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To The Editor & You

Band director appreciates help

Dear Editor;

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for your help during the past school year.

I appreciate all the merchants that donated items for the Rice High School band fundraisers, bake sales and garage sales. Without your help it could not have happened. Your contributions to the band are greatly appreciated.

I also thank the school board, administration and staff of the Rice District for their part in making the band's trip to New Orleans a success. This was truly an educational experience.

A special recognition goes to the parents and members of the band. Parents, you have great children. Band, it is a real joy to work with such fine student musicians. Your performance both on and off stage was superior.

I appreciate the band boosters. President Vicki Powers was the driving force behind the New Orleans trip. She and the other members of the organization worked hard to make the entire year a success. What are we going to do next year?

Chaperones Vicki Powers, Wanda Center, Joe Mike Spanihel and Jeanette Spenrath are the greatest. Thank you.

Floyd Spenrath
Band Director
Rice High School

Eagle Lake a neighborly community

To the Editor;

Recently as I read the Chamber of Commerce survey, printed in the Headlight, I couldn't help but hope we weren't taking certain strengths about our community for granted.

Chief among these strengths is a genuine care for the well-being of our neighbors about town.

For the third year in a row, I had the good fortune to witness that kindness first hand as I watched the donations come in to the Scouting For Food campaign.

It was neighbor gladly helping neighbor. So next time you stop to think about how Eagle Lake measures up as a community, ask someone for help with something you may need. I think you will be pleased with the result of your survey.

Thank you all for your generous support of Scouting For Food again this year and God bless you all.

Herbert Ramirez
Cub Master Pack 3078

License revocation bill needs support

To the Editor;

Drunk driving is a tragedy that Texans shouldn't have to live with, or die from. Fortunately, there's a bill before the Texas Legislature that can help stop it.

Cosponsored by 15 Democrat and Republican state legislators, the Administrative License Revocation Act will require arresting officers to take the licenses of suspected drunk drivers who either refuse to be tested for alcohol, or who take the test and flunk it.

The message of the bill pending before the Legislature is simple. If our families and the lives of our citizens mean anything, then we cannot tolerate drunk driving. And if someone is irresponsible enough to get behind the wheel intoxicated, we're going to grab that drunk driver, take his license and see to it that he doesn't ruin someone else's life.

I hope you will let your readers know about this important legislation so they can make their voices heard.

Yours Respectfully,
Phil Gramm
U. S. Senator

No-pass, no-lay rule shortened as lawmakers continue funding struggle

State Capitol Highlights
By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

The Texas Senate voted 27-4 last week for a school finance bill that would allow the state to shift $40 billion in commercial property from rich school districts to poor ones.

The measure, by Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mt. Pleasant, is designed to address school funding inequities without consolidating local school districts.

The Senate action sets up a showdown in the House between the two chambers' finance plans, which take radically different approaches to equalize public education funding.

The Senate plan would require 109 property rich districts to share some of their commercial tax wealth with property poor districts.

The House measure would consolidate 281 of Texas' 1,048 school districts—merging property rich districts with lower wealth districts nearby—and use state aid to level out funding inequities.

Lawmakers must pass a plan to equalize school funding by June 1 or face a court-ordered cutoff of state education aid.

House Trims No-Pass Rule

Meanwhile the nine-year-old "no pass, no play" rule that was part of former Gov. Mark White's education reform package, was diluted by the House during a long debate on state rules for local schools.

The current rule, the capstone of education reforms enacted in 1984, bars junior high and high school students who are flunking classes from taking part in extracurricular activities such as football, band, or debate for six weeks.

The House version, which was tentatively approved last week, would let school principals shorten the suspension to three weeks for students who immediately start improving their test scores. But students who fail a test during that period would face suspension for the full six weeks.

Clinton's BTU Tax Ripped

A host of Texas business, farm and industrial leaders joined Railroad Commissioners Jim Nugent, Mary Scott Nabors and Barry Williamson last week in a news conference to sound the alarm against the Clinton Administration's proposed BTU tax on energy.

"The proposed tax is a job destroyer that will hurt middle income consumers and threaten Texas' current economic recovery," the commissioners warned.

"This tax will rip through our economy like a Texas tornado," said Nugent. " It will leave behind unemployment and higher energy prices that lead to high inflation and interest rates. This is a recipe for economic disaster, not economic reform."

More than 450,000 jobs have been lost in the domestic energy patch since 1980—more than losses in the auto and steel industries combined. More than 160,000 of the energy jobs lost were held by Texans.

"From agriculture to trucking, to manufacturing to petrochemicals, the BTU tax will hurt Texans," said Nabors. "Consumers will definitely be impacted and Texans will lose jobs.

"This tax is unfair because Texas will pay 12.5% of the tax while we represent only 6.8% of the nation's population," Williamson said. "Texans should not have to pay twice as much as states like California, New York and Maryland."

Prison Bond Issue Passes

A $1 billion bond issue for new prisons and jails, which black and Hispanic lawmakers blocked earlier, passed the House last week with a 130-6 vote.

Minority members stalled the resolution by denying it the 100 votes needed to place it on the ballot for voter approval. The lawmakers said they were frustrated by the Legislature's inability to develop a constitutional school finance plan.

Doctor Referral Bill

The Senate has approved a bill that would prohibit doctors from referring patients to facilities in which they are an investor. Violators would face fines of $15,000 for each violation.

A recent national study showed that patients referred to physician-owned laboratories pay 26% to 125% more than at independent labs.

The bill by Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Ft. Worth, now goes to the House for consideration.

House OKs Tax Cap

A measure that would allow voters to decide whether to cap the state's franchise tax has won preliminary House approval.

The proposed constitutional amendment passed 95-39. It must gain 100 votes in the House and a two thirds vote in the Senate to be placed on the Nov. 2 ballot.

The amendment would cap the corporate income tax at its current 4.5%.

Other Highlights

•The Texas House has concurred with Senate amendments to a bill that would create the Texas Lottery Commission in April 1994. The commission, with separate lottery and bingo divisions, would consist of a three member board appointed by the governor.

•The House State Affairs Committee voted 8-7 to close the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission, which recommends what state agencies should be closed. Gov. Richards and legislative leaders said the sunset commission was unneeded bureaucracy.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 Years Ago

October 3, 1968

The Eagle Lake High School cheerleaders active in keeping up school spirits are **Vicki Powers, Margaret Christal, Wanda Wilkerson,** head cheerleader **Patricia Hengst, Pritti Braden, Kay Beth Brunner** and **Janet Frnka**…

Consolidated Fund Chairman **W.L. Farris** has announced four to head up the fund drive: **Mrs. Draper Stephens, Mrs. Arthur Anderson, Dr. Ray Thomas** and **W.L. Bauer**…

Eagle Lake business firms began collecting the new 3% sales tax on Wednesday of this week…

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tyler of Altair received the sad news of the death of their son, **Charles Vernon Tyler,** on board ship enroute home from Isreal. He was a seaman in the Merchant Marine…

Five from Eagle Lake were among seven persons who died in a wreck near Rockdale Sunday. **Jefferson Davis, Mrs. Rosie Hemphill, Annette Denley, Mrs. Jefferson Davis,** and her granddaughter, **Sheronda Tillman,** were killed and **Sherain Tillman** was critically injured…

Miss Elizabeth Seaholm, manager of the Eagle Lake Jaycee Swimming Pool for the summer, received a certificate of achievement from Jaycee President **Thurston Webb** for a job well done… **Robbin Griffith** of Eagle Lake has been selected as sweetheart of Alpha Phi Omega men's service fraternity at Baylor University. She is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffith**…

Ervin Hurd and **Billy Brisco** were cited by the Eagle coaches as outstanding players of the week in last Friday's game with the Wallis Steers…

Mrs. William Zboril, on a world tour with her husband, writes they encountered temperatures up to 110 degrees while in New Delhi, India…

Miss Paulette Laura Balusek became the bride of **Robert Klockman** in a wedding ceremony May 25th in Grace Lutheran Church in Eagle Lake…

January 26, 1945

The Lissie Community and numerous friends in Eagle Lake were saddened to learn Sunday morning that **Mrs. Ben McCormick** had passed away Saturday night…

Mrs. C.W. Herndon has received the Purple Heart, sent to her by the government as an award for meritorious service of her son, **Pvt. Ernest A. Herndon,** who made the supreme sacrifice in defense of his country on the road to Berlin in Luxemburg…

Several marked copies of the "Yellow Jacket" reached our desk this week from Howard Payne College. We were pleased to note that on several occasions **Miss Wyatt Graves** put her home town on the map in a most favorable manner. The "Yellow Jacket" is the college newspaper…

Pfc. J.D. Alley sends a government release telling of the many accomplishments of the 30th Division of which he is proud to be a member… **Sgt. James G. Cash** has sent to his wife a real German parachute…

Pvt. Clyde T. Harris writes relatives he is convalescing in a hospital in England following slight wounds… **Edward Causey** F 2-c has been transferred to Gulfport, Miss.… **Herbert E. Glueck** writes from Laguna Beach, Calif., that he has been promoted to Warrant Officer… **T. Sgt. H.W. Boothe** of Camp Maxie was a pleasant caller on the staff Wednesday…

Pvt. Ray Zahradnick writes that after leaving the Admiralty Islands, he was among the first troops to land in the Philippines…

Friends and relatives of **Louis C. Hennecke** were greatly shocked to hear of his sudden death Jan. 16…

A very gracious and deserving courtesy was showered upon **Kenneth Davis** Monday night at the home of **Miss Virginia Mill,** when a surprise party was given on the eve of his departure for the U.S. Navy…

Miss Virginia Mill was named honoree by her parents, **Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Mill,** Sunday evening at a dinner party for her classmates.

Bible verse of the week

"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidenec in man." — Psalms 118:9

Submitted By Neddy Phillips

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Easter donations help stock Food Pantry

When the community attended the Easter sunrise service near Eagle Lake, they did more than worship, they also helped put food in the hands of the needy. Grace Lutheran Church, sponsor of the Easter sunrise service at Wildseed Farms wildflower field on Calhoun Road, reported an excellent turnout by the community.

They were able to stock several shelves at the Eagle Lake Food Pantry from the offering which was collected at that service. Several cases of peanut butter, flour, cereal, vegetables, Spam, fruit cocktail, tomatoes and a hefty supply of bath soap and toilet tissue were delivered to the Food Pantry in April. The goods helped to restock the shelves which had become frighteningly bare.

Pastor Walter Meyer of Grace Lutheran was pleased the church could temporarily remedy the need as they responded to the call for donations.

The Food Pantry is sponsored by the Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance and located at First Baptist Church. It is always in need of donations from people of the community to provide the many families served on a weekly basis.

Donations of food are welcome from all and can be dropped off in the container located at Wilcox Minimax or brought to any local church.

Grace Lutheran Church looks forward to sponsoring next year's sunrise service for Easter and plans to again collect for the Food Pantry.

Cub Scouts collect food

The Cub Scout Pack 2078 held their Scouting For Food drive for the third year in a row. Again they had strong support from the community. Collecting for the local food pantry to benefit the needy families, the Scouts gathered 152 bags of groceries containing 864 separate items. The drive was held in front of Wilcox Minimax last Saturday.

Headlight Photo by Herbert Ramirez

Prairie Edge Museum News

By Elizabeth Boothe, Reporter

Plan to visit the museum during the summer months. One of our latest artifacts on display is an unusual serving bowl which was given in memory of E.A. and Anne Strickland Witter by Scott Witter. The bowl is adorned with beautiful flowers and the rim is edged with a border of green and gold. In the center is a picture of the Eagle Lake school building erected in 1891. This building was replaced in 1911.

I received lots of interesting letters written by first grade students of River Oaks Baptist School in Houston. Some of the letters were decorated with flowers. Candy Glidden, their teacher, has been bringing her students to Prairie Edge and the wildflower tour activities for several years. We hope this teacher and her students will continue to visit us. The finale of the museum visit was a walk through our very own caboose.

The Thrift Shop enjoyed a very good business this past Saturday. The next date for the shop to be open will be June 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Special bargains will be beautiful china and glassware. There are lots of good clothes available and also an electric clothes dryer.

My cousins Aaron and Jo Holland really did enjoy their visit to Prairie Edge and the Wildseed Farm on April 22. Jo wrote, "Those fields of flowers were unbelievable. I've already 'sold' tours there for next year to two Episcopal church guilds—all women. I also told them all about the museum." Aaron took lots of outstanding pictures of the farm.

If you did not take the interesting tour sponsored by the local Rotary Club during the wildflower activities, you can see the tour map on display at Prairie Edge. Many local people and visitors enjoyed this special way to let them see beautiful homes, churches, locations of business firms and scenery.

Rehearsals are on the agenda now for the cast of Dearly Departed to be presented this summer by our Prairie Edge Players. There were interesting accounts of new members of the theater group. Dr. Raymond Thomas is the director and Helen Craig is the producer.

There are many beautiful wildflowers to be seen in Eagle Lake. The sunflowers are in bloom. What beautiful flowers are in the beds and special boxes at our city square! Many of our Civic Garden Club ladies work many hours to maintain these beautiful settings.

Prairie Edge is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. Call Bill Harrison at 234-2662 if you wish to arrange for a special tour.

"Procrastination is putting off until tomorrow something you should have done yesterday." Frank Walsh.

ELPS Terrific Kids

The Terrific Kids for the Eagle Lake Primary School this time are pictured from the left, in front, Nina Contreras, Jessica Yanez, Hillary Torres, Kelly Konesheck, Angel Stricklan, Joyce Scott, Mindy Moulder and Rubin Leal. In the back row are Valerie Romo, Michael Garza, DeEdra Wesemann, Scott Mortensen, Dustin Meyer and Ramiro Esparza.

Pictured at left are the afternoon kindergarten students, Amber Vasquez and Jennie B. Morgan. *ELPS Photos*

Ambulance corps urges CPR training

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is the artificial establishment of circulation of the blood and movement of air into and out of the lungs of a patient who has no pulse and is not breathing.

Knowing CPR can save a life when critical minutes count.

In every case of arrested breathing or cardiac arrest, time is very short. There is usually enough oxygen in the lungs and blood stream to support life for up to six minutes.

After that six minutes, brain damage will probably occur. The actions of the nearest person could make the difference.

A person who has learned CPR will know when to take immediate action and the proper steps to apply CPR effectively.

Training for adult, child or infant CPR is available by contacting Regina Mensik, EMT with the Colorado County Ambulance Corps, at 409-263-5251 or 409-732-2368.

Summer Twirling Classes
Contact
Sherri Sommerlatte
234-5476

Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

NEW TOOL FOR TESTING NERVES

When a patient walks into a podiatrist's office suffering from pain and tingling that radiates to the feet, nerve damage is among the possible causes. Thanks to a new diagnostic tool called a neurometer, doctors may now be able to determine earlier than ever exactly what the nerve problem is and chart an effective course of treatment. Rather than sending a patient out for a neurological study to confirm that a certain nerve is not working, the neurometer allows the podiatrist to use a painless office procedure to pinpoint the three fibers that make up a given nerve and determine which ones are malfunctioning. It can then be determined which fibers may be rehabilitated to restore parts of the nerve.

The central nervous system is analogous to the roots of a tree, complex, far-reaching and essential to good health. Please call my office for further information or for an appointment, at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 409-234-5571. I am there the first and third Tuesdays of the month. I offer your entire family high quality, professional and sensitive service, in terms of preventive foot care, as well as diagnosis and treatment.

P.S. Nerves can be irritated by such conditions as diabetes, alcohol and chemical toxicity, and carpal/tarsal tunnel syndrome.

Colorado County Courthouse Report

DEEDS

Deed: Amber Marie Viscariello to Antonio Viscariello, und. int. in 23.968 acres out of the J.W. Buxton Survey, Abstract No. A-82; filed 4-19-93.

Deed: Ramona Ann Krenek to Delmar Joe Krenek, und. int. in Outlot No. 2 (part of) Garwood, Tx; 4-24-93.

Deed: Ramona Ann Krenek to Delmar Joe Krenek, two tracts out of the S.A. & M.G. R.R. Survey, No. 3, Abstract No. 531, et al. 4-24-93.

Deed: Ramona Ann Krenek to Delmar Joe Krenek, 439.51 acres in Washington Co. Railroad Co. Survey No. 33, Abstract No. 384; 4-24-93.

Deed: Veterans Land Board to Ernest L. Marik, 15.544 acres in the John Dunlavy Survey; 4-24-93.

Deed: C.D. Pennell, et ux to M.D. Vanderstay, all that certain tract in the Patrick Reels Survey, Abstract No. 475, part of Block No. 45, city of Eagle Lake; 4-24-93

Deed: Guy A. Schindler Trust to Calvin B. Fields Jr. 932.874 acres, a part of the Charles Fordham Survey, et al; 4-24-93.

Deed: Leyco Enterprises, Inc. to Richard P. Huerta, et ux, tract No. 13, 4.158 acres, and Tract No. 14, 3.785 acres, of Winslow Hills, subdivision out of B. Wickson Survey, Abstract No. 113, et al; 4-24-93.

Deed: Steve A. Svetlik, et ux, to Richard Dean Dye, 35.84 acres, out of Richard Dowdy League, Abstract No. 163; 4-24-93.

Deed: Robert Vinson Jr., et al to Vera Johnson, subdivision Lot No. 4 in Block No. 103, Columbus; 4-24-93.

Deed: Lou Ann C. Myers, et vir to Sid W. Terry, Trustee, 289.0026 acres out of the Barnard Snider Survey, Abstract No. A-20; 4-24-93.

Deed: Elmer Schindler to Gary W. Reichenzer, 49 acres out of the Zimmerscheidt League, Abstract No. 628; 4-25-93.

Deed: Cynthia Ann Schindler Ford, Trustee to Cynthia A. Ford, Emily J. Graybeal, Debbie L. Papp and the Guy A. Schindler Trust, 932.874 acres out of the Chas. Fordham Survey, Abstract No. 41; 4-26-93.

Deed: Edna Mae Ashton to Ralph Hurd, et ux, a tract of land located in the G.W. White Survey, Abstract No. 610; 4-29-93.

Deed: Henry J. Hajovsky, et ux, to Joel and Josephine Medina, Lot No. 22 of Hajovsky Subdivision in W.B. Dewees League, Abstract No. 78; 4-29-93.

Deed: Michael G. Bittner to James E. Bittner, und. int. in one acre land, part of the H. Austin Five League Grant, Abstract No. 4; 4-26-93.

Deed: John F. Rainosek Jr., et al to Mary T. Rainosek, et al, two tracts situated in Fayette and Colorado County out of the J.G. O'Ferrill League; 4-26-93.

Deed: Debra J. Smith to William H. Smith, 56.382 acres, a part of the Richard Dowdy Survey, Abstract No. 163; 4-26-93.

Deed: Debra J. Smith to William H. Smith, Lots 10, 11 and 12 of Oak Hill Estates Subdivision, a part of the W.B.Dewees Survey, Abstract No. 18; 4-26-93.

OIL & GAS LEASES

Wilma Jordan to Enron Oil & Gas Company, 50.63 acres out of the Joseph Grant Survey, Abstract No. 233, Colorado County; 4-24-93.

John W. Lauterbach, to Asburn Enterprises, Inc., 160 acres all of the Henry Droste Survey, Abstract No. 173; 4-24-93.

Alice Tait to Sun-Ann Exploration Company, 190.6 acres out of the H. McKenzie Survey, Abstract No. 650; 4-24-93.

The Plow Realty Company of Texas to Rodney Pipejoy, tracts of land in Lavaca County and Colorado County, Willard Wadham Survey, et al; 4-25-93.

Avalonia Lewis Brown to Enron Oil & Gas Co., 50.53 acres out of the Joseph Grant Survey, Abstract No. 233; 4-25-93.

Robert Lee Polk to Arkla Exploration Company, 75 acres, part of the Samuel Kennelly Survey, Abstract No. 30; 4-26-93.

Sammie R. Wright to Enron Oil & Gas Company, 50.53 acres out of the Joseph Grant Survey, Abstract No. 233; 4-26-93.

William Gene Penn to Enron Oil & Gas Company, 50.53 acres out of the Joseph Grant Survey, Abstract No. 233; 4-29-93.

Edwin A. Eggemeyer to Everest Minerals Corp., 124.308 acres, part of the Preston Gilbert Survey, Abstract No. 25; 4-29-93.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

James Doak Hartley, 34, Columbus, and Roxane Rhode, 22, Fayetteville.

Craig Terrence Davis, 28, Eagle Lake, and Carol Ann Powe, 28, Schulenburg.

Joe Marvin Sherwood, 34, and Elisa Saldivar, 28, both of Cypress.

DISTRICT COURT DIVORCES FILED

Cathy Lynn Schuster and Dennis Charles Schuster; filed 5-5-93.

DIVORCES GRANTED

Benedict Patrick Munsch and Nancy Ann Munsch; granted 4-19-93.

Peggy Lee Lemmons and Ernest Lee Lemmons Jr.; 5-6-93.

Norma Grounds and Norman Ray Grounds; 5-6-93.

Lydia Cruz and Manuel Cruz; 5-6-93.

Audrey Mae Coleman and Ernest Preston Coleman; 5-6-93.

CIVIL CASES FILED

Ida Iguilar vs Columbia Inc., dba McDonald's of Columbis and McDonald's of Columbus; Personal injury; filed 5-3-93.

Texas tops in Merit Scholars

Once again, Texas leads the nation in the number of National Merit Scholars enrolled in its universities. Texas enrolled 581 Merit Scholars in 1992, compared with only 504 in Massachusetts, home of Harvard and MIT.

Among individual colleges, Harvard was first nationally with 383, Rice second with 227, University of Texas at Austin third with 212 and Texas A&M was fifth with 142, Stanford in California was fourth with 152.

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