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Booth spaces still available

Come April Fest scheduled for April 28 is still offering booth space for that Saturday. This year's event plans on being even better and larger than last year.

Not only will activities be taking place at the Community Center, but downtown as well.

An auction will also take place and items for this are needed such as cut glass, antiques and quilts. If you have a question about something to be put in to auction call Candy McCrary 234-2828.

The Rice High School Art Show will also be held at this time on the square.

Square dedication is to start the festivities followed by a walk-athon led by the Rev. Melburn Sibley and the charge for this event is 50 cents.

Also playing variety for Rice is sophomore David

JV tracksters second in Palacios; Yoakum next

The Raider junior varsity track team placed second last weekend at a track and field meet in Palacios. They competed against first place Palacios, Sweeney, Van Vleet, Boling, Brazos, Neveline and Edna. Both JV and varsity attended.

JV 440 sprint and 800 yard relay members captured first place. Runners included: Wayne Yell, Mickey Scott, Dennis Hemphill and Cleve Scott. Scott and Hemphill finished first and second, respectively in the 100 yard dash. Eugene Shorter placed fourth in the 880 yard run and fourth in the long jump.

Danny McElhany placed second in the discus and Tony Hosman placed fourth

A.L. Behrens
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***** Sports *****

Eagle Lake track team scores in El Campo meet

Eagle Lake middle school opened its track season and took a running start with the eighth grade boys placing third and seventh grade boys placing fourth, at a meet in El Campo. Eagle Lake placed in almost every event.

Eighth grade track members who took home ribbons include: Lloyd Middleton, and Joel Rangel, fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 880 yard run. Rangel also placed third in the mile run. Kevin Brown, third, 120 high hurdles; and Vance Corman, fifth, 120 hurdles. Calvin Stovall placed second in the 100 yard dash, and Alcario Barrios placed second in the 440 yard dash. In the 200 low hurdles Corman captured fourth place.

Team members Curt McTear, James Williams, Clarence Weeks and Alcario Barrios placed second in the mile relay. In the 440 relay, team members Irving Williams, Jeff Marquart, Weeks and Stovall placed second. Brown placed first and Barrios placed fourth in the high jump. Michael Rhodes placed first in the shot put and Irving Williams placed fifth. Barrios also captured first place in the pole vault and Rhodes won the discus throw. McTear and Williams placed fifth and eighth, respectively, in the discus.

For the seventh graders Ulab Johnson won the 200 low hurdles, placed second in the discus, and fourth in the high jump. Joe Lee Perez placed sixth in the 880 run, and Javier Cano and Perez placed fifth and sixth, respectively, in the mile run. Fourth place mile relay team consisted of Brian Rucka, Jose Dela Larza, Perez and Johnson. Also placing fourth was Rucka, John Tillman, Ira Cotton and Johnson in the 440 relay. Jamie Lorzales placed fourth in the shot put and Edward Dela Larza placed sixth. Cotton placed fifth in the long jump.

Track members are preparing for a meet to be held in Hempstead on March 24. The middle school coach is Bobby Zahler.

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Raider baseball team in Weimar tourney

The spring baseball season has opened for the Rice Raiders, with the varsity scheduled to play this weekend in the Weimar Tournament. The Raiders begin district play on March 27 at Bellevue high school. To date, the team has played two pre-season scrimmages, against Gonzales and Columbus, and a pre-district game with Hallettsville.

Senior varsity ball players include Mark Munoz, third base and relief pitcher; Michael Davis, short stop; Roland Soto, left field; Carl Brown, first base and designated hitter; and supporting team member Brett Ward.

Junior players are Brian Bubela, first base and relief pitcher; Jon Wunderlich, second base; Steven Almanza, right field; Pecos Coble, catcher; Jason Smith, catcher and relief pitcher; Steven Drlik, right field, and Malcom Thomas, pitcher.

Also playing variety for Rice is sophomore David Morgan, pitcher, and freshman Florencio Ramos, pitcher.

Additional players are juniors John Adkins and Doug Bumpgarten; sophomores John Darnell, Brian Wise and Donald Spears; and freshmen Frank Adkins, Brian Blair and Glenn Leopold. Assistant coach is Wayne Zimmerman.

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Wins \$13,000 UT scholarship
 Victoria M. Hernandez, center, discusses her winning a \$13,000 scholarship to the University of Texas with Dr. Jose Ugarte, right, and her teacher, Ms. Catherine Balusek. See the story on Page 11 for complete details.

Police chief hired: He is Charles Coulter, age 29, 6'9"

Eagle Lake city council hired a new police chief Tuesday night at its regular meeting—a busy one that included annexing ten homes into the city, creation of an airport advisory board, and closing a block of McCarty St. for the AprilFest.

Charles Coulter, 29, a deputy sheriff in DeWitt County, was approved in a unanimous council vote as the new police chief to replace Gil Steen. Council gave Coulter the OK on the recommendation of mayor Elmer Struss and city Manager Robert Klockman, who interviewed the man, and investigated his background.

"He comes highly recommended," Klockman said. "He has a good background in investigation. Positive comments about the man came from his current employer and from other law enforcement personnel, such as an FBI agent.

He probably will start work here sometime in April, so he can give proper notice to the DeWitt County Sheriff's Department. Chief Coulter and his wife, Mary, are the parents of a five-year-old son.

The annexation was approved on one reading of an ordinance that increased the size of the city by 13,708 acres, and added ten families to the town's population. They are Brenda and Charles E. Bensch; Martha and Walter F. Sommer; Subashana and Johnny Prank; Georgia and James D. Dierckhe; Agnes and Fred Klaskar; Daris and David A. Ellis; Dorothy and Claude Allen Carley; Agatha and Monroe Briscoe; Mary and Fred E. Young; and Dorothy B. and Allen L. Carley. Also included are portions of Clipson and Austin roads and Campbell Street.

The adoption of the ordinance ends a long discussion of the action centered around the poor operation of septic systems in the area. The families have agreed to share with the city a portion of the cost of laying a sewer line, and a new water line. Those persons living in the newly-annexed area also will be eligible to vote in the April city election.

PermitFest coordinator Andy McCrary was given permission by council to schedule activities in the block of McCarty between Main and Post Office streets. April 28 is the day for the event, and with council also approving the closing of the same block of Walnut, the festivities will be spread into the business section. The closing will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The city needs the permission of the state, Department of Highways to re-route FM 102 traffic from Main to Lake to Post Office streets.

The resolution creating the Eagle Lake Airport Advisory Board, gives council a seven-member board to act as consultants, advisors, and resources in helping the city secure state grants for airport improvements that could help the industrial foundation sell its land.

Council also got its first glimpse of the new city budget proposal that will govern city expenses from March 20, 1984, through the end of March next year. Council scheduled a work session next Tuesday, March 20, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., to discuss the proposals by Klockman. At this meeting, council called another closed session to continue its discussion of personnel matters relating to the salaries of some city employees.

A public hearing on the budget will be scheduled at council's April 27 meeting.

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County commissioners meet Sheridan area center of attention Monday as sewer plant grant discussed

Residents of the Sheridan area of Colorado County—their problems and what county officials can do about them—received the majority of discussion Monday during the regular meeting of county commissioners court.

At the top of the list was a presentation by a consultant on how the county can apply for federal block grants, like cities have been doing. The county can apply for the funds to build a sewer plant in the area.

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These Kerrville Bus Co. busses already are becoming a familiar sight in Eagle Lake, since the company replaced service formerly offered by Greyhound. Kerrville offers east and west service twice each morning and evening, between Houston and San Antonio.

New bus service gives Eagle Lake twice the schedule; 'Dog' gone

The fear of losing all bus passenger and package service to Eagle Lake changed to joy last week as Kerrville Bus Co. immediately took over the rural Houston-San Antonio route abandoned by Greyhound.

The twist of fate brings twice the service here now, while at one time it appeared the city would have no bus traffic. That could have been a serious problem for parts shipments for agriculture equipment repairs and other segments of the local economy.

As reported in last week's Eagle Lake Headlight, the U. S. District Court of Appeals in New Orleans refused to reverse the Interstate Commerce Commission order allowing Greyhound to cancel service to 38 Texas cities. At that time, a Greyhound spokesman said the 12-city route that includes Eagle Lake would not be abandoned until another company could begin service.

In an emergency session in Houston on March 6, the Texas Railroad Commission approved a temporary order authorizing Kerrville Bus Co. and River City Coach of San Antonio to take over the route. Kerrville Bus Co. immediately brought its service on-line, Greyhound stopped its service, and there were no disruptions.

According to Louis Semora, the bus agent who operates Main Auto Parts, Kerrville doubled the recent Greyhound service, bringing service twice daily eastbound, and twice daily westbound. A Kerrville spokesman said that schedule would continue if enough passengers and package business supported it.

Semora said the morning eastbound bus leaves San Antonio at 7:30 a.m. and arrives in Eagle Lake at 10:49 a.m. The evening bus leaves San Antonio at 5:45 p.m. and arrives here at 9:04 p.m. The morning westbound bus leaves Houston at 7:30 a.m. and arrives here at 9:15 a.m., while the evening bus leaves Houston at 5 p.m. and arrives in Eagle Lake at 8:25 p.m. Connections can be made with other routes in Columbus.

Kerrville Bus Co. uses the Greyhound terminal in Houston. Semora said, but it is building its own terminal there. The passenger ticket costs and package charges are not changed from the Greyhound schedule.

According to the railroad commission, River City coaches does not now have busses to cover the route, but said it would acquire them as soon as possible after the commission approved its request. The commission's authority to Kerrville and River City is temporary, pending a hearing on their applications for permanent authority to carry passengers and packages between San Antonio and Houston. The companies still must satisfy normal commission requirements for proper insurance and adequate equipment.

In addition to Eagle Lake, cities served under the temporary authority are East Bernard, Alton, Weimar, Oldham, Eagle Flatonia, Wadley, Gonzales, Belmont, Harwood and Klipsburg.

Farmers must buy workman's comp insurance by midnight Friday

Farmers and ranchers have until midnight Friday, March 16, to buy workman's compensation insurance, or face very serious liability without common law defenses should they be sued by an injured employee, according to information received this week at the Colorado County Farm Bureau office.

Any farm or ranch employee injured after March 16 could claim a right to sue the employer if that employer does not have workman's compensation insurance, such information said.

It also pointed out that this situation came about as a result of the ruling on March 7 by state district judge Harley Clark of Austin that the exemption of farm and ranch laborers from workers' compensation is unconstitutional. The article also noted that any employer liability endorsement on farm and rancher's comprehensive personal liability covering farmworkers as approved by the State Board of Insurance states that it will not pay claims of injured farmworkers if they are covered by the workers' compensation law.

Furthermore, it stated that the Texas Farm Bureau has and will continue to oppose removal of the exemption of farm and ranch employees from workers' compensation. The Texas attorney general has indicated that his office will appeal the ruling. Pending final disposition of this case, farmworkers who have reviewed the judge's ruling have advised that the only safe course of action is to purchase workman's compensation insurance immediately.

Pilot Club is formed here

By CAROL REHAK Staff Writer

A Pilot Club has been formed in Eagle Lake and is scheduled to meet every Wednesday at noon, at the Sportsman's Restaurant, according to Nancy Laag, president.

The Pilot Club was established to render service through activities which improve the civic, industrial, and commercial welfare of the local community. Laag said.

The Pilot International Foundation, Inc. limits its members to outstanding women from varied professional and business areas. Membership is by invitation only and is based upon a review of the applicant's record of achievement in her field.

Members include Sandra Dutcher, Mary Jones, Betsy Glaiser, Mary Ann Kalina, Elizabeth Stinger, King, Lucile Perry Lang, Barbara Miller and Janet Schermerman.

All funds raised by the Pilot Club benefit such community projects as Lifeline.

City ballot slots drawn

Council Gene Baker apparently decided not to seek reelection this year, leaving the two-seat race to be decided between candidates Roy Dean Van Nort, Sherry Grasshoff and Vic Corman.

Last Friday, the three candidates drew for ballot positions. Grasshoff will be listed first, Corman second and incumbent Van Nort third.

Mayor Elmer Struss is expected to announce his successor.

Melton leaving City

Cathy Melton, who has been the Eagle Lake police dispatcher and department secretary, will leave her job after work Thursday. She is expecting her first child in two weeks.

Betty Coombs, who is night police dispatcher, temporarily will take on additional responsibilities and become part-time police dispatcher. She attended the police communication school in Austin from Feb. 12-14, and became certified as a police communications operator.