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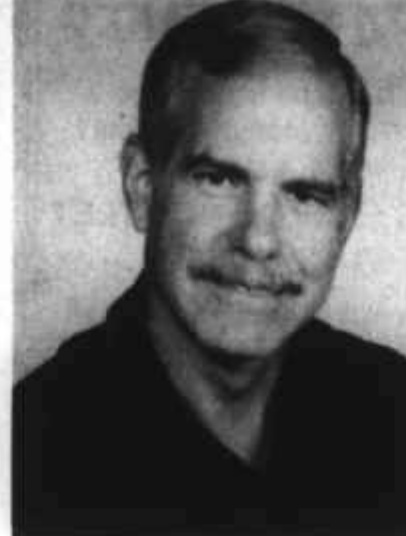
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### Eye specialist to open office here

Dr. John Huff, an eye specialist, will be providing full-service medical eye care for residents of Eagle Lake and surrounding communities beginning March 27, with the opening of his office in the Thomas Clinic at 610 S. Austin in Eagle Lake.

Dr. Huff has practiced ophthalmology in Fort Bend County since 1973. Following completion of his residency at Baylor Medical Center in Houston, he established the first full-time ophthalmology practice in the Richmond-Rosenberg area. He was one of the first eye surgeons in the southwest to implant lenses for cataract patients, and he pioneered outpatient surgery for cataract patients in the mid-seventies as well as radial keratotomy surgery in the eighties.

Dr. Huff is certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology and is a Fellow of the American and International Colleges of Surgeons. He is also



Dr. John Huff

### Nathaniel Joseph Hill born March 13

Lou Hill and Emily "Schottsie" Hill of Los Angeles, California are proud to announce the birth of their first child.

Nathaniel Joseph Hill was born at Santa Monica Medical Center on March 13, 1990. He weighed eight pounds and thirteen ounces.

from there until Hoelscher returned. They noticed a car stop and the subject picked up the jack and headed toward Columbus on I-10 in a dark blue car with a beige top.

Seven was stopped in Fayette County by Trooper Klopstock and was held until Colorado County authorities arrived.

On March 18, John Gano of Houston reported a burglary of his camp house on Weishuhn Road. Gano told Deputy Hoskins someone walked from the gate to the house and entered the house through an unlocked window and took six guns (three of which were antiques).

The guns and values are described as follows: one 1898 Remington 30 cal. (\$250 value); one 1870 Rolling Block 45 cal. (\$750-\$1,000); one 1865-70 50 cal. Carbine Buffalo gun (value not listed); one 410 single shot shotgun (\$50); one 22 Marlin Carbine (\$150), and one Japanese Army rifle (\$150-\$200).

### Rice to compete in UIL contests

Wharton County Junior College will again host the annual University Interscholastic League (UIL) contests on the Wharton campus beginning at 8 a.m. Friday, March 30.

District 28AAA high schools competing in the UIL contests include: Rice, Columbus, Hitchcock, Needville, Palacios and Sweeny. High schools participating from District 29AA include: East Bernard, Boling, Brazos, Danbury, Ganado, Stafford, Tidehaven and Van Vleck.

Over 600 high school students will participate in events testing their skills in keyboarding, spelling, plain writing, ready writing, journalism news writing, poetry interpretation, persuasive speaking, prose reading, informative speaking, science, journalism editorial writing, calculator applications, shorthand, journalism feature writing, journalism headline writing, news sense, literary criticism, accounting, and team debate.

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### Roses

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Main Street will be a delight, as are the yellow, peach and red roses at 107 Strickland, and farther down the street at 416 Strickland where white and red climbing roses are laden with blooms.

At 700 Scott Street, flower lovers will not want to miss the red roses amid the green shrubs. The red and green together are dazzling. A closer look at the front porch will reveal two magnificent pots of blooming Kolancho.

If you are traveling outbound on 90A toward Houston, Lucille Perry's petunias are once again a thriller. And

drive down Laughlin Road to view the Cassidy's field of Rocket Lockspur and California Poppy is worth the trip. As you leave Laughlin Road, catch a glimpse across the highway at Rose Lange's a striking coral rosebush. More coral roses are blooming at 200 E. Prairie—beautiful!

If you are inspired by the grand results of our local "green thumbs" remember that our local nurseries are brimming with the colors of new bedding plants. The time to plant is now!

And don't forget our wildflowers. All over Eagle Lake patches will be exploding in colors in preparation for the fast-approaching Wildflower Celebration in April. The Civic Garden Club is currently selling "official" logo t-shirts in all sizes (except children's). These colorful white shirts can be secured by calling President Sandra Thomson at 234-5179. Don't delay if you are interested; these shirts are going fast.

### Local election

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there is a three-way race for Position 7 (Eagle Lake). Incumbent Wayne Corman announced last week he doesn't plan to run for re-election. Vicki Powers filed last week for Position 7 and as of Tuesday afternoon, Jim Wiese and Randy Burrow have filed for that position also.

Incumbent Frederick Leopold has filed for re-election for Position 6 (Garwood/Nada). The deadline to file for the school board race also was 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 21.

April 10 runoff  
A runoff election will be held April 10 for several candidates in Colorado County following the primary election March 13.

In the race for Commissioner Precinct 2 there will be a runoff between Paul Billeck and Johnnie Elstner.

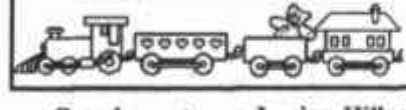
Billeck drew 444 votes while Elstner had 407.

In Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 (Columbus), incumbent Barry White was forced into a runoff with Dodie Dungen. White received 497 votes to Dungen's 430.

In Wharton County, there will be a runoff for Commissioner Precinct 2 between D.C. "Chris" King and incumbent Angelina Grigar. King received 662 votes and Grigar had 547 votes.

The election was so close between the candidates for the commissioners race in Wharton that officials recounted the ballots Wednesday morning following the election and it was reported that Leroy Barnes, one of the candidates, said he still may contest the election.

### New Arrival



Grandparents are Lucian Hill of Newburg, North Carolina and Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Stiles of Eagle Lake. Great grandparents are Mrs. Carrie Hill of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mrs. Reggie Stiles of Houston and Mrs. Louis Schott of Hallettsville, Texas.

The mother is the former Emily "Schottsie" Stiles.

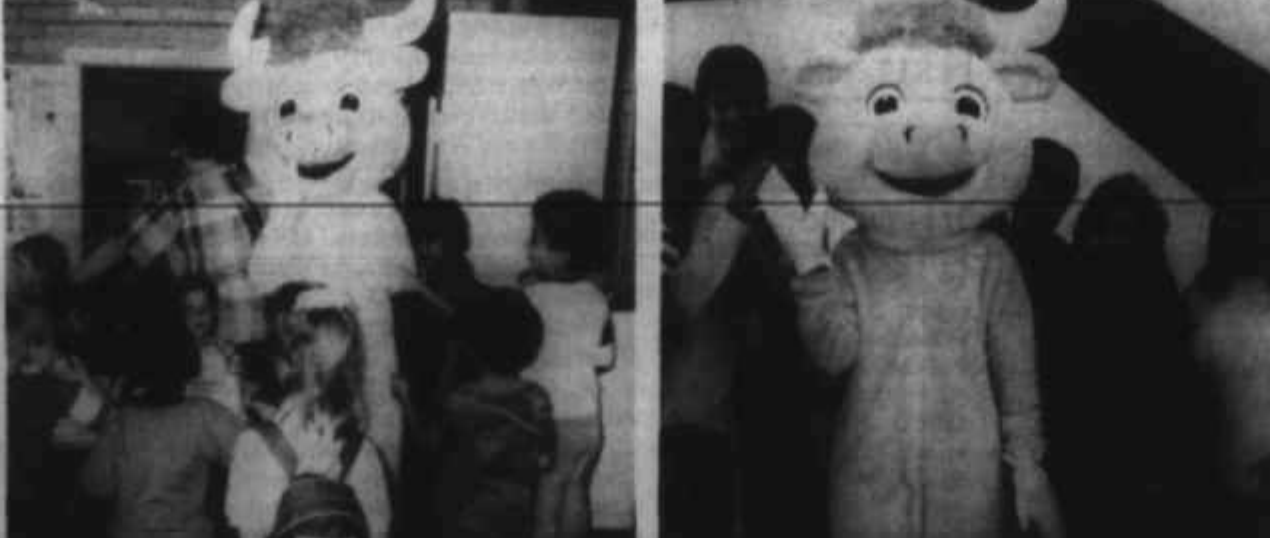


### February Terrific Kids

Eagle Lake Primary School students chosen as Terrific Kids for the month of February in the top picture are, front row from left, Tiffany Moore, La'Tashia Banks, Chandra Johnson, Roxanne Cant, Charneeta Huffman; middle row from left, Anthony Salinas, Adrian Middleton, Maricella and Dora Rodriguez, Cassie Nawara; back row from left, Carlos Conejo, Brandon Shanks, Monique Cotton, Doris Lugo, Paola Yavera; in the left photo, from left, Monica Lemons, Cathy Fearing and Amber Hernandez.



Miz Moo visited the Rice school district the week of March 12-16 encouraging students to drink more milk. Miz Moo took time out to pose with the students at Garwood (top left), Sheridan (top right), Eagle Lake Primary (bottom left) and Eagle Lake Middle School (bottom right). Miz Moo even was welcomed by the Rice High School students.



### During the Month of April!



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### Clean up for visitors

Beginning this weekend thousands of people will be visiting Eagle Lake during the month of April to tour the wildflower trails and the red carpet is being rolled out to give a warm welcome to the visitors.

The citizens of Eagle Lake are being asked to do their part in picking up all trash off their property, out of fields, off highways, down mainstreet. EYE-OPENERS to show our guests how much we care for our town and appreciate their visit.

Don't forget, the Wildflower Celebration will continue during the month of April. Let's spruce up our town and keep it that way!

## Voting machine demonstration given to Commissioners

Representatives from Hartgraphics gave a demonstration to the Colorado County Commissioners Court Tuesday on a voting machine that costs \$30,750. Edward Mattingly, architect from La Grange, presented more information on the new Opportunity Center and Buddy Rau gave an update on the Centennial Celebration.

Carter Petty and Don Blackley, both of Hartgraphics, and Pat Dobson, elections administrator from Waller County, demonstrated the AIS 115 voting machine. It is equipped with infrared proximity sensors for the latest state of the art technology, an onboard microprocessor to store the information and a series of switches to print out reports. The machine also reads the ballots on both sides as it is being fed through and it is able to tabulate according to precincts by a

special code bar printed on the ballots. Judge Lester Cranek asked what happens if the machine goes down on election night? Blackley said they have an excellent backup plan for that type of emergency when another machine is waiting as a standby. Judge Cranek also commented since Wharton and Fayette counties have these types of machines, the ballots could easily be

taken and counted there. Commissioner Sonny Spanihel asked what would happen if the people fold the ballots? Blackley said the system does a really incredible job handling folded ballots.

The machine comes with a two-year warranty and a startup kit. "Once the warranty expires and since we really don't have a maintenance con-

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Commissioner Sonny Spanihel asked Fling how this program would affect the Gulf Coast Legal Foundation. "We are trying to fill their void," said Fling. "We want to handle the cases that normally would fall through the cracks."

Spanihel also asked Fling how much time Fling would have to devote to such a program being that he still has a private practice to take care of. "To tell you the truth," said Fling, "I am probably getting out of private practice and getting into public service."

Commissioners voted to pass a resolution to provide a clinic site if this program becomes a reality. No money was allocated at this time.

## Newsbriefs

### Cub Scout Pinewood Derby March 31

The Cub Scout Pinewood Derby will be held this Saturday, March 31 under the pavilion at the community center. Weigh-in will be at 9:30 a.m. and is mandatory for all cars. The races will begin at 10 a.m.

### Chicken Spaghetti Supper April 6

The Eagle Lake Pilot Club will hold its 6th Annual Chicken Spaghetti Supper on Friday, April 6 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Serving will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4.50 per plate. Advanced sales only. Proceeds will benefit the T.J. Say No and the Lifeline program.

### Colorado Co. retired teachers to meet

The Colorado County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, April 2 at 1:30 p.m. at the Nesbitt Library in Columbus. Columbus will be the host.

### TEAMS test to be administered in May

The TEAMS exit level test will be administered to eligible 11th grade students across the state of Texas on Tuesday, May 1, 1990 and Wednesday, May 2, 1990. Individuals no longer enrolled in a Texas public school who have completed all other graduation requirements, but have not previously passed both sections of the TEAMS test may register to retake the exit level mathematics and/or English language arts test(s). These individuals may pick up a registration packet at the vocational counselor's office at Rice High School. Registration packets must be received in Iowa City, Iowa no later than 3 p.m. April 11, 1990.

The English language arts test will be given on Tuesday, May 1, 1990 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Rice High School meeting room. The following day, the same setting will be used for the mathematics test.

All eligible 11th grade students presently enrolled at Rice High School will be registered for the tests by their respective high school counselor.

### Attention ELHS Students of 1970

#### Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes

The Eagle Lake High School Senior Class of 1970 is planning a Class Reunion on June 23, 1990 to celebrate our 20th year out of high school and we want you to come and celebrate with us! We had a very small Senior Class and since we were such a small school we felt it would be really great to see all of our old friends from the ELHS days! We would like to invite everyone who attended Eagle Lake High School during the 1969-1970 school year to help us celebrate. We would also like to invite any teachers, coaches and administrators who were at Eagle Lake High School during this time. Also, we would like to invite the teachers, coaches and administrators who taught our underclassmates during the first year at Rice High School.

We are planning a private, catered meal and dance, with music by "Night Riders", for our classes on June 23. This will be held at the beautiful new Knights of Columbus Hall in Eagle Lake. The dance will be opened to the public later on in the evening. We hope this will encourage all of our old friends from other classes along with those from the surrounding towns to join us.

We will need an approximate number of people attending the celebration so that we can make all of the arrangements. Also, we will ask those attending the reunion to pay in advance. Please contact the following people from your class so that we can make sure that you are included in the

## April 1 is Census Day

### Be partners in Census '90

#### Director urges community

Every resident of the United States should become a full-fledged partner in the 1990 Census, said the head of the Census Bureau for this area, as 106,000,000 questionnaires were mailed to every household in America.

"If the people join in, by answering the questionnaire and encouraging their friends and neighbors to do so, we will have the most complete and accurate census in our 200-year history," according to John E. Bell, Regional Director of the Census for Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

Reunion coordinators: Chuck and Donna Stephens, 310 West Center, Eagle Lake, TX 77434, (409) 234-5340.

Senior Class of 1970 ELHS: Patricia Tate Harris, 835 N. Judson, Navasota, TX 77868, (409) 825-7438.

Junior Class of 1980 ELHS: Jeri Lou Pate Shindler, PO Box 303, Eagle Lake, 234-2811.

Sophomore Class of 1970 ELHS: Michael Grigar, 101 Boothe Drive, Eagle Lake, 234-3516.

Freshman Class of 1970 ELHS: Connie Breithaupt Gertson, 212 West Center, Eagle Lake, 234-3931.

Former Teachers and Administrators at ELHS and RHS: Joe Wendel, 509 North Walnut, Eagle Lake, 234-3926.

RHS class of '85 to plan reunion  
The 1985 class of Rice High School will have a meeting to plan a five year reunion on Friday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Walter Gold residence in Nada.

For more information, call Susan Gold Popp (758-3628) or Janice Hyek Dornak (543-6785).

and we will all be better off for it." The Census, he explained, is a responsibility we all share. It is too big a job for the Bureau to do alone.

"Some people understand the personal benefits as well as the absolute secrecy of answering the Census," he said.

"But some people don't." Those who don't understand are the principal worry of the Bureau as the Nation's 21st Decennial Census approaches.

Council entered into executive session prior to the budget adoption to discuss salaries and personnel with no action taken.

During the regular hearing for the 1990-91 budget, Ronny Cook, president of the board of directors for the Eagle Lake Recreation Center; Pat Cook, secretary/treasurer, and Ernie Sommerlatte, financial secretary, voiced their thanks to the city for its past support. Ronny Cook said, "We feel your support has kept us out of the red and we hope that in the future you will continue to keep a spot in the budget for the Recreation Center to maintain and keep up the park and picnic area which is an asset to the community." Out of town member-

ship has equaled in town membership and green fees are starting to pick up," continued Cook, "but we aren't ready to be self sufficient."

Council approved a contract from city engineer John Mercer for engineering services to design water line extensions. The much needed water line will provide additional security in case of fire. The line is located at FM 3013, crossing Highway 90A up to State Street and then down State Street one block. The proposed line would be construction of an 8 inch PVC pipe. Mercer stated he would bring proposals using 10 and 12 inch PVC pipe, showing the cost difference.

The total project, using the 8-inch pipe, would cost approximately \$40,000 and the engineers cost would be estimated at \$3,500.

In other matters, council: "Approved the only bid for firemen's insurance coverage from Wm. Thomas Insurance Agency of Eagle Lake for \$4,050 which is the same premium as last year.

"Appointed Wm. Pierce Arthur Jr. as auditor for 1989-90 fiscal year.

With Wednesday, March 21 the deadline to file for the city, school board seats past, the absentee voting by personal appearance for the county and statewide runoff election begins April 2 through 6.

Incumbents in the city election for Eagle Lake are the only candidates who had filed by the deadline and they are Mayor Roy D. Van Nort and Councilmen Victor Corman and Lonnie Sommerlatte.

In the school board race, three candidates who have filed for Position 7 (Eagle Lake) held by Wayne Corman are Vicki Powers, Jim Wiese and Randy Burrow. Corman is not seeking re-election. Incumbent Frederick Leopold filed for re-election for Position 6 (Garwood/Nada) with no opposition.

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There are several candidates in the runoff election scheduled April 10 as follows:

Governor's Race: Ann Richards and Jim Mattox.

Commissioner Precinct 2 (Weimar area): Paul Billeck and Johnnie Elstner.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 (Columbus): incumbent Barry White and Dodie Dungen.

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### Move clocks ahead 1 hour

Daylight Savings Time is this Sunday, April 1st, and this is no April Fool! Before retiring Saturday evening, move your clocks ahead one hour.