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1984	Chevy Pickup	\$6995.00
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1981	Cadillac Eldorado	\$6595.00
1981	Chevy Pickup	\$3995.00

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Asphaltic concrete recycling set in Colorado County

The rehabilitation of asphaltic concrete pavement on U.S. 90A in Colorado and Wharton Counties, and on FM 3013 in Colorado County was the subject of a pre-construction meeting held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 22 at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation office in Columbus.

Dean Word Company of New Braunfels was the low bidder on this project at \$419,027.72. The 19.8 mile contract involves recycling of asphaltic concrete surfacing on the following highways:

-U.S. 90A in Colorado County from 0.6 miles east of FM 3013 to Wharton County Line (East bound lane only); in Wharton County, from Colorado County Line to 1.3 miles west of S.H. 60 (East bound lane only).

-FM 3013 in Colorado County from 0.1 miles south of Austin County Line to Southern Pacific Railroad Crossing north of U.S. 90A (North bound lane only).

M.B. Bayless, resident engineer in charge of construction, said, "An asphaltic concrete recycling machine will remove and recycle the top 1-1 1/4 inch of existing asphaltic concrete surface will be placed in half-widths with no more than two miles of roadway under construction at any one time." Bayless continued, "Both travel lanes will remain open for use by the end of each work day. Motorists are urged to be alert for flagmen and to obey the posted traffic signs."

Work on this project, which has been allotted 60 working days for completion, is expected to begin in July 1987.

Eagle Lake Waterfowl Festival
September 18, 19, 20

Checkoff program

the actual assessment at the eight-cent maximum or anywhere below it. This assessment will replace the current three cents per hundredweight for the Rice Council and five cents for the Texas Rice Research Foundation. The proceeds would be used to develop, carry out and participate in production research programs to include disease, insect and predator control as well as

Interest expressed in purchasing Sealy hospital

A relaxation of insurance stipulations removed further obstacles to the sale of Brazos Valley Hospital, U.S. Congressman Mac Sweeney reported. Several hospital corporations have expressed interest in purchasing the Sealy hospital, closed since July 15, after its parent company, California based Westworld Community Health Care Inc., filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

A Memphis based health care company currently seeks investors to purchase the facility and another group based in Hawaii inspected the hospital last week. Sweeney said the determination of the value of Brazos Valley Hospital is necessary for the eventual resumption of operation of the medical facility. Via telephone on Wednesday, Sweeney received assurance from the Los Angeles based trustee overseeing Westworld's liquidation that an appraisal of Brazos Valley is underway at an accelerated pace.

A firm contracted to undertake the appraisal expects to tour the hospital early this week. The reopening of the hospital is "a procedural matter," Sweeney said, "the bankruptcy trustee wants the hospital sold."

The federally appointed trustee stated that once an acceptable offer is tendered, he can resolve the transfer of Brazos Valley to a permanent new owner within 40 days.

Texas hospital licensing officials report that issuing and operating license to a new hospital owner will receive top priority. However, recertifying this facility for Medicare treatment could take as long as 4 to 6 months.

Sweeney said the trustee seeks to maintain Brazos Valley's Intersect Substance Abuse Program, the outpatient program reportedly respon-

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treasurer of the Texas rice producers board within 60 days after the date of payment.

Passage of the referendum requires either two-thirds majority of those who vote in the election or a favorable vote by producers harvesting more than 50 percent of the state's rice crop.

Sealy hospital

able for the hospital turning a profit, but that continuing the program is not a requirement for purchase of the hospital.

Sweeney, a second term Republican, assigned a staff assistant fulltime to monitor the proceedings.

Meantime, Dr. Steve Smith reopened the Sealy Clinic next to Brazos Valley at "full capacity," he reported. With the clinic open, local residences will have an alternative to traveling out of town to the nearest hospital for emergency treatment.

"During working hours we can cover just about any major trauma," Dr. Smith said, "we will try and work something out after hours," said the physician, who himself was forced last Thursday to take his daughter to Kary for emergency treatment of a broken arm. Dr. Smith credited Sweeney's office for hastening the clinic's reopening.

Alligator tag issuance for county
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Raiders picked to top district football race again

As summer thoughts turn to the start of school and the football season, Rice High School head coach Clifton Darden and his athletes and coaches have a very positive note on which to start their season Sept. 4.

But, there also looms on the horizon a double-sided prediction that may challenge their rating.

On the one hand, the Rice Raiders

are picked as the "obvious favorite" to finish atop the district 23 Class 3A race.

On the other hand, "each of the six teams (in the district) has a legitimate chance in what could be the best district race in the state."

Those are quotes from Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine that hit the news stands last week.

The magazine is published by Hot Communications Inc. of Dallas and each year makes predictions about each high school football team in the state, as well as how the college and university teams in the state will finish.

The magazine claims each team in the district has playoff potential, and notes that last year's 9-1 finish by the

Sealy Tigers was not good enough. The Rice Raiders was the only team to keep the Tigers from having a perfect season.

For Rice, 14 starting lettermen return, including eight from the offensive team and six from the defensive side.

Elsewhere around the league, Sealy will have a tough job to replace its experienced linemen lost to graduation.

Polling place changed here;

Voters called to polls for election Saturday

Don't forget, Saturday is election day in Colorado County. Voters are to decide whether to decrease property taxes in exchange for an increase in sales taxes.

A change from the public notice published by the county concerns Eagle Lake area voters.

The Eagle Lake Municipal Building will be the polling place. The community center is not available that

day, the county learned after publishing the required election notice.

If approved, sales tax in the county will increase a half-cent. At the same time, county commissioners will have to estimate how much revenue that will bring in, and decrease the property tax rate accordingly.

If you haven't decided how to vote, there are two points being bandied about. One is that a sales tax is

unfair, because it hurts those who little financial means — those who can afford it the least. On the other hand, property owners can argue that those in that category also own no property, and escape much of the local tax burden. Therefore, property owners are inclined to be for the tax.

Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., you have the opportunity to decide.

Crack down on outstanding traffic tickets

On August 1, the Eagle Lake Police Department started a crack down of overdue traffic tickets. According to police chief Ben Johnson, a warrant officer will contact and arrest persons with overdue traffic warrants. There are some \$10,000 in outstanding warrants at this time and more are expected to be issued.

When a person is issued a citation, usually for a traffic violation, that person signs the citation as a promise to appear before the municipal judge. By law that person has at least ten days to contact the judge about the ticket. If that person fails to appear before the judge within the allotted time period, then that person is charged with a Class C Offense of Failure to Appear. The fine for failure to appear can be as much as \$200 plus the cost of the ticket.

If anyone has an outstanding traffic ticket and would rather not go to jail, call officer Jay Reeves at the Eagle Lake Police Department, 234-2727.

Our Lady of Guadalupe annual picnic Sunday

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will be holding their annual picnic this Sunday, August 9 at the air conditioned Andrew Hall in Eagle Lake.

A barbecue chicken meal with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and the meal can be enjoyed in the hall or there will be a buffet service available for go-plans. Tickets are still available at \$4 per plate.

Many amusements and games of all kinds will be available throughout the day. Some of the entertainment planned for the day include a cake walk, kiddie rides, ring toss, dart games, hair painting, country store and duck pond. There will be a booth with religious articles and Mexican items for sale. Food booths will also be numerous at the festival.

An auction is planned from 1:30 to 4 p.m. with bingo being planned at the same time. There will be music and contests provided during the day sponsored by Miller Lite. Live music will be provided from 5-6 p.m. with the Folkloric dancers performing from 6-7 p.m. The crowning of the 1987 queen and princess will be one of the highlights for the evening.

A fajita cookoff will test many "secret" recipes with judging being held at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in participating in the cookoff, look elsewhere in this issue of the Headlight for an entry form or contact Mike Duarte.

Rounding off the festivities will be the drawing for prizes at 8 p.m. The public is invited to come out and enjoy a fulfilled day with a friendly community and good food.



No splashing...no children playing water games...no sunbathers. This was scene last week at the pool after it closed Wednesday due to lack of funds.

Pool re-opens Thursday

A special city council meeting was called Tuesday night, August 4 requesting help to re-open the swimming pool. The community pool closed its doors last Wednesday, July 29 due to lack of funds.

After much discussion on the cost and ideas of what can be done, council voted to allow \$2,500 be taken from the park development fund to re-open the pool from August 5 until August 30. The pool will re-open to the public this Thursday, August 6

from 1 to 6 p.m.

Roy D. Van Nort, president of Revitalize Eagle Lake Inc., and John Matthews, treasurer, were in attendance to ask support from the city on keeping the pool open for the kids. Council members were given an expenditure list of what it would cost to re-open the swimming pool from August 5-30, 1987 while Van Nort explained the pool closed July 29 due to the depletion of funds. Even though the pool fund received donations from

the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club, Eagle Lake Rotary Club, MAYC, Knights of Columbus Council #4843, city of Eagle Lake and private individuals, it just wasn't enough to keep the pool running daily until school started in September. One of the major

newsbriefs

Greater Mt. Olive church program Sunday

A pre-annual Sunday School program at Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church this Sunday, August 9 at 3 p.m. Rev. R. Kiser, pastor, and the congregation invite the public to join them.

St. Mary's registration set August 13

Registration for all students who will attend St. Mary's School in Nada during the 1987-88 school year is scheduled for Thursday, August 13 in St. Mary's Parish Hall from 8 to 11 a.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. Registration fees and tuition will be collected at that time. For further information call Bea Schellmann (758-3488) or Grace Korenek (758-3642). St. Mary's offers quality education at reasonable prices in grades 1-8.

LCRA board meeting set August 19-20

The meeting of the board of directors of the Lower Colorado River Authority scheduled for July will be combined with the August meeting. The next regular board committee and full board meetings will be held on Aug. 19-20.

Colorado County Fair catalogs available

The Home Economics, Fine Arts and Special Events catalog for the 1987 Colorado County Fair are now available. Catalogs are available at the County Extension Office in Columbus, First National Bank of Eagle Lake, Weimar City Hall, Heinrich's Store in Frelsburg, Nada Garage, Potter's Western Store in Columbus, Calico Hens and Friends in Rock Island, H&S Grocery in Bernard.

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Pizza King opens in Eagle Lake

A new business has come to Eagle Lake. Pizza King opened for business Tuesday in the former Longhorn Cafe building located at 1203 East Main Street.

Proprietors Karen McArthur and Terry Spencer own another pizza place in Sealy which bears the same name as the one here. Karen and Terry will offer three sizes of pizza with homemade dough made fresh daily and 100% mozzarella cheese. A customer may choose from a cheese pizza all the way up to "The Royal" pizza. Small and large salads, submarine and ham and cheese sandwiches also are on the menu.

Customers may enjoy their meal in the dining area or have their orders to go. A meeting/party room is available for birthdays, club meetings, etc. and several video games are available for your enjoyment. Anyone wishing to reserve the party room, should call Karen at 234-7496.

Pizza King is open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

'Center of the universe' theme on 1987 telephone directories

Delivery of the 1987 Eagle Lake telephone directory began August 4, according to Diane Lowe, area manager for Southwestern Bell Telephone. The Eagle Lake directory also includes Garwood and Nada listings.

Lowe said about 3,500 directories will be delivered to area residents. Delivery should be completed August 12. Each residential customer will receive one directory.

For additional copies, customers should call their Southwestern Bell



Hobbs/Freuhaut dealership

Hour pins awarded

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary met Tuesday morning, July 28 at 9:30 in the hospital's conference room. All officers gave reports following the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. Mrs. Charles Spalinger, president, presented.

Mrs. Jane Tacker, superintendent of nurses at the local hospital, was present to express the need for bed scales. The one in use now has become antiquated and difficult to use. The group of twenty-two ladies voted unanimously to purchase the scale at a cost of approximately \$1,000.

Also present for this meeting were the lab technician, Mrs. Barbara Pidgeon, Dr. Jose Ugarte and Ray Thomas, and administrator Jack Harrell. They came specifically to explain to the women the need in the lab and the functions of a Chemistry Auto Analyzer.

The Chemistry Auto Analyzer will be an asset in many ways and bring revenue to the hospital that may in time pay for itself. The Pink Ladies will donate a large portion, hopefully seventy percent of the amount (\$46,000) from memorials, cookbooks and gift shop.

'Back to School' special editions to be published August 13, 20

The Eagle Lake Headlight will be publishing its "Back to School" special editions once again. This year the special editions will be printed August 13 and 20.

Included in these special editions will be the room assignments and other stories as well as ads featuring back to school supplies. Anyone wishing to place an ad in the editions and have not been contacted, should call the Headlight office by Friday, August 7.

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