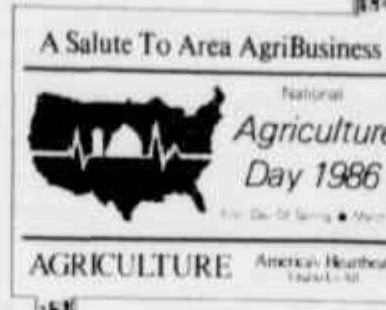


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See Page 2 for sample ballots

Ballots printed for City, Rice School

The ballots for the April 5th city election, and the Rice school district trustee election, have been printed, listing candidates in the order their names were drawn recently.

For mayor, Lanny Power's name appears first, followed by Roy D. Van Nort. Voters may vote for one of those two by checking the box next to the name. Another box and a blank line follows those two names for write-in candidates.

For council, the order of the names on the ballot is Candy McCreary, Case A. Hollub, Peggy J. Byn and Victor Cornan Jr.

The ballot also includes the bond election questions. Proposition No. 1 asks voters whether they are "for" or "against" the issuance of \$250,000 airport improvement tax bonds. That is followed by Proposition No. 2 which asks voters whether they are "for" or "against" the issuance of \$350,000 street improvement tax bonds. The ballot is in Spanish and English.

The Rice school district ballot shows no opposition in the two positions open on the board of trustees. In position 4, Natalie M. Dupre of Sheridan is seeking election to a three-year term. She was elected a year ago to fill the one-year unexpired term held by Ted Wiese. John Mathews is the lone candidate for position 5 that is now held by Steve Balas, board president, who is not seeking re-election. Voters also may use the blank lines to write candidates in, and in such situations must remember to also place an "X" in the box next to the name they write in.

Little League tryouts Saturday; coaches, umpires are needed

The 1986 Little League season kicks off this Saturday with tryouts scheduled for 10 a.m. at the Little League baseball field on Burns Ave.

These tryouts are only for youngsters new to Little League here, or ones that are moving from one division to another, according to Clark Powers, president.

As usual, there is a need for coaches and umpires. Volunteers can contact powers at 234-3238. He said specifically he needs coaches for Senior Little League, which is for boys ages 14 and 15, and for minor league boys and girls teams, ages 8 and nine. Coaches also are needed for major league boys and girls, ages 10 through 12, and for T-Ball teams, which are boys and girls ages six and seven.

Registration papers have been distributed at the schools for the program. Registration, which is unchanged from last year, is \$15 for one youngster from a family, or \$25 for two or more youngsters from the same family.

New this year will be a special senior league just for boys ages 13.

At the tryouts, all youngsters who plan to play T-Ball should be at the ball field to teams can be chosen. Youngsters who played T-Ball last year, and are moving into the minor league need to be present so they can be added to minor league teams. The same is true for youngsters moving from minor league teams into major league teams, and from major league to senior league or senior league to major league.

Players in those leagues last year, who will be in the same league this year, will play for the team they played on last year and do not need to be present for the tryouts.

Powers said the third annual benefit barbecue is scheduled for opening day, next month. Again, Gary Glaiser is in charge.

Bicycle safety Wednesday at police station

Eagle Lake Rice Area Memorial Ladies Auxiliary 8783 of the VFW will sponsor a bike-a-bike and bicycle safety program Wednesday, March 19, at 4:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Police Station.

All children are urged to bring their bikes and Officer Villareal will apply reflective tape to the bicycles and will talk on bicycle safety.

Touch Tone telephone service to be 'adapted' here by Sept. 1

Southwestern Bell Telephone is in the process of updating equipment in towns where only rotary dialing is available, which means touch tone dialing will be coming to Eagle Lake by Sept. 1 of this year. "That's when it is scheduled to be available," Dick Oldmixon, manager of this area for Southwestern Bell in Rosenberg said Friday.

However, it doesn't mean the company is installing an electronic switching system that will give customers access to custom calling features like call forwarding. Oldmixon added, "We are converting the last of my towns now, adapting the equipment in the central switching office to allow customers to use touch tone telephones," he said.

The switching office in Eagle Lake also serves the Garwood-

Oil/gas values take drastic drop Nearly half of Rice school district property values in that category

The very preliminary estimates of oil and gas property valuations for Colorado County indicate a 20 percent drop in value, according to the report received last Thursday by the county Central Appraisal District office.

If that drop holds up through further study and through hearings by the appraisal review board, it will affect the tax rate applied to taxes you will owe next January (1987).

Since such valuations are based on the price of oil and gas as of January 1, 1986, before they started their steepest decline in history, taxing entities such as the county and the rice school district may be faced with some tough decisions now, and again next year.

There are no taxable oil or gas properties in the city limits of Eagle Lake.

County wide, chief appraiser Bill Youens said oil and gas property value estimates have declined about \$40 million. Last year, there were \$200 million worth of such property valued in the county. That means there will be \$160 million taxed this year.

Seventy percent of that \$200 million is in the Rice Consolidated Independent School District, and most of that is gas property. Youens said that last year there was \$139 million worth of oil and gas property, representing 43 percent of all taxable property in the district.

While the Rice school board has not had a chance to look at the effect of the decline, even if all other property remained the same as last year, and all other revenue sources as well as all expenses remained unchanged, the school district tax rate would have to increase as much as six cents, Youens estimated.

At last week's Rice board meeting, trustees discussed the possibilities of property valuation declines, but at that time had no

information on which to base a decision. They did vote for the teacher pay increases (the superintendent and principal pay increases were approved at earlier meetings). Board president Steve Balas said that if necessary, the district could fund the salary

Frazar says Army improved but U.S. still not No. 1 world power

Brig. General Joe N. Frazar, U.S. Army retired, brought Lions Club members up to date last week on the "new" Army. "The Army and other service forces are in better shape now than we have been in the past seven years," Frazar said.

He attributed that to President Ronald Reagan. "Due to the president, we re-established ourselves, and we are fast (becoming) the No. 1 world power (now) held by the Soviet Union," he said.

Reviewing the major types of world wars that have been fought, Frazar said, "We won't have massive war again... the major threat is terrorist activities supported by the Soviets, namely (through) Libya and Cuba." He said that no one thinks there will be wide-scale nuclear war, but the large nuclear weapons we have are necessary; that creates the fear of retaliation, and keeps the threat of nuclear war down, he said. That also is why the United States needs large numbers of good troops.

Mayoral candidates answer questions

The two candidates for mayor of Eagle Lake answered questions posed to them last week by The Headlight, and those responses are printed on Page 3 of this issue.

Also, both candidates, Roy D. Van Nort and Lanny D. Powers, were given the opportunity to create their own questions and answers, and give those to a newspaper to be presented. If received, those will be printed on Page Three as well.

Interviews with council candidates will be printed in next week's Headlight.

To make the local election more interesting, a group of citizens has purchased a full-page advertisement in this issue of the

newspaper, promoting the write-in candidacy of Elmer Struss, who has been mayor here for nearly two decades.

With three choices, predictions on the outcome of the election depend on who you are talking to. Struss has a large following that has earned him to office many times, whether or not that is a conservative administration of city government. Roy Van Nort has been a councilman for a decade, and brings experience to city government. Powers offers fresh attitudes and ideas about the present and future condition of the city, and what can be done to improve it.

Because there is the possibility that all three men will draw a large number of votes, and the election will be close, some people have asked about the possibility of a run-off election. According to the Texas Secretary of State's office, the winner in an election in cities of this size is the person who draws the most votes, whether or not that is a majority of the votes cast. Therefore, there is no chance of a run-off election.

The city election is April 5th at city hall. A sample ballot is on Page two of this issue, showing voters the order of candidates on the ballot, and also showing how the tax bond propositions are worded.

Foundation looking at sales plan; groups to send letters

Every family in Eagle Lake should be getting a letter soon that will be signed by about 20 people. It is asking their support of the airport and street bond issues that will be on the city election ballot April 5th.

The idea of the letter, to be signed by the board members of the Industrial Foundation, Chamber of Commerce and Revitalize Eagle Lake, Inc., was discussed at a foundation board meeting last week, and has been

approved by the other groups.

The foundation also discussed the current status of its industrial park land purchase, and took action on developing an action

County Democrats hold ballot position drawing

Ballot positions for county candidates in the May 3rd Democratic primary were drawn Monday in Columbus. None of the six commissioner candidates attended.

The two incumbent commissioners, in precinct two (Weimar area) and four (Eagle Lake area), both were drawn into the third position. Each face two opponents.

The Precinct 4, L.J. "Sonny" Spauldine's name was drawn first, and his name will appear first in that race. Candidate Paul Causey's name was drawn second, leaving incumbent L.W. "Biff" Soles name in the hat to fill the third position. For the Weimar area, Charles Trefney's name was drawn first, and Butch Strunk's name second. Incumbent Rafael Venzla, who is recovering from an illness, will be in the third position.

In other contested county races, Connie Ite's name was drawn first for county clerk Dennis Wagner was second, leaving Darlene Hayek third. For county treasurer, Nita Renick's name was drawn first, leaving Sharon Knox's name second.

These candidates have no opposition: county judge Lester

the immediate benefits of the extension of the airport runway, as well as the street repair needs. It also cites the airport improvements as another positive note in the area's quest to seek new businesses to locate here.

The sum of present and future results of the airport work is jobs, Harrison indicates. The duck and are 786,000. Three years ago there 37 percent were high school graduates and today 80 percent are to the area's economy, brings corporate personnel to Eagle Lake, and with them guests. Those companies often check with the city about the length of the runway. With the short one now available, the size of the aircraft, and therefore the volume of passengers, is limited. The longer the runway the larger the airplane, and the greater number of hunters that will visit here during the season.

Also, when companies search for plant locations, they often travel by air. They need to be able to land in Eagle Lake to discuss locating here, Harrison said.

As for the land, the foundation is seeking continuation of its purchase agreement. Board member T. Lang volunteered to write the action plan for 1986. The board must decide what, if anything, it can do. Suggestions ranged from sharing with the city the cost of a person who will actively sell the foundation and its goals, to simply sending letters or perhaps just placing an advertisement in a few publications.

The board is to meet again this month to discuss the possibilities. The foundation annual meeting is to be held next month.

As many as 1,600 voters registered in Eagle Lake

How many voters will be eligible to vote in the coming April 5th Eagle Lake election?

The specific number is not available from county records, since voting precinct 17, which includes Eagle Lake, stretches from Interstate 10, skirts to the east of Alleyton, then works its way the Colorado River south to the border with Wharton County.

Estimating that 80 percent of the registered voters live in Eagle Lake, you can arrive at a guess as to how many voters could be cast in the election. According to county tax assessor-collector Evelyn Thomas, on March 13 there were 2,018 voters in the precinct.

Multiplying that times 80 percent, and you find there could be as many as 1,600 voters in Eagle Lake.

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