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Guess the winner in our football contest

The annual Eagle Lake Headlight football contest for area pigskin prognosticators starts in this issue, thanks to participating merchants. You have to guess the winners in all the games, and guess the total score in the Rice game each week. How many people could have guessed 53 points from last week's game? See Page 11 for contest details.

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County keeps tax rate hike about 5 percent

Colorado County Commissioners on Monday approved the county's 1986 budget and tax rate. As County Judge Lester Cranek said during the budget hearing, "Commissioners chose this year to be conservative in the budget because we are in our worst recession since the 30's."

As the hearing progressed, commissioner Bill Stiles led the way for three more budget line reductions. That, in essence, allowed commissioners to approve the purchase of a new truck for use by county extension agent Leroy Hajdik, as well as some limited financial support to the regional alcoholism and drug council serving Colorado County.

The tax rate was set at 27.696 cents per each \$100 valuation. The rate set this time last year was 26.39. The approximately 1.5 cent increase is about five percent when comparing rates.

Cranek explained that commissioners originally intended to set the rate higher. The county has been receiving about \$157,000 in federal revenue sharing, and were setting the rate as if the federal money would not be available. However, Monday Cranek talked to officials in Washington, and commissioners hope the funds will come through. If not, there could be a budget shortfall, or other budget cuts.

The cuts the commissioners adopted Monday included eliminating the funds for the landfill inspector, asking the courthouse custodian to retire, and changing the county treasurer's office to a part-time position with a part-time salary. The position now is held by Martha Bodungen.

Stiles said he felt there wasn't a week's work in the treasurer's office each month, and the county would do well to reduce that position. Commissioners agreed.

Stiles also won approval of the motion to do away with the landfill inspector. He has been an opponent of that position for some time, but was especially critical of spending the money now, since Sprint, the landfill operators, have increased dumping charges over the past two years from 75-cents a ton to \$3.00 a ton.

As for the courthouse custodian, commissioners hope to hire a new person in January.

The other two changes in the budget came Monday after presentations. Hajdik made an eloquent talk about the position he holds, and its importance to the county. He now drives a 1978 pick up with well over 100,000 miles on it. The vehicle is a rolling billboard for the county, he said. He made other excellent points about the job, including notation that he has been nominated, and only barely missed election, as the top agent in the extension system in Texas.

Betty Bauer, the new director of the Tri-County Council on Alcoholism and Drugs, made a pitch for county support. For the past two years, the council has been allotted \$10,000 each year, but nothing was planned this year. After her talk, commissioners agreed the county would support the program at the same level as the lower of the other two counties, Bastrop and Fayette.

The county tax rate will raise approximately \$1.84 million in local taxes, about \$1,000 less than last year since property valuations, largely gas and oil, have decreased. Overall, the county expects to spend about \$2.5 million, an increase of about \$344,440.



Morgan down after gain
 Raider Quarterback David Morgan goes down after a gain in last week's bout with El Campo. For game details, district stats and additional photos, see the sports page.



County Fair Queen
 Leslie Heard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Holden of Eagle Lake, was crowned last Saturday night as Colorado County Fair Queen. Valerie Benge was elected Miss Congeniality, and Angela Warshaw of Freisberg won the title of Colorado County Membership Queen. See story on this page, and additional pictures inside.

Crime Stoppers gives cash

Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers on Tuesday authorized payment of its first reward, for information provided to the police which led to the arrest and indictment of two men who were caught in the act of committing a burglary at a local business.

The amount of the Crime Stoppers reward is \$150 and will be presented by Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers Inc. chairman John Perry. If anyone will call 234-2727 and ask for Chief Johnson, information about any felony offense will be accepted. If it provides information for arrests and indictments, the caller can be rewarded. The caller does not have to reveal his or her name.

In other police business, Richard Lujan was taken into custody by Eagle Lake officer John McKee Tuesday morning. He has been charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon of a police officer. Bond was set by Judge Mary Lou Szymanski at \$15,000. Lujan was incarcerated in the Colorado County Jail. The altercation took place about 12:30 a.m. at Frankie's Pool Hall on Main Street.

Two men were arrested Monday by police chief Ben Johnson for the Sept. 5 burglary of Anderson Mfg. Co. Charged in the case are Joseph Daniel Gonzales, 19, and Isidro Reyes Jr., 18, both of Eagle Lake.

The sheriff's department reported Tuesday a camphouse on FM 949, about 2.5 miles south of IH-10, owned by Carl Pleasant, was burglarized sometime between July 30 and Aug. 29. Entry was gained through a door after the handle was pried off. Missing were two rifles, a shotgun, and assorted tools and appliances.

Girls from Rice School District take most Fair queen spots

Fairgrounds open this weekend for 3-day run

Eagle Lake, Garwood and Sheridan area young ladies took most of the top spots last Saturday night in the annual Colorado County Fair Queen and Junior Fair queen contests.

The event is a preliminary to the opening this Friday evening of the seventh annual Colorado County Fair.

Leslie Heard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Holden of Eagle Lake, was named 1985 County Fair Queen. Other finalists were Valerie Benge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Benge of Eagle Lake; Renee Balas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Balas of Eagle Lake; Tina Grahmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grahmann of Sheridan; and Kari Barten of Columbus.

Miss Benge was elected Miss Congeniality.

In the Junior Fair Queen pageant, a new event this year, Leslie Schilling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Schilling of Garwood, was named first runner up. Junior Fair Queen is Julie Frank, and second runner up is Tara Bartek.

For the membership queen title, Angela Warshaw of Freisberg was named queen. All queen contestants are required to sell the \$15 family memberships. All together, they sold \$6,015, with Miss Warschak selling \$1,290. Runner-up was Evelyn Gibson who sold \$1,155, and next was Tonna Hill who sold \$1,050. Other membership finalists were Michelle Sirois and Susan Siewert.

Family memberships still are on sale, according to Pamela Potter, and offer fairground admission for four people. She reported Tuesday evening they were selling well this week, and are available at the First National Bank in Eagle Lake, P.A.W. Food Store in Garwood, the Nuts Garage, as well as at outlets in Columbus, Freisberg and Weimar.

The 16 girls who competed this year came within about \$150 of selling what last year's 22 contestants sold. Also, the membership queen last year sold less than \$900. Mrs. Potter said she had many compliments on this year pageant, especially the Junior Queen contest.

Clinton Vothel was master of ceremonies for the queens' pageant, and Bill Carpenter of Garwood was MC for the Junior Fair Queen.

Opening the pageant, Colorado County Fair Association president T.J. Smith not only welcomed the audience to the first official event of the 1985 fair, but urged them to attend the remainder of the fair activities that start when fairground gates open this Friday at 5:30 p.m.

"I am happy to report that we are ready for the fair a week early (this year) rather than an hour early as in some years past," Smith, owner of the Eagle Lake Dairy Delite, said. "I can assure you that with the help such as the ones that have organized this pageant, my job as president is an easy one," he continued.

Smith also is regional distributor and supervisor for Moorman Feeds.

At 5:30 p.m. Friday, there will be official opening ceremonies in front of the Veterans' Community Center in Columbus to kick-off a full weekend of activities. The center is the showcase for area residents to proudly enter their crafts, food and garden specialties. The art and photo displays are continued in the Armory behind the center, as are the commercial exhibits.

This year there are several new events: one is a 1K and 10K run in Columbus. The parade this year is at 11 a.m. Saturday. Friday evening's entertainment features the Emotions, while on Saturday Darrell McCall and the Tennessee Volunteers are on the Armory Pavilion stage. Sunday afternoon, compliments of the Columbus Banner-Press and KULM Radio, Keith Juncot and the Road Runners will be featured.

Council moving on airport

Three major topics were aired at Tuesday night's Eagle Lake city council meeting.

Council held a rare non-personnel closed-door session to discuss negotiations about land owned by Joe Frazier that is adjacent to the Municipal Airport; heard from at least 15 men and women who want changes in the proposed electrical code, and learned the private revitalization group plans another downtown clean-up campaign.

The negotiations to purchase land for a runway extension reached a point that needed council comment, according to comments made Tuesday night. A private letter to council from city negotiators Bob Ashby and Roy Dean Van Nort explained how the negotiations have progressed. After the closed session ended and the public council meeting resumed, mayor Elmer Struss said council took no official vote, but agreed with the preliminary negotiations. He instructed Van Nort, who was at the meeting, and Ashby and Frazier, who were not at the meeting, to continue negotiations since there were a few more things to work out.

Struss said there is no definite deadline, but that the city is trying to get it done as quickly as we can. It is our opinion, he said, that the negotiations are positive and are going in a good way.

When Struss asked for comments, Van Nort said that "since the general did get some bad press last time that I thought was unfair," that a paragraph of the letter be read in public. He refused to elaborate on his statement, but did read part of the letter that said the agreement had been worked out with Frazier in an honorable manner, that negotiations have been difficult, but at all times

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Christal released from Houston hospital

Roy Christal, who received a serious knife wound Labor Day evening, has been released from Hermann Hospital in Houston, according to a hospital spokesman.

Christal was cut deeply across the chest after an argument at a barbershop.

Charged in the cutting was Harrell Montgomery of Eagle Lake. He was released last week from the county jail after posting bond.