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City, school voters to cast ballots Saturday

Residents of Eagle Lake and the Rice school district are being called upon this Saturday to exercise their civic duty by voting in the annual city council and school board elections.

While there are no contested positions for school board, there are five candidates for the three city council seats open.

School board candidates are John R. Thomas of Eagle Lake, position 1; Billy Hefner of Garwood, position 2; Reggie Brisco of Sheridan, position 3, and Natalie Matula Dupre, who lives near Rice High School, position 4. Mrs. Dupre is a candidate for a one-year, unexpired term while the other three candidates are seeking three-year terms.

In Eagle Lake, the council candidates are Alvin W. Kohleffel, Lena Hutchison, Mike V. Duarte, Joe Duncan and Peggy J. Byrn. Kohleffel and Duarte are seeking re-election, while the third seat available now is held by one-term councilman Dub Alley, who is not seeking re-election. In last

week's story, The Headlight incorrectly spelled Mrs. Hutchison's name, and should have said she and her husband Daniel are the parents of 10-year-old twins, a boy and a girl.

As can be expected, there does not appear to be a great deal of voter interest in the elections. As of Tuesday morning, only two people had voted by absentee ballot, and in the city election, only a half-dozen absentee ballots had been received.

One of the first-time council candidates is Peggy Byrn, an employee of Robinson Reclaiming on U.S. 90A between Altair and Eagle Lake. Monday she said she filed for election since "there is a council position open that must be filled, and I think I could fill it as well as anyone else."

Like other candidates, she too said she has no desire to make any drastic changes in city government, and has no specific ideas in mind about the operation of the city. She said she did believe that a "woman

SAMPLE BALLOT RICE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Trustee Election April 6, 1985

Place an "X" in the square beside the name indicating the way you wish to vote.

Ponga una "X" en el cuadrado de lado de la nombre indicado el modo que tu desees votar.

POSITION 1 - (Three year term). One to be elected.
POSITION UNO - (Termino de tres años). Se elija nomas uno.

☐ JOHN R. THOMAS
☐

POSITION 2 - (Three year term). One to be elected.
POSITION DOS - (Termino de tres años). Se elija nomas uno.

☐ BILLY HEFNER
☐

POSITION 3 - (Three year term). One to be elected.
POSITION TRES - (Termino de tres años). Se elija nomas uno.

☐ REGGIE BRISCO
☐

POSITION 4 - (One year unexpired term). One to be elected.
POSITION CUATRO - (Un año plazo no vencido). Se elija nomas uno.

☐ NATALIE MATULA DUPRE
☐

Peggy J. Byrn
**SAMPLE BALLOT
CITY OF EAGLE LAKE, TEXAS
ELECTION
April 6, 1985**

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FOR ALDERMAN (Vote for three for 2-year terms)
(Termino de dos años. Se elija nomas tres)

☐ ALVIN W. KOHLEFFEL
☐ LENA HUTCHISON
☐ MIKE V. DUARTE
☐ JOE DUNCAN
☐ PEGGY J. BYRN
☐
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Suits filed against delinquent taxpayers to collect \$30,000

The increased effort to collect delinquent taxes continued last week when 29 suits were filed in district court in Columbus as an attempt to collect approximately \$30,000 in past due taxes.

One of the suits, against Stabilized Materials Co., Inc., et al., is for approximately \$15,000, according to records at the courthouse.

After several people came in and paid past-due taxes last week, chief appraiser Billy Youens said he could tell people read the newspaper. He was referring to a news story in last week's Headlight which indicated the appraisal district is using its complete, computerized records at the courthouse.

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Easter egg hunt Saturday; Bunny's visit to be held too

Saturday will be a busy day for Eagle Lake area youngsters. Because of last weekend's rain, the annual visit of the Easter Bunny has been rescheduled for this Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to noon at the First National Bank. Then Saturday afternoon, the annual Rice Drug Store Easter Egg hunt is scheduled on the Primary School grounds.

The Bunny visit, scheduled last Saturday by the Chamber of Commerce, is for the younger set. If it rains again, the visit will be moved inside.

The egg hunt is divided for two age groups. For those ages 4 and under, the hunting starts at 2 p.m. For those from ages 5 to 8, hunting starts at 2:30 p.m. Prizes and candy will be hidden inside the eggs. For more information, call Ben Beth at Rice Drug Store, 234-5551.

MAYC fund efforts increase due to five scholarship applications

Fund raising efforts of MAYC, the Mexican-American Youth Council, have been increased in order to fund five scholarships the group would like to award to Rice High School students. Rather than eliminate worthy students, the council would like to award all five scholarships for one year each at Wharton County Junior College.

MAYC was formed in 1971 to give the Mexican-American population here a united voice in the community. One of their main goals is to encourage and assist youth in taking advantage of available educational opportunities.

"This is the main reason the members of MAYC would like to encourage the Mexicans of Eagle Lake to support the upcoming dance, and future functions," according to Marcy Salinas. Saturday, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Community Center, MAYC has scheduled a benefit dance, and urges the public to attend and support this worthy cause.

"Let us together encourage our youth to reach the highest possible educational advantage," she said. "We strongly urge the help of anyone that is willing to make a difference in our community by assisting in the unity, progress and education for the Mexican youth, as well as everyone." The organization will accept suggestions, comments or contributions addressed to MAYC, P.O. Box 440, Eagle Lake, or call 234-5551 or 234-5159.

Youth to make restitution for damage; Policeman injured Sunday

Five juveniles and their parents have told the Eagle Lake police department that restitution will be made for damage done last month along Austin Road. Rural route mail boxes and the sign at Eagle Lake Community Hospital were damaged by rifle shots and rocks.

According to reports, the police also are investigating damage to street markers and road signs in town. In some instances, vehicles are thought to have knocked some signs down, while in others instances, it is vandalism. Chief Ben Johnson said that if the persons responsible will contact the police department, he will work with them, but if they are arrested, they will receive maximum prosecution.

In another incident, police officer John McKee, who works the midnight to 8 a.m. shift, suffered a broken finger Sunday night in an altercation during the apprehension of a Hispanic male who fled after his car forced McKee's cruiser off the road.

According to chief Johnson, McKee's cruiser was forced off of FM 102 near the Eagle Lake Rice Dryer. When he pursued the vehicle and stopped it, a male Red McKee chased him on foot. When the man was apprehended, a fight broke out with the man, his wife and McKee. The man's wife, a passenger in the car, was charged with hindering a police officer, and he was charged with resisting arrest and fleeing a police officer.

Police also have reopened the investigation of the 1983 Austin Grocery burglary. Over the weekend police recovered one of the several guns that were stolen.

Special Olympics participants race way to victory despite rain

Saturday's rain and cold winds only dampened the contestants in the Region III Special Olympics last Saturday, but not their spirits. The weather did shorten activities, but according to event coordinator Linda Lippert, all events were staged, with only some of the ceremonies eliminated. In the left two photos, Vic Scott leads

