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# Eagle Lake Headlight

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Colorado County officials, elected last November, were officially sworn into office Tuesday morning at the courthouse in Columbus. At left, Eagle Lake area constable Jimmie Frnka signs in. At right, commissioner Otto Lottstein takes the oath of office from county judge Lester Cranek. Below, Cranek administers oaths to other officials; from left are precinct one constable Howard Chollett, sheriff Jim Broussard, precinct four constable Joe Dugok, county attorney Edward Woolley-Price, Frnka, new tax assessor-collector Evelyn Thomas, new county clerk Annie Franta, and precinct two constable Lawrence Berger of the GARwood-Nada area. Not seen behind Cranek were constables Ivan Merino and Ben Poppe. "There are more lucrative jobs in Texas," Judge Cranek said, "But without your service, we would not be a government by the people."

## Officials official for 1985



## Buy tickets now for annual Chamber banquet Jan. 13

Tickets are on sale now for the 34th annual banquet meeting of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, scheduled Tuesday, January 15. The dinner is open to the general public.

The dinner starts at 7 p.m. in the Community Center with a ham and roast beef buffet dinner catered by Mrs. Frank Broesche. Officers for 1985 will be installed and "outstanding entertainment" will be provided by the Gravel Tones quartet.

The guest speaker, W.E. Thorn of Palacios, is a noted lecturer, author, motivational speaker and minister, according to Mrs. Kate Spalinger, program chairman. "We feel fortunate in having obtained this outstanding speaker and

know that all will enjoy his message," she said. All chamber directors have tickets for sale at \$6 each. They will be contacting members for ticket sales, and tickets also are available at the Chamber office at 123 N. McCarty. Outgoing secretary Fred Frnka said directors are reminded to make contacts this week, and report their sales to the chamber office no later than January 9. After that date, tickets will be available only in the office through Saturday, January 12.

Eagle Lake attorney Don Bandy will be installed as the new president, succeeding Larry Dulany. Dulany will present a year-end report on 1984 chamber activities.

## ECA course begins Jan. 8

An Emergency Care Attendant course will be offered beginning January 8 at 7 p.m. at the Ambulance Hall (above the Police Station) in Eagle Lake.

The course is open to the public but it is also a continuing Education Course for people who already are members of an ambulance corps or hold a certification. "Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) are required to have an average of 80 hours by the time they are due to re-certify. This cannot be met by one course in four years," reports the coordinator. All ambulance corps members are urged to attend. Any questions regarding requirements, etc., will be answered on the first night of the course.

For students who do not already hold a certification, the cost of the course will be \$40 plus the book "Emergency Medical Treatment" by Dr. Nancy Caroline, \$15.95. Any student who joins the Colorado

County Volunteer Emergency Ambulance Corps and serves on the ambulance for 90 days may reclaim these fees from the County. Also available, but not required is the workbook (\$8.95) and answer book (\$4.95) that are companions to the "Emergency Medical Treatment" text. The texts will be available at the course.

The classes will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m. except for three nights on which they will last until 10:30 or 11. The complete course is 50 and three-fourth hours including the test night.

If anyone has any questions, they may call June Mahalic at 234-2678 in Eagle Lake.

## Pay taxes here

Colorado County Appraisal District representatives will be at the Eagle Lake City Hall this Friday, January 4 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to collect 1984 taxes and assess 1985 taxes.

## City to have booth at Houston show

Eagle Lake and the surrounding area will be represented at the 1985 Houston International Boat, Sport and Travel Show that starts this Saturday at the Astrohall.

The Chamber of Commerce here started the booth project last year under the direction of

president Larry Dulany. He said last week that final details of the project were completed at a recent meeting with area hunting club owners and managers. Discussion included booth decoration and set-up prior to the show, and that it will be staffed with hunting guides, chamber members and representatives of the Eagle

Lake Industrial Foundation. Bill Appelt of the Jimmy Reel Hunting Club agreed to handle booth design, decoration and installation. Walter Corlies, project manager, Dulany and others will assist Appelt. A drawing will be held on the last day of the show for three goose hunts donated by the Reel club, the Bar D

Hunting Club and the WC Hunting Club. The booth will be near the north entrance to the Astrohall. Dulany said he hopes everyone in our area visiting the show will visit the booth as well, and even register for the free goose hunts to be given away. The show runs through Sunday, January 13.

## Water resources is seminar topic

Will there be enough water for the 1985 Colorado County Rice Crop is a prominent item of conversation among the county's rice farmers who obtain their water from either of the two canal systems which serve Colorado County. The continued drought in the headwaters of the Colorado River casts questionable opinions on the river's ability to meet the needs.

Bill West, director of water

resources for the Lower Colorado River Authority, will address the water situation during the annual Colorado County Rice Producers Seminar to be held Tuesday, January 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Community Center. Registration will start at 9:30 a.m.

"Unraveling the Mysteries of Rice Water Usage" will be discussed in an area rice water usage study underway by

Richard Bettes, engineer for the USDA Soil Conservation Service.

Dr. Art Gerlow, Extension farm economist, will share with producers his views on the Rice Cash Flow - Into or Out of Your Pocket.

"Refinement of Agronomic Practices for Today's Rice" will be discussed in a presentation by Dr. Arlen Klosterboer, Extension agronomist. Production practices in farming the varieties Lemont and Starbonnet will be in particular prominence in Klosterboer's presentation.

Dr. Roger Jones, Extension pathologist, will give a presentation entitled "Management of Control of Rice Diseases."

Particular emphasis will be stressed in disease control when farming Lemont and Starbonnet varieties.

In conjunction with the rice producers seminar will be a program for the ladies on preparation of interesting rice dishes. The ladies program also will be held in the Community Center concurrently with the men's program. It will conclude at lunch.

The Colorado County Rice Producers Seminar is another of a series of educational programs sponsored by the Colorado County Rice and Soybean Committee in cooperation with the Colorado County Extension Service.

## Rice council meeting January 30

This year's Texas Rice Council annual membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 30 at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston. Registration is at 9 a.m. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and lunch will be served after the meeting.

Jack Wendt, a rice producer from Richmond and president of the Texas Rice Council, urges all rice farmers and their families to attend the annual meeting. "This meeting gives every rice farmer an opportunity to see the work the Council does for the industry."

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throughout the Middle East promoting U.S. rice to Arab consumers. She will outline her work and experiences in this unique and important rice market.

A new rice promotion film will be shown for the first time at this meeting. "The Story of U.S. Rice," developed by the Rice Council, will soon be released into national distribution, and it will be translated into 15 languages for U.S. rice promotion in overseas markets. Additional reports on domestic and overseas promotion programs will be presented at the meeting.

American Cyanamid, makers of Fowl herbicide, is sponsoring the meeting because of their interest in rice promotion and the Rice Council.

## Pecan field day set January 11

By Leroy Hajjek  
County Extension Agent  
The 1984 pecan crop is history and area pecan producers are encouraged to attend a pecan field day at Oakland on Friday, January 11. The field day will be held on the Clay Walker farm located on the banks of the Navidad River.

Walker has a small pecan bottom that was planted a few years ago and is in the process of planting additional trees. The techniques of "healing in"

pecan trees, planting pecan trees, and pruning pecan trees will be demonstrated by Dr. George R. McEachern, Extension horticulturist.

The bottom will eventually be under irrigation using micro-spray emitters. The program will be moved indoors in the event of inclement weather.

The field day is being jointly sponsored by the Colorado and Fayette County pecan committees in cooperation with the County Extension Agents.