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\$1.49

6 PACK 12 OZ. CANS

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99¢

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\$1.19

8 OZ. PKG.



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AprilFest takes center stage

The fourth annual Eagle Lake AprilFest begins this week when the Mighty McDaniel Carnival opens Wednesday on the new festival grounds on FM 3013 just south of Lange Trucking/Eagle Trailer Parts and the intersection of U.S. 90-A.

The carnival runs through Sunday, with the main festival events beginning Friday night at the Community Center, and continuing Saturday and Sunday at the festival grounds.

The Community Center is the site of the Little Mr. and Miss Eagle Lake contest that formerly was held at the middle school. Margo Harrison said four boys and eight girls are entered so far, but that more were expected. That will be held at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m. is the Mexican Supper, and at 8 p.m., an auction is scheduled to benefit Revitalize Eagle Lake. Joe and Candy McCreary will coordinate the auctioning of 43 items donated. (See list on back page.)

Don't forget the first annual Eagle Lake queen's contest on Saturday at the festival grounds. Houston Oilers football player Johnny Meads has accepted an invitation to be a judge. The carnival runs this Wednesday through Sunday, and is planning to set up many new rides, including a "bumper boat" ride that is fun for youth and adults, a fun house, and a Mirror Maze. Several events are outlined in the carnival advertisement inside this issue.

The schedule for the remainder of the week for April Fest activities includes:

- Δ Mighty McDaniel Carnival open daily, Wednesday through Sunday. This year there will be a center stage featuring entertainment including the Wonder World of Make Believe on Friday and a special Texas Sesquicentennial show on Sunday.
- On Saturday, puppeteer Jack Cowan will be the master of ceremonies for the queen's contest.
- Δ Friday evening April Fest activities will be at the Community Center (the only time activities are scheduled there): 6 p.m., Little Mr. and Miss Eagle Lake contest; 7 p.m., Mexican Supper; 8 p.m., Auction. (Tickets to the dinner are \$6 each).
- Δ Saturday and Sunday (April 19 & 20), unless otherwise noted, activities will be held on the Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus property on FM 3013.
- 9 a.m. — Food and Craft booths open.
- 10 a.m. — Bantam Dancers.
- 11 a.m. — Sack Races.
- 11:30 a.m. — Bake Off and Cake Decorating Contest. Also, Obstacle Course Race.
- Noon — Outhouse Race.
- 1 p.m. — Marilyn Thomas' Super Strutters, and Judging for Miss Eagle Lake contest.
- 1 to 4 p.m. — Bridge Tournament, Farris 1912 Hotel.
- 2 p.m. — Campfire members will release Campfire Birthday Balloons.
- 3 p.m. — Queen's contest and Barbecue Cook Off Judging.
- 4 p.m. — Ice cream eating contest.
- 6 p.m. — Talent Show.



Houston Oilers
Johnny Meads

Mexican Supper tickets still on sale

Dinner tickets for this Friday night's kick off celebration for the fourth annual Eagle Lake AprilFest still are in plentiful supply, according to April Fest volunteers. Tickets are \$6 each for the 7 p.m. dinner at the Community Center.

The dinner will be served between the 6 p.m. Little Miss and Mr. Eagle Lake Contest and the 8 p.m. auction. Tickets are available at the First National Bank and at the Delta Savings of Texas office on McCarty.

73% decline in sales incorrect, state reports

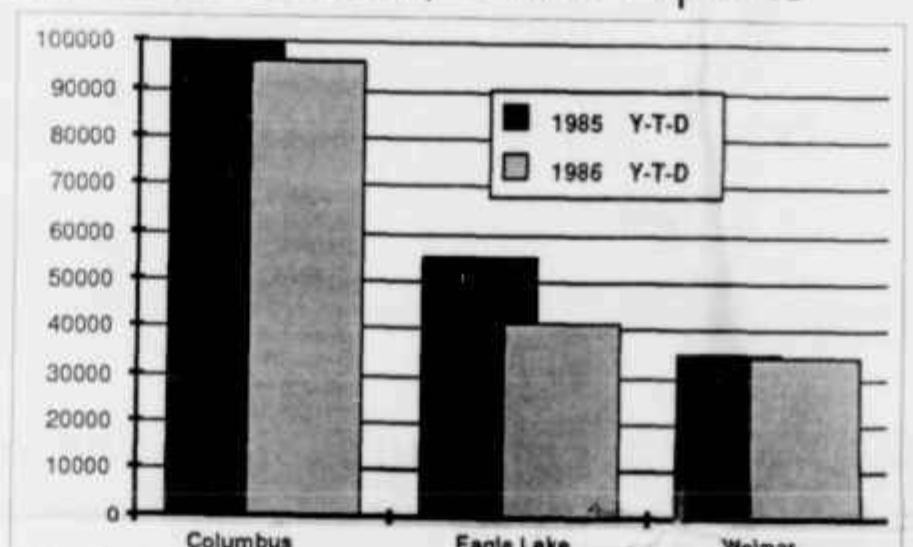
City officials took a second, hard look Monday when they received their monthly sales tax rebate check — the check was for only \$2,368, which was 73 percent less than the check they received in April of past year.

However, after investigation, relief may have been found when they found out that funds had been withheld from the city because of prior errors by businesses that report taxable sales.

Had the errors not been made, the check would have been for about \$7,068, which represents a 23 percent decline in sales. The checks received in April reflect sales activity in February.

While a decline of 23 percent is nothing to be happy about, the state comptroller's office told city manager Robert Klockman they personally checked with several businesses in town representing substantial sales tax payments in the past, and learned at least one of those businesses had changed operations, and no longer sold big ticket items.

The state officials explained that the low April check to Eagle Lake was due to an error by a company in Texas that does business in many towns. On the reporting form, the company specifies the community in which the sales tax was collected, so the city portion of that tax can be sent to the city. It checked Eagle Lake instead of Eules. That was done in December, and amounted to about \$4,700. To correct the error, which meant Eagle Lake received \$4,700 too much last December, the state took the amount from



This chart shows how sales so far this year compare to sales for the same period last year. Last year is represented by solid black. The figures used in the chart are based on the one percent taxes the cities levy on sales in their towns.

this month's check and sent it to Eules. Also, CP&L had been collecting the one per cent sales tax on electricity sales to residential units here, even though the city repealed that tax in 1979. That amounted to another \$900 withheld that the city should not have received.

Looking at the rebates to Eagle Lake, Columbus and Weimar, figures show sales are off for the year in all three cities. Columbus has received \$96,089 so far this year while it received \$99,696 last year; Eagle Lake has received \$41,172 this year and received \$55,003 last year, and Weimar

has received \$34,382 this year compared to \$35,058 last year.

La Grange officials may have choked even more than those in Eagle Lake. The report shows no sales tax rebate for that community. The comptroller's office said the city incorrectly listed businesses in a newly annexed area. Until the mistake was discovered, the one-per cent city sales tax was collected. Because the businesses were not in the area, the money was not legally due to the city, and therefore, was withheld from this month's check. Those funds are retained by the state.

Police warning: keep vehicles locked; 23 car, truck burglary reports investigated

City police are warning vehicle owners to keep their locked since there has been a rash of motor vehicle burglaries the past two months.

Police are investigating 23 car and truck burglaries in the northwest side of town, west of McCarty Ave. and north of Main.

Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards for information concerning the burglaries. Call 234-5555 if you have any information that can be used in the investigation.

Crime Stoppers also is offering a reward for information on the burglary of J's

Beverages on Booth Drive.

In other news, police report that Michael Amell Davis, 20, of Eagle Lake, was arrested at 2:40 a.m. March 27 for burglary of Bill's Dollar Store here last month. Officer Lupo Villareal caught Davis in the act, according to the police report.

He had six radio-cassette "jam" boxes in his possession. Davis is on probation from charges last year of the theft of a Mercedes Benz.

Joe Allen Davidson, 38, of Eagle Lake, has been arrested on second degree forgery

charges. Police were investigating a counterfeiting complaint that someone had given change for a \$100 bill. It turned out a \$1 bill had been altered by cutting zeros off of other bills. Helms was released on \$3,000 bond, and is being held in Fort Bend County on revocation of probation.

Bobby William Helms, 31, was arrested March 25 and charged with burglary and theft of a truck owned by S&W Auto Parts. Officer Ernie Grimes made the arrest, and the truck and a set of golf clubs, was returned to Jim Wood.

TEXCEL

Local participants begin year-long program learning about economic development

A delegation from Eagle Lake attended the opening session Thursday of a year-long program designed to help individuals in smaller communities to develop basic skills to capitalize on, and create, economic development opportunities. The meeting was in Victoria.

The program is called Texcel (the Texas Cities for Economic Leadership), is sponsored and presented by the Texas Economic Development Commission. Co-sponsors are the Texas Municipal League and Texas Industrial Development Council.

Attending from Eagle Lake were the presidents of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, Becky Anderson; Revitalize Eagle Lake, Inc., Paulette Klockman; and Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation, Bill Harrison Jr. City Manager Robert Klockman and John Fearing also attended.

At the completion of the year-long program, participating communities should be in a position to pursue their own, locally determined, development priorities. In some cases, localities may focus on the attraction of new manufacturing firms, while for other cities, economic expansion of existing businesses may be the goal. Goals also could include both, according to Dan S. Petty, TEDC chairman.

Jay Kayne, deputy executive director of TEDC, was the speaker in Victoria for the day, and told participants that completion of the course itself was no guarantee that businesses would come flocking to town. There are 1,150 communities in Texas where a company can locate, so the competition is stiff. In 1984, he said 400 companies contacted the

commission for assistance in relocating to Texas, but last year, only 200 companies made contact.

Kayne also said the program was not meant to help local officials turn a community into a model city, but is designed to help a town make the best use of its resources.

He emphasized such efforts must also work with existing businesses, since they too can be helped to grow; and, cities in a region should work together, since jobs created in one community can spill over into another community.

Thursday's session also gave participants ideas on how to create a realistic assessment of local strengths and weaknesses, and how to develop a local strategy to work with such information.

Why have local development, Kayne asked. The list created in answer to that included:

1. Expand local tax base.
2. Create new, local jobs.
3. Expand business for stores already located here.
4. Help with community improvements, and to make improvements to the quality of life.

One of the most often asked questions he gets, Kayne said, was why does government become involved in private business affairs? He said local government has a role in community changes, because it has responsibility to maintain core functions like streets, drainage, water and

sewer, etc. Therefore, it must be involved in future planning. However, he said that communities don't have to do anything not in their best interest.

One of the first things that can be done locally, he suggested, is the signing of a memorandum of agreement between local groups participating in future planning. That would be different from the agreement approved last year by city council. That document said those involved agreed economic development activity was important, but it was then shelved, and some probably hoped it would be forgotten. The Memorandum of Agreement which Kayne suggested also adds responsibilities each group agrees to complete.

There will be three more such meetings throughout this year, as well as an on-site visit by the TEDC development team. That visit will be structured to focus on local issues, and discussion of local activity. During the day, Kayne reminded everyone that Texcel is not designed to provide a cookbook of recipes for success. It is intended to provide guidance and information so local areas may make better decisions for themselves.

There were 18 communities present Thursday, from 900 population Port O'Connor to communities of more than 20,000. Overall, there are 36 communities participating in Texcel. The only cost to the local government is meals, lodging and transportation for at least one participant.

Community Choir practice April 22 San Jacinto Day to be marked with ringing of area church bells

Monday is a state holiday celebrating San Jacinto Day, and in the Eagle Lake area church bells will mark the occasion.

St. Mary's school in Nada, and the Rice district schools will be closed for the day, as will Eagle Lake municipal government offices, but other businesses, including the Post Office, contacted by the Headlight, will be open as usual. No business reported closing for the day.

There is no major Texas Sesquicentennial celebration planned in the county since such activities are spread throughout the year. However, a special television broadcast is planned from the San Jacinto Battle Ground. Check television schedules for the time and channel.

Churches in the county again have been asked to ring their bells at noon to mark the day.

On Sunday, April 27, the Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance has planned a special Sesquicentennial Community Service at the Eagle Lake Little League Ballpark. Starting at 6 p.m. will be an informal time

of gathering, with "dinner on the grounds" at 6:30 p.m. Special emphasis for the evening will be on singing as a universal manner of worship. Rev. Neil Mills will deliver the message.

Charlyne Spaniel will lead the community choir and Rev. Charles Miller will play the music. The community choir will practice next Tuesday night at the Little League Ballpark at 7 p.m. In case of rain, the practice will be at the Community Center.

"This should be a great time of singing, celebrating and worshipping. Members of the Ministerial Alliance hope the public makes plans to attend. Worshiping God was one of the great emphasis of our forefathers and still is important to many of us today," wrote E.B. Beasley, chairman of the alliance.

Also on April 27th, the Rock Island Volunteer Fire Department has scheduled its annual barbecue and reunion for current residents or those who once lived there.

Study Club luncheon tickets available

If you are not a member of the Eagle Lake Study Club and would like to attend the President's Luncheon May 9, you may purchase tickets at Gifts of Distinction, 115 N. McCarty until 5:00 p.m. May 8. Tickets are \$6 and there are only a few available. The guest speaker this year will be Mr. Ron Franklin of Channel 2 in Houston.

Industrial Foundation meeting Friday

The annual meeting of the Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation will be held Friday at the First National Bank. It will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the bank's conference room. The agenda calls for election of directors for the next year, and other business as necessary. Industrial foundation members are asked to attend. Others interested in helping the foundation work toward achieving improvements in the Eagle Lake economy also should attend. Membership in the foundation is \$100.

Open forum for county candidates to be held Friday

The Colorado County Civic Club invites the public to attend an open forum being held for all county candidates seeking political offices. This will be a question and answer session, with a guest panelist, to be held this Friday, April 18 in then Columbus High School cafeteria from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The public is urged to ask questions to help them make decisions when they vote on May 3.