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To The Editor & You

United Way funds help our community

Dear Editor:

The Fall Fund Drive of the United Way of Eagle Lake has begun. United Way has fallen short of its goal for several years. This year hopes to be different.

There is a great need in Eagle Lake for the community support the United Way provides. It is important for your readers to know where their contributions are put to work.

United Way funds are distributed to the Boys Scouts and Youth Development (9%), Little League operations and capital improvements (16.5%), Colorado County Children's Services (8.4%), Colorado Valley Council on Alcoholism and Drugs (9.9%), Colorado County Mental Health-Mental Retardation (7.4%), Colorado County Red Cross (3.7%), Colorado County Special Olympics (9.8%), Eagle Lake Salvation Army (11%), local relief (18.5%) and administrative costs (6%).

A \$50 administrative fee goes to the United Way of Texas for membership and organizational materials. It is important to know that not one penny goes to the national organization that has been involved in scandal. All but the \$50 sent to Austin stays right here

in Eagle Lake and Colorado County. Through Sept. 28, 1993, there were 26 disbursements to people in need of help meeting their utility bills, representing 1.6% of all Eagle Lake households. Four of these were loans which were repaid in full. Total disbursements for local relief totaled \$1,249.28.

There is a need for United Way in Eagle Lake and your readers' funds are distributed responsibly and fairly. Most importantly, these funds are kept and used locally.

When all these things are considered, won't you encourage your readers to give... the United Way.

Sincerely,
Tom Reed, 1993 United Way President

P.S. Contributions can be made by mailing them to United Way of Eagle Lake, P.O. Box 902, Eagle Lake, TX 77434; or taking them by First National Bank.

With sincere appreciation, The Eagle Lake Study Club

Great resolutions are easier
made than executed.
— Benjamin Franklin

Hutchinson, school finance
continue legal maneuvering

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's lawyers last week subpoenaed all 12 grand jurors who indicted her in Sept. on felony charges of directing state treasury employees to do personal and political business and attempting to cover up an investigation by destroying state records.

The subpoena instructs grand jurors to appear at an Oct. 24 hearing with their voter registration cards for the past 10 years and any documents linking them with the Democratic Party. Defense attorneys want information to support claims that the indictments are political and invalid because the grand jury was "stacked" with Democrats who might have been biased against the Republican senator.

Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle filed a motion in state District Court to quash the subpoena, arguing that Texas law provides for a secret ballot. He said the subpoena was an act of harassment that would "chill possible action of any future grand jury."

The defense has requested that the court seat a special grand jury of six Democrats and six Republicans if the case against Hutchinson is to be reconsidered.

Already, some 463 indictments handed up by the panel—including those of Hutchinson—are in danger of being dismissed. Earlier this month it was discovered that grand juror Melvin Wrenn had been charged with writing hot checks in 1990-91. Texas law forbids convicted felons or anyone accused of theft or a felony of serving on a grand jury.

A recent Texas Poll shows that

State Capitol
Highlights
By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

School Finance Trial Ends
On the final day of a trial on Texas' new school funding law, State District Judge Scott McCown asked whether property-rich and property-poor school districts challenging the law are asking too much or are unwilling to fix inequities in education funding.

McCown gave no indication of how he would rule in the case. He said he will attempt to decide by Christmas whether the new law is constitutional. No matter what he decides, most observers believe the ruling will be appealed to the Texas Supreme Court.

"These are complicated and difficult arguments, and whatever I do has to be written and justified," McCown said.

McCown instructed lawyers in the case to submit briefs summarizing their positions. He told them to consider separately the question of school facilities—one aspect of the long-running lawsuit.

The new law is the Legislature's fourth attempt to satisfy a Texas Supreme Court order to remedy public school funding disparities.

McCown showed little sympathy to arguments from both sides. Addressing lawyers for property-rich districts, McCown asked:

"How do you clients suggest that equity be achieved? Do they want consolidation of districts? Or do they want a massive state income tax? Or, are you saying that it just can't be done and the state of Texas has to live with the inequity?"

Bledsoe Left Defended

Attorney General Dan Morales said enough questions have been raised about whether Gary Bledsoe did outside work on state time to justify placing him on paid leave from his state job.

Bledsoe, an assistant attorney general, also serves as Texas president of the National Association of Colored People and chairman of the Travis County Democratic Party.

"We believe that sufficient questions have been raised to justify the action that our agency took with regard to Mr. Bledsoe's employment," Morales said.

"I think Gary is an honorable individual and all of us think this is a very, very unfortunate situation. However, we've got to cooperate with the district attorney. We've done so thus far and will continue doing so."

Bledsoe has denied any wrongdoing. He said he worked extra hours in the evenings and on weekends to compensate for any NAACP business that he may have done during office hours.

But Morales said little about a memo written by his top assistant earlier this year warning that the agency must "cover our tracks" and ensure that Bledsoe submitted personal leave forms when conducting NAACP work during office hours.

The Houston Chronicle reported that among the documents turned over (See Highlights, Page 4)

Sheridan News

By Janet Dupré

Sheridan Park and Recreation Center (S.P.A.R.C.) and The Sheridan Little League Field were the site of a wonderful evening this past Saturday. People from Hallettsville, Eagle Lake, Sheridan and Rock Island came out to the Community Get-Together, Covered Dish, End of Soccer Party and Open House for the new ambulance. There was a lot of good food, fun and fellowship. Members of the soccer teams received their trophies and team pictures if they ordered them.

The fund raising items that were ordered are to be picked up by Laurel Milentz some time this week and will be distributed soon. Coaches from each team will let their players know exactly when to pick them up at Logans Park. If all the money is collected on items sold, there will be \$1,719.60 to spend on the soccer league. One of the future goals for the money is the purchase of a new set of nets for the field. Laurel would like to express her thanks for all the cooperation and support that made the fund raiser a success.

A \$500.00 donation was given to S.P.A.R.C. by the Soccer League.

Several people who didn't have children on a soccer team came out to help and brought scrumptious dishes to share. You should have seen all the children running, playing games, and generally having a ball using the park.

The new ambulance was backed

up to the concession stand and open for all to see. Several people got a first hand look by getting inside to check things out. Cookies, tea and coffee were provided by the corp. The Sheridan Emergency Aid (S.E.A.) would like to express their sincere thanks to the people of Sheridan for their continued support. Without the generous help of the community the new ambulance would not be possible. The people of Sheridan show they care about one another.

There was an open discussion at the park last Thursday, Oct. 21 to discuss consolidation of the Little League and S.P.A.R.C. Due to an error on my part, it was reported that the meeting was to begin at 6:30. I apologize for the error and hope it did not cause too much trouble for those attending the meeting. Among those attending were Trisha and Franklin Walker, Norie Baggett, Jewel and J.B. Ross, Zeldia and Jean Walker, Alan Kloss, Connie Laake, Monica Quinney, Bill Gohlke, Ginger Steeler, Jim Brisco, Wayne Dupré, Jack Vawter, Clark Peterson, Leah Ross, Hellen and John Mieth. If I have forgotten anyone, it was not intentional.

There will be a Special S.E.A. meeting Wednesday at the Fire Hall at 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. There are some very special topics to discuss, and new officers will be voted on. If you're not there, you might be a new officer.

Everyone please remember the Halloween Carnival this Saturday, Oct. 30, starting at 5:30 in the Sheridan School gym. YoYo the Clown will be entertaining. Donations are still needed for the Country Store and cakes for the cake walk.

There will be a practice for the queen and princess contest Friday, Oct. 29 at 3:30. Attendance is required. This year's theme is "Country".

This past Sunday began the revival at the Baptist church. Monday was "Pack the Pews" night, Tuesday there was a Hamburger Supper, and Wednesday was a Children's Hot Dog Supper. Each event began at 6:45 with the services following at 7:30. Guest speaker for the week was Dale Jones, pastor of Sterlingwood Baptist Church of Baytown and leading the music was Rick Colcon from Bellville.

At last week's Fire Dept. meeting, plans were begun for a Bar-B-Que Chicken Dinner to be held Nov. 13, to be served at the Post Office from 11 till 2. More details to be announced later. Other calendar events Oct. 27 through Nov. 2 are:

Oct. 28: Friendship Fellowship at Baptist Church

Nov. 1: Country Squares

4-H Meeting

Nov. 2: Lions Club regular meeting.



The Sheridan Volunteer Ambulance Corps held an open house for the public to view its new ambulance during Sheridan's community picnic celebration last Saturday afternoon at the Sheridan Little League Field. Pictured are, from left, ambulance volunteers Marc Jordan, Jean Walker, Natalie Dupré, Zeldia Walker, Darnell Varley, Hellen Mieth, Janet Dupré and Vernita Jordan. The ambulance was purchased through a grant from the Johnson Foundation and community support.

Banner Press Photo by Chad Ferguson

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

March 13, 1969

Acting Mayor Dale Cassidy has signed a proclamation for Girl Scout Week. On hand for the signing were Brownies Nell Calvert and Rita Willis with Girl Scouts Judy Ashby, Carolyn Bowen, Jackie Willis and Karla Austin.

Citizens of Rice CISD are to vote Saturday, April 5 for the new seven member board of trustees. Position 5 trustee Ernest Uzzell of Altair is opposed by Dexter Anderson for a two year term.

Candidates for Rice school board

are W.L. Farris of Eagle Lake in place 1, Dale Hunt of Garwood in place 2, Weldon Briscoe of Sheridan in place 3, Jimmie Jones in place 4, Dr. Lester Cranek of Garwood in place 6 and Frank Higgins of Eagle Lake in place 7.

Robert Herndon has been named the new administrator at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. He is from Brenham...

Colorado County Sheriff's deputies are to get uniforms at the request of Sheriff George "Doc" Mueller, to give them a more authoritative appearance...

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Sgt. Louis W. Botard, son of Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Botard, is in the Pacific Air Force assigned to Nha Trang, Vietnam...

Mrs. Ray Thomas was surprised with a coffee on her birthday, Mar. 11, at the home of Robert Wilcox...

Mr. & Mrs. Victor Montello held open house in El Campo to honor her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Dave Lundquist, on their 59th wedding anniversary.

Annette Stoeppen of Austin is the bride elect of Donald Lloyd Spangler of Eagle Lake. They plan to

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invite youngsters to come trick-or-treat with them on Oct. 31. The United Way volunteers will also be out asking for the treat of donations to this important community effort.

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COLORADO COUNTY
COURTHOUSE REPORT

DEEDS

Deed: Russell H. Reese, III, et al to Barbara Jean Reese Rhoades, et al, tracts out of the H.T. & B.R.R. Survey No. 7, Abstract No. 345; filed 9-13-93.

Gift Deed: Raymond L. Dungen Jr. to Jeffrey N. Dungen, 5.0866 acres out of the H.H. Oats Survey, Abstract No. 439; 9-13-93.

Gift Deed: Raymond L. Dungen Jr. to Michael R. Dungen, 5.089 acres out of the H.H. Oats Survey, Abstract No. 439; 9-13-93.

Deed: Grover MacRae Gross, et al to John H. Givens, et al, 40 acres out of the H.H. Oats Survey, Abstract No. 439; 9-13-93.

Gift Deed: John E. Meisner, et al to Joella M. Vachlavik, und. int. in 4 tracts out of the James Tylee League, Abstract No. 597, et al; 9-16-93.

Gift Deed: Alice A. Peck Schutz to Monte Wayne Peck, et al, 5.87 acres out of the R.M. Johnson Survey, Abstract No. 364; 9-16-93.

Deed: Yvonne Charlette Conder to John Newton Barneau III, et al, 1.781 acres out of the James Tylee League, Abstract No. 550; 9-16-93.

Deed: Norbert Barone, et al to John Newton Barneau III, et al, 33.139 acres out of the James Tylee League, Abstract No. 550; 9-16-93.

Deed: Richard Dean Bye to Timothy L. Larson, 35.84 acres out of the Richard Dowdy League, Abstract No. 163; 9-16-93.

Deed: Ellis Cattle Company, Inc. to

Timothy L. Larson, 49.184 acres out of the John H. Dabney Survey, Abstract No. 17; 9-16-93.

Deed: Carl R. Holzworth, et al to Lloyd A. Crier, et al, Lot No. 6, Shirley Oaks Subdivision, out of the W.B. Dewees Survey, Abstract No. 18; 9-16-93.

Deed: T. Stanley Krennan to Ricky A. Masulau, 814.394 acres out of the S.B. Raymond Survey, Abstract No. 489; 9-17-93.

Deed: Delton G. Hollmann Jr., et al to Michael Hollmann, 3 tracts out of the William Phillips 1/3 League, Abstract No. 448; 9-17-93.

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Deed: Larry M. Hollmann, et al to Delton G. Hollmann Jr., 3 tracts out of the William Phillips 1/3 League, Abstract No. 448; 9-17-93.

Deed: Mary Brendle, et al to Roy Gene Brendle, 33.41 acres out of the P.R. Splaine Survey, Abstract No. 41; 9-17-93.

Gift Deed: Eva Lee Milentz to Allen Ray Milentz, et al, und. int. in 5 tracts out of the S.A. & M.G. R.R. Co. Section 12; 9-17-93.

Gift Deed: Eva Lee Milentz to Allen Ray Milentz, et al, und. int. in 1272.8 acres out of the Aaron Burleson League, Abstract No. 85; 9-17-93.

Deed: Clyde Hanks III to Tommy O. Middleton, und. int. in 335.00 acres out of the H.M. Johnson and B.F. Stafford Survey, Abstract No. 189; 9-17-93.

Charles Lee Hodde to Ken Petroleum Corp., 30.41 acres in the James Earl Survey, Abstract No. 189; 9-17-93.

Murphy Louise Moore Robey Inc. and Ind. Exec. of the estate of Don D. Robey, deceased, to Ken Petroleum Corp., 30.0 acres being Lots 5, 6 and 7 in the Eldridge Tucker Subdivision in the James Earl Survey, Abstract No. 189; 9-17-93.

Mary Walton Robey to Ken Petroleum Corp., 30.0 acres being Lots 5, 6 and 7 in the Eldridge Tucker Subdivision in the James Earl Survey, Abstract No. 189; 9-17-93.

Dorothy Bajole to Ken Petroleum Corp., 30.0 acres being Lots 5, 6 and 7 in the Eldridge Tucker Subdivision in the James Earl Survey, Abstract No. 189; 9-17-93.

Roy Lee Coleman, Columbus, reckless conductor; 9-20-93.

Sean Mitchell, Columbus, reckless conductor; 9-20-93.

Apollinar Ortega Jr., Eagle Lake, driving while intoxicated; 9-20-93.

County Court Cases Filed
Kevin Evans, Columbus, burglary of coin operated machine, theft by check; filed 9-20-93.

Roy Lee Coleman, Columbus, reckless conductor; 9-20-93.

Sean Mitchell, Columbus, reckless conductor; 9-20-93.

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OPEN LETTER TO EAGLE LAKE AREA CUSTOMERS,

During the last three years the economy has not been kind to area farmers as well as local equipment dealers. We have made the difficult decision to move the Eagle Lake Branch to the main store in Sealy which is a distance of 18 miles. This will become effective November 1, 1993. We have had a presence in Eagle Lake since 1965, starting with the location of Main Auto Supply then moving to our present location. We will continue to store combines for customers and use the Eagle Lake facilities as the need arises.

We will continue to have all our present employees who will service this area. Henry Divin will be assistant parts manager and Paul Downey, Tommy Mizek, & Kelly Lomance will work in the service department. We can be reached by the Eagle Lake number 234-5312 or our toll free number 1-800-336-3549. The business we have enjoyed in the Eagle Lake area is very important to us and we will strive to give our customers our best and hopefully even improve our parts and service capabilities.

Within the next four years Jeff Virnau will become general manager of the company and I will play a lesser role as I take part-time retirement.

We thank each and every one of our customers and look forward to many years of being your dealer in this area.

Sincerely yours,

Walter A. Virnau, Jr.
W. A. VIRNAU & SONS, INC.

Please give... The United Way

Your United Way contributions are kept in Eagle Lake and Colorado County. And they are put to good use in these worthwhile causes:

Boy Scouts
Local Relief
Youth Development
Colorado County Mental Health
-Mental Retardation
Colorado County Children's Services
Colorado County Red Cross
Colorado Valley Council on Alcoholism and Drugs
Colorado County Special Olympics
Eagle Lake Little League



United Way Volunteers
will be

Trick or Treating
for donations to the

Eagle Lake United Way on Halloween night
Sunday, Oct. 31, from 5:30 til 7 p.m.

When they ring your doorbell,
please have your contribution ready!
Please give... The United Way

Kids can trick-or-treat
at the Heritage House

Children and their parents are invited to spend Halloween trick-or-treating safely with the residents of Heritage House. The evening will include a safe time for all youngsters to trick-or-treat in a spooky house. The event from 6 to 8 p.m., Oct. 31, is part of Heritage House's annual Trick-or-Treat Safely (TOTS) program the facility sponsors as an alternative for families in the community.

Sheridan PTS
HALLOWEEN
CARNIVAL

Saturday, Oct. 30

Sheridan School Gym

Magic Show: 5:30 p.m.

Queen's & Costume Contests

Hay Rides • Cake Walk

Country Store • Games

Carnival at 7 P.M.

Come & Enjoy Food! Fun! Drinks!

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