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## Three seats up for grabs in April 4 city election

The annual Eagle Lake city election will be held April 4 this year. With a change in state law, the 1988 election must be moved into mid-January next year, or be held in May, August or November, city Manager Robert Klockman said Monday.

At this year's election, voters will fill the seats now held by councilmen Alvin Kohlfelt, Mike Duarte and Joe Duncan. Those men

did not say Tuesday night whether they would seek re-election.

Candidates can begin filing for the council seats next Monday, January 19. Filing closes Feb. 19. Absentee voting begins March 16, and April 4 is the traditional election day.

Klockman said the 1988 election day change was made when the state created the Super Tuesday presidential election to begin that year.

## Rebirth of Colleyville area proposed

A 22-year-old Houstonian talked to Eagle Lake city council Tuesday night about rebuilding the "homes" along Colleyville street, which he said he has purchased.

Charles Fuller said that starting perhaps as early as April, he would like to clean the brush and jungle overgrowth out of the property, and perhaps within two years plans to have the 16 homes rebuilt using their concrete pads and block shells.

Fuller said he is trustee for the property, which he said is owned by his week-old daughter, Shelly. He asked council if it would be OK to rename the street Fuller Street.

He also said he hoped the city could provide some help in having

the brush hauled away, as well as hauling of construction trash created with old roofs and such are removed. His final request was about \$3,800 in back taxes owed on the property.

Fuller said his purchase of the property was not through a title company, and he did not know the taxes were due. He said he would rather spend the money making the property an "asset" to "be community again, rather than, on back taxes. The money owed is for city, county and school taxes. Only about \$700 in city taxes.

Councilman Joe Duncan said answers could not be given that night. Mayor Powers agreed and appointed a committee of himself, Alvin Kohlfelt, Mike Duarte and Klockman to discuss the property.

If Fuller completes the project, he said, the homes could be rented to elderly or young couples. He said that until a few minutes before Tuesday night's meeting he planned to make them available for elderly housing, however, Klockman informed him of the 35 units available at Kevin Courts. Fuller said he thought the neighborhood was too good to make the homes available for low-income housing.

He also said he has made a verbal agreement to purchase the property of John and Georgia McKee. Their mobile home sits on an old tennis court. Fuller says could be re-established.

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## School Board...

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fund is a continuation of that topic. On a motion by Bill Heffer with a second by John Thomas, it was agreed that keeping an amount equal to 25 percent of the annual budget was proper for the Rice district. The current budget is \$4.8 million, meaning a reserve fund of \$1.2 million is sufficient. That is about the amount the district had on hand at the start of this school year last September.

District business manager Elizabeth King said that as of Dec. 31, tax collections for the district was way below last year; she added that many people and corporations wait until January 31 to pay the tax. As of Feb. 1, unpaid taxes increase by a seven percent penalty. By the end of 1986, district taxpayers had paid \$459,093 in taxes, while at the end of 1985 the amount was \$534,037.

The consideration of meals for those participating in extra-curricular activities came to approval of a motion that allows the district to pay for one meal for the high school hand during the year. Twice during the year, the hand travels out of town for all-day events. The district will pay for a meal for one of those events and the other will be paid for by the student.

The board also set February 2 as the date for its next workshop session. It will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Garwood School. The topic will be continuation of discussion of the topic of the last such meeting — relationships in the district.

## ELMS teams take two championships

It was another exciting weekend of basketball at the annual Eagle Lake Middle School tournament last week. The teams from Eagle Lake fared well as the 8th grade boys and the 7th grade girls came away with championship trophies in their divisions.

Also, the 8th grade girls and the 7th grade boys won third place.

In their first game of the tournament, the 8th grade girls lost a heart-stopper. In the final few seconds their opponents, the Columbus Cardinals, came back to tie the game at 24-24. In a three-minute overtime period, the Columbus girls won 26-25. Scoring for ELMS were Tricia Thomas, 8 points; Jackie Dromgoole, 4 points; Cassandra Edwards and Rita Kaye Rhodes, three points each; Bridgette Smith and Laticia Johnson, two points each, and Krista Miller, one point.

In their second game, Coach Tammi McNeal's charges beat St. Phillips 18 to 8 for third place. Scoring for ELMS were Tricia, Jackie, Rita Kaye and Cassandra, all with four points each, and Krista

with two points. Other players are Tracie Morales, Dee Earls, Latisha Howard, Patricia Martinez, Janice Johnson and Natalie Cordova.

The 7th grade girls really whipped up on Columbus on their way to winning first place in their division. They topped the Cardinals 7th grade 22 to 4. Columbus scored the first two points of the game, but by half-time the score was 10-2. Eagle Lake. Scoring for Eagle Lake were Dee Dee Valdez, 12 points; Michelle Owens, four points, and Melissa Guthmann, Lisa Dromgoole and Bonnie Benge each scored two. There was a lot of good playing, and rebounding were Melissa, Lisa, Michelle, Bonnie and Trudy Richter. Other players are Mary Martinez, Shanna Brunner, Paul Ferguson, Patricia Lares, Laura Rodriguez and Mystie Midkiff.

In the eighth grade girls division, Columbus topped Needville 27-25 to win first place. In the 7th grade division Columbus beat St. Phillips 20 to 6 to take third place.

The 8th grade boys in their first game topped Columbus 40-20, then

went on to beat Needville 44-31. Columbus took third place with a 35-27 win over Needville.

In the seventh grade boys division, ELMS lost its first game to Columbus 37-35, then beat Needville 20-13 for third place. Katy's 7th grade beat Columbus 48-25 to take third in that division.

"There were good crowds throughout the tournament and we would like to thank all the people who came out and watched the games, as well as the teams that participated," Coach Dennis Jackson said. "We also would like to give special thanks to all the people that helped us run our tournament and make it a success," he said.

The Eagle Lake teams were back in action on January 12, with the Boys traveling to Sealy and the girls playing at home, hosting the tigers.

In the 8th grade boys first game, Marsha Norris hit for 18 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. Kevin Williams scored 17. Jose Gonzales scored one and Patrick Powers hit for 18 points, and pulled down 16 rebounds. Williams and Diggins each scored 10, with Diggins credited with 14 rebounds.

For the 7th grade boys, Jesse Scott scored 12 points with 8 rebounds. Sammy Chavis and Merrill Tillman hit for 8 points each, with Chavis the high rebounder with 11, while Tillman was second with nine. Adrian Fanow had 3 points and 2 rebounds; O'Neil

### All Tournament Team

This year the tournament directors decided to select all-tournament teams in each division, and reward these players with a medal for their efforts. Selections are:

7th grade boys: Jesse Scott, ELMS; Dethon Hagrove, Columbus; Trey Finley, Needville, and Brian Everett and Collins Day, Katy.

7th grade girls: Bonnie Benge and Melissa Guthmann, ELMS; Heather Carnes, Needville; Kathy Morgan, Columbus, and Christy Baird, St. Phillips.

8th grade boys: Marsha Norris and Kevin Williams, ELMS; Todd Barten, Columbus; Kyle Harwell, Needville, and Kyle Duhka, Katy.

8th grade girls: Tricia Thomas, ELMS; Tammy Hooker and Tamara Reiger, Needville, and Jeanne Storis and Kristina Hill, Columbus.

## OOPS...

Boy's district play opens THIS Friday

District basketball play for the Rice High School boys team opens this Friday, not last Friday as indicated incorrectly in last week's Headlight.

The Raiders will host the Columbus Cardinal freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams, with games starting at 5 p.m. The Brookshire Royal basketball team will host Bellville, and Sealy faces Hempstead.

## Annual FFA show, sale January 24

The Rice FFA chapter will hold their annual FFA Show and Sale on Saturday, Jan. 24 at the Rice FFA show barn. This year the show will consist of 26 steers and 36 hogs. The steer judging will begin at 8 a.m.

The judging for the FFA Trailrides, sweetheart will be conducted immediately following the judging of the steers. The judging will follow the presentation of the Trailrides sweetheart. The awards and trophies will be presented at the conclusion of the hog judging, between 10:30 and 11 a.m.

At noon, there will be a barbecue dinner served in the Rice High School Commons for \$4 per plate. The livestock sale will begin at 1 p.m. The steers will have a 1,050 lb. weight limit. Any steer that weighs over 1050 lbs. will be able to show and can be sold but will only be paid on 1050 lbs.

The Rice FFA chapter is asking everyone to come out and support the annual FFA Show and Sale. If you do not wish to purchase an animal but would like to contribute to the sale, you may donate money to the United Buyers, which will purchase animals at the sale. Anyone interested in joining or contributing to the United Buyers should send their checks (payable to Rice High School) to Fred Grahmann, P.O. Drawer 338, Altair, or leave them with Carol Ripper at the First National Bank. For further information, call Fred at 234-3553.

## Rice 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams beat Sealy

Eagle Lake Middle School's seventh and eighth grade girls' basketball teams beat Sealy last Monday with all the girls getting a chance to play.

The seventh grade girls defeated Sealy 24-23. Team members scoring points were Bonnie Benge 14 points, Dee Dee Valdez 11, Lisa Dromgoole 4, Melissa Guthmann 2, Michele Owens 2, and Shanna Brunner 1.

The eighth grade girls beat Sealy 30-11. Those scoring points were Rita Kay Rhodes 13, Tricia Thomas 5, Cassandra Edwards 4, Dee Earls 4, Bridgette Smith 2, and Janis Johnson 2.

The seventh and eighth grade girls will play Brookshire-Royal Monday night at Brookshire.

## Rice varsity girls win first 2 district games

The varsity girls' team standings in district play is 2-0 after they beat Sealy 87-52 Tuesday night, Jan. 6 and Brookshire-Royal 54-46 Friday night, Jan. 9.

Highest scorers in Tuesday night's game were Sheryl McGrew 37 points and Lakeshia Jackson 22 points. Coach Dolly Johnson also awards those who give their best performance during a game and winners of "Miss Defender" went to Marsha McTear and Yolanda Diggins. "Super Sub" Monrovia Carter; "Miss Assist" leader, Marsha McTear; "Miss Freethrow" shooter, Carrie Perry.

Other team members who played were: Traci Klein, Marcie Kutzer and Yolanda Diggins.

In Friday night's game against Royal, high scorers were Lakeshia Jackson 27 points, Sheryl McGrew 14 points and Yolanda Stevens 9 points. "Miss Defense" and "Miss Assist" leader went to Marsha McTear with Sheryl McGrew being named "Miss Freethrow" shooter. Other team members who played were Monrovia Carter, Traci Klein, Carrie Perry and Yolanda Diggins.

The varsity girls will host Columbus Friday night, Jan. 16.

## Commissioners...

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Crane at (409) 732-2604 and voice their opinion.

•Elected Leosin as pro tem of the court in the event Crane would be unable to serve in his capacity.

•Authorized to advertise for the abandonment of part of old Calhoun Road at McCrery, Seaholm and Everett properties.

•Considered the auditor's report and reflected the number of calls made by the Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

A Grievance Committee was formed with Cherry Cornan, Leonard Stech and John Matthews being named and Frank Parks and Allen Cassidy were listed as alternates if any of the first three refuse to serve.

Mella Dee Rowe represented Combined Community Action to seek a \$519 donation from the court for the organization to take advantage of the \$1,154 made available by the Houston-Galveston Area Council. To use the funds, Rowe had to raise an equal amount from local organizations, government bodies or individuals.

The amount the commissioners would pay allows her to take advantage of all the funds made available to be used here in Colorado County.

Before commissioners adjourned, they set the tax rate money division between the precincts using road mileage to establish the formula of computation.

Each precinct will receive \$50,000 as base money with all other monies being divided as follows: Precinct 1 with 216.25 miles will receive 29.25 percent of funds; Precinct 2 with 169 miles will receive 23.31 percent; Precinct 3 with 205.5 miles will receive 28.34 percent; and Precinct 4 with 134.4 miles will receive 18.53 percent.

In the county clerk's office, Betty Sens was listed as chief deputy with assistants being Outil Meyer, Sammy Teague, Delores Ostrell and Bernadette Becker.

The Sheriff's Department called for the appointment of 10 deputies and the district clerk's office listed Bobby Elliott for approval as deputy.

The number of office deputies and employees and their salaries were fixed by the commissioners during Monday's meeting. The expense allowance for the sheriff's office, county agents, county nurse, commissioners, county judge and peace justices and constables while using personal automobiles in or out of the county and performing county-related duties.

The mileage rate was set at 22 cents per mile.

In other action, the court voted to retain membership in the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas.

Approved the transfer of funds to each of the four commissioners.

Sheriff Broussard supported in letters

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Letters to the Editor

# Eagle Lake Headlight



Employee of the year

Blanche Reid of Lake Motors, Inc., was named the 1986 Employee of the Year at Tuesday night's annual Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce banquet. Becky Anderson, right, the immediate past president of the chamber, made the presentation. The other finalists for this year's award were Connie Gertson of Laker Printing; Cindy Fink of Don Bendy's legal office, and Tony Janish of Lake Lumber. Mrs. Anderson presented her remarks as outgoing chamber president. She also gave special certificates of appreciation to Don Bendy who served as membership chairman last year and was instrumental for the chamber's growth to 168 members; to Cindy Gohke for service as treasurer and last year's barbecue chairman; to Doris Thomas for service as secretary for the past two years and for volunteering for activity "above and beyond normal duties," and to Jeff Frnka for creating and over-seeing the

S.E.L.F. program. Mrs. Anderson noted that the \$100 given to Wilcox Minimax as the store where the \$1,000 S.E.L.F. registration slip was deposited, was donated back to the chamber. Denise Sanders was introduced as the \$1,000 winner. Remarks from Tom Reid, president for 1987, included a second presentation to Mrs. Thomas. Robert Wilcox served as master of ceremonies, and special music was offered by Jerol and Tammy Higgins. Main speaker for the evening was Nat Eisenberg, who noted that while the Houston area is in a deep slump, much of the remainder of the country is riding a crest of success. He said that business goes in cycles, so those enjoying success will see a decline, while this area eventually will rebound. He predicted that any rebound would not be a boom of the 1970's but more a gradual increase.

## Five from Rice district in Houston art competition

The art-dominating Rice school district students are in the midst of Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo as five local students were named top winners in their district during last Saturday's judging at Rice High School.

Three of Sandra Benge's RHS students were named top winners, along with a student of ELMS' Lois Raabe, and Garwood's Jane Wiese.

The division winners are Kara Bennett, age 6, of Altair, a Garwood School first grader, with a piece of art titled, "Hay Barn"; Rick Cash, 14, of Eagle Lake, an ELMS 8th grader his art titled, "The Western Wear"; and Brian Hyek 17, of Nada, a RHS senior with art titled "Standing with Pride."

Gold Medal winners, which can be chosen from the elementary, junior high or senior high divisions, are Rice High School students Lesley Matthews, 17, a senior, and Delores Sono, also a senior.

In past Houston shows, Rice district students have done very well, often bringing home the top one or two awards. The five winners named Saturday will be in this Spring's Houston judging.

Saturday's judging at Rice was held in the FFA Show Barn, rather than in the RHS library as it has been in the past. The move was to put the western art in more of a western setting. The barn was full of art from students across the district as the out of town judges made their choices. A fair-sized crowd milled through the barn during the morning, showing patrons of the district do have an interest in what students are doing.

There were 11 finalists in the senior high competition. Those students and their art titles are: Marla Thomas, "Value"; Dean Faichtinger, "Chicken Family Meeting"; Willis J. Johnson, "The Cow"; Melva Henshull, "A Day at the Show"; Lisa Driik, "I'll Never Tell"; Chris Gundlach, "The Wild Bunch"; Kelley Jarvis, "1887"; Carol Korenek, "Horse Calls"; Kevin Gens, "Lonely Rider"; Suzanne Cornan, "An Aggie Classic"; and Kelli Lanier, "Best of Friends."



The Rice High School FFA barn was filled with art last Saturday as Rice district students began their competition for Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo art awards. Right, holding the elementary winner is Cheryl Cornan. The drawing is by Kara Bennett of the Garwood School. Lois Raabe, art instructor at ELMS holds the junior high division winner drawn by Rick Cash.

## LCRA adding one to Lakeside staff to focus on water efficiency

Farm irrigation conservation award considered here; County water council elects Christenberry

Park Christenberry of Garwood was elected chairman of the Colorado County Water Council, a group formed a year or so ago at the request of the Lower Colorado River Authority to provide public comment on water issues.

Christenberry's election came last Wednesday night when the group was called together at the courthouse in Columbus by county judge Lester Crane. The group needed to replace the original chairman, Danny Hill who resigned, and to decide its future course.

While touching on local issues, the eight council members at the meeting also heard an update on what the LCRA is doing to create a water conservation program.

Those at the meeting in addition to Crane and Christenberry, were Stephen Sebasta of Alleyton; Crockett Leyendecker of Columbus; Thomas Hudec of Weimar; John Feuring of Eagle Lake; George Porefoy of Columbus; Harvey Vorsand of Weimar, and L.G. Foster.

The council will meet again February 11 at 7 p.m. in Columbus, at a location to be announced. It was suggested they meet at a restaurant for a more informal setting. Christenberry suggested the council program center on tape recordings of

the hearing before the Texas Water Commission in which Austin pleaded its case seeking to corner the market on water stored in the LCRA's Highland Lakes reservoirs.

The public is welcome at all county water council meetings.

The program speaker last Wednesday night was Mike Personett who was hired several months ago by the LCRA to be the first manager of the authority's water efficiency program.

While talk of future water shortages has been bandied about along this part of the Colorado River for a decade or two, Personett outlined what the future might hold, whether there is a shortage or not. In his statements, he noted that residents along the lower Colorado need to protect their interests by showing their concern for water control.

That will send a message to those who have the responsibility to issue water rights when — not if — there is a move to devote available river water to upstream users.

People in this area need to show they use water responsibly, so they can make good arguments when cases like Austin's crop up in the future. The idea is to quantify water use downstream from Austin, and prove it is being used efficiently, so

the limited future supply is not decreased for Colorado County's (and other downstream) agricultural industry.

"We need to educate our people on why it is so important to conserve water... before someone takes it away from us," judge Crane said, adding, "other people are eying our supply."

New Lakeside staff  
Personett said LCRA has begun advertising for a person to be hired for an agricultural water efficiency program. That person will offer direct technical assistance to farmers in the three lower counties, making use of information available from reach sources. The new staff member also will begin to take up the slack created by the cuts in federal programs. The Bonsum research facility has been cut by two thirds, Personett said, and he said the Soil Conservation Service also has been cut.

The LCRA also is developing a farm irrigation conservation program for the Lakeside and Matagorda water divisions, modeled after the program started by Bill Lehrer's Garwood Irrigation Co. last year. It will include cash awards. Personett said the focus of the program isn't to recognize farmers just with cash awards, but to publicly recognize those who use water efficiently, and to move forward with research information.

For instance, he cited a study that shows rice that has been over-watered — which can happen when farmers flood fields to water rice growing on levees — has a lower yield than rice in fields where water levels (and thus use) is lower.

Municipal and personal use  
Personett also outlined the program the authority is planning designed to help city water customers, and private users, improve water use efficiency. He kept using the term efficiency rather than conservation, saying that the latter term denotes a negative connotation. One perception of conservation, he said, was that the seller was using it to justify a rate increase.

The LCRA apparently plans to provide technical assistance to municipalities on control of water in their systems, and increasing water efficiency in private homes and buildings through public promotion and education. For instance, a washing machine used to use more than 50 gallons of water per cycle, but a more efficient machine is available that uses only 27 gallons. Also, a regular toilet might use five to seven gallons per flush, but more efficient ones now use as little as one gallon. Putting less water into a waste-water system also makes a waste treatment plant more efficient, since the largest job such a plant has is separating water from the waste that needs to be treated, he said.

Overall, he said the LCRA probably is moving into the business of water and waste water treatment facilities.

## Incumbents file for re-election

Two of the three current Eagle Lake city councilmen have filed for re-election in the municipal election scheduled April 4.

Papers filed at city hall show that one-term councilman Joe Duncan signed up Monday, and veteran councilman Mike Duarte signed up Tuesday.

The seat held by long-time councilman Alvin Kohlfelt also will be on the ballot this year. Kohlfelt has not yet filed for re-election.

Prospective candidates have until February 18 to sign up for the election.

## newsbriefs

### Police solve four burglaries

Four burglaries in the Eagle Lake area last month were solved Tuesday when Eagle Lake police chief Ben Johnson arrested an Eagle Lake man.

Charged with two counts of burglary of a habitation and two counts of burglary of a building is Joseph Daniel Gonzales, 21, of Eagle Lake. Chief Johnson said stolen property was recovered.

The burglaries Gonzales was charged with were at the home of Gayle Gertson, where some guns were taken Dec. 30; burglary of the Darrell Gertson residence; burglary of S&W Parts on Dec. 21, and the burglary of the Winermann Warehouse on Dec. 1.

Gonzales was to be transferred Wednesday to the Colorado County Jail in Columbus on warrants issued by justice of the peace Mary Lou Symanski.

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