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Council

Revenues in the 1993-94 budget are projected to be \$1,403,103 as compared to \$1,631,981 in the present budget.

The fiscal year 1993-94 will be a very difficult year financially for the City of Eagle Lake, said Holland. Council approved the request from Wildflower Celebration committee to close Commerce Street between Main and No Name streets on Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4 and use the City Hall Square for sidewalk booths; close Lake Avenue from Main and the alley on Saturdays and Sundays between April 1 and May 2.

In other business, the council: Approved the request of Doug Schwemm, Helen Craig and Becky Anderson, who were present at the meeting representing the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, to use hotel-motel tax receipts to help fund part of a secretary's salary at the Chamber office beginning the middle of March through the Wildflower Celebration at a maximum cost of \$1,500 and subject to the availability of funds; Approved William Pierce Arthur Jr. as the auditor to audit the general purpose financial statements of the City for the year ending March 31; Approved a request for a parade permit from Our Lady of Perpetual

Help and Our Lady of Guadalupe Churches for a walking procession on April 10 from 11:15 p.m. to midnight; and

Sheriff's report

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Hammond who reported that at 4:30 p.m. March 10, Pablo Tovar had contacted him and told him someone had been in the Dam Moody guest house on Cat Spring Road and removed several items. Tovar, the groundskeeper for the Moody place, told Hammond that he found the cash register from the barn had been moved to the sidewalk and a microwave oven had been taken from the kitchen and placed outside the back porch.

Deputy LaCourse investigated and found the items mentioned. He also found the suspects had apparently taken a large set of horns from the wall and moved a TV from its stand. It appeared the suspects were scared off before taking anything from the premises. Some shoe prints were located in the area of the barn. Nothing seemed to be missing. No one was living in the guest house at the time of the burglary. The case remains under investigation.

March 11, Deputy Richard LaCourse was contacted by a Bobby

Inhalant, poison awareness week is March 21-27

"Inhalants and Poisons: They're Right Under Your Nose" kicks off during the week of March 21-27.

The awareness campaign, a joint effort of the Texas Prevention Partnership and a pharmacy coalition, Texas Pharmacists United in Patient Care, will alert the public to the severity of inhalant use and accidental poisonings. Colorado County Youth and Family Services is participating in this week long campaign.

The video, "The Silent Epidemic", will be presented in the schools to all sixth, seventh and eighth graders with a short discussion following. Presentations will be given to parent organizations throughout the county. Children and young people are surrounded at home and school by products that can be dangerous, even deadly. Statistics indicate that 25% of all Texas students have "sniffed" or "huffed" inhalants by the time they reach seventh grade. In addition, thousands of Texans are treated in hospital emergency rooms every year as a result of accidental poisoning. Like poison, intentional use of inhalants can be fatal.

In most cases, common household items such as aspirin, cough and cold remedies, perfume and cleaning products are the source of poisoning. With inhalants, more than 600 legal products can be misused by intentionally inhaling concentrated fumes. Effects can be fatal and dozens of deaths occur in Texas every year. Chronic users can also suffer permanent and severe brain damage, heart failure, loss of consciousness and irreversible damage to the liver, kidneys and bone marrow.

Inhalants rank fourth after alcohol, tobacco and marijuana as the most abused substance. Younger children, especially ages 12-14, who might not try illegal drugs do experiment with inhalants because they are legal products, easy to get, inexpensive and difficult to detect.

Colorado County Youth and Family Services encourages you to become aware of those "drugs" that are right under our noses.

SP reunion is May 1

The seventh annual Glidden Southern Pacific Railroad (SPRR) Reunion will be Saturday, May 1, at the Veteran's Community Center in Columbus. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. A catered barbecue dinner of beef and sausage will be served at noon with door prizes to be given away following the meal. Country and western music for dancing is planned from 2 to 5:30 p.m. with Adolph Hofner and the Pearl Wranglers of San Antonio. The employees, retirees, family and friends of SPRR are welcome to attend the reunion. There is a charge of \$9 for adults and \$4.50 for children from six to 12. Send your reservation and payment to the Glidden SP Railroad Reunion, in care of Charlie Herchek, RR 3, Box 3253, Columbus, TX 78934. Or call him at 409-732-3606 or Mrs. Howard Besch at 409-732-6170.

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Eagle Lake Hospital patient list

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Admissions
Eagle Lake: Mary McClellan, Ida Kennard, Alma Tillman, Rosie Coats, Tommie Neiswender, Shamika Johnson; Columbus: Walter Kansteiner, Garwood; Leasious Johnson; Sheridan: Frank Harding; Wallis: Mary Koizik, Anne Longoria & Baby Boy.

Dismissals
Eagle Lake: Stanley Kucherka, Elisa Baring, Craig Dabney, Christy Smith & Baby Girl, Alma Tillman, Rosie Coats, Tommie Neiswender, Shamika Johnson, Jerry Inman, Janet Schorlemmer, Barbara Parker & Twin Girls; Columbus: Walter Kansteiner, Annette Huffman, Christy Gallaher & Baby Boy; Wallis: Frank Reznicek; Garwood: Leasious Johnson, Sheryl Brown & Baby Girl, Joseph Schoellmann; Altair: Sharonda Garner, Allen Greak; Sheridan: Frank Harding, Sharon Layton & Baby Boy; East Bernard: Elizabeth Castillo & Baby Boy; Wharton: Gail Perkins.

Scholarship offered to Rice grad

Shell Western E&P Inc. will offer a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from Rice Consolidated High School again this year. The scholarship will be given to an outstanding senior who plans to attend a four-year college, two-year school or trade school pursuing a petroleum-related curriculum, environmental conservation or computer science. Graduating seniors interested in applying for the scholarship should contact the counselor's office for more detailed criteria and an application form. The high school scholarship committee will make its selection based on the candidate's academic achievements, participation in school and community activities and a written statement explaining why he or she would like to receive the scholarship. Sons and daughters of Shell Western employees are not eligible as Shell has a national scholarship program available for children of employees.



Science Fair elementary winners

These students' projects were selected tops in the elementary division at a recent Science Fair-Invention Convention held at the Sheridan School. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Ryan McGee, Billy Wilson, Marshall Peterson; second row, Jakkil Alleyway, Christine Jackson, Alicia Roberts, Andrew Varley and Rachel Estrada; and in back, Marshall Peck, Josh Spangenberg, Isam Brisco, Eric Kasper and Courtney Sims.

Pink Ladies elect officers

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary, better known as "Pink Ladies" held its annual election of new officers at their meeting March 9. Officers serve as term of two years. New officers elected are President Pat Stapleton, First Vice President Jean McInteer, Second Vice President Olga Heiner, Secretary Kay Thomas and Treasurer Barbara Pidgeon. Installation luncheon will be held at the Christ Episcopal Church on Tues. April 13.

At this meeting, a new member, Becky Anderson was recognized. A 1000 hr. pin was awarded to Isabel Vecera, for her volunteer hours to date. Also special recognition was given to Myrtle Vogesang, who has been baking cookies every week, voluntarily, for sale in the gift shop.

Study Club hears Thomas

On Wednesday, March 9, the Study Club was honored to have as their guest speaker, Dr. Sandra Thomas. Dr. Thomas, daughter of Rusty Thomas, is Vice President for Student Development at Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C. She has studied at several different universities. She served as Dean at Lindenwood College in St. Louis and Assistant Dean at SMU in Dallas. She has traveled widely and taken academic groups abroad to Italy, Greece, Spain, Brazil, Cuba, Chile, Peru, Argentina and many other countries. She will be going to China in May with a study/travel group from Meredith College. Dr. Thomas has received numerous recognitions with her studies and work. Her program was a video on South America, the South American gaucho, and a travelogue of her trip on the

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Police report

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telephone. There was no sign of forced entry. The case is under investigation. Officer Argo was dispatched to Pendleton Street about a burglary at the old church office building. He located a broken window in the rear of the building. Ten gallons of home-made wine was noted as missing. Fingerprint were taken from the scene and the case is under investigation.

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 Templo Berea Church at 621 Maple St. The burglary occurred between March 10 at 9 p.m. and March 12 at 2 a.m. A set of drums, two amplifiers, a bass guitar, a keyboard, a microphone and a telephone, valued at \$1,100, were taken from the church. If you have any information regarding this case or any case, please call Crime Stoppers at 234-5555 or the Eagle Lake Police Department at 234-2727. You will remain anonymous.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Airport meeting this morning

Airport and aviation needs in Austin, Colorado and Wharton counties will be discussed at 10 a.m. this morning, March 25, in the council room of the Eagle Lake Municipal Building, 100 E. Main. Elected officials, airport board members and managers will be present with Texas Department of Transportation aviation division representatives. The meeting is open to the public.

Little League tryouts today

The Eagle Lake Little League will hold tryouts Thursday, March 25, at the baseball field. Girls begin at 6 p.m. with the boys immediately following. In case of rain, the tryouts will be the same time Friday, March 26.

CCA board meets tonight

The Combined Community Action, Inc. board of directors will meet Thursday, March 25, at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend the meeting at the CCA center, 275 Ellinger Road in La Grange.

ELMS Parent center offers class

At Eagle Lake Middle School, the parent workshop topic for today, March 25, at 9 a.m. is "helping your child stand up to peer pressure". The sessions are held every Thursday. For details contact Maria Vargas at 234-3501.

Volunteer schedules to be picked up

Members of the Eagle Lake Study Club and Hospital Auxiliary who have volunteered to tend the booth at the museum during the Wildflower Celebration are to pick up the printed work schedules for the month of April at the Winterman Library. Civic Garden Club members' schedules will be mailed.

Nada KCs offer fish fry

The Nada Knights of Columbus will have a fish fry dinner on Friday, March 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Nada KJ Hall. The price for all you can eat is \$6.50 or \$3.30 for children. Plates to go are available, also.

Ft. Bend Singles have dance

Friday, March 26, at 8 p.m., the Fort Bend Singles will sponsor a dance at the Needville K Hall. Sil Krenek Orchestra will play and the public is invited to attend. For information call 713-232-4782 or 409-793-6176

Two pet vaccination clinics in area Saturday

Garwood Lions Club is sponsoring a rabies vaccination clinic for area pets on Saturday, March 27, from 12 to 2 p.m. Veterinarian Dr. Potter will administer the shots at the old Garwood School shop. The cost is \$5 a pet. The East Bernard FFA Rabies Clinic will also be Saturday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to noon at the high school ag. shop. Animals must be at least three months old to be vaccinated. Rabies shots will cost \$6 per animal.

St. Paul's has Men's Day

A Men's Day program is scheduled at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Columbus Sunday, March 28. The program will begin at 2:30 p.m. with prayers and a devotional led by guest ministers. Music, singing and preaching will round out the afternoon event. Dinner will be served in the Educational Building following the program. The church is located at the corner of Fannin and Preston St. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Children and TV program Monday

The program "What About the Children?" will be presented Monday, March 29, at 7 p.m. in the County Ag. Building, 316 Spring St. in Columbus. It focuses on the influence of TV and other mediums in the lives of children and what parents can do to improve children's television. For more information call Peggy Braden, county extension agent at 409-732-2530.

Legionnaires meet Tuesday

The Eagle Lake American Legion Post 108 will have its quarterly meeting Tuesday, March 3, at 7 p.m. in the office of Laker Printing. Election of officers for 1993-94 and a flag disposal ceremony are scheduled. Anyone having flags that are tattered, torn or faded beyond proper use are urged to bring them to Laker Printing, 123 N. McCarty, before Tuesday night.

Last week to buy season passes

This is the last week that people in the community will be able to buy season passes for the Wildseed Farms tours. The passes are \$10 each and may be purchased from the Chamber of Commerce office or from Helen Craig through Wednesday, March 31.

Register to vote this week

To be eligible to vote in the special election May 1, you must be registered and have a blue voter registration certificate, reminds County Tax Assessor Mary Jane Poonitsch. Applications for registration or change of address forms must be completed and returned to the office of the voter registrar at the courthouse before 5 p.m. Thursday, April 1. For information call 409-732-2710.

Pilots plan spaghetti supper

The Pilot Club of Eagle Lake will sponsor their annual spaghetti supper Friday, April 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Community Center. Tickets are available from Pilot Club members for \$4.50 each.

Rummage sale set in Garwood

The Garwood Community Association will have a rummage sale Saturday, April 3, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the community building, downtown on Arthur St. It is the old Farmers Coop.

Lissie Methodist to hold revival

The Lissie United Methodist Church and pastor, Rev. Sandra Kimbrow, invite everyone to worship the Lord at a revival Sunday, April 4, through Tuesday, April 6, at 7 p.m. each evening. Rev. Morris Matthis of Faith United Methodist Church of Richmond will preach the word of God. Clark Powers of Eagle Lake is to lead the revival singing. Special music will be provided by Jim and Susie Geiger, Jerry Boetcher and Merrilynda Tugwell, Donna Shaver and Angela Lowery.

City tours begin April 1

The Eagle Lake Rotary Club will begin the 1993 tours of the city and lake attractions next Thursday, April 1. The tours will continue every day throughout the Wildflower Celebration, ending May 2. Tours begin daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from the Rotary booth across the street from Prairie Edge Museum. The narrated tour will cover about 15 miles and last one hour, nonstop. This year, the tour has a new revised route with more lake attractions, more old homes and historical facts. There is no admission but contributions are accepted for the benefit of many Rotary Club sponsored projects. You can make reservations for a tour by calling Fred Fmka at 234-3360 or 234-2065, or the Chamber of Commerce office, 234-2780.

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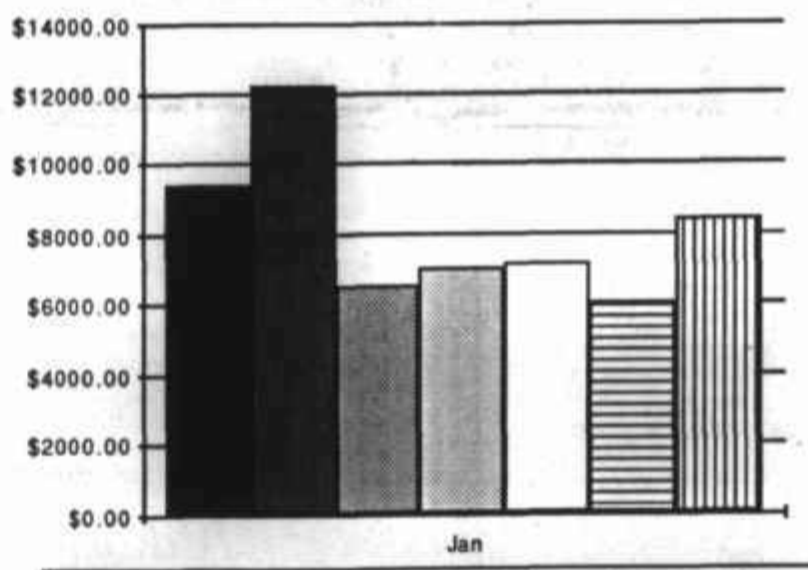
'Ali Baba' comes to town Friday



Playing the thieves in this weekend's productions of "Ali Baba" are Javier Lopez, Leslie Waddell, Jessica Thomas, Jacqueline Thomas, Jason Barrow and Leigh Ann Michalka. Photo Courtesy of Deborah Reed

Sales tax rebates still ahead for year

This month's check lower, but... State Comptroller John Sharp sent a total of \$101.7 million in March sales tax rebates to 929 Texas cities and 109 counties last week, an 11.1% increase over last year's payments. The City of Eagle Lake received a check in the amount of \$9,416,778, down 23.09% from the \$12,243,776 received in March 1992. But, this check brings the total sales tax rebates for 1993 to \$41,707.81, still up 23.84% over the amount rebated last year at this time. Texas cities received \$91.4 million in sales tax payments, up 11.3% from the \$82.1 million they received last March. Counties received \$10.2 million, a 9.4% increase over the March 1992 rebates of \$9.3 million. The City of Houston received \$13.7 million, the largest sales tax rebate for March, a 9% increase from the \$12.6 million in March 1992. The \$8.4 million March payment to the City of Dallas was the second largest, up 7.5% from the \$7.8 million sent to the city for the same period last year. Total employment in Dallas increased by 29,600 jobs. "The service sector in Dallas carried the bulk of new jobs in the region. Retail trade also increased," Sharp said. Strong employment growth also contributed to the \$5.1 million rebate to San Antonio, the third largest payment this month and a 15.8% increase over the March 1992 payment of \$4.4 million to the Alamo city. The city has been experiencing steady employment growth since July 1991, according to Sharp. "San Antonio experienced the fastest employment growth among all major Texas cities," Sharp said. Austin's payment of \$4.4 million ranked as the fourth highest rebate, a 32.8% increase over its March 1992 payment, and the highest percentage (See Sales Tax, Page 12)



Five running in Eagle Lake City Council race

Last minute filings brought the number of candidates to five for the three seats on the Eagle Lake City Council. Along with Melvin Gordon (incumbent) and René Cooper-Scott, Will Freeman Tyler, Mike Duarte (incumbent) and Joe N. Frazier will also be on the May 1st ballot. There is no race for the two seats on the Rice CISD Board of Trustees. Incumbents Jim Wiese and Fritz Leopold were the only candidates filing. The May 1st election will not only include these two races, but will include the filling of Lloyd Bensten's seat on the U.S. Senate to which Bob Krueger was appointed in the interim, as well as three state constitutional amendments concerning public school funding. You must be registered by Thursday, April 1, in order to vote in this election.

Rice School Board awards 121 teacher contracts, discusses lawsuit filed recently

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer
The Rice Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees discussed the pending lawsuit filed in district court in regard to the construction of Eagle Lake Primary School during Monday night's monthly meeting. The board of trustees also awarded 121 teacher contracts and approved two proposed non-renewals. Following a two-hour executive session, the board awarded contracts to 24 teachers at Eagle Lake Primary School, 15 at Sheridan School, 13 at Garwood School, 28 at Eagle Lake Middle School, 34 at Rice High School and seven on the Special Education Co-op staff, for a total of 121 one-year contracts. The agenda was amended to include two proposed non-renewals of contracts. These two staff members will be allowed a period for due process before final action is taken by the board. The board also accepted the resignation of Rice High School teacher and coach Dan Klepper and approved Tina Coats, Earline Konarik, Tanya Perez and Stephanie Bowman as substitute teachers. Superintendent Carolyn McGaughey told the board the suit filed in District Court on March 8 against Randall E. Fromberg, Fromberg Associates and Way Consulting Engineers Inc. was done in the best interest of the patrons of the RCISD. Fromberg was contracted on April 19, 1989, to design the new Eagle Lake Primary School. Way was hired by the district as a consultant to Fromberg to assist in properly designing the foundation after the district learned in a soil condition report that the soil at the site was expansive and subject to heaving. The soil condition report was performed by Trinity Testing at a substantial cost prior to the construction. According to the suit, three alternative methods for adequate design recommended by Trinity to prevent subsidence and destruction to the building were provided to Fromberg. The suit claims, that without consultation, Fromberg proceeded with the construction. (See School Board, Page 12)

Shoplifting, thefts reported in City

Eagle Lake Police Department handled the following calls during the past week. At 6:11 p.m. March 16, Officer Eric Hart was dispatched to the Wilcox Mini-mart in reference to a shoplifter. Hart met with the manager who had the suspect with him. Hart took the suspect, Loronda D. Johnson of Garwood, into custody, transported her to the police station for processing. She was transported to the county jail for confinement. March 17 at 5:48 p.m. Officer Hart was dispatched to N. Lake St. concerning an argument at a residence. After meeting with the complainant and suspect, he advised the complainant to see the judge the next day if she wished to file assault charges. Officer Jeff Argo was dispatched to Bill's Dollar Store, March 18, in reference to an attempted theft. A subject had attempted to steal two tubes of Fixodent denture cement. The subject paid for the items and was advised by the manager not to return to the store or she would be charged with trespassing. March 19 at 12:15 a.m., Officer Jay Reyes received a call about a fight in progress at the Jazz Room. Reeves, with Chief Lupe Villarreal and Officer Hart, responded to the call and found two separate fights in front of the bar. When officers arrived, the fights broke up and all the subjects left the scene. (See Police report, Page 10)

Need more students...
Adult class for GED offered in Eagle Lake
Sign up is open now for adult education classes in Eagle Lake. The classes meet every Tuesday and Thursday at Eagle Lake Middle School and are provided through Wharton County Junior College. According to teacher Neal Boswick, the class must have a minimum of seven students to continue to be offered in Eagle Lake. A present five students are in the class. If there is not additional interest and more students, the classes will be discontinued here. Boswick commented, the classes will be offered from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., are offered at no charge to the students. You may sign up by going to the next class. New students may join at any time. The classes are open to anyone over 17 years of age by Sept. 1992 who wants to improve or to study for the Graduate Equivalency Degree (GED). Reading, writing, math, social studies and science, the five areas on the GED test, are taught. A graduation ceremony is held at the successful completion of the class. Those wanting to get their GED would have to go to WCJC or Victoria Junior College to take the classes.