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School board

According to McLaughlin, the service has been most beneficial in the Eagle Lake area.

A second contract approved by the board with Youth and Family Services Inc. will allow for employment of Bonalee Howard as a licensed chemical dependency counselor.

The contract is a joint effort with the Weimar and Columbus school districts and calls for Howard to serve the Rice district two days a week, Columbus district two days a week, and Weimar district one day a week. Rice's portion of the expense, which will be paid from federal funds, will be \$13,714.

In other business, the board:

• Approved the request for the use of a bus by the Prairie Edge Junior to attend a theatrical production in Houston, contingent upon legality and liability releases;

• Approved a budget amendment to give Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) Principal Deborah Mathys \$6,772 to fund one-half the salary for the position of parent liaison aide. The position will be filled this month. The other one-half of the salary will be expended from Chapter funds;

• Approved \$3,000 and \$600 expenses for the Alternative Education Center located at the Gulf Coast Christian Camp on Farm-to-Market Road 102;

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• Approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$3,500 for the ELPS for copy machine expenses as a reading enhancement;

• Approved a request from the Colorado County Central Appraisal District (CAD) for surplus funds for its emergency fund. The surplus goal for the CAD is \$80,000;

• Approved an early dismissal time of 12:45 p.m. on Friday for parent-

teacher conferences. The procedure for holding the conferences is made on each individual campus, according to McLaughlin;

• Approved Robert Harris and Frances Posada of Eagle Lake and Jerald Knigge of Columbus as substitute teachers; and

• Approved a proclamation declaring Nov. 14-20 as American Education Week in the RCISD.



Jim Wiese, president of the Rice District board of trustees, signs a proclamation declaring the week of Nov. 14-20 as American Education Week in the district. Looking on are, from left, trustees Sam Carter, Melody Grigar, Reggie Brisco, Frederick "Fritz" Leopold, Kate Labay and Jack Vawter.

Photo Courtesy of Rice CISD

Beason's park to add river access

The Columbus park at Beason's Crossing is one of three sites to get river access facilities through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and LCRA.

The TPWD recently approved the LCRA request for \$50,000 in matching funds to develop the river access sites at La Grange, Columbus and Wadsworth. A total of \$1 million will be spent at the three sites.

Colorado County will sponsor the Beason's Crossing site.

The developments are expected to be complete by the summer of 1996.

Professional sports add \$860 million to Texas economy, report shows

Whether it's football, baseball, basketball or hockey, sports hold a special place deep in the hearts of millions of Texans according to a report from the state comptroller's office. "The high-profile, high-stakes professional sports industry is pumping millions of dollars a year into the Texas economy," state Comptroller John Sharp has reported.

The big business of professional sports is explored in the latest issue of *Fiscal Notes*, a monthly publication of the Comptroller's research division. The latest article reports that the expansion of sports teams, franchise values and related sales tax revenues are helping to run up the score for the Texas economy.

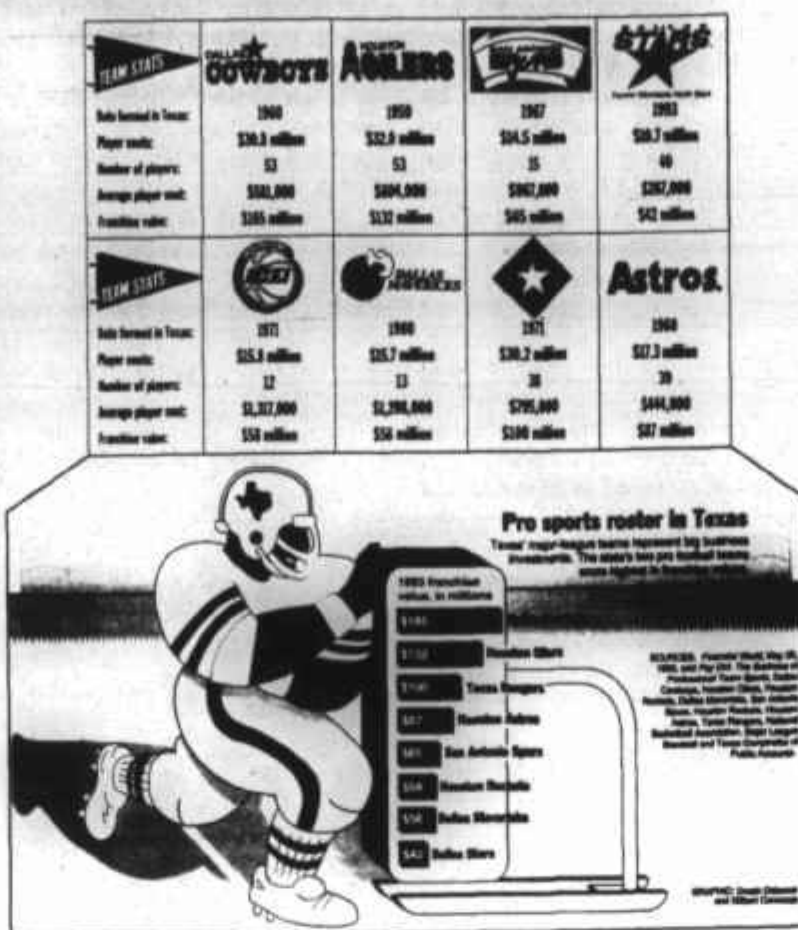
"Some 34 years after major league sports began in Texas, the industry generates roughly \$860 million a year for the Texas economy and attracts 6.5 million paying fans, plus the millions who watch on television and buy team merchandise," Sharp commented.

In 1992, seven professional sports teams represented the major leagues in Texas: Dallas Cowboys and Houston Oilers of the National Football League (NFL), Houston Astros and Texas Rangers of the Major Baseball League (MLB), and Houston Rockets, Dallas Mavericks and San Antonio Spurs of the National Basketball Association (NBA).

Now another pro team has joined the ranks. The Dallas Stars of the National Hockey League (NHL), formerly the Minnesota North Stars, relocated to Dallas earlier this year.

In all there are 263 professional athletes signed to play with the major football, baseball, basketball and hockey teams in Texas. These players earn a total of \$167 million in annual salaries or an average of \$635,000 per player. The pro clubs also pay salaries to a combined staff of 1,400 employees, the report notes.

In 1992, the combined estimated



value of the seven professional franchises in Texas was \$663 million, a 20% increase in one year from 1991. That value did not include the newly arrived Dallas Stars. In 1992, the Houston Oilers, Texas' oldest franchise, cost \$25,000. Today the Oilers estimated value is \$132 million, according to Sharp.

When Arkansas businessman Jerry Jones bought the Dallas Cowboys in 1989, he paid a then-record price for a pro team of \$140 million, which included Texas Stadium in Irving. Financial World magazine estimates the franchise value of the Cowboys increased to \$165 million by 1992, in part attributed to an owner-controlled stadium and the Cowboys' return to Super Bowl contention.

In the U.S., pro sports revenue comes primarily from ticket sales, receipts from television networks and advertisers and stadium revenues such as concessions.

The most direct benefit to the state is the revenue derived from sales taxes on licensed merchandise produced for professional sports teams, Sharp pointed out. This lucrative, fast-growing market generated almost \$6 million in nationwide sales in 1992. "There are other benefits to the state economy as well," Sharp said. "While it is difficult to put a dollar value on economic development that results from having a professional team in a city, the presence of pro sports attracts other businesses and tourists."

Sheriff's report

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Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 5:05 p.m., Sgt. Latimore investigated a report of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in Garwood.

Thursday, Nov. 4, at 10:14 a.m., Deputy Miller investigated a report of a burglary of a vehicle in Garwood.

Friday, Nov. 5, at 9:18 a.m., Deputy Miller investigated a felony theft on Lakeside Drive south of Eagle Lake. The case remains open.

At 10:44 p.m., Deputy Peters arrested a subject for DWI on Hwy. 71 south of Columbus.

Saturday, Nov. 6, at 7:45 a.m., Deputy J. Parrell investigated a burglary of the Eagle Lake Rod and Gun Club on County Road 161 and Hwy. 90-A east of Eagle Lake. The complainant reported missing a Sears 3 inch, 3 horse power Briggs & Stratton black motor, yellow pump, water pump; valued at \$758. The case is under investigation.

At 11 p.m., Deputy Peters arrested a subject for DWI on Hwy. 71 south of Columbus.

Nov. 7 at 12:45 a.m., Deputy Peters arrested a subject for public intoxication at New Beau Hall.

At 7 a.m., Deputy Peters arrested a subject on Hwy. 71 at Marek Road for an outstanding warrant from Austin for theft by appropriation.

At 5:05 p.m., Deputy Miller checked a report of a vehicle striking the railroad crossing arms on Hwy. 71 south of Vox Populi.

Monday, Nov. 8, at 3:12 p.m., Deputy Miller arrested a subject for family violence on Hwy. 90 west of Columbus.

Pesticide recertification course offered via satellite

A Texas Pesticide Applicator Recertification course via satellite is offered Dec. 6 through the Texas Farm Bureau.

The deadline for course reservation is Tuesday, Nov. 23.

All private, commercial and non-commercial applicators, licensed or certified through the Texas Department of Agriculture are invited to attend. Five continuing education units (CEUs) will be earned by participants.

To renew a license or certificate, most applicators must obtain 15 CEUs by the end of 1995.

To attend, register with the Colorado County Farm Bureau before Nov. 23. The class is Monday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants should bring their lunch.

The course will be sent by satellite to selected farm bureaus offices, and Texas A&M Research and Extension Service Centers.

WW I medals given to vets

The nation has mustered its World War I veterans one last time to honor them with a commemorative medal for their wartime service on the 75th anniversary of the armistice that ended the "war to end all wars."

The medal is intended for every living U.S. veteran of WW I, which the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) estimates at about 30 to 40 thousand vets.

VA Secretary Jesse Brown said, "It is particularly fitting that we honor these WW I veterans on the 75th anniversary of that war's end."

The first medals were presented at ceremonies in Chicago Aug. 30, during the annual convention of the Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A. The VA then distributed the medals beginning Sept. 1 to all others they were able to locate.

Any veteran of World War I in the

area who has not yet been honored with one of these commemorative medals should contact the nearest VA office or call the toll free telephone number 1-800-827-1000.

Farm bureau elects officers

The Colorado County Farm Bureau Board of Directors elected officers for 1993-94. Perry Kloesel of Weimar is president; Gary Kainer, Weimar, vice president; and Kenneth Koehl, Alleyton, secretary-treasurer.

Other directors are Leon Hattermann, Russell Trefny and Ted Brandt; Weimar; Max Dittmar, Cat Spring; Theo Schultz, Fayetteville; Billy Heiner, Garwood; John Adkins, Al Mahalic; and Gayle Thomas, Eagle Lake.

Commissioners

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uty and jailer, respectively, for the sheriff's department;

• Agreed to advertise for an auditor for general purpose financial statements for the year ending Dec. 31;

• Appointed Leslie Heinsolin to the County Appraisal District board of directors;

• Adopted a resolution in support of Colorado Valley Transit Inc.'s attempt to start a commuter service to Houston with the understanding that any in-kind funds would be at the County's discretion;

• Approved the engineering firm of Klotz Associates as the first choice and O'Malley Engineering as the second choice as recommended by the Airport Advisory Committee for the \$509,400 grant for improvements at the Robert R. Wells Jr. Airport; and

• Learned the County paid \$23,250 in Oct. to house inmates in surrounding county jail facilities.

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Eagle Lake loses two long-time residents

Within 12 hours, Eagle Lake lost two well-known, long-time residents this week. Bob Ashby passed away Monday afternoon at M.D. Anderson Hospital and Harrison Walker died early Tuesday morning at the Gulf Coast Medical Center.

Our sympathy and love go out to all the members of their families. See complete obituaries on Page 4 of this issue.

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NEWSBRIEFS

KCs host kiddie carnival

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus will sponsor the Wagner Kiddie Carnival Thursday through Sunday at the KC Hall grounds. Tickets are available at the carnival for the fund raising event.

County tax rep here Friday

A representative of the Colorado County Tax Appraisal District will be at Eagle Lake City Hall on Friday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The representative will collect 1993 taxes for Colorado County, Rice CISD, City of Eagle Lake, Colorado County Water Control and Improvement District #2 and the Weimar ISD. He will also collect taxes for WISD property located in Fayette and Lavaca Counties. He will be in Weimar Thursday, Nov. 18, from 9 to 3:30 at the city hall.

Sheridan Lions hold blood drive

The Sheridan Lions Club will have a blood drive Friday, Nov. 19, from 2:30 to 7 p.m. at the Sheridan Community Center. Ruben Wunderlich is chairman for this life-saving project. For information contact him at 234-2055.

Lions' Stew Supper is Saturday

The Sheridan Lions Club will have a Stew Supper at the Sheridan Community Center Saturday, Nov. 20, beginning at 6 p.m. Meals for adults are \$4.50 and children are \$3 for all you can eat. There will also be games, drawings and an auction.

Dinner, comedy set at Opera House

The play *Black Comedy* will be performed at the Stafford Opera House in Columbus, Saturday, Nov. 20. The dinner theater setting will include dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the play at 7:30. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 18 and are available at the Style Shop.

Bake sale Saturday for Head Start

The Kelly Vacek Head Start in Eagle Lake will hold a bake sale Saturday, Nov. 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of Bill's Dollar Store on East Main St. Donations are also appreciated. The funds will be used for a field trip for the children to Houston.

St. Anthony's has bake sale

The eighth grade at St. Anthony School in Columbus will hold a bake sale Saturday, Nov. 20, 9 a.m. to noon, in front of Wilcox Grocery in Eagle Lake.

Reserved seats on sale for play

A limited number of reserved seats are available at \$5 each for the PJs' play *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*. Performances are scheduled Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 4 and 5 at 4 p.m. in the Prairie Edge Museum. Donations for the PJs are also being accepted. For tickets and information contact Mary Kay Cook at 234-2713 or Sherry Thomas at 234-3251.

Thanksgiving service is Sunday

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance of Eagle Lake will be held Sunday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, located at the corner of Prairie and Lake Streets. A monetary collection will be taken to help the Ministerial Alliance assist the needy and stock the food pantry.

Turkey Day 10K this weekend

The Wharton Turkey Day 10 kilometer race is Saturday, Nov. 20. Late registration is 6:30-7:30 a.m. Wheelchair racers begin at 7:50 and others step out at 8 a.m. The entry fee is \$15 which includes a race t-shirt. For details contact the Wharton Recreation and Parks Dept. at 409-532-4811 ext. 708.

Rice Raider boosters meet Nov. 21

The Rice Raider Athletic Booster Club plans to meet Sunday, Nov. 21, at 5 p.m. in the Rice High School PAC. Everyone attending is asked to bring a sweat. Among the door prizes are two tickets to the Rice Raider exhibition game and the Spurs game in the San Antonio Alamodome, Nov. 27.

Rice FFA meets Monday

All Rice FFA and Junior FFA members are reminded of the meeting Monday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rice High School ag room. The officers and sponsor urge all members and their parents to attend.

No trash pick on Thanksgiving

The City of Eagle Lake offices and trash service will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 and 26. Regular service will resume Monday, Nov. 29, and Tuesday, Nov. 30. There will be no "double-up" on trash service Monday or Tuesday. Each residence will have only one pickup day during the week of Thanksgiving.

Defensive driving course planned

Saturday, Nov. 27, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be defensive driving class at the Winterman Library in Eagle Lake. Gene Cremons is the instructor. To register for the class call 234-5411 or 409-543-7849.

Senior Citizens Carnival tickets on sale

The Senior Citizens Carnival sponsored by GCMC and ECMH will be held at El Campo Civic Center Monday, Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$5 and include a catered lunch and free health screenings. Deadline for tickets is Nov. 24. Call 409-532-6109 or 409-543-6251.

ELMS classes sell Pumpkin pies

The Seventh and eighth grade students at Eagle Lake Middle School are taking orders for homemade pumpkin pies. The pies are \$6 each and the proceeds from the sale will benefit their "Project Earth Shuttle." Order pies in advance from any seventh or eighth grade student or by calling Donna Stephens at 234-5591. Pies will be delivered Nov. 24.

Basstrop has arts and crafts fair

The Basstrop Opera House will sponsor a Thanksgiving Arts and Crafts Fair Friday and Saturday, Nov. 26 and 27. The 104 year old theater building at Basstrop will open at 9 a.m. for the Christmas crafts sale. There is no admission charge and it ends at 6 p.m. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be available.

Lighted Christmas parade Dec. 4

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Lighted Christmas parade will be Saturday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m. If you or your organization would like to participate, call the Chamber office at 234-2780 as soon as possible. Santa will be in town that evening to take part in the annual event.

(See Newsbriefs, Page 8)

Patrons wanted for 'Pied Piper'

A limited number of reserved seats are available for each performance of the PJs' play *The Pied Piper of Hamelin* at \$5 a ticket. Performances are scheduled Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 4 and 5 at 4 p.m. in the Prairie Edge Museum.

The community may help the PJs with donations to help offset costs of their performances of *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*.

Patron donations of \$100 include four front row seats and listing in the program. Sponsor donations of \$50 include three reserved seat tickets and listing on the program. Friend donations of \$15 include two reserved tickets and listing on the program.

For additional information about reserved seat tickets or the donations, contact Mary Kay Cook at 234-2713 or Sherry Thomas at 234-3251.

Bar fight leads to arrest of two

Eagle Lake Police officers arrested two people last week following a fight at a local bar.

Thursday, Nov. 11, at 9:34 p.m., Officers Jeff Argo and John Dawson were dispatched to a fight in progress at the Long Branch Saloon. Upon arrival they found the parties involved

had left. The suspects were located at The Cupboard parking lot.

Arrested were Cornell Godsey of Houston for disorderly conduct and fighting in public and Sherry Taylor for unlawfully carrying a weapon. Both suspects were transported to (See Police report, Page 8)

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