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### 'Family hour' to start at Gulf Coast Medical Center

Beginning September 3, 1991, individuals caring for or associated with a sick family member or friend will have the opportunity to participate in a free "Family Hour" group. Gulf Coast Medical Center's Skilled Nursing Facility, under the direction of Debra Medina, RNC are integral in establishing the "Family Hour."

According to Debra Medina, "Numerous members that have patients on the Skilled Nursing Facility Unit have expressed a need for this type of support."

"Family Hour" will be held weekly on Tuesdays 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in hospital classroom A. Group content will consist of a guest speaker and discussions on subjects beneficial to the group, such as coping with the stresses of an illness.

The guest speaker for the groups first meeting will be Debbie Seigel, CSW/ACP. Ms. Seigel has earned BA and MSW degrees from the University of Kansas. She is a member of the academy of Certified Social Workers, is licensed by the State of Texas as an Advanced Clinical Practitioner, and

holds Diplomate status with the American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work and the National Association of Social Workers.

Since 1971, Ms. Seigel has worked with individuals, groups and families, helping them to cope with

life transitions, and build the outcomes they want for themselves. She specializes in working with aging individuals and their families.

For more information, contact Debra Medina, RNC at 532-2500 ext. 4700.

Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro reports...

### Veterans Land Board extends 3% financing period

The Texas Veterans Land Board has voted to extend the period that Texas veterans can receive three percent financing on a special inventory of forfeited state land by an additional six months to February 29, 1992. Non-veterans purchasing a tract will pay four percent.

Located in 120 counties, the 600 remaining tracts are part of the Texas Tract II program which gives Texas real estate professionals the exclusive right to market certain forfeited properties.

"The board will continue its policy of considering all offers that meet or exceed minimum bids on each tract on

a "first-come, first-served" basis," said Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, who serves as chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board.

Mauro emphasized all offers to the board must be made through local real estate professionals. Under the terms of the sale, agents receive up to a five percent commission on each sale paid by the buyer to the closing agent.

Tracts range in size from five to 30 acres. The board will offer full financing on each property. No down payment is required and the board will offer 30-year fixed-rate financing on each tract. The buyer will be responsible for the current year's taxes only.

Mauro said the decision to extend the financing for an additional six months was based on the acceptance of the program by agents and brokers and their success in marketing the tracts.

"Since we initiated the special financing period in February, 1991, 430 properties valued at \$7.8 million have been sold by Texas real estate

### School Board

\$5,715,029. This amount reflects a 10.02% increase.

After discussion of the high school gym floor, action was tabled on the proposal by Tara Flex Flooring to replace the floor for \$37,982. A further study of Tara Flex will be made as well as the cost of a wood floor.

Once again, time is of the essence, as basketball practice nears for Rice. Currently, volleyball activities, which are now in progress, are being conducted in the PAC Center.

Numerous areas of dispute in the new building construction throughout the district were discussed at length. McGaughey was authorized to withhold the final fees presented by Architect Randy Fromberg and to negotiate these disputes. The fee statement was approximately \$65,000.

Helen Craig and Reuben Wunderlich were approved as substitute teachers for the district.

Two resignations accepted...

### Rice board hires two new teachers at Aug. 22nd meeting

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees approved the employment of two new educators during a special meeting Thursday, Aug. 22nd.

The board accepted the resignation of Melinda Murphy, a music teacher at Eagle Lake Middle School, and employed Beverly Houser as her replacement. In addition, Marsha Kallina was hired as new pre-kindergarten teacher at the Garwood School.

In other business during the brief meeting, the board discussed the contract for a new gym floor at Raider Gym on the Rice High School campus.

However, no action was taken, but the board did authorize Superintendent Carolyn McGaughey to pursue the contract with Tara Flex Flooring.

McGaughey said Tuesday morning, Aug. 27th, she still had not reached a decision in regards to the new gym floor and had placed the item back on the agenda to discuss with the board at the Aug. 29th meeting.

The board called a budget hearing for 7 p.m. on the 1991-92 budget and McGaughey expects trustees to approve a preliminary budget at that time.

### FmHA socially disadvantaged program

The Farmers Home Administration, an agency of the Department of Agriculture, has funds available for Farmer Program Loans to socially disadvantaged individuals. A socially disadvantaged person is defined as one who, because of their identity as a member of a group, has been sub-

jected to racial or ethnic prejudice or cultural bias without regard to their individual qualities.

The types of funds available include funds to purchase or improve farmland (Farm Ownership Loans), and operating type funds to purchase

machinery, equipment, livestock or pay annual type farm operating expenses (Farm Operating Loans). Socially disadvantaged applicants must meet the eligibility standards set for all applicants for the various loan programs and the operation must meet the feasibility standards required.

For more information on the Socially Disadvantaged Program or help completing an application, please contact the Farmers Home Administration Office (FmHA) at 520 S. Front Street, P.O. Box 127, Bellville, Texas 77418; 409-865-9109.

### WCJC welcomes students

After months of summer fun in the sun, Wharton County Junior College began the fall semester with many new and smiling faces around campus. With a record enrollment of 3,086 total for all the campuses, the term has gotten off to a successful start. Last year's fall enrollment was 2,964.

With the first week of classes out of the way students will be able to look forward to some of the activities planned for them during the month of September. Such activities include dances, women's volleyball, pep rallies and Homecoming week.

The first activity to be held will be a Welcome Beach Bash Thursday, September 5 in the Pioneer Student Center from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. The dance is sponsored by the Student Government Association. Admission is free to all WCJC students with I.D. card

and \$2 to others attending. Everyone is asked to wear beach attire and to come prepared to have a good time. Entertainment for the "bash" will be by Randall and Toby Popp alias, "Sound Supply."

Students will have a chance to show their school spirit by participating in Pioneer Homecoming Week beginning September 23 and lasting until September 26 which is Homecoming day. On Homecoming day, the Lady Pioneer Volleyball team will play Texas Southmost in the Pioneer gym at 7:30 p.m. A Homecoming Queen will be crowned during half-time and a dance will immediately follow the game.

The activities planned for this semester will give students a chance to get to know one another and familiarize them with student life at WCJC.

### WCJC Calendar of Events

Thursday, Sept. 5: Welcome Dance in Pioneer Student Center  
Friday, Sept. 6: Lee College Women's Invitational Volleyball at

Baytown, time TBA.  
Saturday, Sept. 7: Lee College Women's Invitational Volleyball continues at Baytown, time TBA.  
Wednesday, Sept. 11: Twelfth class day.  
Friday, Sept. 13: Laredo International Womens Volleyball Tournament at Laredo, time TBA.

professionals throughout the state," Mauro said.

"The terms of this sale place owning land well within the reach of most Texans," Mauro said. "For example, the monthly payment on a \$19,000 tract financed at 3% on a 30-year note with no down payment would be \$83.00. That's a financing package that can make the dream of owning land a reality for many Texans."

Those wanting a complete list of the tracts or information on submitting a bid should contact a real estate professional in their area. If additional information is needed, you can call the Texas Veterans Land Board toll-free at 1-800-252-VETS.

### Rice fact

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## Don't Forget... Attend the Colorado County Fair!



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Seems like a mighty "tall cap" for such a small fellow. But it doesn't matter to little Stephen Darrel; he's too excited about going to the Fair this weekend.

Stephen is the son of Darrel and Melanie Appelt of Columbus and grandson of Bill and Lynda Appelt of Eagle Lake and Bill and Elaine McCoy of The Woodlands.

Stephen wants to remind all of you to come on out to the Colorado County Fair being held in Columbus September 12, 13, 14 and 15.

In addition to the carnival and other activities, you'll see performers such as Franchi Burke, Jeff Chance, Larry Boone, Ken Whitener (hypnotist), Danny Waddell, "Wild Man" The One Man Band and the Texas Dancetime Band (Stephen's dad is owner and manager). Check out the other activities in the ad on page 2.



### School board proposes tax rate of \$1.18+

By Lynda Appelt  
Contributing Writer

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees proposed a district tax rate for the 1991-92 fiscal year of \$1.180325 per \$100 valuation during Monday night's regular monthly meeting.

At this rate, no hearing is required nor does it approach rollback criteria. The present rate is \$1.01510 per \$100 valuation. The new proposed tax rate will be adopted at a special meeting called for Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The total includes 17,236 cents for debt service, 21,403 cents for maintenance and operation and 79,393 cents for the newly created Colorado County Education District.

The portion set by the CED is dictated by the state and is dispersed

back to the three school districts in Colorado County.

Since voters in the county voted 5-1 not to tax personal property, the CED portion of the tax rate will not include personal property revenue. The portions set by the school district will continue to include taxation of personal property. The district will continue to grant all exemptions.

Superintendent Carolyn McGaughey told the board that since the district appraised values are down some \$9 million and with the loss of partial revenue from personal property taxation, this rate is necessary in order to maintain the programs now in operation in the district and also to prepare a balanced budget.

The board approved a budget for the coming year of \$6,274,033.

McGaughey pointed out that even with the tremendous loss in appraised values, the budget only reflects a 2.21 percent increase.

Much of the school taxation is now dictated by the state due to the new equalization funding passed by the state legislature.

The board approved a new limited open forum policy which disallows non-curriculum related student groups to meet on school premises during instructional time.

McGaughey recognized those individuals who worked in the summer school program at the Eagle Lake Primary School this summer. They are Jeannie Leopold, Melinda Kuchertka, Karen Hoskins, Sharon Webb, Tanchi Cordova, Bella Galvan, Jean Murrell, Margaret Hernandez, Jessie Banks, Claudine Shorter, Claudia Mann and Deborah Manthys.

McGaughey reported that enrollment in the district stands at 1,544 as of Sept. 5. The breakdown includes 174 in Garwood; 175 in Sheridan; 428 in Eagle Lake Middle School; 372 in Eagle Lake Primary School; and 395 in Rice High School.

In other business, the board: Approved the release of pledged securities by The First National Bank of Eagle Lake which serves as the district depository;

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### Accreditation proves key to quality at ELCH

Eagle Lake Community Hospital has achieved accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois, as a result of its demonstrated compliance with the Joint Commission's nationally recognized healthcare standards. The Joint Commission on-site survey of Eagle Lake Community Hospital occurred in June.

"Above all, the national standards mandate that attention to quality be a top-level activity that permeates the entire organization," said John Clem, director of the Joint Commission Department of Hospital Accreditation Services. "As an example, the quality assurance standards expect health professionals to use indicators of quality to monitor and evaluate all areas of clinical care."

Clem said Colorado County "should be proud that Eagle Lake Community Hospital is focusing on the most challenging goal: to continually raise quality to higher levels."

Jim Buckner, hospital administrator, spoke of his pride in a staff whose members asked what needed to be done to be accredited by the Joint Commission and especially the nursing staff who had to meet new and tougher standards. "In addition, they appreciated the educational aspect of the survey and the opportunity to interact with the team of surveyors."

Eagle Lake gains some ground...

### Sales tax rebate 7.19% above last year's

State Comptroller John Sharp sent checks totaling almost \$97 million to 1,019 Texas cities and counties that collect local sales taxes, a year-to-date increase of 11% over 1990. The check received by the City of Eagle Lake was for \$7,835.29, 7.19% above the \$7,309.73 received this time last year.

"The Texas economy continues to grow at a slow to moderate rate, and even though we've slowed in response to the national recession of the last year or two, Texas as a whole is still

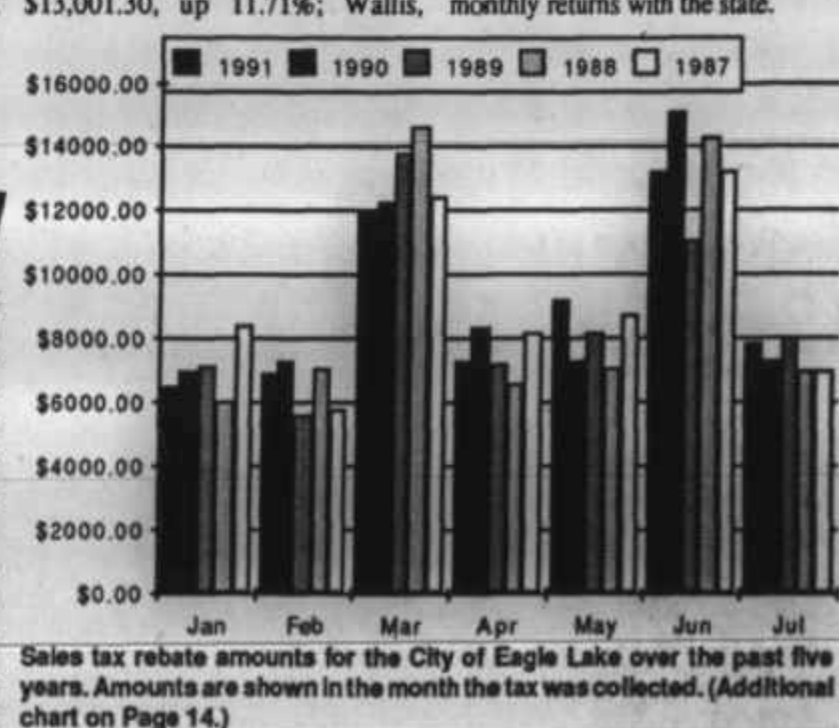
doing better than the rest of the country," Sharp said.

This month's payments to counties reached almost \$10 million for a year-to-date total of \$102 million, an increase of 18%. Colorado County received \$31,358.53, up 1.57% over the check for \$30,872.61 in 1990.

Checks mailed to area cities were: Columbus, \$26,602.53, up 22.02%; Weimar, \$7,580.80, +37.33%; Seely, \$27,517.75, down 9.23%; Bellville, \$13,001.30, up 11.71%; Wallis,

\$2,129.39, down 72.55%, and El Campo, \$7,501.08, up 13.01%.

Houston received almost \$14 million as this month's largest payment to bring that city's 1991 total to \$154.6 million. Dallas came in second with \$8 million; San Antonio third, \$5 million; followed by Austin, \$3.7 million; Ft. Worth, \$2.7 million, and El Paso, \$2.3 million. September's checks include taxes collected in July and reported in August by businesses filing monthly returns with the state.



### A&K says 'thank you all'

Again we wish to express humble appreciation and our eternal gratitude to the caring people of Eagle Lake.

To the volunteers of the Eagle Lake Fire Department, Ladies Auxiliary and the Eagle Lake-Volunteer Ambulance Corps, the many people who so willingly gave their time, food and drink to the volunteers and certainly, not to forget, the volunteers of the Garwood, Rock Island and Columbus Fire Departments plus the Farm & Ranch Aerial crew.

Without these unselfish people our company would not be able to recover. You have shown us true community spirit and we are deeply touched.

Sincerely,  
Orson Hess, Yard Manager  
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### Military News

#### Sr. Airman Kelly L. Fuchs

...has been decorated with the Good Conduct Medal. The medal is awarded for exemplary conduct while in the active service of the U.S. She is a medical service specialist at Hickam Air Force Base, Honolulu. Fuchs is the daughter of Marian R. Farnsworth of Cat Spring. Her husband, John, is the son of John L. and Sondra Fuchs of Wexford, Pa. The airman is a 1986 graduate of Seely High School.

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