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Police Report

assault call at Irene's Lounge. After investigation, the subject was advised to contact the judge and file charges on the assault.

Arturo Gonzalez was arrested for D.W.I. Saturday night after striking a power line pole at 505 Sixth Street with his 1976 Olds Cutlass. Gonzalez agreed to a breath test and measured at .19 and was placed in the County Jail.

Edward Knight, Jr. was arrested on a warrant for disorderly conduct and placed in the County Jail Saturday afternoon.

the delivery of a controlled substance, two counts. He was placed in the County Jail.

Tuesday, March 12, officers picked up a total of five male juveniles; four were sent to detention, three on related case (the Dec. 29th burglary of the residence of John Perry). Two rifles taken in that burglary were recovered; two guns are still missing (a 20 gauge Remington shotgun and a Colt 32 automatic).

Twenty-two traffic citations were also issued over the weekend.

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dated Independent School District. which includes the southern half of Colorado County, has located and maintained its high school since 1970, less than two (1.84) miles from the proposed disposal site. Rice High School is the only secondary facility serving grades nine through twelve in the district. A modern and attractive facility, Rice High School is currently being expanded in order to better serve the needs of its students and the district now, and in years to come. Current enrollment at the High School is three hundred seventy-five (375) students. Projections indicate the enrollment will increase to approximately six hundred (600) in the near future.

WHEREAS, Rice High School is totally dependent on well water for its water supply, and

WHEREAS, any escape of hazardous and industrial waste from the site would present the danger for contamination of the water supply at Rice High School, and

WHEREAS, no alternative, accessible source of fresh water is available and while non-polluted water is essential not only for Rice High School, but to supply the water needs for agriculture, industrial and domestic use in the area.

BE IT RESOLVED, that a permit NOT be granted to dump hazardous and industrial waste at the Tricil-Alair site, and that continued dumping of regular household waste be strictly regulated so that the quality of life as we know it may continue for generations to come.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted unanimously at a special meeting of the Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees on March 4, 1991.

Frederick Leopold
President, Rice Consolidated ISD Board of Trustees

John R. Thomas
Secretary, Rice Consolidated ISD Board of Trustees

Garden Club

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finishing touches on our yards and property so each visitor will take a pleasant memory of our hometown. The spring bedding plants are in at our nurseries and the wildflowers should be in full bloom very soon. Now it's time to mow and trim and get ready for our guests!

The Civic Garden Club is open for public membership. Their service to the community is to beautify our town square and Harrison Park. Anyone wishing to join the fun of working together for a more lovely community is urged to call Elfe Thomas at 234-2083 or to attend the annual March Membership Luncheon at the home of Cherry Corman. Details about this May meeting will be announced in a later edition of The Headlight.

Proclamation

tion, Inc., have provided senior Texans with training and employment opportunities to maintain their dignity and remain as vital contributors to the welfare of their communities, their state, and their nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy D. Van Nort, Mayor of the City of Eagle Lake, Texas, do hereby proclaim the week of March 10-16, 1991, as **OLDER WORKER WEEK** in the City of Eagle Lake and urge all employers, both public and private, to invest in Experience — Hire an Older Texan!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Eagle Lake, Texas to be affixed this 8th day of March, 1991.

City of Eagle Lake, Texas
Roy D. Van Nort, Mayor
Attest: Sylvia Rucka,
Acting City Secretary



Mayor Roy D. Van Nort is pictured signing the proclamation designating March 10-16 as Older Worker Week. Seated next to Van Nort is Mrs. Laura Matthyas who is the STEP (Senior Texans Employment Program) worker for the Wintemann Library.

Statewide sales tax shows moderate increase

"We're sending more than \$229 million in local sales tax revenue back to local governments; money that they can use to better serve the consumers who paid the money in the first place," State Comptroller John Sharp said Friday. Statewide, monthly checks to city and county governments totaled \$81.9 million, 6.2% more than last March's checks.

"While the state's economy continues to grow at a faster rate than the U.S. economy, Texas is feeling the slowing effect of the national recession," Sharp said. "That's why statewide sales tax allocations this month increased moderately."

Houston received \$12.6 million, the largest payment in the state. Dallas came in second with \$7.2 million; San Antonio, \$4.2 million and Austin, \$3.8 million.

Eagle Lake's check was in the amount of \$6,515.51, down 6.6% from last year. Locally, Columbus received \$23,183.25, up 31.3%; Weimar, \$5,224.51; down 0.12%.

Sealy, \$23,583.08, +244%; Bellville, \$9,024.98, -1.33%; San Felipe, \$5,470.50, +10.3%; and Wallis, \$1,309.05, -22.9%.

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Filings still slow

Rice Board of Trustees
According to office personnel at the Rice Administration Office, three candidates have filed; three positions will be on the ballot. Melody Grigar has put in her bid for Position #1, Eagle Lake; Kate Labay for Position #2, Garwood and Reggie Briscoe has filed for re-election to Position #3 in Sheridan.

City of Eagle Lake Council Positions
As of 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, no one had filed for three Eagle Lake City Council positions on the May 4th ballot. This could prove to be an interesting development.

When questioned as to how the election could take place without candidates, Acting City Manager Lucille Perry researched the Texas Election Code and gave this procedure:

If there are no filings, the election would be by write-in votes. The top three vote-getters would be declared elected. At that time their eligibility would be determined (residing inside the city limits, etc.). If one of these elected is ineligible, City Council could appoint a replacement or call for a special election. If two or more are ineligible there must be a special election.

There is no extension on the March 20th deadline for these two-year terms. If the positions were four-year terms, an extension could be granted. We shall see.

White House demolition beginning

Revitalize Eagle Lake, Inc., through private donations, has acquired the property on which the White House Cafe sets. Demolition of the building began Wednesday, March 20. The demolition work is being done by Fred Cantu (Cantu Trucking, Inc.).

The White House, built in 1927 by Mr. A.C. McClanahan, started out as a restaurant/hotel. It was a gathering place in the community, serving as the Western Union office and bus stop. The business continued under various operators until 1970 when it was closed.

NEWSBRIEFS

CCA Board meeting in Bastrop Thursday
Combined Community Action, Inc. will hold its Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, March 21, 1991 at 4:30 p.m. at the Tahitian Village Restaurant in Bastrop.

Congressional assistant at Courthouse
Congressman Greg Laughlin will have a Congressional assistant at the Colorado County Courthouse from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Thursday, March 21. The caseworker will be able to handle Social Security, Veterans benefits, and other topics involving the federal government.

Fort Bend Singles to sponsor dance Friday
The Fort Bend Singles are sponsoring a dance Friday, March 22, 8 p.m. at the KC Hall in Needville. Music by the "Jolly Ramblers" (Sammy Dees) and his Orchestra. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call 232-4782 or 409-793-6176.

Little League registration extended to March 23!
Little League Registration has been extended through Saturday, March 23. Little League girls, age 8 and older, will hold their tryouts on Monday, March 25 at 6 p.m. at the Little League field. Boys, age 8 and older, will have tryouts on Tuesday, March 26 at 6 p.m. No Registration will be taken after Saturday, March 23! So don't delay, sign up your youngster now for an exciting season of baseball! Registration is being taken at Johnny's Sport Shop, 101 Boothe Drive, Eagle Lake.

Scout's Annual Pinewood Derby, March 23
Cub Scout Pack 3078 will hold their Annual Pinewood Derby Race on Saturday, March 23 at the Community Center in Eagle Lake. Weigh-ins start at 9:30 a.m. and the race, 10 a.m. The public is invited to attend and support our boys. For further information call 234-5832.

Providence Baptist celebrates Women's Day
Providence Baptist church will hold its annual workshop on Saturday, March 23 at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday morning at 11 a.m. We will celebrate Annual Women's Day. There will be a "Prayer Retreat" along with great song leaders. The theme is "Coping with Temptation". We would like to make you welcome at these services. (Rev. Coby Shorter, Jr., Pastor).

VFW Benefit Fish Fry March 29
The Eagle Lake VFW Post 8783 and Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Benefit Fish Fry on Friday, March 29. Tickets are available from any VFW member or can be purchased in the serving line. Plates consisting of Catfish Fillets and all the trimmings will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Eagle Lake KC Hall (3013 and 90A). Plates are \$4.50 each and will be available to go or you can stay and dine in the hall.

Mt. Carmel Baptist Easter Sunrise Service
The 26th annual combined Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Eagle Lake on Sunday, March 31 at 5:30 a.m. (Rev. A.J. Jones, Pastor).

Class of '71 reunion in the making
If you are interested (or know of anyone who is) in participating in a 20 year class reunion of the first graduating class of Rice High School, the class of 1971, please call one of the numbers listed below with your name and address. The date will be June 22, 1991. Your name and address will be needed by April 20.

Those who you can call are: Kathy (Miller) Ware, Missouri City, 713-437-1788; Theresa (Theuman) Laughlin, Lake Jackson, 409-297-2398; Diane (Kucherka) Spaniel, Eagle Lake, 234-3941; Ann (Sunderman) Pavliska, Eagle Lake, 234-2221; or Susan (Bradley) Hadley, Eagle Lake, 234-5337.

Library open late on Thursdays
The David and Bala Wintemann Library will extend its hours on Thursdays only from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the months of March, April and May.

Tricil questioned by School Board

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer
In spite of the fact the Rice Board of Trustees has already presented a resolution to the Colorado County Commissioners Court opposing the placing of an industrial waste landfill at Alair, representatives of Tricil presented a lengthy discussion at Monday night's meeting as to the means of constructing the cell that will be used for the waste. "We want to reassure your confidence that there

will be no impact on water, air or health in the area," was stated by the group. "We have been good neighbors for 12 years and we want to continue to be good neighbors."

The company is planning to spend \$20 million to build the addition to the present municipal waste landfill. "Closing the site is in no one's best interest," stated representatives.

Board members expressed concerns especially about contamination to water in the area, to shifting of the

earth due to drought or earthquake and the increasing number of truck traffic coming into the county. The representatives assured the board the construction will be good for "in-perpetuity."

Trustees approved a one year term contract document for its teachers and took no action on teacher contracts, except for those on probationary status.

Those teachers with one year remaining on their contracts were awarded no extensions. Those teachers on probationary status were awarded one year contracts. Thus, contracts for all teachers in the Rice District will expire at the end of the 1991-92 school year. Contracts then will be granted on a yearly basis.

Band Director Floyd Spennath was granted a two year contract. The District policy in the past has been to grant an extension each year. This kept a teacher under contract for a two year

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Garwood resident fatally injured in car accident

Monday, March 18, at approximately 4:20 p.m. Vera Shoop of Garwood sustained extensive head injuries when her vehicle was hit by an 18 wheeler driven by Justin Dvorak of Columbus. Dvorak was traveling north on Highway 71 in downtown Garwood when Shoop pulled out in front him.



It was speculated that Shoop could not see the oncoming truck because of another truck blocking her view. However, witnesses stated that the supposed blocking vehicle arrived after Shoop pulled out of the Garwood Gas Station in front of the truck. Dvorak's statement concurred.

Mrs. Shoop was transported to Eagle Lake Community Hospital by Colorado County Volunteer Ambulance Corps Garwood Unit 804 where she died at 5:12 p.m.

Funeral services were scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, March 21, at Trinity Lutheran Church in El Campo. A complete obituary will be published in next week's issue.

Greg Lobprides of the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department watches as Vera Shoop's car is pulled onto Delgado's Wrecker after her vehicle was struck by an 18-wheeler on Monday, March 18. Constable Lawrence Berger assisted Sheriff's Deputy Eddie Aral with traffic

as members of the Garwood Fire Department washed away debris from the accident. DPS Troopers Jeff Pickett and Richard Stuber were on hand to take a complete report and talk to eye witnesses.

Headlight Photo by Tonya Castro

Law Enforcement Reports

Eagle Lake Police Department

Week ending Tuesday, March 19
March 14, Officer Jeff Argo arrested Alvin "Buck" Sosa of Eagle Lake for possession of a controlled substance after Sosa failed to stop when Argo observed him speeding on Main Street. Sosa was checked at 42 mph in a 30 mph zone, and when the officer attempted to stop him, he tossed something out of the window. Argo recovered baggies containing a white powder and followed Sosa to his home where more baggies were located. Sosa was transported to Colorado County Jail and bond was set at \$10,000.

March 16, Argo responded to a disturbance call at Sportsman's Motel where two men were arguing. They gave their names as Mark West and Robert Playton. The next day, Chief Villareal received information that these same men were wanted. The men gave Villareal false names. They were later identified as Mark David Ivers, 27, arrested on warrants for parole violations and bond forfeiture; Robert Stanley Clay, 32, arrested for parole violations, Galen Lee Walton, 32, arrested on outstanding warrants

Colorado County Sheriff's Department

Department issued a report of a female who was sexually assaulted at a residence in Ann's Trailer Park in Altair between 3 and 4 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13. She was taken to Eagle Lake Community Hospital for examination. The victim described the attacker as a young, thin, black male

Prairie Edge receives Nolan Ryan autographed baseball

The Prairie Edge Museum recently received an official American League Baseball autographed by Texas' own native son, Nolan Ryan, now with the Texas Rangers.

The officers and board members will have a drawing for this ball on April 28 (the conclusion of the Wildflower Celebration) at the Museum building.

Tickets may be purchased from museum members for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

New directors elected at First National Bank

Shareholders of The First National Bank voted at their annual meeting last Wednesday to elect three new directors, thereby enlarging the board from 7 to 10 members. The three new board members, who have served as Advisory Directors since 1987, are Steve Balas, John Matthews and Travis Wenghoff. Re-elected were Board Chairman Wm. H. Harrison Jr., Bank President Wm. H. Harrison Jr., R.L. Cook Jr., Kenneth Mahalic, Earl Rodgers, Willard W. Stuart and J.R. Thomas.

Balas, owner of Eagle Lake Drug store and a long-time rice farmer, currently serves as State Chairman of the Texas Rice Producers Legislative Group, which represents Texas rice interests in Washington. He also

Grahmann named 'Rookie of the Year'

Joshua Grahmann was named "Rookie of the Year" at the Commercial Steer Banquet at the Houston Livestock Show on Thursday, February 28th. A total of 89 students, each with a pen of three steers, competed this year. Students' animals were weighed and graded, and the record book of their feeding program was checked. The participants then took a written test and were interviewed by a panel of committeemen.

Scores were tabulated and twelve finalists were chosen. Sher Sundermann and Joshua Grahmann of Rice CISD were among the twelve finalists named. These finalists were then interviewed by three members of the Junior Commercial Steer Committee.

Winners were announced at the Commercial Steer Banquet hosted by Blue Ribbon Brand Bacon and Sausage Company. Joshua received recognition at the banquet for being "Rookie of the Year". Both Sher and Joshua received a plaque for being named finalists.

Other Rice FFA members who participated in his contest were Chad Sundermann, Louis Mahalic and Shari Grahmann.