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Tickets

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Black as the star performer. The Colorado County Go-Texan Committee will again charter a bus. Reservations and tickets will be available from the County Judge's office after Jan. 27. The bus will deliver you to the rodeo grounds and pick you up at the entrance when the performance is over.

For further information contact Lynda Appelt, Go-Texan Ambassador, 234-5878.

All rodeo performances will begin at 7:15 p.m. to allow for team roping, a new event for the 1993 show.



One of a number of deadly wrecks in the Eagle Lake area last year, a collision of an 18-wheeler and a station wagon near Lissie on Dec. 15, killed two men who were on their way to work.

Police report

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Also Dec. 31, Officer Hart was contacted by a subject who stated he had recovered several items from his yard and wanted to turn them in to the police. The items were found to be stolen from Lake Lumber Co. The lumber company had not reported the burglary to police at that time.

Lake Lumber reported that two saws and a drill are still missing. There are no suspects.

Jan. 1 at 8:07 p.m., Officer Reeves was dispatched to a residence on North Street in reference to a burglary. The complainant stated that when he had gotten home, he noticed a black female knocking at a window. She stated that she had seen two black males in his house. The suspects were possibly scared away before they could remove a television which had been left sitting on the floor in the bedroom. The case is under investigation.

Officer Reeves received a report Jan. 2 at 4:35 p.m. of the theft of a license plate from the complainant's vehicle sometime between Dec. 31 and Jan. 2.

Jan. 3, Sgt. Johnson met with a complainant who returned a VCR that had been stolen from a residence on Nov. 11. The subject reported that he had purchased it from another individual but he could not identify the person. The VCR was returned to the owner and the investigation continues.

Jan. 4, a VCR was reported stolen. Sgt. Johnson is investigating and advised that the VCR had apparently been stolen Jan 1 or 2 but not reported until Jan. 4.



The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department finally received their new, \$125,000, pumper truck on Aug. 18th, much to the delight of all the firemen who gathered at the station to "learn the ins and outs" of their new equipment. It was designated Unit 313, No. 8.

Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers 'Crime of the Week'

The Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1,000 cash reward for any information leading to the arrest and indictment of any person or persons involved in the burglary of the King Bearing building on FM 3013 that occurred sometime between 2 p.m. Dec. 26 and 7:15 a.m. on Dec. 28. Entry was gained into the building by actors throwing a brick through a window located on the south side of the business. A VCR and a microwave oven were stolen from the building, valued at \$310, and damage to the rear window was estimated at \$20. Subjects fled the scene through a rear door.

If you have any information regarding this case or any case, please call Crime Stoppers at 234-5555 or the police department at 234-2727. You will remain anonymous.

Sharp on prisons

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Bryan and other urban areas of Texas. The system's school budget for 1992-93 is nearly \$37 million.

Sharp noted there is little accountability within the school system and even less oversight by the Board of Criminal Justice. The board which serves as Windham's school board, spends only about two hours each year on education issues.

Sharp's review staff found that the Windham system was generally run efficiently with reasonable central office and administrative costs, and with adequate salaries and good morale among the over 1,000 teachers and staff.

"At a time when Texas faces the critical challenge of public school funding, taxpayers need to know that prison schools are held accountable for the quality of education they deliver, just as we demand in our public schools," Sharp said.

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Retrospect

The Texas Water Commission has reset the hearing on Trill's application for hazardous waste landfill from Sept. 10 to Oct. 19-20.

Sandra Frnka has been appointed postmistress in Garwood.

Colorado County Sheriff's deputies had a high speed chase in Glidden following an armed robbery that resulted in them catching and arresting the robber.

Eagle Lake Lions Club sponsored a circus.

Rice CISD trustees had a public hearing on the proposed 1992-93 tax rate of 44.66¢ per \$100 valuation.

Leslie Center has been chosen the 1992 Colorado County Fair Queen. The county fair Sept. 10-13 was a great success.

Clemson Johnson has been hired by the Eagle Lake Police Department as sergeant to replace Earl Jones.

Rollin Baker has been presented the University of Texas Frank Erwin Award for his contributions to Texas' swim program.

Hume and Nelda Baker celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Sheridan.

Margaret Nawara and Christopher Glueck report their marriage Aug. 8.

Trill raised the dumping rates for the Colorado County Landfill at Altair.

Rice High School held a grand homecoming event with bonfire, parade and special presentations. Terria Edwards was homecoming queen and Reggie Donner's #20 football jersey was retired.

OCTOBER

Colorado County Commissioners set the tax rate for fiscal 1992 at 38¢ per \$100 valuation to fund a \$4,365,772 budget. Inaccurate wording caused legal questions about the rate adoption.

A committee was formed to begin a county tax rollback petition.

Eagle Lake city council formed a committee to investigate the problems with TCI Cablevision.

The city voted to advertise again for a city manager.

LCRA plans eight regional meetings to discuss a proposed trash dumping ordinance for the river areas.

Two of Gov. Ann Richards' appointees resigned: Railroad Commissioner Lena Guerrero, under pressure for lying about her background; and State Prison Board Chairman Sheldon Hale.

Ross Perot re-entered the race for president with heavy campaigning in Texas.

RHS exes, Johnell and Kevin Dogins, are playing football for A&I. Selma Mathis retired from the Eagle Lake post office, Oct. 2.

"Eyes of Texas" reporter Bill Springer filmed in Alleyton. He taped interviews with local people including Bill Harrison Sr. The show is to air in Jan.

County Commissioners officially adopted a \$4.3 million budget and set the tax rate for the year at 38¢ per \$100 valuation, up from last year's 25¢.

The Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club launched "Adopt A Site" a new program for civic beautification. Businesses, organizations and individuals are asked to assume responsibility for vacant, weed infested, and unwanted locations in town.

Weddings were reported by Sandra Clare Kornek and Rondell Hewett in Nada Oct. 16; and Linda Kornek and Johnny Stribling, Sept. 12.

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LCRA and ACE filed petitions to reject the Trill application for a hazardous waste landfill in Colorado County.

Gilbert and Delene Holub of Sheridan celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Two men from Eagle Lake, Rick Farris and Phillip Leopold, ran in the New York Marathon on Nov. 1.

Leslie Center was the first Rice FFA member in the state FFA Leadership Contest in Huntsville.

County Commissioners have postponed implementing the 9-1-1 system indefinitely.

Rodney and Loretta Club members helped the Civic Garden Club with their "First Impressions" landscaping project at the point of Boothe and E. Main.



Civic Garden Club's "First Impressions" project workers Becky Anderson, Sandy Thomson and Margo Harrison.

Petitions began circulating among citizens to force Colorado County into a tax rollback election.

County citizens gathered at Rice High School for another meeting on Trill's application for expansion of the toxic manager.

Eagle Lake City Council activated the reserve police officers program with strict guidelines.

A new bed and breakfast has opened. The Veranda is owned by Candy McCreary and managed by Gary and Nancy Grasshoff.

The Xi Psi Psi sorority members tied red ribbons to the trees around the city hall as part of the nationwide Red Ribbon Campaign against drugs.

County Commissioners learned of the second report of noncompliance from the state on county jail standards.

The Eagle Lake Headlight annual Hunting Guide was circulated in time for the opening of hunting season Nov. 1.

NOVEMBER

The 1992 presidential election resulted in the county backing Bill Clinton though the state went for Bush. Sheriff Esterling was successful in his bid for re-election. The only new elected officials at the county level were Mary Jane Penitich as tax assessor and Richard Siefert as Precinct 1 commissioner.

Rice Supt. Carolyn McGaughey gave the District Improvement Plan for '92-93 at a special board meeting.

The Rice Raider football team ended the season without a single victory.

The wedding of Julia Thomas and Bret Pardue on Sept. 5 was reported.

The 13th Annual Study Club Auction raised over \$10,000 to benefit the library.

Spring registration is Jan. 14 at WCJC

Spring registration at WCJC begins with classes at the main campus in Wharton on Thursday, Jan. 14, at the Registrar's Office on Jan. 6, 7, or 8 to receive an allotted time for the Jan. 14 registration date.

Appointments are set by calling the Registrar's Office on Jan. 6, 7, or 8 to receive an allotted time for the Jan. 14 registration date.

Good food, great speaker promise entertaining evening at Chamber banquet

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce annual banquet will be an opportunity for area citizens to enjoy a great meal and hear a very interesting speaker Monday, Jan. 25. The Community Center will be the location for the event which begins at 7 p.m.

Houston Police Chief Sam Nuchia is the guest speaker for the evening. Nuchia has an extensive background in law enforcement.

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County Sheriff's Department to see change

By Rhonda Lattimore
Banner Press Staff

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department will be seeing a few changes in regard to prisoner housing, salary dispensation and overtime compensation in 1993 and the future, as discussed Monday morning by the Colorado County Commissioners' Court.

The most dreaded change faced by the county could be the loss of a variance granted by the Commission on Jail Standards which would lower the number of inmates to be legally housed in the current facility.

Following an inspection in Oct. of last year, the commission deemed the county's jail in non-compliance to jail standards due to prisoner overcrowding. For many years, the state agency allowed, through a variance, the county to house more prisoners than the building's true space would allow.

Inspector Terry Julian stated in Oct. that the state would have to revoke the variance and limit the number of inmates housed in the jail to no more than 15 each day. On an average daily basis, according to County Judge H.O. "Butch" Strunk, the jail population is around 27-29 prisoners.

Looking at the difference between the average population and the allowable population, Strunk said the county could face a daily expense of some \$15,000 to keep the criminals in an area facility.

He added that transportation and personnel expenses were not included in that figure.

In Nov. of last year, Strunk and Sheriff Bill Esterling met with members of the jail commission and asked them to put off revoking the variance. The request was granted, but the group will meet again on Jan. 27 to finalize the matter.

"This is a very critical matter to Colorado County. Some major (financial) ramifications... in the long term... may be felt by the county," said Strunk.

The state wants the county to build a new jail and the county may have to face that request in the very near future, according to Strunk.

Another change in the sheriff's department for 1993 deals with salary dispensation among the deputies.

Strunk stated Monday morning that the department has been losing deputies at a very high turnover rate due to the low salaries offered by the county. "We seem to train new deputies and then they move on to other departments with higher pay scales," said Strunk.

Meeting with Esterling and County Auditor Raymie Kana last week, Strunk said the group adjusted the pay scale within the department, without increasing the total expenditure, in hopes of raising the entry level salaries.

Taking \$1,680 from the chief deputy position, the court agreed to disperse the amount among the four lowest paid positions in the department. The pay scale prior to the changes and as of Jan. 1 is as follows: (See Commissioners' Page 10)

Superintendent pleased with TAAS results...

School Board extends McGaughey's contract

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees granted a contract extension to Superintendent Carolyn McGaughey, heard Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test results, approved a spring band trip and approved new courses for Rice High School during Monday night's regular monthly meeting.

The board voted unanimously to grant a one-year extension to McGaughey at the same salary, following a three hour closed session evaluation of her job performance. The extended contract is through June 30, 1996.

Her present contract allows for an annual salary of \$58,000, a car and car expenses as well as a \$100,000 life insurance policy.

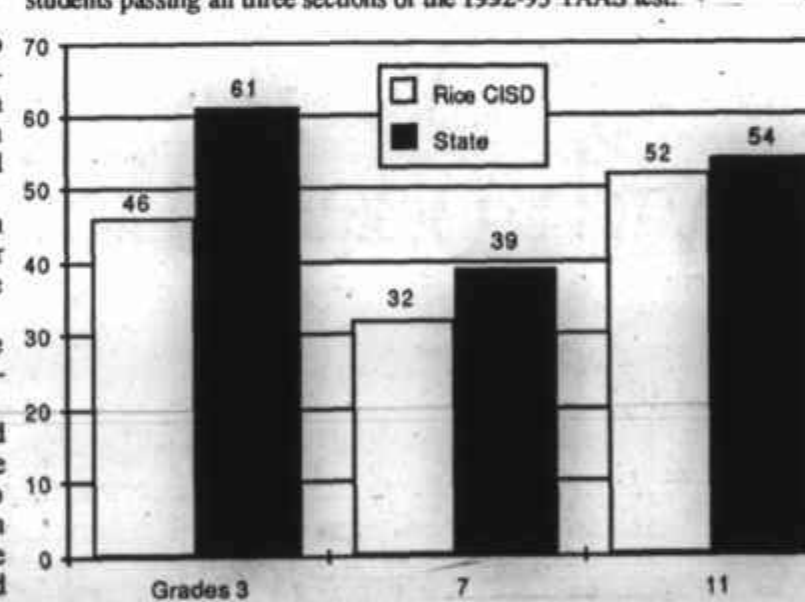
The board heard a report on the TAAS test administered to third, seventh and 11th graders in Sept.

Results were pleasing in the third and 11th grades, but the seventh grade results were down, according to McGaughey. She went on to explain that scores for seventh graders were down statewide. She told the board she felt this was partially due to increased standards and fall testing.

A summary of TAAS results for the district follows:

	Meeting Minimum Expectations			Mastering All Objectives		
	Math	Reading	Writing	Math	Reading	Writing
3rd Grade	83%	71%	57%	17%	41%	11%
7th Grade	43%	40%	65%	5%	5%	26%
11th Grade	60%	80%	85%	16%	29%	27%

The graph below shows a district/state comparison of the percentage of students passing all three sections of the 1992-93 TAAS test:



McGaughey told the board she was concerned about individual tests, but extremely concerned "with what we're doing with all three. If the test is written at grade level, our expectation is that the children should be performing on grade level."

According to McGaughey, rigorous instruction and increased expectations will continue as an effort to raise scores. She contributed the tremendous growth at Rice High School to increased expectations, particularly in the area of math, where higher level math courses replaced courses, such as fundamentals of math.

"There are definitely some instructional implications shown in some areas of our scores," said McGaughey.

The board approved a trip to New Orleans, La., for the Rice High School band with no expense to the district. The dates of April 30-May 3 were approved. The band will perform and also participate in a band clinic.

Courses in horticulture, personal business management, personal typing and wildlife/increased management were approved as options for students who come out of TAAS preparation classes following successful test scores. Each course will be worth one-half credit.

In other business, the board:

- Awarded certificates to Socorro Cano, Larry Morgan, Sidney Lira, Doyle Holland, Misty McClood and Judy Holloway for accomplishments in State Special Olympics;
- Accepted and awarded a bid for a watermaster at the Eagle Lake Middle School to Commercial Water Dryer in the amount of \$4,830;
- Awarded food service bids to six providers with the food service district.

(See School board, Page 10)

Police clear 169 cases during December

Eagle Lake Police Department handled 193 calls during the month of Dec. 1992. There were 73 criminal cases and 52 cases were cleared. They made 17 arrests of which 6 were misdemeanors and the other 11 were felonies.

During the month they had four assaults, 10 burglaries, 22 thefts, 17 disturbances, three accidents, 10 criminal mischief occurrences, and 127 miscellaneous calls. A total of 169 cases were cleared.

A burglary at Kevin Court Apartments was reported to police Jan. 6. Sgt. Clem Johnson was dispatched at 8:52 a.m. to the location where he found entry had been gained into an apartment through the window by prying off the screen and removing the window from its track. The suspect removed several items from the refrigerator and took them outside. There is a suspect in the case.

Sgt. Johnson also investigated a report of criminal mischief while at Kevin Court where subjects had cut a screen door. The case is under investigation.

Sgt. Johnson also assisted Dulany Funeral Home with police escort on Jan. 6.

Jan. 8 at 12:10 p.m., Officer Eric Hart was dispatched to a two-vehicle accident in front of Sportsman's Restaurant involving a U.S. Fish and

Wildlife vehicle driven by Stanley Kenneth Krenke of Fort Worth and a vehicle driven by Stanley Louis Kucherka Jr. of Rosenberg.

Krenke was eastbound on Boothe when Kucherka's vehicle exited the parking lot of the restaurant, pulling too far into the roadway where his car was struck by Krenke's vehicle. Kucherka was cited for failure to yield the right of way exiting a private drive.

Jan. 10 at 8:37 a.m., Officer Hart received a report of a vehicle stolen between 8 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 a.m. Sunday morning. The vehicle had been parked overnight with the keys in the ignition and the doors

(See Police report, Page 10)

In H-GAC area...

Colorado County only one not on 9-1-1

With 9-1-1 emergency telephone communications service already operating in eight of the nine counties in which the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) is overall planning agency, H-GAC's future planning for 9-1-1 enters a new phase this year.

Colorado County is the only part of the H-GAC area not receiving the service. The emergency telephone communications systems are in operation in Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Liberty, Matagorda, Walker, Waller and Wharton Counties. All eight have gone into operation during the past year, with the latest, Liberty, inaugurated in late Oct.

For counties over 120,000 population, the 9-1-1 system was mandatory

but smaller counties had the option to join together on a regional basis or establish their own systems. Four counties in the 13-county H-GAC already had or elected to establish individual systems. Those counties, Austin, Galveston, Harris and Montgomery, all have 9-1-1 districts in successful operation.

The remaining nine counties chose to work with H-GAC to establish their 9-1-1 service and all but Colorado County had it in successful operation before Jan. 1993.

Although the plans for the Colorado County system have been completed by local groups working closely with H-GAC and the State Commission for Emergency Commu-

nications, the Commissioners Court has recently taken action to delay the implementation of the system due to lack of local funds to conduct the service the way they wish. The 9-1-1 plan for Colorado County remains in place and can be updated as soon as the county finds itself able to do so.

With the successful service in the other eight counties and testing, installation and operation problems largely solved, the H-GAC's 9-1-1 program has already begun its next phase.

In addition to monitoring the new systems and training newly engaged call-takers, H-GAC will concentrate on working with the counties to initiate and complete rural addressing projects this year.

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