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| <p>TRUE VALUE</p> <p><b>Whipped Topping</b></p> <p><b>2 \$1</b></p> <p>8 OZ. TUBS FOR</p>                                                      | <p>FRESH LARGE</p> <p><b>True Value Eggs</b></p> <p><b>58¢</b></p> <p>DOZEN CARTON</p>                   | <p>ASSORTED FLAVORS</p> <p><b>Lady Borden Ice Cream</b></p> <p><b>\$2.69</b></p> <p>½ GALLON ROUND CARTON</p>      |
| <p>GREEN GIANT</p> <p><b>Nibblers Corn</b></p> <p><b>99¢</b></p> <p>6 EAR PKG.</p>                                                             | <p>FAMILY SIZE, SARA LEE</p> <p><b>Pound Cake</b></p> <p><b>\$2.59</b></p> <p>16 OZ. PKG.</p>            | <p>TRUE VALUE CHILLED</p> <p><b>Cottage Cheese</b></p> <p><b>99¢</b></p> <p>16 OZ. CTN.</p>                        |
| <p>5 VARIETIES, ASST. SIZES STOUTERS</p> <p><b>Vegetable Entrees</b></p> <p><b>\$1.09</b></p> <p>7.75 OZ. SARA LEE CHEESE, APPLE OR RAISIN</p> | <p>1 LB. LOAVES, RICH'S FROZEN</p> <p><b>Bread Dough</b></p> <p><b>\$2.49</b></p> <p>ONE-IDA CHEDDAR</p> | <p>LAND-O-LAKES REG. OR UNSALTED QUARTERED</p> <p><b>Creamy Butter</b></p> <p><b>\$1.05</b></p> <p>12 OZ. PKG.</p> |
| <p>SARA LEE FRENCH OR STRAWBERRY INTERNATIONAL</p> <p><b>Cheesecake</b></p> <p><b>\$3.29</b></p> <p>23-26 OZ. PKG.</p>                         | <p>TRUE VALUE SPREAD</p> <p><b>Hash Browns</b></p> <p><b>\$1.59</b></p> <p>3 LB. TUB</p>                 | <p>TRUE VALUE BUTTER-ME-NOT</p> <p><b>Biscuits</b></p> <p><b>2/88</b></p> <p>9.5 OZ. CANS</p>                      |
| <p>16 OZ. PILLSBURY</p> <p><b>Apple Danish</b></p> <p><b>2/33</b></p> <p>PKGS.</p>                                                             | <p>ASSORTED SARA LEE</p> <p><b>Bread Sticks</b></p> <p><b>\$2.39</b></p> <p>11.5 OZ. PKG.</p>            | <p>TRUE VALUE FROZEN</p> <p><b>Broccoli</b></p> <p><b>59¢</b></p> <p>10 OZ. BOX</p>                                |
| <p>TRUE VALUE FROZEN</p> <p><b>Grape Juice</b></p> <p><b>65¢</b></p> <p>12 OZ. CAN</p>                                                         | <p>ASSORTED SARA LEE</p> <p><b>Coffee Cakes</b></p> <p><b>\$2.39</b></p> <p>11.5 OZ. PKG.</p>            | <p>TRUE VALUE</p> <p><b>Halfmoon Cheese</b></p> <p><b>\$1.59</b></p> <p>10 OZ. PKG.</p>                            |



APRIL 20 COME APRIL FESTIVAL EAGLE LAKE, TEXAS APRIL 20

### Banners promote festival

Banners across Main Street and Boothe Drive remind drivers of next week's April Fest activities. Additional pictures and stories inside this issue.

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### Planting season

Area farmers have taken advantage of the dryer weather the past ten days or so to put their rice crops in the ground. Friday morning, John Adkins stopped to refuel his tractor and planter along FM 3013. While planting has been delayed because of this spring's wet weather, rice farmers are catching up. Row crop farmers are reported to be further behind. Even though some crops were planted as much as a month ago, their growth was slowed due to the rain and cold.

## Duncan, Thomas, Dupre elected Saturday

Merchant Joe Duncan won election Saturday over two other new candidates seeking the open seat on Eagle Lake city council, with Alvin Kohleffel and Mike Duarte easily winning re-election. Although all school candidates were unopposed, John Thomas of Eagle Lake and Natalie Dupre of Sheridan will be the new members of the Rice Consolidated Independent School District board. Board president Bill Heffner and member Reggie Brisco were re-elected.

In the city, the losing candidates, Lena Hutchison and Peggy Byrns, were unopposed by their votes. Hutchison received 62 votes. Both women said they intend to file as candidates next year when the seats held by councilmen Roy Van Nort and Vic Corman will be up for election, as well as Mayor Elmer Bruns. The other city candidates and their votes

this year are Kohleffel, 196, and Duncan, 194 votes. Other votes received by the school candidates are Brisco, 256; Heffner, 246; Dupre, 246. Write in candidates were Bill Appelt, 8 votes, and Linda Epps, Arlin Miller, Lena Hutchison, Marta Birdwell, Franklin Walker and Marc Jordan all with one write-in vote.



## County supports 'Fair'

Financial support for the Older Texas Fair, scheduled May 2 in Nada, was given Monday by the Colorado County Commissioners. Court Commissioners quickly worked their way through their semi-monthly agenda.

The reason for the relative speed was that Judge Lester Crank was expected to finish that afternoon as a member of the governor's select committee on water quality standards for the Colorado River. The committee is suggesting the state should start standards for cleaner water that would not allow plants dump into the Colorado. Crank said it was going to be a long day.

The support for the Older Texas Fair, a project of the county Extension Service and requested by Mrs. Josephine Henneke, was in the form of a promise to pay up to \$200 for ribbons and other awards that will be made. Also, Judge Crank lent his personal enthusiastic support for the event, since he is a resident of the county and residents can look forward to and participate in.

The fair will be held at the Nada JCT hall next St. Mary's Church.

Another important agenda item commissioners heard concerned the increased effort to make residents aware of the child abuse problem in the county, and what can be done about it. In a presentation by rev. Ernest Dean of Waco, he noted that April has been proclaimed "Child Abuse Month" by Gov. Mark White. He invited commissioners to attend a special dinner this Friday, April 11, at Schoolhouse in Columbus, to make others aware of the problem, and what can be done about it. Doctors, the clergy, elected officials and the media have been invited, with District Judge Strauss as one of the speakers. Another speaker will be Linda Fitzwater, the new supervisor of Child Protective Services. The Rev. Dean introduced her to commissioners. "We are doing this because we want to do everything we can to reduce tension between children and families," he said. Even an employer has some responsibility, he said, because if they are hard on their employees, the employees go home and tell on the other family members.

There were 10 cases of child abuse or neglect reported in the county in February, and six in March.

In other business, commissioners: \*Approved, without further discussion, a bid for 10 tons for Rouben Avenue in Garwood.

\*Approved the advertising for bids for a motor grader for President S. S. Combs. Jerome Wicks has his eye on a used grader, so specifications will be written to match that machine.

## Airplane alert officers heard contained 48 marijuana bales

About \$700,000 worth of marijuana and a twin-engine Piper aircraft were seized early Sunday morning by area law officers after officers saw the plane circling about 2:15 a.m.

About 600 pounds of marijuana, in 48 neatly wrapped and weighed bales, were found at the airport, which has runway lights on at night to guide aircraft. No arrests have been made, but the Eagle Lake police department and the county sheriff's department are working a joint investigation.

About 2:15 a.m. Sunday, when DPS trooper Brett Peace was returning home after patrolling holiday traffic, he heard an airplane. He radioed John McKee, Eagle Lake patrolman on duty, who also heard the plane. They contacted Chief Ben Johnson and Sheriff Jim Broussard, and other deputies, as well as game ward Sam Center and Buddy Mills, who reported to the airport.

As trooper Peace patrolled Cat Spring Road, at the end of the main runway, Officer McKee and deputy Curly Wied converged on the end of the runway. The pilot escaped into surrounding weeds and was not located, but eight bales were still aboard the aircraft. Chief Johnson, scouting the overgrown fields near the runway with San Center, found the other bales. Sheriff's investigator Bufford Ashley also was on the scene.

Each of the bales apparently were compressed in a household trash compactor, as the brown-paper wrapping had the Sears brand "Kenmore" on the side. Each bag also was wrapped in a plastic garbage bag. The weight of each bale was written on the paper sack, with officials speculating that was done because of the weight limitations of the airplane. Each bale weighed approximately 20 pounds.

Officials were on the scene for more than two hours, and at one point thought they had a suspect, but that proved false.

During the past month, two other aircraft, thought also to

be delivering marijuana, have been spotted in LaVaca County. One was found after it apparently crashed-landed. The impounded plane also will be held for evidence. After the law enforcement agencies "find" it, it can be sold. However, if it is sold now, proceeds will go to the state. Sheriff Broussard said a bill is pending in the legislature to change that. If approved, the bill would allow proceeds to be kept by the local agencies, if the money is spent for further law enforcement, such as equipment purchases.

### Blood drive this Saturday

A combined blood drive is scheduled Saturday, April 12, to replace blood used by A.M. Blanco and the late Fred Klekar.

The drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Upate Clinic, 706 S. McCarty. The blood will be given to Herman Hospital for Mr. Blanco, and to the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston for Mr. Klekar. An additional staff member will be sent with the Blood mobile to accommodate donors.

Interested donors may call Randy Burrows or Cheryl at Eagle Lake Concrete, 234-3159. The Eagle Lake Council of Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the drive on behalf of Mr. Klekar.



Sheriff Jim Broussard, left, and Eagle Lake police chief Ben Johnson opened one of the bales found early Sunday morning at the airport here.

## City put on 'Caney Trail' map

Eagle Lake has been included in one of the many new tourist trails being established this year as another segment of the state's 150th birthday celebration next year. City council and the county commissioners have lent their verbal support to the trail, called the "Caney Trail," and commissioners Bill Brisco of Eagle Lake even suggested it be extended to include the Attwater Prairie Chicken national wildlife refuge.

The idea of the trail apparently was originated by the Beautification and preservation council of Wharton, with the work of other area sequential committees, including Eagle Lake's members of the county committee. In a letter to Mayor Elmer Bruns, Nina Baker, council president, asked the city's support of the idea, and even suggested some sprucing up to help attract tourist attention.

In the state's handbook of ideas suggesting various state birthday celebration projects, the idea of establishing trails as sub-routes off of established trails. In this case, the Caney Trail crosses the Texas

Independence Trail at two points, 1901, 17th, 25th, 33rd and 35th. "We plan to promote the 'Caney Trail' as a tourist attraction beginning with the Sequential year and we would appreciate your help and suggestions with this endeavor," Mrs. Baker wrote to Mayor Bruns. Elise Thomas, chairman of the Eagle Lake delegation of the county sequential committee, agrees that the route is a good idea.

The newly developed Caney Trail includes Eagle Lake, as shown on the map below. Commissioner Bill Brisco suggested the trail be extended to include the Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge.

