decisions. In either case, council is responsible for the board's actions.

Struss suggested seven men be appointed to the board, if one is created. The names are Jimmy Thomas, Bob Ashby, Larry Lang, Bill Williams, Dan Thornton, Bill Stiles, Jr., and Ralph Truly.

Council heard a report from Klockman on the continuation of Greyhound bus service here, and refused to pay \$1,000 per year development costs on the two lots being developed by Eagle Lake Development Co.

The hospital and medical bills for Eric Lee Gonzales, 2, who underwent heart surgery January 5, have mounted to \$15,153.47, according to bills received this week by his grandfather Julian Gonzales, the boy's guardian.

An appeal for funds, made just after the child was released from the hospital, is being renewed

this week to help the family pay the bills. Several hundred dollars from the local relief funds of the United Way campaign here, and a few other dollars, have been contributed.

Many more contributions are needed, according to Robert Griffith, who with John Fearing manages the local relief funds. Friday, the two plan to pay as many

Children's pictures to be taken

Saturdays and Sundays, March 10 and 12, are the big days to mark on your calendar so you'll remember to have your child's picture taken for a special "Citizens of Tomorrow" feature planned in The Eagle Lake Headlight.

The newspaper has made arrangements with World of Color studios in Beaumont to have the pictures taken of all children who schedule appointments and are accompanied to the

photo session by their parent or guardian.

The location and date to have the pictures taken is: Saturday and Monday, March 10 and March 12 at the Sportsman Motel, room 121, 203 Boothe Drive (U.S. 90A), Eagle Lake. For appointments call the motel from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday at 234-5541. Please call to make an appointment.

A picture of each child will be published in The Headlight in April as a photographic feature called "Citizens of Tomorrow." A children's photographer will take the pictures in color, so children should be dressed properly to take advantage of the color.

AprilFest is April 28th

Come April Fest, sponsored by the special events committee of Revitalization of Eagle Lake, Inc., is scheduled April 28.

This promotional event is in its second year, and this year will be held not only at the community center, but in the downtown area as well, according to Candy McCreary, chairman. There will be arts & crafts, exhibits and food booths.

"We're trying to give local people first choice for a booth," said McCreary.

The Clogg Hoppers, from the Houston area, will be an added attraction. The 80 member group performs a staccato dance quite unlike anything else in the enter-

tainment field, according to a release by group leader Marian Hechney. Clogging is a fast-step, group-tap movement that relies on square dance moves.

The Clogg Hoppers are regular performers at the International Christmas Village and at Frontier Days. They have been featured on PM Magazine and performed at the 1982 World's Fair.

Eagle Lake and area residents also can enter a chili cook-off. For information on the cook-off contact Mrs. Annie Broesche at 234-3200. For information on obtaining a booth call Candy McCreary at 234-3836, or 234-2075.

The new budget has not been completed yet, but city manager Robert Klockman said he hopes to provide it to council by this Friday. Such a budget would include each individual expenditure planned by the city, including the salary of each city employee.

Before the closed session, council also discussed the recently suggested idea of creating an airport advisory board. Earlier Mayor Elmer Struss said such a board should be created to handle all airport matters on its own, with little input from

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Five apply for chief's job

Five men, including three from Eagle Lake, have applied for the position of chief of police for the City of Eagle Lake. Wednesday, Feb. 29, was Gil Steen's last day on the job here. He recently resigned.

City manager Robert

Klockman said he has applications from three local men, one from Houston, and another from Cuero.

He said an acting chief has not yet been appointed, nor have any recommendations or decisions been made.

Land tract purchase delayed

The purchase of a 50-plus acre site, in the northwest quadrant of Prairie St. and FM 3013, has been postponed according to Bill Harrison, Jr., vice president of the Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation.

The reason for the postponement was a delay in obtaining field notes to the property. However, they were received last weekend, and now must be reviewed by an attorney. The papers and closing also

need to be prepared, Harrison said.

The non-profit organization is working on developing the site for companies that are in the market for relocation, and to increase local employment opportunities and local economy.

An Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation sign has been painted by Pat Gold and will be erected at the site as soon as weather permits.



Cement trucks brought in a new floor for the space next to The Headlight where Connie Herman is opening a new restaurant. The name will be Lone Star Pizza and Sandwich Shop, and the opening is planned in about five weeks.

Book fair on at school here

The Eagle Lake Primary School is sponsoring a students Book Fair through March 5. Students will be able to select and purchase books. The book fair will be open during school hours in the Primary School gym.

Students, parents and visitors are invited to attend. The book fair is designed to encourage student interest in reading, and in building home libraries.

Students will bring a book fair brochure home which lists the books available for purchase. Parents should help their children in the selections. The final day for purchasing books will be Monday, March 5.

A representative of the studio will help you select your picture, and will be available to sell you copies of them only if you so desire. Again, there is no obligation.

Appointments are not necessary, but they could help you avoid having to wait.

11-County special Olympics March 31

The Colorado County Special Olympics, a division of Area III Special Olympics, will be sponsoring the Area III Track and Field Meet on Saturday, March 31, in Columbus.

Opening ceremonies begin at 9 a.m. Approximately 250 competitors, including 14 from Eagle Lake's Primary and Middle Schools, will gather at the Columbus High School track field. Included in the games will be representatives of Colorado, Wharton, Matagorda, DeWitt, Goliad, Refugio, Calhoun, Lavaca, Victoria, Karnes and Jackson counties. Participants of the Special Olympics will represent various agencies, organizations and schools.

The Special Olympics is the largest program of sports training and athletic competition for the mentally handicapped in the world. The purpose of the Special Olympics is to contribute to the physical, social and psychological developments of its participants.

Area III Special Olympics depends upon the support of concerned citizens, businesses and civic



Members of the 1983 Eagle Lake Special Olympics team partake in the preliminary ceremonies of the contest. The Area III Track and Field meet was held in Victoria.

organizations. The budget for the Colorado County Special Olympics Committee has been set at \$2,000.

Linda Lipperdt, head coach of the Eagle Lake Special Olympics and Jeannine Lowery, director of the Waldvogel Opportunity Center in Columbus, are seeking

volunteers to help at the games and financial contributors to support the efforts. All funds donated will be allocated for trophies, ribbons, equipment and meals for the special athletes.

Lipperdt and Lowery met with Eagle Lake Rotarians and Lions Club members and presented a

Special Olympics movie to the group. Both groups soon became sponsors. Other donations received from organizations and individuals in Eagle Lake include the First National Bank, VFW, David Wintermann and Mr. and Mrs. William Vogelwohl. Donators from Columbus include First State Bank.

KC's to sell BBQ chicken this Sunday

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 on Pendleton Street.

Friday state holiday; tax office visit the 9th

Because Friday, March 2 is a state holiday, the Colorado County Courthouse will be closed in observance of Texas Independence Day.

Also, the regular visit to Eagle Lake by the county tax appraisal office has been changed from March 2 to Friday, March 9. A representative of the tax office will be in the municipal building on that day from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to collect taxes and handle other tax matters.

Television schedules included

This is the second week for The Headlight's new television schedule section. One of the items you'll find is about this young boy and a show called "Backwards, The Riddle Of Dyslexia."