

McCOY'S

BUILDING SUPPLY CENTERS

Framing Lumber

Grade marked #2 or better
Southern yellow pine

	8'	10'	12'	14'	16'	18'	20'
2x4	1.27	1.99	2.49	2.95	3.39		
2x6	2.49	2.99	3.69	4.19	4.99	5.49	6.29
2x8	3.59	4.49	5.39	6.29	7.19		
2x10	4.89	6.19	7.39	8.59	9.79		
2x12	5.99	7.39	8.79	10.29	11.79		

Plywood

	BC Sanded 1 side	CD Unsanded
1/4"	7.99	
3/8"	8.59	5.79
1/2"	10.49	6.19
5/8"	12.89	8.99
3/4"	14.49	10.99

Our plywood is all
agency grade-
marked, not just
shop or mill certified

**3/4" Birch
Cabinet
Plywood**
•one piece face

27⁹⁵

Waferwood
•4"x8"
sheets
•Exterior
glue

1/4" **4.99**
7/16" **6.09**
APA approved

A great product
for your project!

Premium Studs

•2"x4" •Precision end trimmed •Yellow pine

1 17 1 27
Precut
to 92-5/8"

•Stud Grade

•Welmanized

Pressure-Treated Lumber •#2 grade
or better

•40CCA for ground contact •AWF8 stamped!

8 FL. 10 FL. 12 FL. 16 FL.

2x4 2.09 2.77 3.39 4.89

2x6 3.19 3.99 5.29 6.99

2x8 9.69

Pressure-Treated Lumber
and other quality treated lumber

1x6x6' Cedar dog ear

•2" or better **1.35**

2x4x8' #2 grade

Treated Pine **2.09**

4x4 Treated Pine Posts

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Exterior Siding

Premium grade, primed hardboard siding
4"x8" sheet 12"x12" Lap siding textured

12.88 4.19 4.59

Foil Insulation

Board #13.6

Foil 2 sides

•4"x8" sheet

•1/2" thick

5.99

Ruf-Tex Plywood Siding

•4"x8" exterior pine plywood

•Premium grade •Compare our quality

3/8" thick 5/8" thick 5/8" thick

4" centers 4" centers 12" centers

8⁹⁹ 12⁷⁹ 13⁷⁹

**Gypsum
Wallboard**
1/2"x4"x8"
sheet

Georgia-Pacific Check our prices

All Purpose Powder

25 lb. bag

3.33

Spray Ceiling Texture

40 lb. bag

5.99

Gypsum Wallboard

20' long

1.29

All Purpose Premix

5 gal. pail

7.99

4 gal. pail

4.99

1 gal. pail

3.49

Ceiling Texture

2 gal. pail

7.99

New highway picture a dim one

The picture of new roads in the Eagle Lake and Colorado County area was painted Monday as fairly dim one by the district engineer for the state department of highways when he presented a report to county commissioners on road plans.

Although there are no plans even under study to improve FM 1093, engineer Carl Ramert did tell commissioners that the district plans to continue its "maintenance and upgrade" program for the roads we

drive on daily. That means, he said, that FM 102 between Eagle Lake and Columbus at some point in the future will be rehabilitated and that alignment will be improved. This month a contract was let to widen nine bridge structures for that stretch of highway.

"All we will be doing in the future," Ramert said, "is rehabilitating the major arterial routes that have been constructed. We don't anticipate traffic in the future to call for more construction."

The presentation included an exchange between Ramert and commissioners about which bridges need replacing in the county road system, and a discussion about the problem created when urban residents move to rural areas.

Ramert said the plan he was showing commissioners is part of the strategic mobility plan, which is a 10-year document that he said is to be updated next year. The solid plans Ramert

presented included two Interstate 10 jobs. One is to widen the railroad grade separation structures at the intersection of the highway and the railroad, and the other is to construct a half-mile of frontage road along the highway from FM 105 to College St. Weimer apparently has a grant to cover some of that road, which leads to a new hospital. The contract for the first job should be let in August, and the Weimer job should be let next

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Eagle Lake Headlight

Crowd fills city council meeting



More than 50 people crowded into city council chambers Tuesday night for friendly discussion of several major items.

No commitments were made on any of the topics. Some who left the meeting termed it another step forward for the community since it was an open discussion. Interest groups here have defined the city's future as either increased business, or a continuation of the sharp declines felt over the last 12 months.

The major items included discussion of new switching equipment from Southwestern Bell of whether progress is being made toward expanding and improving the airport and connecting it with the industrial development tract on FM 3013, and continued discussion of state highway department proposals for a traffic signal and possible rerouting of FM 102 off of Post Office St.

Council also accepted the

minutes from Municipal Judge Mac Jones that he plans to retire at the end of August (see related story), and honored Harry Supak for 25 years service with the city (Picture on page 10). It also approved the city garden club's next project.

Paul Johnson, community relations manager for Southwestern Bell Telephone, spoke at the meeting on invitation of Council. The Chamber of Commerce contacted him recently to explain the company's plans for the switching equipment.

Johnson was presented with the Chamber of Commerce petition signed by about 300 persons. The petitions were designed to let SWB know the community was interested in its telephone equipment. "I appreciate receiving these on a regular basis," Johnson said after he spoke.

However, he explained that as any other business, the amount of revenue generated determines its future expenditures. In the past 12 months, the telephone company has lost 115 customers in the Eagle Lake exchange. He said the company would have to receive orders for about 1,000 new telephone numbers before the equipment would be changed from its present electronic mechanical switching system to an electronic system. He said their projections are that might happen by 1983 or 1985.

He did say that there is a cable between Eagle Lake and Columbus that handles digital communications required for sophisticated computer systems, and already is available if a company located here required it.

Cost of replacing the switching equipment, Johnson said, was about \$1.5 million with another \$1 million needed for other upgrades. The ensuing discussion brought out the fact that in the 1970s, another telephone com-

pany spokesman said better switching equipment might be installed in the early 1980s, and that wasn't happened. Also, it was suggested that perhaps the Columbus and Eagle Lake exchanges could be combined to use one modern switching system, and Johnson said he would see to it that a feasibility study be done.

Other discussion involved the replacement of telephone lines in residential areas, and the possibility of placing lines underground in the business district.

Johnson said that if residential customers have a problem with the contractor working in the neighborhood, they should call him collect at 408-545-9154. Mayor Elmer Struss said several people contacted him and were unhappy about the ground repair after cable was laid. Struss said he attended the meeting and expressed concern.

Also, after Elmer Thomas and others questioned him about the telephone poles and lines downed during the storm, Struss reminded everyone that perhaps as much as 15 years ago or more, the telephone company was given permission to dig up Main St. to bury a multi-lane conduit. Johnson said that should be investigated as well.

After he spoke, Johnson almost apologized privately for sounding so negative, but he apparently did not want to give a false impression since there are no approved company plans. He did say the petitions and local requests would be personally presented to SWB headquarters in Dallas in August for active consideration.

After a short presentation by Vicki Powers on behalf of the Circle Garden Club, council approved plans for beautification and landscaping of the triangular area where Booth Drive and McCarty St. meet. The city will build a curb around the approximately 5,000 square-foot plot, and provide water and mowing service. The club, through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harrison Jr., will

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Judge Jones announces retirement after 27 years

With a little quiver in his voice, Eagle Lake municipal judge and precinct eight Justice of the Peace Mac Jones told city and county officials this week that he plans to retire this September.

In announcing the retirement, he said he made the decision last year, but didn't make it known until several months ago.

"With sadness and mixed emotions," he said in a letter to county commissioners, "I feel that due to my health and age that the time has come for me to step down and let someone take over."

Jones has served as JP for 27 years, and was appointed municipal judge here 23 years ago. Last year he experienced a lengthy stay in Eagle Lake and Houston hospitals, but recovered fairly rapidly and continued in his job.

During his absence from office his assistant, Mrs. Mary Lou Szymanski, handled the job. She has worked in his office for six years, and he has recommended to commissioners and city council that she be his appointed replacement. He was re-elected to his JP post last November for a term that expires December 31, 1986.

At Monday's commissioner's meeting, his resignation was accepted with reluctance, but there was no discussion on whether the court favors Mrs. Szymanski's appointment. County judge Lester Cranek said commissioners would not be able to act on the ap-

3 arrested, 1 sought in vandalism

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Delinquent tax list to top 500; letters to be sent

When Bill Youens announced earlier this summer that he planned to pursue payment from at least 100 delinquent taxpayers in the Rice School District (which includes Eagle Lake taxpayers as well), he established guidelines on which delinquents contact.

This week, after taking an account-by-account look at the unpaid tax rolls, he made two major revisions. He now is looking county-wide, and the city has collected only 88 percent of those who live in the Rice district and include Eagle Lake, he said Monday, already on the list are about 25 lives in Eagle Lake with homes on them that could be sold so taxes will be paid.

Also on the list is a major trucking company operating in Eagle Lake. Because that company has not paid its taxes, the city has collected only 88 percent of the revenue it expected from the levy.

Now that one county-wide tax office exists for all governmental units that can levy taxes, Youens is cleaning up at least 20 years of neglect. During that time, re-appraisals were almost unheard of in many of the areas, and there apparently was little effort

made toward collecting back taxes. That meant those who paid taxes were paying more than their share.

"People who need encouragement" to pay their taxes will be contacted in registered letters due to be mailed the first week of August. After that, they can make arrangements to pay, or suffer the consequences of court.

New Rice High students need to report

Students who will be attending Rice High School this fall, but who did not attend school in the Rice district last year, or who did not attend St. Mary's School in Nada, must register next week with principal Fred Grahmann.

They can report to Grahmann's office Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday (July 29-31) from 8 a.m. to noon.