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Congressman Mac Sweeney schedules town meeting in Sheridan this Sunday

Congressman Mac Sweeney will hold a town meeting this Sunday, October 11 at 5 p.m. in Sheridan. The meeting will be held at the Community Center, 2437 Logan Park Drive in Sheridan. Congressman Sweeney encourages the public to attend.



New Post Office

This is the new building for the Nada Post Office, which was the setting for an open house held recently. See story and additional picture on front page.

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Study Club

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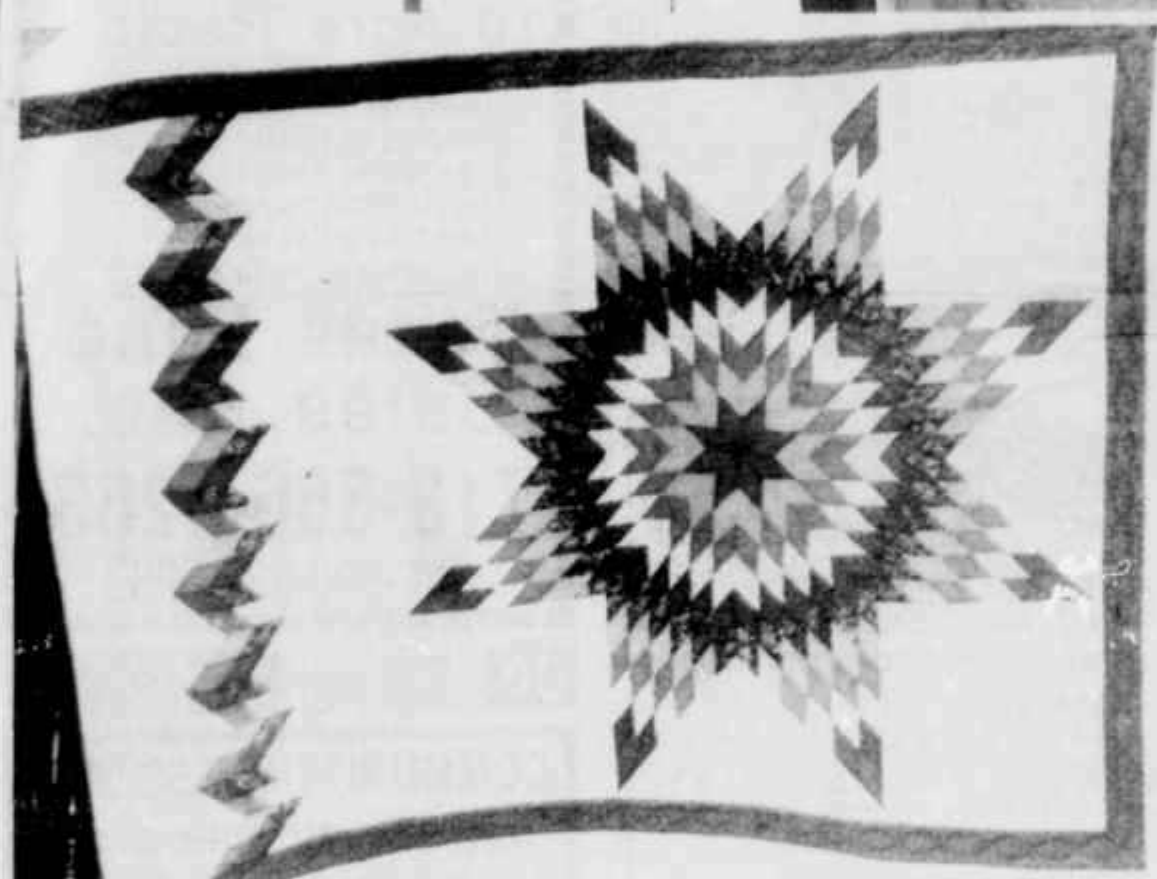
hower, cocktail buffet for up to 100 guests. Joan Matthews and Beryl Cumberworth, and a gourmet dinner for eight, Dr. and Mrs. R.R. Thomas. The 1987 president of the Eagle Lake Study Club is Fair Wells. Her staff of officers are: Margie Wiese, first vice president; Margo Harrison, second vice president; Betty Wilcox, recording secretary; Betty Wegenhof, treasurer, and Elizabeth Boode, reporter.

Contact Joan Matthews (234-2554) or one of the following members of her committee to donate an auction item: Beryl Cumberworth (234-3095), Pat Cook (234-3480) or Sandy Thomson (234-5179). Bakery chairman Eunice Frnka (234-2065) is making plans with her committee and will welcome contributions to this popular spot.

"Our local library is the sole recipient of the proceeds from the two auctions and the bakery booth," chairman Matthews said. "Citizens of the community have been so generous in their contributions and in their purchases in the past seven events. It is hoped that this will be another successful year for the Eula and David Wintermann Library. Please plan to join in the fun on November 7!"



The Eagle Lake Study Club Auction will prove to be a Texas tradition as much as it is an Eagle Lake tradition with these two beautiful handmade quilts, donated by Mr. and Mrs. David Wintermann, being added to the main auction list. The top photo displays the queen size "Yellow Rose of Texas" quilt in colors of yellow and white. It also will have a matching yellow tunic. The "Texas Star" king size quilt, pictured in the bottom, has a white background with the band and star in shades of blue. In the right photo, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Miller and Bennie Miller, of Miller's Grocery, will donate three smoked turkeys this year, one for a door prize and two for the main auction. Additional photos next week.



Local leaders attend meeting

Extension Homemakers Irene Tucker, Eldora Mattem and Marjorie Brune attended the 1987 State Texas Extension Homemakers Association meeting in Fort Worth. Educational workshops, business meetings, a luncheon for area legislators, entertainment and fun were all a part of the activities September 22-24.

Participants acquired knowledge about AIDS and parliamentary law. Club members also studied about water resources, communication skills, coping with stress, home and personal safety, immigration laws and the state and local government system.

Of special interest was the announcement of the new family and community development project. In the next several years, Extension homemaker leaders will receive in-depth training to prepare them for involvement in public policy decision-making. The special project is open to anyone who will commit to working in the program 12-24 days in one year.

Participants in FCL will receive 30 hours of instruction in leadership communication, working with groups, issue analysis and resolution, community affairs and public policy, volunteerism and teaching methods.

If you are interested in the FCL project or in becoming a member of the local Extension Homemaker Clubs, call Peggy Braden at (409) 732-2530. The Extension Homemaker Clubs are a part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of the Texas A&M University System. Clubs are open to people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.



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Thomson named 'sportsman of year' City delays airport action

Sam Thomson of Eagle Lake and Scott Arbuckle of El Campo were the recipients of the "Jimmy Reed Ducks Unlimited Sportsman of the Year" awards given during the annual Ducks Unlimited banquet at Silver Wings in El Campo. Presenting the awards were last year's recipients, Bill Jenkins and Jim Leslie.

Between 6 and 8:30 p.m., a delicious dinner was served to the many attending. A fabulous array of food was prepared by Sportsman's Catering of Eagle Lake and Mike's Catering of El Campo.

Afterwards, an auction was held with many items, such as dinner for 10 at The Farris 1912, a registered white lab puppy, an alligator hunt on Eagle Lake, a gold and diamond jewelry piece and more being sold to the lucky bidder. A drawing for prizes concluded the evening with the winners being named as follows: Jay Bottino of El Campo won the grand prize, a trip to Hawaii for two and \$2,000; Leroy Goffman of Lissie was the winner of the man's 18k gold Rolex, and Pat Meitzen of Eagle Lake won the gold and diamond bracelet. Door prizes also were awarded.

For more pictures turn to the back page of this issue.



Hawaiian trip winner

Jay Bottino of El Campo won the trip to Hawaii for two and \$2,000. He is pictured with one of the 'ducklings' to his left and Johnny Meitzen on his right.

Briscoe discusses Project 2000 at school board meeting Monday

The Rice Consolidated board of trustees presented a video presentation of Project 2000 at its regularly scheduled meeting, October 12. In a decision to discontinue leasing vehicles for the ag teachers, it was decided to put out bids on at least two vehicles.

The president, Reggie Briscoe, who has been interested in Project 2000 since its inception, reported on the beginnings of this project. He presented a video that gave an overview of the educational problem that students will be facing. It is specifically directed at the kindergarten class this year because they will be the graduates in the year 2000.

This project will focus on involving the parents in the educational process. It is hoped by involving the parents at this early age, the students will be encouraged to attend regularly and the importance of education will be emphasized in the home.

The board addressed the issue of purchasing vehicles as opposed to leasing. Harold King, supt., has been informed by Brasher Motors that rental will increase from \$150 to \$200 per month this year. "It seems that it would be practical to consider purchase rather than rental. We presently insure the vehicles. Teachers maintain the vehicles. If maintenance were

an issue, I'm certain we could reach an agreement with the teachers regarding maintenance. It is commonplace now that the teachers have to pay \$500 to \$1,000 each year upon release of the vehicle to restore the vehicle to practically new condition. This, in addition to tires and other maintenance seems to be unnecessary," King said.

Following a motion, the board adopted the policy to purchase vehicles for the ag teachers. Bids will be held after specifications are determined.

In other business the board:

- Amended the teacher appraisal procedure;
- Adopted and amended board policies that the new law has affected;
- Discussed options regarding Sheridan school swimming pool; and
- Approved Barbara Miller and Leigh Ann Zulaw for substitute teachers.

newsbriefs

Chamber to meet at Pizza King Monday

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly meeting at Pizza King at noon Monday, October 19. All members are encouraged to attend the "dutch treat" luncheon and meeting.

CCA board meeting scheduled October 22

Combined Community Action Inc. will hold its board of directors meeting on Thursday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. at 531 Colorado in La Grange. Board members are urged and the public is invited to attend the meeting.

November 3 is election day

Darlene Hayek, county clerk for Colorado County, announced the following information regarding election day on Tuesday, November 3.

County residents who need to vote absentee by personal appearance should do so between October 14-30 and the last day to receive application for ballots by mail is October 27.

The county clerk's office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 732-6561 if you have any questions or need further information.

Pilot Club drawing October 20

The Pilot Club drawing for the Browning Citori over/under 12 gauge shotgun will be held Tuesday, October 20 at 2 p.m. at Johnny's Sport Shop. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from any Pilot or by calling Doris Thomas at 234-2619.

Texas Trailriders plan annual ride

The Texas Trailriders Association will have their annual kick-off trailride on Saturday and Sunday, October 24 and 25 at the Strunk Ranch near Oakland. Registration will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, October 23 with dues being \$15 per person.

On Saturday, the riders will leave camp at 8:30 a.m. and ride a circle ride to arrive back at camp around 4:30 p.m. The queen's contest will be held at 5 p.m. The girl chosen will represent the Texas Trailriders Association in San Antonio in February. The queen will be presented a plaque and a gift certificate, to be used toward a wardrobe, totaling \$500. So round up all the pretty cowgirls and have them enter the contest. For rules and information on the queen's contest, contact Joe Mike Spanihel, Texas Trailriders secretary, at (409) 234-3941.

Saturday night a barbecue meal will be served from 6-7 p.m. at the New Bielau hall to 1988 paid members. Plans for others will be available at \$4.50 per plate. A dance will be held from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. featuring music by Texas Swing Band. All members and guests will buy their own admission ticket for the dance at \$5 per person.

On Sunday, the riders will leave camp at 8:30 a.m. and ride a circle ride back to camp to disband around noon.

For more information on the ride, contact Harry Corliss, trail boss, at (409) 234-3516.

About a dozen people attended Tuesday night's regular Eagle Lake City council meeting to discuss issues, the airport project, and other city affairs.

Bruce Spitzengel addressed council during a public hearing portion of the meeting. The city is applying for another federal community development grant and Spitzengel has been retained to prepare the application. A second public hearing will be held during council's Oct. 27 meeting.

After a presentation by John D. Mercer of Edna, council hired his firm, Mercer and Associates, to be the new city engineering firm. One of his major undertakings apparently concerns the sewer plant which still needs improvements or corrections.

Lawrence Kainer with Jones Fink Inc., the contractor for the city's street paving project, also was on hand. Council discussed with him which streets the city might pave with the \$14,857 remaining in paving funds. They also discussed paving the runway at the airport.

Portions of four streets are being studied for paving: the curved section of Cat Spring Road near the Middle School (33 by 516); Alamo St. (18 by 500); Peyton Lane, a portion of which is called College St. from Burns to

Center (18 by 715), and Donovan St. Council made no decision. The cost to pave all four would exceed the funds available so at least one will have to be eliminated.

Kainer and council continued to discuss drainage on Laughlin Road. Kainer, Mercer and county commissioner Sonny Spanihel discussed the amount of base material needed when the airport runway is widened by about 25-feet. Kainer repeated that the base under some portions of the runway is so thin that those spots will have to be dug up and

filled. He also said of the runway that "if you go through another winter (without making repairs) you'll tear that thing up."

Mayor Lanny Powers said the airport advisory committee met Monday night and was adamant about installing a proper base. The committee also suggested that no fees be charged at the airport, nor should the fencing project be done, until there is enough commercial activity there to warrant it. Powers said ownership has been

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Houston cardiologist joins Laughlin Clinic

Salvador Rodriguez-Gomez, M.D., of Laughlin Clinic in Eagle Lake, is happy to introduce Dr. Abdul Ali, as his associate and consultant in the fields of cardiology and internal medicine, as an addition to the clinic, to serve the community of Eagle Lake and surrounding areas.

Dr. Ali's main office is located in Houston where he maintains active privileges at several hospitals, caring for patients in his specialty, as well as performing non-invasive, and invasive procedures in the heart catheterization laboratory, in those patients

requiring open heart surgery, pacemakers, etc. A board certified cardiologist, he received his medical degree from Osmania Medical College in Hyderabad, India. Dr. Ali completed both surgery and obstetrics and gynecology internships at Shepperd General Hospital, Minister, Shepperd, Kent, United Kingdom. His first and second-year internal medicine residencies also were at Shepperd. Ali completed a family practice residency at 19 Marine Parade, Sheerness, Kent, United Kingdom, and a third-year

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Feed test program

The "Best Weigh Classic", a feed test program, is currently in progress at Rice High School. Sponsored by Purina Mills and Eagle Lake Farm and Home Supply and conducted by the Rice FFA, this program is designed to demonstrate the profitability of feeding Purina Preconditioning/Receiving Chow. The program has been included in the curriculum at Rice by the ag teachers. Cattle were donated for the 25-day program by local ranchers: H.D. Sheridan, Fred Grahmann, Powers Farms, Wayne Corman, Vic Corman, Kaushatta Ranch (Joe Mike Spanihel) and Vance Duncan. The purpose of this program is to show cattle raisers can "back ground" calves on this product and make a profit

doing so. Rice FFA members are shown above weighing in the cattle on the first day. A veterinarian will work with them on vaccinations and medical attention the cattle need; members are responsible for feeding twice daily, providing water and cleaning pens. This gives the members hands-on experience working with cattle as they are responsible for their calves (assisted by ag teachers if needed). At the end of the 25-day period, the calves are weighed again and the feed used and total weight gain of each calf is calculated for an average daily gain and cost per pound of gain. Pictured from left are John Block, owner of Eagle Lake Farm and Home, and Leslie Sunderman and Tara Stephens, members of Rice FFA.

Termite bond renewed

Public defender job looks promising

The consideration of deed transfers from Colorado County to the city of Eagle Lake were cleared up and newly-elected public defender Joe Fling presented his monthly report at the regular meeting of Commissioners Court Monday, October 12.

The city of Eagle Lake recently had asked Colorado County to deed land in the Highland Park Addition in Eagle Lake to the city so further steps could be taken in the airport project. Because of conflicting reports, the commissioners were doubtful on whether the county owned the land. After digging further through the deeds, it was found that on April 11, 1953 the county deeded the lots to the city except for one lot which was deeded to David Wintermann.

Joe Fling told commissioners the overall reaction of his job from the community has been good and even though the cases for the period from September 1 through October 11 were more than usual, it is what Fling expected due to grand jury meeting the first of September.

Fling also noted that there has been some public misconception that his office is a legal clinic to get advice at the county's expense. Judge Crank pointed out that Colorado County is the third county in Texas that has this type of program. In order to receive this program, a statute was approved by the Legislature to get the bill for a public defender for this county. Fling's job is to handle indigent cases appointed by the judge.

Fling also stated that he received inquiries from Wharton County Bar Association on setting up something like that in Wharton County. "We are setting a standard here for other people to follow," Fling told commissioners.

In other matters, commissioners approved a resolution for 1987 for a community fund project for the Garwood area. The county will be

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