

Eagle Lake Headlight

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VOTE Saturday election day

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees and the City Officers' election will be held this Saturday, April 7.

One trustee will be elected for school board position 6 from the Garwood-Nada area, and one board member will be elected for Eagle Lake position 7. Both are three-year terms. Although each position represents a specific area, ballots for each position are counted district wide.

Residents may cast their ballots for school board positions at the Community Center from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The other school district polling places are in the Garwood and Sheridan schools. Absentee voting by personal appearance ceased April 3.

Running unopposed for the Garwood-Nada position is Fritz Leopold. Olivia Maxie, Melvin Gordan and Wayne Corman are candidates for position 7.

For city elections, the polls will be located in the Municipal Building on election day and be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Three candidates for the two city seats are incumbent Roy Dean Van Nort, Sherry Grasshoff and Vic Corman.

All registered voters are encouraged to cast their ballots at the established voting polls on Saturday, April 7.



Jack Johnson, left, representing the sellers, and Ralph Truly, Industrial Foundation president, signed the papers Monday for the purchase of the industrial site on FM 3013. Bill Harrison, Jr., foundation vice president, looks on. Not pictured was T Lang, foundation site chairman.

Foundation signs deed on industrial park site

The purchase of the acreage sought by the Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation for development as a manufacturing/business park was completed Monday with the signing of the deed.

At the same time, it was announced that the foundation has agreed to a mineral lease for the 53.21 acres that will generate about \$6,500 in bonus money. Surface rights are to be retained by the foundation, so development will not be impeded.

At the signing of the deed and sale papers Monday morning was foundation president Ralph Truly, vice president Bill Harrison, Jr., and site committee chairman T Lang, representing the foundation. Jack Johnson represented the sellers: Mrs. Lorease Priemeyer, Mrs. Lula Chumney and First City National Bank of Houston which is co-executor of the estate of Adah M. Wintermann.

The foundation bought the property for \$212,840, with a cash down payment of \$21,284. The down-payment came from a \$10,000 donation from the First National Bank, and a loan the foundation obtained from the bank. The loan is guaranteed by about 15 foundation stockholders.

The foundation and the sellers had been preparing for today's sale for more than two years. In the past 12 months, the foundation has been particularly active in its efforts to increase stockholders and to develop the property.

The annual stockholders meeting is scheduled April 19, with plans being made for increased property development activity. At that stockholders meeting, to be held in the First National Bank meeting room, new officers will be elected.

District attorney race drawing local interest

The political campaign for district attorney of Colorado, Gonzales, Guadalupe and Lavaca counties is starting to draw some local interest, especially in light of the information available about one of the candidates.

Incumbent in the position is Houston Munson of Gonzales, who has been the focus of several investigations this winter and spring, the most recent involving a complaint filed by a Gonzales bank with the state bar grievance committee.

Munson's challenger, W. C. "Bud" Kirkendall of Seguin, has been campaigning heavily in all four counties, and spent a good bit of time in Colorado County meeting voters.

Voters will choose between the two democrats in the primary elections on May 5.

As seems to be natural in some political battles, the opponent's record is reviewed. Kirkendall points out in his literature that from 1980 thru 1982, there were 1,725 indictments in the four-county district. Of those, 875 were dismissed, 499 were probated, and only seven jury trials were held. "A mere 213 criminals went to prison," Kirkendall's brochure reads, pointing out seven jury trials. "This is less than a tenth of the state average for those years," it reads further.

The bank situation, according to an article in the Austin-American Statesman, involved Munson representing one Gonzales bank, while helping another group in Gonzales obtain a new national bank charter. He said he saw no conflict of interest in that action, according to the article.

Other articles have been written about Munson following the publication of information that claims he used his political office of district attorney to help resolve disputes involving his private practice.

Officer honored for assistance to community

Eagle Lake police officer Andy Munoz was honored Saturday with a certificate of appreciation, given by the ladies auxiliary of the Rice Area Memorial VFW Post 8783.

Munoz helped out Saturday in the group's "Lite-A-Bike" program of safety for youth by being available to inspect bicycles and put reflective stickers on them. Helen Supak, president of the auxiliary, said the certificate recognizes Munoz' efforts in that program, as well as "working so closely with our youth in our city."

In other auxiliary news, the group's monthly meeting was held March 30 at the Eagle Lake Fire Station at 7 p.m. Mrs. Supak presided, with Gwen Paschall, chaplain, reading the opening and closing prayers. The pledge of allegiance was said by all.

Secretary Marilyn Riley read the minutes of the previous meeting. The treasurer's report was given by Betty Kana. Business included making donations to the Fire Department, \$200; Boy Scouts, \$200; Special Olympics, \$150, and a memorial, \$150.

The next meeting is scheduled April 17 at the fire station at 7 p.m.



Saturday Eagle Lake policeman Andy Munoz donated some of his time to help the VFW Auxiliary with its "Lite-A-Bike" safety program. In the photo presented above, he is inspecting a bicycle with the assistance.

Entex, customers helping by donating funds for gas bills here

Entex, Inc., the owner of the natural gas distribution system in Eagle Lake, and its customers are donating funds directly to the Eagle Lake local relief agency to help customers who are faced with a financial crisis because of an unusually high gas bill.

Several weeks ago Eagle Lake United Way agreed to handle donations from Entex and Entex customers. Through the local relief organization, area residents can apply for assistance with bills they are unable to pay because of higher than normal bills, or other reasons. Robert Griffith of Eagle Lake Insurance Agency interviews applicants and with others helps make decisions on who receives assistance.

After the local agreement was signed, Entex forwarded a \$100 check from its \$100,000 fund the company created for just such a program. With that check was another check for \$76, representing donations from Entex customers. Those people may pay \$1 more than their bill, and that extra dollar will be used in the Eagle Lake community.

If a customer wishes to contribute more than \$1, they should make a separate check payable to the Entex Energy Assistance fund, or directly to United Way of Eagle Lake. Entex began its \$100,000 program in December, 1982, and followed in 1983 with another \$100,000.

Although the call for local relief has been slower this spring than last year, the majority of the requests are to pay for an Entex bill. Other requests have been for assistance with electrical bills, for gasoline and for food.

Sheridan planning fun fair

Are you holding any grudges against anyone? Has anyone made you mad lately? Are your kids driving you crazy? If you answered yes to any or all of the above, throw them in jail at the first annual Sheridan Ambulance Bene-Fair, May 12, according to Janelle Klein, fair coordinator.

There will be a full, fun day of activities including, games, food, music, beer garden, volleyball, kiddie rides, pet show, horseshoe pitching, arts & crafts and commercial booths.

Proceeds will help support the Sheridan ambulance service.

Registration papers and rules must be in hand by April 30. For the 32 mixed-team volleyball tournament, barbecue cook-off and exhibit booths, contact Traylor Walker, P.O. Box 96, Sheridan, 77475 or call 234-3921 or 234-3937.

There also will be a parade to start fair activities. For further information contact Vicki Ashley, P.O. Box 260, Sheridan, or call 234-7402.

Everyone is urged to plan ahead for this day, and come see and participate in the events of the first Bene-fair.

'Fish' mailed to area media

Regional promotion is underway for the second annual Come April Fest scheduled the weekend of April 27-28.

On Friday, several area news media were mailed with the following instructions:

1. Grasp fish firmly by the tail; 2. Throw the slippery sucker as far down the street as you can; (distance will be judged on length combined with straightness of throw). Note: This is a practice fish. The Come April Fest official flounders will be fresh.

Spanihel accepting clothing donations

This is the time for cleaning out closets and checking last year's summer clothes, as the seasons shift in our closets, reminds Charlyne Spanihel, who on behalf of "Covenant House Under 21" in Houston, offers a list of items needed at the youth facility.

"I offer your readers a means of disposing of their good cast-offs and at the same time reaping the reward and satisfaction of knowing they are helping teenagers who have lost hope that there is anyone that cares for them."

Lawrence Kurmis, coordinator of volunteers at the Covenant House, said about 250 kids come into the house each month. Most of them, he said, are victims of social decay and family disintegration, and are caught up in the nightmarish struggle for survival before they have had a chance to grow into physical and moral maturity. Because they usually only have the clothes on their backs, a top priority is to offer the youth a bath and a clean set of clothes.

If anyone has any of the items listed below, Mrs. Spanihel said she would be glad to pick them up if she is called at 234-2854 after 5 p.m.

1. All sizes of jeans, 25" to 40" waist, particularly in the 35" to 34" size;
2. ladies dress and tennis shoes, sizes 4-9; men's dress and tennis shoes, sizes 6-11;
3. coats and jackets;
4. Underwear such as men's and ladies socks, briefs, pajamas, slippers, nylon, bras and perhaps donations to buy new items;
5. All sizes of men's dress shirts;
6. all sizes of ladies blouses;
7. men's dress slacks, waist size 25" to 40"; ties, and belts 30" or bigger;
8. sleepwear, slippers, pajamas and robes;
9. ladies slacks, especially 30" waist sizes and larger.

held at the museum at 408 East Main on Friday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, April 7, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Appraisal district to be here April 6

The Colorado County Central Appraisal District will be in Eagle Lake at the City Hall on Friday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to accept renditions and exemption applications.

April is the last month for rendering property and signing exemptions. "It is very important to update ownerships, correct addresses, and to update personal property accounts even if homestead and agricultural exemptions already on file," said Bill Youens, chief appraiser.

The appraisal district staff will also be in Garwood at Hopkins Rice office on Thursday, April 12 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If taxpayers are unable to meet at the above places on the specified dates, our office is located on the first floor of the Colorado County Courthouse in Columbus.

Easter Egg hunt April 21

The third annual Community Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by Rice Drug Store, will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 21 at the Eagle Lake Primary School.

The Easter egg hunt is for children eight years old and under. Children three years old and under must be accompanied by a parent.

The Easter Bunny will hide plastic eggs filled with gift certificates, money or candy for the children to find. "Come to our Easter egg hunt and bring your own basket or bag to scoop up your eggs," says Fred and Bea Beth.

Museum garage sale this weekend

Garage Sale: It's here. Biggest sale in town!

That's the billing the Prairie Edge Museum is giving to its huge garage sale this weekend. "Come support your museum. Everything priced to sell," a museum spokesman said.

The garage sale will be held at the museum at 408 East Main on Friday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, April 7, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Special Olympics participants

Saturday was a special day for many Colorado County children, as well as about 130 other kids from an 11 county area. The regional special olympics was held for them in Columbus. Results were not available this week, but will be published with more pictures next week.