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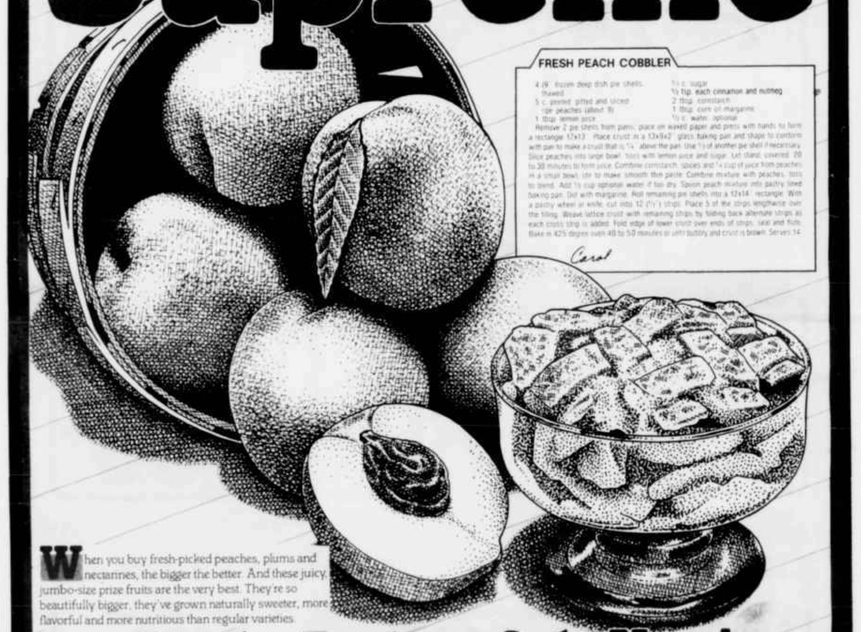

FRESH PEACH COBBLER

4 (9" frozen deep dish pie shells, thawed
5 c. peeled, pitted and sliced ripe peaches (about 8)
1 tbsp. lemon juice
½ c. sugar
½ tsp. each cinnamon and nutmeg
2 tbsp. cornstarch
1 tbsp. corn oil margarine
½ c. water, optional

Remove 2 pie shells from pans; place on waxed paper and press with hands to form a rectangle 17x13. Place crust in a 13x9x2" glass baking pan and shape to conform with pan to make a crust that is ½" above the pan rim. Use ½ of another pie shell if necessary. Slice peaches into large bowl; toss with lemon juice and sugar. Let stand, covered, 20 to 30 minutes to form juice. Combine cornstarch, spices and ¼ cup of juice from peaches in a small bowl; stir to make smooth thin paste. Combine mixture with peaches; toss to blend. Add ½ cup optional water if too dry. Spoon peach mixture into pastry lined baking pan. Dot with margarine. Roll remaining pie shells into a 12x14" rectangle. With a pastry wheel or knife, cut into 12 (½") strips. Place 5 of the strips lengthwise over the filling. Weave lattice crust with remaining strips by folding back alternate strips as each cross strip is added. Fold edge of lower crust over ends of strips; seal and flute. Bake in 425 degree oven 45 to 50 minutes or until bubbly and crust is brown. Serves 14.

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Councilman Alvin Kohleffel, above, took a few moments last Thursday night to recall some thoughts about former mayor Elmer Struss. Right, Mayor Lanny Powers presents Struss with a plaque of appreciation from the city. Struss was honored at a dinner at the community center for serving the city for 18 years.

Attorney General says bond votes legal

News stories make up for lacking 'legal notices'

If you have been wondering why nothing has been mentioned about proposed work on the city streets, since voters approved a $350,000 bond issue nearly three months ago, it is because a legal question arose that called for an attorney general's opinion on whether the voting was legal.

After the election, the fiscal agents for the city, a Houston firm, and the legal firm they hired, questioned whether the vote was legal, since the city did not print all documents required before the votes were cast.

The legal firm of Baker and Botts in Houston prepared Spanish and English versions of the legal notice for the election and the ordinance that city council adopted calling the election. The city only published the legal notice, and was supposed to also publish the entire ordinance.

After the election, when the legal firm realized that all material had not been published, the assistant attorney general who heads the public finance division was contacted. The lawyers didn't want to prepare the legal work to sell the street bonds if the election would have been ruled illegal and would have had to have been held over.

To argue their case for approval of the election, the city forwarded copies of articles published in The Headlight, claiming that because there was sufficient information written about the street and airport proposals, the voters had sufficient information to make a decision without seeing the actual ordinance.

Roland Geddie, an attorney for Baker and Botts said the assistant attorney general agreed that sufficient information had been disseminated through The Headlight, and the bond sale could proceed.

The bonds will be sold in August, and work can then begin.

'Hands Around Eagle Lake' proposed; Council suggests local sponsorship

Members of the Greater Rising Star Baptist Church approached city council last week with a proposal to sponsor a "Hands Around Eagle Lake" fund drive to raise money for the needy.

Rev. Ollie Scott, pastor, and Wilma Tillman were at the meeting with Rev. Scott explaining ideas developed so far. Mrs. Tillman suggested the project. Rev. Scott told council that they were there to hear other suggestions, and for ideas on how to proceed.

Council also officially accepted the audit of last fiscal year's revenues and expenses, discussed vehicle storage facilities which are used when a vehicle is impounded, and approved a motion to officially apply for $400,000 in grant funds that could be combined with $100,000 in city funds for drainage improvements in the "Rice Mill" area.

'Hands' proposal

In a hand-out for the "Hands" program, a statement said "There is no way this project will fail unless we as citizens just don't care."

Rev. Scott said the objective is to help feed and clothe the needy, and if enough money is raised, perhaps make civic improvements offering the youth of the community better places to play.

Their idea is to sell tickets for an actual "Hands Around Eagle Lake" day, and to accept donations.

Because city government isn't designed to sponsor non-governmental activities, council suggested that Rev. Scott and his committee meet with the Revitalize Eagle Lake board of directors and ask they be the central sponsors. Rev. Scott said he already had talked with Revitalize board president Roy Van Nort, and would proceed with that suggestion. Council told him the city would be happy to cooperate, and close streets and offer police traffic safety assistance if needed.

The written proposal also suggested that all funds be handled by Revitalize Eagle Lake "because this is a project for the whole town of Eagle Lake, not just the New Town area."

Grant application

For the fifth time, the city is applying for funding for the "Rice Mill" area drainage project. The past four applications sought $500,000 but this year the city is asking only for $400,000 because available federal funds have decreased.

To make up the difference, the city is suggesting that $100,000 in local funds be added, and the entire project be completed.

City Manager Robert [illegible] said the heavy emphasis on the use of this type of money by the granting agencies is on housing rehabilitation, there still is not a great deal of hope that the city's request will be approved. The city feels it is better to improve drainage and streets in an area of the community so private rehabilitation that is done will not be destroyed in the next large rain.

It will be late summer before the city learns whether it has a chance for funds.

In other business, council:

• Accepted the audit, after hearing comments from former city manager T.J. Smith who pointed out several budget areas that were overspent.

• Discussed the fire and police dispatching from Columbus, the police reserve officer policy, the Austin Estates refund contract, and the vehicle storage facility.

Struss honored for serving city

Friends and guests of Elmer Struss gathered at the Eagle Lake Community Center last Thursday night to honor the former mayor who served the city for 18 years.

Former City Manager T.J. Smith was master of ceremonies for the evening, with an excellent turkey and trimmings dinner catered by Mrs. Annie Broesche. Various people were called on to speak about the mayor, with some remarks made in fun, and many in a more serious vein.

The event was organized by City Secretary Lucille Perry, with the assistance of others. The cost of the evening was paid by the city.

After the meal, Mrs. Perry was called on to introduce special guests. She first asked Mrs. Struss to stand for applause. She said Frances Struss had to listen to Elmer the most, and deserved the recognition. She also introduced three of the Struss' sons and their wives who attended. Rep. Robert Saunders of La Grange, and Tommy Brasher, mayor of Weimar, also were introduced.

Harold Thomas and Dale Cassady, who served as mayor before Struss, were recognized, and the first woman to serve on council (but who was unable to attend), Mrs. Edna Mae Krivacka, was recognized, as was Mike Duarte, the first hispanic to serve on council.

Best wishes was the message in letters Mrs. Perry read from congressman Jake Pickle, and Texas Gov. Mark White.

The master of ceremonies then called on Bill Chavis to make remarks about Struss "in his formative years." Although Chavis's remarks were short, he recalled the former mayor in his school years.

Smith then noted that he planned to divide the program into three segments. The formative years, the middle years, and the more current years that involved his days in city government. But, Smith added with humor, he couldn't find anyone to speak publicly about those "middle" years.

Later in the program, fire chief and precinct four commissioner candidate Sonny Spanihel did recall some of those middle years, especially an incident on the tennis courts on the grounds of the old Eagle Lake High School.

Even in those years, Spanihel said, the former mayor had a pretty "even temperament." But, it did get the best of him one day, when he, Struss, Joe Reed and Louis Muzny were playing after work. After one shot that apparently wasn't too good, Struss smashed his racket. The other three walked off the court, but Struss insisted they continue to play. Spanihel pointed out that the racket was a dangling mess.

The later years were recalled by councilman Alvin Kohleffel. The councilman has served the city for nearly a decade more than Struss, but it was Struss who unseated Kohleffel in the only election he was defeated. The next election, Struss asked Kohleffel to run again, and then appointed him mayor pro-tem, a position he held until this year.

Kohleffel spoke very highly of Struss, underlining the fact that when the former mayor spoke, he knew what he was talking about.

Kohleffel recalled a couple of humorous incidents too, but closed by telling Struss that his presence will be missed at council meetings, as will his leadership.

Smith himself recalled several incidents, and pointed out some of the major ideas brought to the city by Elmer.

One point Smith made was to remind everyone that Struss was elected because he opposed the idea that the city should institute a sales tax. The thinking at the time was that if Columbus, Weimar and other cities put the tax in, people would flock to Eagle Lake to shop. The tax later was instituted. Smith noted that the tax money turned out the be mighty welcome.

Smith also recalled the drainage and rehabilitation project in "The Flats," the efforts to secure a drainage grant for the "Rice Mill" area, and the revenue sharing money that was not used for day-to-day operating projects so the city would not get used to having that money.

He also noted that the 8-inch sewer line built across the golf course has allowed that part of town to expand.

When it came time for Mr. Struss to speak, he said the evening was a momentous occasion for he and his wife. He also recalled several funny incidents — such as the goats used as lawn mowers at the sewer plant — and about the only time he was called on to vote at a council meeting. It was the repeal of a no-smoking resolution at council meetings.

Struss thanked the city employes for their work, and noted that Eagle Lake has the most sincere, dedicated city officers "I have ever seen." He also lauded the current police department and chief, calling it the best in his tenure, "and we seem to have a new one (chief) every year."

Mayor Lanny Powers presented Struss with a plaque from the city, honoring him for his service to the community.

Program for parents signals end of Community Vacation Bible School for 1986

Lots of children, parents and grandparents were on hand Friday, June 27, to celebrate the closing ceremony of the Community Vacation Bible School. Held at the United Methodist Church, the program was the climax of a week's worth of singing and Bible study for children from three years to those who have completed the sixth grade. The Assembly of God, Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian and United Methodist churches sponsored the program.

The children proceeded into the sanctuary singing "Thank you!," accompanied by music leader Margaret Henry. Kimberly Powers opened the service by reading Matthew 18:1-5, which was followed by a congregational hymn. The offering was collected by Kristi Mills, J'Amy McClanahan, and Billy Schmidt, during which Bruce Johnson led the rest of the children in the singing of "Hosanna."

The three to five year olds gave a delightful rendition of "God is so Good," "God's Child," and "Praise Him." The kindergarten-6th graders sang "Do Lord," "Peace Like a River," and "Jesus in the Morning."

The kindergarten group displayed posters of God's Creation. The first and second graders gave a choral reading of "Keep God as a Friend." The 3rd and 4th graders showed off some creative pictures of creation. Current events posters made by the 5th and 6th graders were the focus of their part of the program.

In closing, Sharon Webb, the school director, expressed her heartfelt appreciation to all the 28 teachers and helpers who made the week a success. A surprise visit by the Star Wars character, Yoda, made a big hit with the children. He asked the ministers to come forward and reviewed with the group what their daily Chapel Talks had been about. Everyone was invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments afterward. Parents toured the rooms of the children and were able to see all their handiwork.

There were 94 students involved in the program this year, and an offering of $250 was donated to the Community Hunger Fund. The week was an exciting and fulfilling one for all involved, Mrs. Webb reported.

Waterfowl fest put on hold

According to a letter written for those who participated in previous editions of the Eagle Lake Waterfowl Festival, the event has been tabled this year.

The letter, from Pat Meitzen, said that due to the slow economy the festival has been called off for this year, and it indicated that it will be reconsidered in future years.

Helyn Farris said the decision was made after meeting with Revitalize Eagle Lake members. She said that there were hardly any committments made for the 1986 event from the artists that were here last year. After several weeks of worrying, telephoning artists, and still getting little response, the decision to put off this year's event was made. The decision had to be made this early because the festival advertising in major publications needs to be committed this far in advance.

"We have not given up on the idea," Mrs. Farris said. She said that last year's attendance was lower than the first year of the show the year before, and that may have had an influence.

'Hunt' winner chosen by draw

Eunice Frnka was the winner in the second week of the Lions Club sesquicentennial Treasure Hunt. She was one of six people who submitted the "White House" as the name of the place suggested by last week's clues: I gave information when requested (Once the location of Western Union); Heads of state visit at my command (The White House); People got picked up at my door step (Was Greyhound bus stop).

Here are the clues for this week: 1. 110 men worked on me. 2. The dream of two men. 3. The only one between San Antonio and Houston.

Remember to send your guess to the Headlight, P.O. Box 67, on a post card or a note card in person, by noon Monday. The weekly winner receives a sesquicentennial coin, and the final week four winner gets two coins.

Grain storage to be reopened

The Farmers and Altair grain storage facilities in Altair are being reopened by Nada Grain, according to an announcement last week. Storage will be available for milo and corn.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Korenek are operators of Nada Grain, and with the addition of the Altair storage now have the capacity to handle 340 carloads of grain. They may be contacted at 758-3233 or 758-3411.