

Commissioners accept paving bid

The Colorado County Commissioners had to do a double-take when they heard Eilers Construction Company's bid of one penny per cubic yard for spreading rock on road surfaces; the second lowest bid was \$2.50.

But, as Charles Eilers explained, "the Schulenburg company was just trying to save itself some trouble. We didn't want to mess with counting the aggregate," he said.

The bid was also the lowest for the other two items specified. Eilers' Bid for MC-30 prime oil was \$6.93 per gallon, compared to J. W. Fatinek's second-lowest bid of \$7.70. AC-5 asphalt was \$5.84 from Eilers, compared to \$6.11 from Fatinek. Fatinek also had the \$2.50 bid for spreading the rock.

The specifications had called for bids in three increments: the materials used were the same. All five bidders stayed with their price for Precinct 1 throughout their proposals.

Upon convincing themselves that the bids were comparable, the commissioners opted for Eilers. The county also pocketed \$11,026.68 Monday after selling a small piece of property that had just recently been identified as county land.

The 7.16-acre area near Cheatham was sold to Mbank of Houston to link two large sections of property that everyone had thought was one tract.

But the bank found that the county owned a right-of-way through the property, in anticipation of a road that had never been built. Even though the county had made no developments on the land, the rights stood until they were sold Monday.

Judge Lester Crane had also scheduled a meeting with engineers of the three phone companies that provide area service in order to find

ways to eliminate accidental disruptions of phone cables. He also wanted to establish a system for assigning liability, should county workers accidentally disturb these lines.

Crane explained that, before he came onto the court, installation of the lines was rather haphazard, with each commissioner pretty much making his own rules. This inconsistency was made worse by the fact that the phone companies often subcontracted the cable laying; and some of the workers were less than conscientious.

Colorado County now has a comprehensive policy regarding lines and pipe installations. And Crane says it seems to be working well. But those installations completed before the new policy was enacted are still causing some problems.

The only real conflicts, Crane said, have come from Southwestern Bell. Whose engineer could not be present. Some cables have been cut in the course of county work. And the county has been billed for some of these repairs.

These accidents have occurred in spite of attempts by the county to locate the lines. The problem is that the phone company can't know how deep the lines are, if it didn't install them.

Both representatives of Industry Telephone Co. and GTE were present, and expressed their willingness to cooperate with the county. The companies said they have fairly accurate depth finders that could help the county pinpoint locations before they are done.

The Southwestern Bell representative will be placed on the next agenda.

A local family came before the court looking for some answers as to what they can do with their land, now that the city has abandoned the road that runs through.

Victor Wanjura, his son David, and daughter-in-law Linda wanted to know what obligations they had to a family whose only access to their own property was through the Wanjura land. Linda Wanjura said her family wanted a gap to prevent livestock from wandering off. But she wanted to be sure the county wouldn't reopen the road at some later date.

County Attorney Edward Woolley-Price said that, unless the other family had some verbal or written commitment from the Wanjuras, the latter family could pretty much do as it pleased. But he recommended that the Wanjuras consult an attorney.

The road in question lies in the Osage area, and has not been maintained by the county for more than 22 years. The law states that, after such a period, easement roads revert to the original landowner(s).

The commissioners seemed sympathetic to a request from the Department of Public Safety. They agreed to buy a pair of walkie-talkies so they can communicate with each other and the base while inspecting trucks.

But the officers had not really

St. Mary's PTC met April 21, elect officers for new year

The St. Mary's PTC held their regular monthly meeting April 21 in the school library. It was called to order by the president, The opening prayer and pledge to the flag was led by Bea Schoellmann. The treasurer gave her report. Bills were presented. A motion was made to pay these bills and it was seconded. Motion carried. The next pick-up will be attendance prize with eighth grade winning second. The committees gave their reports.

Old business: Cathy Leopold is going to call the umpires for field day. Field Day Committees gave

their reports. We will clean school Friday, April 24 at 2:30. The Nada girls baseball team will play Columbus at 4:30 in Nada. Drinks will be sold. Nada's boys and girls baseball teams will go to Victoria on May 3 for a tournament. There was a big turn out at the Nada Easter Egg Hunt. There were 154 pounds of cans collected on the first month collection. The next pick-up will be May 8 and 9. The end of the year school party will be at Silver Wings in El Campo. There will be a charge of \$5 per student.

New Business: Fish Fry tickets need to be sold and the money needs to be turned in by Wednesday May 6. On May 19 the 5-8 grades will play their field trip to the Sugar Factory in Sugarland. Grades 1-4 will go to the Isacon Carrio in El Campo.

The new officers for the school year 1987-88 will be as follows: president-Grace Korenek; vice president-Linda Swoboda; secretary-Julie Atkins; treasurer-Connie Crane.

Teachers then gave their reports. Mrs. Schoellmann said progress reports will be handed out Tuesday April 28. Registration will be April

28 at 8:30-11:30 and 5:30-6:30. Campbell soup labels are still needed. Sandra Havar said she could order us Christmas cards to sell this year. We have to order at least 36 boxes. Mary Ann Gold made a motion we order these cards and it was seconded by Connie Crane. Motion carried.

With no further business, Linda Swoboda made a motion the meeting close. It was seconded by Carol Drlik. Motion carried. Our next meeting will be May 19 at 3:30. The closing prayer was led by Mrs. Schoellmann.

Jan Carson, Channel 2 TV newscaster, was the speaker for the annual Study Club Luncheon last Friday at the Community Center. Her topic was on how television treats women. She also spoke on Eagle Lake as being the "Goose Hunting Capital of the World," on the many alligators in the lake and jokingly mentioned that Eagle Lake must be the "Train Capital" as three trains had come through town within an hour's time. A complete story will be published in next week's paper.

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City looking at present with eye toward future

Saturday workshop delves into operating problems, solutions

Eagle Lake city councilmen and department heads took a chapter from big business Saturday to take a look into the municipality's present and future operating needs.

They spent nine hours around a table at the Sportsman Catering and Entertainment Center on FM 102 reviewing operations as detailed by department heads and city advisors. Included in the session were mayor Larry Powers; councilmen Vic Corman, Mike Duarte, Larry Dulaney and Joe Duncan; city manager Robert Klockman; city secretary Lucille Perry; public works director Harry Supak; police chief Ben Johnson; engineer Gary Stob; consultant Randy Hankamer; CPA Pierce Arthur who does the city's financial audits; and city advisors Dave Fetzner and Pete Fisher. Later in the afternoon they were joined by Paulette Klockman representing

Revitalize Eagle Lake, and Bill Harrison Jr. and Tom Reed representing the Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation.

Stob was there to discuss the city sewer plant and its operational problems. One is that during rainy weather, the sewer plant flow rate greatly increases, because the rain water infiltrates into the sanitary sewer plant. That decreases the efficiency of the plant. In effect, the fresh water washes out the bacteria that makes the plant function. He also said there were sludge handling problems that need to be addressed in the future. Klockman said the city is looking at using the outflow from the plant to water the recreation center golf course. They also discussed future regulations that may require the city to run the plant even more efficiently.

Duncan said it appears the plant will be a problem well into the future. Stob agreed and suggested that temporary "fixes" were not the answer.

In discussing financial matters, Arthur, who has audited the city's books since 1971, said the city continues to be in good financial condition. He said he prepares the audit so council can see how the city's cost of doing business compares with a for-profit business. For instance, bookkeeping for utility expenses should be matched with the revenues they produce to see whether rates are covering expenses.

The Houston financial consultants discussed bonding capacity, and noted that the city is in excellent shape because of the low indebtedness. Should there be a need, the city has the ability to issue many more bonds to raise revenues.

In the afternoon, Harry Supak in a serious mixed-with-humor tone, read to council his description of a day in the life of a public works director. It pointed out that the 15 people in that department are busy, and keep things going. One of the larger problems his department faces is that people call the city when they have a plumbing problem, and most of the time the problem is with the city's pipes, not city pipes. They should call a plumber rather than the city, he said.

Supak said the department could use two pickups. One pick up now in use is a 1964 model.

Klockman said the state grant for installing fluoride treatment has been made available and the equipment should be installed this summer.

In the police department, chief Johnson was lauded for the work of the department since he has been here. Ben passed the credit to the

department staff. There was discussion about the crime rate in Eagle Lake, which according to statistics is more than Weimar, Columbus and the county combined.

He also discussed the working hours of the new officers expected to be hired soon. That person will work from noon to 8 p.m. three days a week, then 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Johnson also said that crime prevention programs, and drug awareness programs are items that should be elevated in importance. Last year about 50 percent of the items stolen were recovered. If a burglary can be prevented, that means nothing will be lost, he pointed out.

The chief also said the volunteer assistance to the department in helping people apply for the state crime victim's reimbursement program is working very well. One person was helped to apply, and received a \$2,800 grant from the state.

Johnson also asked council to consider installing a repeater radio system. That would allow officers to communicate with the dispatcher by using only their hand held radio units. Johnson said the department also is working on enforcement of the junk vehicle ordinance.

City secretary Lucille Perry outlined the duties she and Sylvia Rucka have in the office. It was apparent to council that a third person is needed in the municipal offices to serve as a receptionist and secretarial staff member. As it stands now, there is no time for the two women to learn each others responsibilities. Thus if payroll needs to be completed and Lucille is not available, the checks don't get written.

Prairie Edge Museum Notes

At our latest board meeting we voted to keep the museum open from 3 to 6 p.m. on Fridays during the summer months. These hours should help to accommodate people who may be traveling through Eagle Lake on Fridays on their way to summer camps and other places. Response regarding people signing up to stay at the museum during these hours has been good. Call Ethel Cone if you would like to have your name on the list. Her telephone number is 234-3064.

Loved ones of the late Annie Margaret White have been very generous in loaning a number of interesting items to the museum. I wrote about a school slate this past week. Now we have, among other things to display, an old palmetto hand fan with the following message on it: "Compliments of Calvert Drug Co. Phone One Eagle Lake, Texas." Mr. Calvert really had a talent for writing clever ads. The fan evidently was much used, since the edge has been nearly bound in cloth. Other items are baby clothes (probably made by Annie Margaret), fold-up fans, and a "friendship" poem in which are very "touching" books written by one friend to another. These will be on display, so be sure to see them.

Lawrence and Willie Maye Tate of El Campo continue to be loyal boosters of Prairie Edge. One of their old clocks on loan to the museum is one of our most beautiful exhibits. Saturday they brought three very interesting items to loan. These are a crockery charm, together with the necessary cover and wooden dasher. I will remember churning with one of these. If I preferred playing instead of churning, I really "made that dasher go." They brought us the prettiest butter mold that I have ever seen. It is made of heavy clear glass and has a wooden handle and attached to this is a piece of flat heavy glass with the imprint of a cow on it. This imprint, of course, would appear on the top of the molded butter. Along with the mold is a butter paddle used to remove whey from the butter before it was placed in the mold. How times have changed!

Our three newly-filled display cases are really attractive due to the work of Rolling Baker, Bill Harrison Sr. and Bill Wilson. People continue to ask to see certain E.L.H.S. annuals that we have. These yearbooks certainly prove to be valuable sources of the history of our community.

A hearty welcome awaits the pupils and teachers of St. Mary's School in Nada and the others who accompanied them. They are due to begin a tour of the museum this Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Regular museum hours are 2-5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Call Bill Harrison Sr. at 234-2662 or Elizabeth Boote at 234-3361 if you wish to arrange for a special tour.

Elizabeth Boote, reporter

VFW Ladies Auxiliary donates to area clubs

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary of the Rice Area Emergency Post #783 recently presented donations to area organizations.

Clubs receiving \$100 checks were Eagle Lake Little League, Eagle

Lake Unit of the Colorado County Volunteer Emergency Post #783, Corps, Boy Scouts Troop 338, Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers and Special Olympics. The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department was the recipient of a \$200 donation.

Heritage House honored all mother residents last Friday afternoon with a Mother's Day tea and awards presentation and each honoree was presented with an orchid corsage.

We had three special categories in which a mother won a bouquet of red roses in each category. They were: youngest mother, Rosie Williams; oldest mother, Mary Glaister, and mother with the most children, a tie between Eric Jefferson and Elizabeth Walker. They were thrilled to receive this special award in honor of Mother's Day.

Refreshments of an assortment of cookies, tea and coffee were served to a large number of residents and family members.

A special thank you to the staff of Heritage House for their help during this event, to Lake Crest Flower Shop for making the beautiful corsages (48 of them) and to the administrator Richard Luebke for giving the prayer at the beginning of the tea.

We hope all mothers had a wonderful day!

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Ludy Supak.

Four Heritage House residents and several staff members attended the annual Junior/Senior Games in Rosenberg this past Saturday at Terry High School with the team members coming home with plenty of medals. We certainly are proud of Evelyn Redmond, Emma Randolph, Caroline Hlavinka and Ray Harper. Entering six events each, Evelyn, Emma, Caroline and Ray each brought home a bronze medal, and Caroline receiving one gold medal with Ray winning two gold medals.

The games were quite unique this year and everyone enjoyed the day thoroughly and are looking forward to next year's games.

We want to give a big "thank you" to three special volunteers who also attended the games and assisting

Castillo and Eloisa Garcia. We are really thankful for such wonderful Effie Navarro, her sister Hortensia and helpful volunteers.

Heritage House winners, staff and volunteers had a great time at the Junior/Senior games which were held in Rosenberg.

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Another service available at Canaris Nursery is the "dressing" of plants for gifts. Pete is also in the fence building business and builds chainlink and wooden fences at reasonable prices.

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obituaries

Mrs. Paz Coronado

Mrs. Paz Coronado, 76, of Eagle Lake, died on Monday, May 11 at Joseph's Hospital in Houston following a lengthy illness. She was born on January 21, 1911 in Mathews, daughter of Alvino and Victoria Laon Garza. She had been a resident of the Eagle Lake area all of her life and was a member of the Catholic Church.

Kosary was recited at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12 from Dulany Funeral Home Chapel led by Mrs. Marcy Salinas. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 from Our Lady of Guadalupe

Catholic Church of Eagle Lake with Rev. Jesse Eusest officiating. Burial followed in Lakeside Cemetery of Eagle Lake.

Survivors include her widower, Sinaco Coronado of Eagle Lake; a daughter, Tomas Cordova of Rosenberg; five stepsons, Julian of Eagle Lake, Domingo, Asencian and John, all of Houston, and Paul of California; two sisters, Juana Gonzales of Columbus and Felipa Salazar of Houston; three brothers, Camillo Garza of Kenedy, Doroteo Garza of Houston and Pifanio Garza of Eagle Lake; 19

grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and loved ones.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Pearlee McGrew

Pearlee McGrew, 85, died on Monday, May 4. She was born on April 14, 1902 in Garwood, a daughter of Austin and Martha Nichols. She grew up and was educated in Garwood and was a member of South Point Baptist Church. She married Lundy McGrew.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 9 from South Point Baptist Church in Garwood under the direction of Mann's Funeral Home of Eagle Lake. Rev. James Johnson, pastor of South Point Baptist Church, officiated at the services. Burial followed in Williams Paradise.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lundy, and a son, Pete McGrew.

Survivors include an adopted son, John Hester Jr.; a sister, Anna Dancy, three brothers, Ernest, Ike and Oliver Nichols; four stepsons, Clifton, Cleo, Jack and Billy; a stepdaughter, Courten Crawford; step grandchildren; nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Her nephews and grandsons served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Ernest Nichols, Ike Nichols, Oliver Nichols and Jerry Dancy.

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