

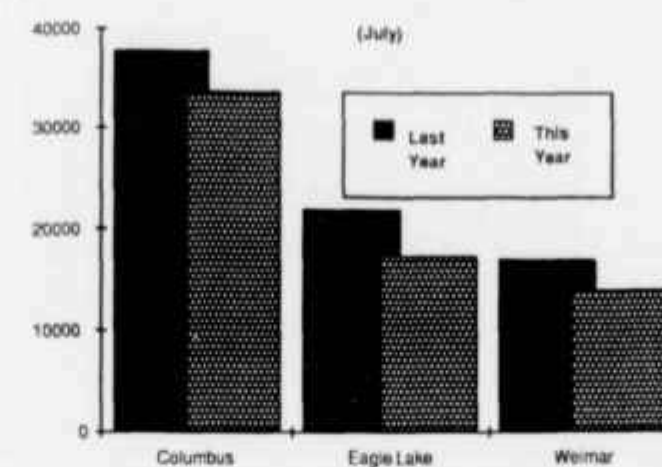
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History of Eagle Lake to be published

Harrison asks support from Chamber, other groups



Sales still on decline, tax receipts show

The city continues to receive less revenue from its one-cent share of the sales tax, according to June sales figures released this month by the state comptroller's office.

As the above chart shows, the cities in Colorado County also received lower rebates.

The report means that consumers and businesses continue to spend less money on taxable items.

In Eagle Lake, the decrease from \$17,490 received this month for June

Bill Harrison Sr., former president of the First National Bank and a man who holds a passionate interest in the history of our area, is taking action on another project to preserve the heritage that is Eagle Lake.

Monday he asked the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce to become a part of a project he would like to see completed in 1988.

At that time the City of Eagle Lake will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its official charter—its centennial year. Harrison would like to see it marked by the publication of a "yearbook" type hard-bound book on the 100 year history

of our community.

Much of the work has already been done, he told an abbreviated chamber board Monday meeting at the Snack Center. Many of the churches, civic organizations and businesses in town already have some type of history written about their activities. It would need only to be brought up to date, edited and published, Harrison himself has taken many photographs that would accompany the material.

The chamber voted unanimously to be one of the groups in town which would lend support, including financial contributions if necessary.

Weimar published its history

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Waterfowl forecast shows little improvement over 1985 bird count

Waterfowl hunters in Texas may be in for a tough 1986-87 season, judging from recent surveys in the northern U.S. and Canada.

"Overall duck populations hit an all-time low in surveyed areas during 1985," said Dale Witt, waterfowl program director for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Populations of both mallards and pintails hit record lows, and all key species were below the long-term average."

Nesting conditions improved in 1986, but Witt said this apparently will allow only a partial recovery of populations which remain well below the 30-year average. "Many areas of prime importance to ducks in North America have not recovered from recent drought conditions, and negative impacts of agricultural activities continue," Witt said.

This year's fall flight forecast of about 23 million ducks for the Central Flyway is the second lowest on record, he said. The mallard index of 11.5 million is an improvement from last year, but still below average and is indicative of the depressed levels of mallard populations during the 1980s, he added.

Geese, which have maintained more stable populations than ducks in the Central Flyway during the past several years, also are expected to have reduced numbers this fall. White-fronted geese are expected to be comparable to 1985, but reductions are expected in numbers of Canada and lesser snow geese, according to Witt.



The Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed Shinder Appliance and TV Center into the business community Monday after their monthly meeting. Jon Lou and Phillip Shinder (and Hollis), left opened the store in their building on Hwy. 90-A east to market RCA video equipment and Magic Chef appliances. Welcoming them are chamber president Becky Anderson, treasurer Cindy Gohike, and secretary Doris Thomas.

Court accepts Thomas Insurance bid; discusses '86 tax rate increase

The effect of property devaluation on taxes Colorado Counties pay to support county government was a major discussion point when county commissioners met last week.

There were several other agenda items covered, including the acceptance of the lone bid for malpractice and injury insurance for the county's six ambulances and all volunteer attendants.

The bid was from Doris Thomas of the W.M. Thomas Jr. Insurance Agency in Eagle Lake. The insurance will cost the county \$182,122, which is about \$500 more than last year. The county is self insured for liability insurance for other county activities, and obtains health insurance for employees and elected officials in a cooperative venture through the state association of counties.

In other business, commissioners accepted a \$1,000 check from an oil drilling operation that the county

claimed it was owed because of damages found on a county road. The county would not release a \$50,000 bond until it received the money.

A request by Colorado Valley Transit for \$2,000 in operating funds was denied on a unanimous vote. Commissioner Bill Stiles said the agency somewhat duplicates services offered by the Golden Age Center.

They also approved repair work at the courthouse. A truss in the attic needs strengthening, and underground drainage work will be done.

Taxable valuation decreases

As county residents already know, the decline in oil and gas values mean the rest of the tax payers will pay more to make up the difference.

The question of how much more is yet to be settled. Commissioners would have to raise the tax rate 14 percent if the budget for 1986 is to be equalled for 1987. County

Friday Raider football scrimmage open to all

The first scrimmage of the Fall football season is scheduled Friday at Raider Stadium on the RHIS campus. All three Raider teams will take on opponents from Houston Kincaid.

Coach Clifton Darden will be showing off a new offense as the team prepares to enter a new district that will include Sealy, Brookshire, Hempstead, Columbus and Belville. The team has been practicing for nearly two weeks and Darden said the players' attitude is tremendous. But, he added, the youngsters could use an improvement in enthusiasm.

"We're still making mental errors" with the new offense, Darden said, adding that is to be expected.

Comment sought on Lions' carnival

This year the Eagle Lake Lions Club parade and carnival will be held on Saturday, October 4. Since this is an event for everyone in the community to enjoy, and also one of the main club fund raisers, it is important to the club that as many people as possible attend.

To boost attendance and enthusiasm, club officers would like the public to mail any suggestions and/or complaints they may have which will make carnivals more fun, entertaining and eventful. Please write to: Eagle Lake Lions Club, P.O. Box 271, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434, attention John Rhodes. Your response will be greatly appreciated.

White Cloud Church garage sale

White Cloud Baptist Church is holding a gigantic garage sale this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 510 East C St. in Eagle Lake. It will begin at 8 a.m. each day.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the church's building fund. Rev. Obie Rhodes is the pastor.

Scouts want your signature

Time capsule to be buried on Municipal Square's west lawn

The Boy Scouts in the Eagle Lake area have embarked on another community project and this time they need your help.

This fall they hope to bury a Sesqui-centennial time capsule on the west lawn of the Municipal Building.

According to Verlin Argo, scoutmaster of Eagle Lake Troop 334, the capsule won't just contain memorabilia of today, it hopefully will have the signature of everyone in Eagle Lake.

To help it weather the years, Argo has been working with John Perry of Coastal Contracting. They plan on sealing the contents inside a 10 inch by 16 inch piece of plastic pipe. They

might even get a larger piece and put the smaller one inside the larger one.

To mark its position Larry Dulany, owner of Dulany Funeral Home and Dulany Monument Company has created a granite marker with a boy scout symbol on it. Also inscribed on it are the lines:

Troop 334 B.S.A.
1966—2036
Time Capsule—Eagle Lake
When this one is opened 50 years from now in the year 2036 Argo said many of the boys who are scouts now should be around for the ceremonies.

Those who open it will find a copy of the King James version of the Bible because many of the boys today have a

religious background. Of course they will include a copy of the Boy Scout Handbook.

Other items they are thinking about including are the copy of the troop's charter for 1966 (Boy Scout Troop charters are reissued each year); they will write a brief history of the troop's 34 years, and Argo, who has been scout master for 14 years, is asking each troop member to write a short essay about what scouting means to them.

They also plan to include some patches and have asked Carl Seabolt to take a group photograph to show people 50 years from now what they looked like "back then." Argo also is

asking the boys to take snapshots of the community so there will be a historical record of it.

Signature book needed

Scoutmaster Argo said the troop is looking for a suitable register book or scroll device that can be used to record the names of everyone living in town. It would have to be good enough to last the 50 years, he said.

They will set up a table downtown so community members can stop by and sign up. That way there will be a list of residents for future reference.

In addition they are asking the churches for a list of members and for copies of their Sunday bulletins.

Argo is writing an essay on Boy Scouting and where it might be headed into the future. He plans to include in the capsule a current copy of The Headlight, and a proclamation from the city government.

Verlin got the idea from his bowling pals last February. One of the men he rides to the bowling alley with, middle school principal Charles Abel, was talking one evening about the time capsule now buried on the lawn of the Middle School and Argo thought that would be a good idea for the community.

With the community's help, Argo hopes it will provide the next generation a look into the past.

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