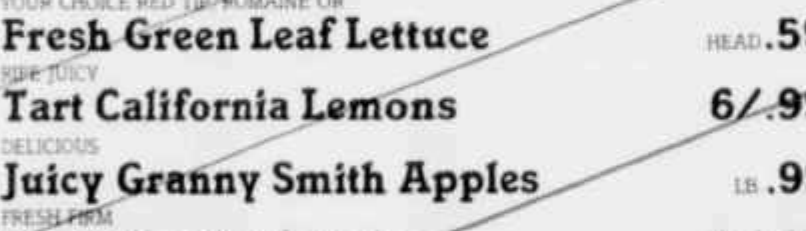
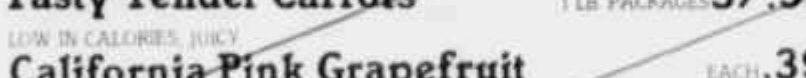


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Appraisal District staff in Eagle Lake March 20

Bill Youns, chief appraiser of the Colorado County Central Appraisal District, reminds taxpayers that a recent change in legislation has changed the rendition period from January 1 through March 31. The appraisal district staff will be in Eagle Lake on March 20 at the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to accept renditions and exemption applications and collect 1985 taxes. They also will be in Garwood at the Hopkins Rice Office on March 19 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and March 20 in Weimar at city hall from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Disaster action team training course scheduled March 17-18

The Colorado County chapter of the American Red Cross needs volunteers to attend the Disaster Action Team training to be held at the Red Cross Service Center, 611 Jackson, Richmond, on March 17 and 18 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. If you are interested, contact disaster chairman Jim Wise at 234-5083. The training obtained during these two evenings should enable these individuals to be instrumental in establishing and maintaining a system providing prompt and effective action should a disaster occur in our area. The Red Cross chapter in whose jurisdiction a disaster occurs has the first responsibility for meeting the immediate emergency needs of victims. Efficient relief requires an effective response capability. This training can return key people to their respective communities with the knowledge needed to best meet disaster-caused needs. "When they stop needing us, we'll stop needing you."

60-hour ECA course completed in Garwood by 39 volunteers

The Garwood Volunteer Fire Department is proud to announce that on March 3 thirty nine people completed a 60 hour Emergency Care Attendant class. The course, sponsored by the Garwood fire department, was coordinated and taught by Herman H. Novak of El Campo.

The course, which began on January 14, included training in the skills of CPR, bandaging and splinting, vital signs, mechanical aids to breathing and traction splinting. The lectures included recognition and treatment of shock, medical emergencies, poisoning, environmental emergencies and emergency child birth. Although the course was designed for ambulance personnel, much emphasis was placed on emergency care in the home.

The Garwood-Nada community will greatly benefit from the addition of their qualified emergency care neighbors.

1 a.m. Tuesday finish

Colorado County teachers take TECAT test at ELMS

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Approximately 270 Columbus, Weimar and Rice school district teachers, principals and other administrators, including Rice superintendent Harold King, took their Texas Examination of Current Administrators and Teachers (TECAT) test Monday at the Eagle Lake Middle School.

In talking to several teachers afterward, they said it was easier than they had expected, and they felt confident they passed it.

The day did not pass without comment, though. Several educators from Eagle Lake showed up with T-shirts featuring a red apple and the words, "No more white lies: Teachers deserve a better MARK." Some from Weimar wore T-shirts saying "Happiness is a new governor," both referring to Mark White who stands strongly behind changes made in the state educational system since he became governor.

As noted elsewhere on this page, no information was available about how many teachers actually took the test, but some teachers estimated that somewhere in the neighborhood of five or fewer teachers probably just didn't show up at the test site. Under current state law, if they don't pass the test, they will have their teaching certificates revoked.

The middle school here was the test site for all of Colorado County, with sessions scheduled Monday at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 4:30 p.m. It took teachers anywhere from 2 1/2 hours to more than four hours to complete the test. The final teacher left the building about 1 a.m. Tuesday.

The test here was administered by a person identified by a teacher

Mum's the word on your \$6 million test

If you are interested in finding out about how your \$6 million in tax money was spent Monday giving the TECAT test to Colorado County school teachers and administrators, you'll just have to keep wondering.

Silence, and refusal to answer questions was the order of the day to those administering the tests, according to a spokesman with the Texas Education Agency in Austin. "We told administrators not to answer questions since they 'do not understand other workings of the test procedures,'" the spokesman said.

However, on Tuesday, TEA could not answer questions either. "I can't tell you how many people showed up," she said because all test materials were mailed to the test contractor in Iowa City, Iowa, and the TEA has had no contact with the test administrators.

At the Eagle Lake Middle School, the proctor for the test refused to even give his name, or provide any information about how many teachers did or did not show up for the test.

So, you only can find out the rumor, but if you want to know the facts—good luck. Modern society strikes again.

test again. However, another spokesman of the TEA said those waivers probably will be hard to come by.

The test was in two parts, and if the teachers pass one part, they only have to re-take the part they failed. Part one was on reading, with 55 multiple choice questions. A score of 75 percent correct is a passing grade. The writing section included 30 multiple choice questions and the writing of a short essay (of about 150 words) on one of two subjects they were given that related to education in Texas. The writing portion will be graded by two graders from the testing company who only will scan the essay, using "holistic grading."

If the scores don't agree, then a third person will grade it. A score

Third graders review state history with students as important characters

The third grade students at Eagle Lake Primary School added their part to the state Sesquicentennial Celebration by performing a tribute to Texas last Thursday for their parents and other visitors. They chronicled events from 1528 to 1836.

The program opened with a rousing rendition of "The Yellow Rose of Texas." The boys serenaded the school's own yellow rose, Jessica Rodriguez. Then, announcer Brenda Wood called upon reporters Christal Lockett and Sonia Rodriguez to get an eye-witness report of Texas history beginning with the Spanish explorers.

Cabeza de Vaca and Francisco Coronado, portrayed by Freddy Aviles and Ricardo Roque, told of their search for gold. A missionary with the Teja Indians, Eddie Esparrza, exclaimed that sometimes he had to watch out for his hair.

Action continued with the girls adding the French touch. They sang "Alouette" as Frenchmen La Salle and Jean Lafite (Ramiro Rico and Jason Lange) were introduced.

The Anglo American influence began with settlers brought by Stephen F. Austin, portrayed by John Kaluza. Amy Dornak, playing the part of courageous Jane Long, told of the strength of women in the wilderness.

Freedom fighters including William Goyen, portrayed by Timothy Parker, William Travis and Jonathan Flahmann, led reporters into the year of 1836 when the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed. Prominent signs of the document were portrayed by Anthony Barrios, Donny Obenhaus, Elias Balderas and Ricky and Billy Schmidt.

Davy Crockett, played by Neil Broesche, showed up in time to help the Texans at the Alamo. The students sang a verse or two of



Davy Crockett, played by Neil Broesche, stood his ground last Thursday as the Eagle Lake Primary School 3rd graders reviewed Texas history. Additional pictures on Page 6.

"Davy, Davy Crockett, king of the wild frontier," while he surveyed the scene. However, after the siege only Susanna Dickinson (student Becky Waddell) and a handful of women and children had survived.

Santa Anna, colorfully played by Marcus Torrez, finally surrendered to Donny Obenhaus playing Sam Houston, on April 21, 1836.

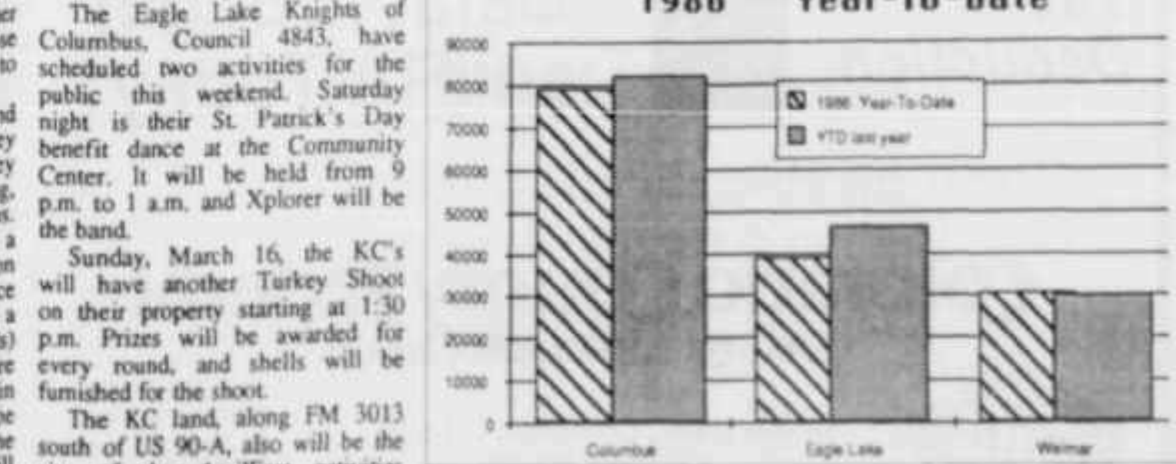
The program participants celebrated the uniqueness of Texas in their singing of the state

song, "Texas our Texas," as well as "Beautiful Texas," and "Deep in the Heart of Texas."

To recognize the many cultures that became the backbone of Texas' strong, loyal inhabitants, dancers performed to Mexican, German and Czech music as well as to the traditional American reel.

The third grade teachers, Mrs. Barbara Ardis, Miss Sharon Dietz, Mrs. Agnes Klekar and Mrs. Melinda Kurcherka, expressed appreciation to the parents for the wonderfully creative costumes, teachers and parents alike as we remember our special celebration during this, the year of Texas' 150th birthday.

Other students in the production were Sebastian Munoz and Anthony Agueno as Teja Indians; Melanie Israel, a Camille Tillman, Tamra Hemphill, Rose Clark, Bernita Fry, Bernie Gonzales, Annette McTeer, Manuel Rodriguez, Christopher Weeks, James Cotton, Victor Hernandez, Melissa Medina and Israel Rodriguez.



Retail sales in Colorado County still are decreasing, according to these charts based on sales tax reports. Eagle Lake sales for January decreased 46%. Story on Page 6.