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The information contained in this chart from the State Comptroller's Office could make you very leary of driving over area bridges. With the number of bodies of water that local residents cross in their everyday travel, it would have been nice if they had provided a breakdown by county.

Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

SAFE FOOTING FOR KIDS

It is absolutely predictable. The moment after parents shriek with delight at the sight of their child's first step, they are likely to be gasping in horror at the picture of their little darling taking a tumble. Falling down is a necessary part of growing up. However, loss of footing and the injuries that can result can have a lot to do with the type of footwear a child has on. Researchers analyzing over 1,000 emergency-room admissions for children who had lost their footing concluded that the fewest injuries occur among children wearing shoes with textured, rubber-soled bottoms, such as sneakers. Children's footwear that is loose, unfastened, or constructed with heels is associated with the most injuries.

Our feet work hard for us no matter what our age. Treat yours with the kindness and consideration they deserve by pampering them with attention to their smallest aches and pains. In the long run, they'll thank you for it. At the Eagle Lake Community Hospital, we deal with all kinds of foot problems, whether they're caused by stress, injury, disease or hereditary conditions. Call us when your feet hurt at 234-5571. Our office is completely equipped for surgery. I am there the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

P.S. While going barefoot is great fun for bare-footedness, it leaves feet vulnerable to such injuries as cuts and stubbed toes.

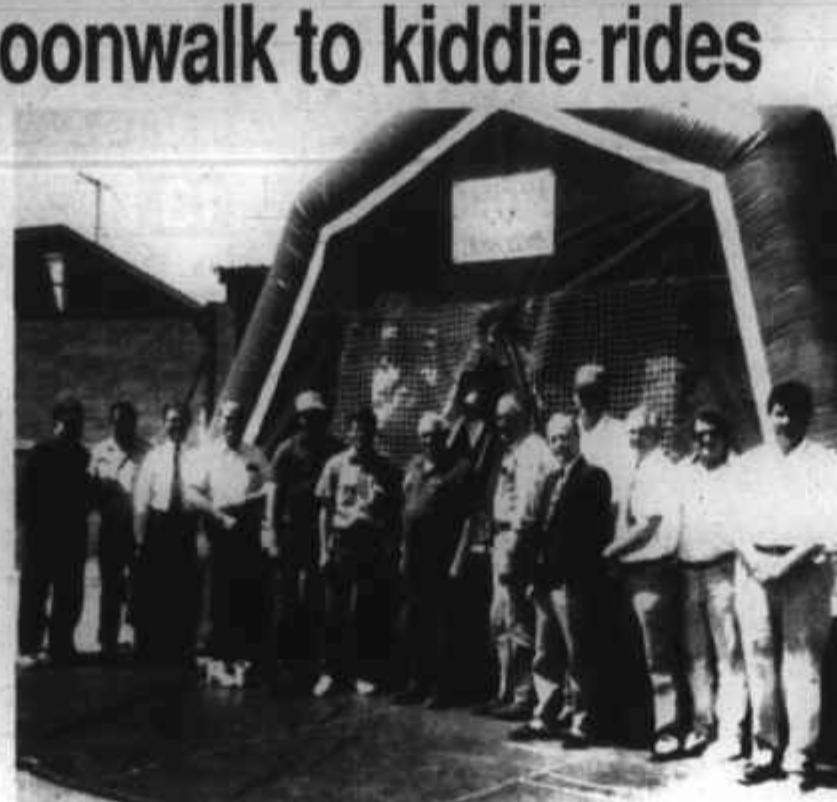
Lions add moonwalk to kiddie rides

The Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club has purchased a moonwalk as their latest addition to their kiddie rides. Club members and others in the community looked over and tried out the new attraction last week when it arrived in Eagle Lake. The house-shaped moonwalk is bright red and blue.

The Lions Club first purchased rides more than 20 years ago. These have proved to be a very successful fund raiser over the years. The kiddie rides are sent all over the surrounding counties to fairs, carnivals, bazaars and birthday parties.

The new moonwalk can be set up in 10 minutes and will be available for rent from the Lions.

For additional information about the moonwalk and/or the other rides, contact John Gertson at 409-235-2200.



Sheriff's report

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Sgt. Lattimore investigated a report of loose cattle at 5:13 p.m. on FM 2434 east of County Rd. 2-103. At 5:44 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore investigated a report of reckless driving at Glidden.

Reserve Deputy Stavinocha checked on a loose cow at Simmer-scheidt at 6:05 p.m.

At 7:22 p.m., Deputy Miller investigated a vehicle that was a possible road hazard on IH-10 westbound at the 704 mile marker.

At 10:17 p.m., Deputy Miller arrested a subject for public intoxication on Hwy. 71, five miles east of the Fayette County line.

Deputy Neisner investigated a class A assault at the Country Camp on County Rd. 101 at 10:28 p.m. One suspect was arrested.

Deputy Scott served four civil papers.

Saturday, March 19, at 8:32 a.m., Deputy Parcell investigated a possible intoxicated driver on IH-10 at the 704

mile marker.

He investigated a reckless driver at 2:35 a.m. on Kallus Beyer Rd.

At 11:167 a.m., Deputy Parcell checked on a report of a runaway juvenile at a residence in Glidden.

At 12:15 p.m. he assisted the Columbus Police at 1434 Prairie with a warrant.

Deputy Parcell checked on a report of loud music at 5:19 p.m. on 5th St. in Glidden.

At 11:11 p.m., Deputy Miller investigated a possible drunk driver on Hwy. 71. At 11:25 p.m. he checked a suspicious vehicle on Hwy. 90 across from McCoy's.

Sunday, March 20, Deputy Neisner arrested a subject at 1:40 a.m. for public intoxication on FM 155, south of Weimar.

At 2:36 a.m. Deputy Miller arrested a suspect at the intersection of Hwy. 71 and 90 for an outstanding warrant.

Deputy Peters investigated a re-

School board

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early graduation is encouraged even to the point, in some instances, of monetary reward for both the student and their teachers.

"You're going to see the trend in many districts doing away with valedictorian and salutatorian," said McGaughey.

The board reviewed the district's homebased exemption status and the options it has in continuing the exemption.

Further discussion will be on the agenda for the April 11 board meeting. Billy Youens, chief appraiser of the Colorado County Central Appraisal District, will be present to discuss the options and the impact that would have on the Rice district.

In other business, the board:

- Authorized the advertisement for bids for fuel and oil;
- Conducted an election for the Region III Education Service Center board of directors;
- Approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$23,815 by Special Education Director Jeanette Knigge from carryover funds to accommodate placement of a student in a residential treatment facility; and
- Approved an update of the Gifted/Talented District Plan, bringing the identification criterion into compliance with current state standards.

Police

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on Clark St. Sgt. Johnson investigated but the vehicle was gone.

Sgt. Johnson was dispatched to D&S Grocery to meet with a complainant in reference to disorderly conduct. The matter was referred to the judge for charges to be filed.

At 8 a.m. March 20, Officer Brian Davis and Sgt. Johnson arrested Clarence Harrison on an outstanding warrant for aggravated assault. He was processed and transported to the county jail.

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Drug council

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service and welcomed the new members. She reported the Columbus office has moved to 1010 Milam. The new office is large enough to hold classes and the location has been licensed for outpatient treatment.

Benton Carey, program director reported on the education, intervention and treatment programs. The Hallettsville City Council voted to fund the council with \$1,500.

Pesticide dealers reminded to keep records

Pesticide dealers are reminded of the Texas pesticide laws and regulations concerning documenting all federally restricted and state limited pesticides.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said that by law, they must document all pesticides they distribute. The law covers those offered for sale, held for sale, sold, bartered or supplied.

"We've had some dealers who unload to customers right off the distributor's truck. People are unsure who is responsible for recording the distribution. The dealer has placed the order and is getting the money from the customer, so the dealer is responsible for record keeping," Perry said.

In addition to recording distribution and keeping it on file for two years, dealers can only distribute a restricted use or state-limited pesticide to a licensed or certified pesticide applicator.

In Texas, dealers who distribute pesticides that are restricted under state or federal laws must be licensed by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture on an annual basis.

Commercial and noncommercial applicators must also be licensed annually, while private applicators must renew their license every five years.

For more information about licensing or pesticide use training, contact the TDA Pesticide Programs Division at 512-475-1657.

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awarded. The contest is for boys and girls, one month to six years. Girls' contests are also for six to 19 years. Call Jana at 409-758-3040 for information and registration.

Pilot Club slates supper

Members of the Eagle Lake Pilot Club will hold their annual Chicken Spaghetti Supper from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, at the Community Center. Plates are \$4.50 each by advance ticket sale only. Tickets are available from any Pilot Club member and proceeds will benefit the club's local projects.

Rice cookers prepare

The Rice Dish Contest is set for April 17 at the Eagle Lake KC Hall as part of the April Fest sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Churches. Dishes will be accepted from 2 to 4:45 p.m. on Sunday. Cash awards will be given for the best rice side dish, dessert and most attractive. Tasting plates and public viewing will be from 4 to 6 p.m. For information call 234-2842.

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Relief for Dry, Itching Skin

Itching skin (called pruritis by doctors) is most often caused by dry skin but can be the result of health problems such as allergies, worm or flea infestations, mental stress, and skin diseases such as ringworm or psoriasis. If the cause of itching seems to be dry skin, consider these measures:

- Use a home humidifier. Adding moisture to the air can work wonders in a dry climate or during cold winter months when there is a lot of heat inside one's house.
- Wear loose fitting, cotton clothing to prevent further irritation of itching areas.
- Wash clothes in mild detergent and bath soaps. Bathe using a nonalkaline skin cleanser rather than soap.
- Dry off after bathing, showering, or swimming by gently patting the skin with a towel.
- Apply a soothing lotion, ointment or cream after bathing to lubricate the skin.
- Check with us about oral, over-the-counter antihistamine products that may help relieve the itching.
- Apply hydrocortisone cream or ointment. This topical steroid often is effective in relieving itching and can be purchased without a prescription.

Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday

Spring forward, fall back. One more reminder to turn your clocks ahead one hour Sunday morning, April 3, at 2 a.m. Or, if you don't plan on being awake at that time, do it before you go to bed. You don't want to be late for Easter services.

Also, this is a good time to check the batteries in your smoke alarms.

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City Council adopts \$2 million+ budget

By Lynda Appelt Contributing Writer

Eagle Lake City Council approved the City's budget for the 1994-95 fiscal year, adopted a new tax rate and approved an increase in sewer rates during last week's meeting.

The budget, which shows estimated revenues at \$1,975,369 and a total of all fund expenditures estimated at \$2,014,978, was questioned by interested citizens T.J. Smith and Butch Szymanski during the public hearing held prior to the budget approval.

Ambulance corps again requests state variance

The Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps is still extremely understaffed. Eagle Lake Unit #803 of the Colorado County Volunteer Emergency Ambulance Corps is well below the number of trained volunteers needed to maintain a 24-hour day service to the community, seven days a week.

The Eagle Lake unit is unable to meet state requirements for personnel and, has again requested a variance from the established state standard of two certified persons on a crew allowing them to use one certified person and a first aid qualified person for a crew when necessary.

A First Aid class is planned for April to help train people to fill this gap in EMS coverage for the area. Anyone who would like should call the Eagle Lake corps secretary, Dorothy Flores, at 234-3323 or the president, John Mahalic, at 234-2678.

Three new persons were state certified in a recent course of training. However, the Corps lost three people during the past year while others may possibly drop out of this vital service. Therefore, the need for more trained personnel is critical.

A state certification course is planned for the fall in Columbus. Anyone interested in enrolling in the course and becoming part of a rewarding experience should contact an officer of the Eagle Lake unit.

NEWSBRIEFS

PTO bake sale next Thursday

The Eagle Lake Primary School PTO will have a bake sale March 31 at two booths beginning at 8 a.m. They will sell their baked goods in front of Eagle Lake Farm and Home Supply and at Minimax to raise money for field trips. For information contact Kathleen Koneschke at 234-7436.

Appraisal District rep in town

A representative of the Colorado County Appraisal District will be in Eagle Lake Thursday, March 31, at City Hall from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to take renditions and exemption applications for 1994. He will also accept applications for the WISD property located in Fayette and Lavaca counties. The representative will be at Weimar City Hall on Wednesday, March 30.

Good Friday Crusade set

Everyone in the area is invited to the Good Friday Crusade for Christ and praise service of the Lord to be held Friday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the White Cloud Baptist Church. Guest speaker is evangelist J.C. Nickerson of Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Houston.

Seniors host dance Friday night

The monthly senior citizens dance will be held Friday, April 1, at the Eagle Lake KC Hall from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. with music by the Texas Plainsmen. Admission is \$4 a person and everyone is welcome to attend.

County offices close

All offices of the Colorado County Courthouse will be closed Friday, April 1, to observe Good Friday of the Easter holiday. They will open for business as usual on Monday.

Window painting contest begins

The window painting contest will be sponsored by Alpha Delta Phi and Xi Pi Psi sororities as part of the Springtime Celebration in April. Artists should contact Ernie Sommerlatte at 234-3452 or Shindler Electric at 234-3433 for details. All paintings must be completed by April 7 and registered for judging. There will be adult and student divisions with cash prizes.

CARE topic is emergencies in obstetrics

The Council for the Advancement of Rural Education (CARE) will present Emergencies in Obstetrics at its Tuesday, April 5, meeting. The free program will be held at the Wharton Civic Center at 7 p.m. and is approved for certain continuing education credits. For additional details contact the Wharton EMS at 409-532-2491.

Congressional assistant in Columbus

Congressman Greg Laughlin will have an assistant in Columbus at the courthouse from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 5, to help residents with any problems concerning Social Security, veterans affairs or other federal government agencies.

St. Mary's to register

Registration for new students and first grade at St. Mary's Catholic School in Nada is scheduled April 6 from 8 to 11 a.m. in the school library. Parents of students on the waiting list should contact the school office for available places.

Immunizations clinic Thursday

The Texas Dept. of Health will offer a free immunization clinic on Thursday, April 7, at the Eagle Lake Middle School from 12 to 4 p.m. The free clinic is open for everyone at no charge. There will not be any flu shots. For information contact school nurse Sharon Webb or Brenda Criswell at the Health Dept., 713-414-6264.

Wharton Spring Pageant set

A competition will be held Sunday, April 10, at the Wharton Civic Center by the Krystal Crown Productions. Trophies, medallions and tiaras will be awarded. The contest is for boys and girls, one month to six years. Girls' contests are also for six to 19 years. Call Jana at 409-758-3040 for information and registration.

Smith pointed out that 39.5% of the general fund is allocated to the police department. The budget provides for the lease purchase of three new patrol cars, several new radios and a computer system for the police department and municipal court.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the cars and computer system, Council passed the budget with a 3-1 vote. Councilman Joe Frazier cast the dissenting vote and Vic Corman was not present.

Frazier told Council that after hearing rationales concerning the police cars and computer system, he had to withdraw his support of the budget if it contained the computer system purchase.

Smith's question to Council concerning the police department funding was, "Are we really getting our money's worth?"

It was pointed out by Councilmen Robby Cook and Mike Duarte, budget committee members, that a thorough study will be continued before any purchase is made of a computer system and that by making it a budget item, the funds will be available if the purchase is made.

The fiscal year for the City begins April 1.

Council adopted a tax rate of 53.9730¢ per \$100 valuation of which 10.3583¢ is for debt service, and 43.6147¢ is for maintenance and operation of the general fund. The current rate is 53.9730¢.

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Commissioners create position for EMS director

Special to The Headlight By Rhonda Lattimore Banner Press Staff

Colorado County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) volunteers will soon have a leader — an EMS director who will oversee the three ambulance corps funded by the county.

Colorado County Commissioners' Court approved the creation of the position Monday morning and set the starting annual pay at \$24,000, including all county benefits.

This person will not be our boss. This person will work with us and we will work with whoever gets the job to create a better EMS service for the entire county," said Patty Nelson, member of the EMS Advisory Committee.

Nelson and many EMS volunteers addressed the Court several times in the past six months in hopes of getting them to approve the employment of an EMS director.

In response to the request last month, the Court asked the ambulance corps in Columbus, Eagle Lake and Weimar to take a poll and find out exactly who supported the position and who did not. Nelson reported Monday morning that out of 48 members returning ballots, only four said they did not want an EMS director.

A detailed job description has been compiled by the EMS Advisory Committee and after advertising for the position, the committee will help make the final choice of whom to employ.

The committee consists of the president of each corps and some members. A citizen with interests in both EMS services and the medical field will be added to the committee prior to the selection of the director.

The Court will evaluate the director prior to the six-month probationary period given to all new county employees and again at the end of the first year to make sure the director is really helping the corps provide better service.

A decision was also made to solicit contributions from county hospitals and nursing facilities to help fund the position either through actual money or office space and/or equipment.

In other business, the Court:

- Approved plans for the new jail facility and agreed to advertise for bids which will be opened on Thursday, April 28, at 2 p.m. at the Colorado County Courthouse. The bid will be awarded at the April 11 meeting;
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Now it's a two-way contest for mayor

Roy D. Van Nort, past mayor of Eagle Lake, made it a two-way race when he filed for the mayoral position last Wednesday morning, March 23. Van Nort was unsuccessful in his bid for re-election in April 1992 against now Mayor Don Bendy. Van Nort will run against Councilman Robby Cook in the May 7 City Election.

Unfortunately, there were no filings for the two positions on City Council. The ifs, ands and buts could get interesting.

If no one files as a write-in candidate for Council by the Thursday, April 7, deadline, a special election would have to be held.

Vic Corman, now serving in one of the positions up for election, could continue to serve until a successor is qualified, if he so desires. His position would still be considered vacant by the Texas Election Code.

The other seat, currently held by Cook, holds another possibility. If Cook is elected mayor, he vacates his seat as Councilman. If he loses the race, he could continue to take his seat on Council until a replacement is elected.

According to City Manager Ron Holland, the ways to avoid a special election are:

- If there are folks in the county who have not been contacted and would like to join the Founders Club and receive the benefits and privileges of membership, they are certainly invited to contact the county extension office for more information." That number is 409-732-2082.
- Beken stated they want everyone to be involved in the project. Once the funding goal has been reached, membership in a Foundation Club to help get the project started.

"If there are folks in the county

Final weekend to clean-up for visitors

Everyone in Eagle Lake is reminded and encouraged to clean up their yards, businesses and the roadways around town. This is the final weekend before the Springtime Celebration begins.

Doug Schwemm with the Wildflower Celebration Committee reminds citizens that, "We never get a second chance to make a first impression."

Anyone who owns a business or home along U.S. 90A is especially asked to take a look at his or her property and clean up around it. Trash needs to be picked up, weeds removed and mowing done before the celebration begins April 8.

Anyone who has a building downtown should make every effort to make it look attractive. Clean, paint, pick up and arrange window decorations, Schwemm suggests.

The Springtime window painting contest will be going on this week. The window art will help to brighten up our downtown, too.

"We need your help. Let's be Eagle Lake proud," Schwemm concluded.

\$250,000 goal for Colorado County Ag complex near

The goal of \$250,000 for the Colorado County Agricultural Complex has nearly been reached according to County Extension Agent Rick Jahn.

The goal was set by the steering committee formed last year to raise funds for the Ag complex, the non-profit Colorado County AG Complex Corp. The new facility is to be built on a 35-acre site at FM 2434 and Interstate 10, west of Columbus.

The steering committee will have its next regular meeting Monday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the County Extension Office, 316 Spring St., Columbus. They are to total contributions that have been collected since last Nov. when the committee was formed.

Chairman Henry Beken of Weimar said, "The committee thinks it has contacted everyone in the county to secure contributions and memberships in a Foundation Club to help get the project started."

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Parish festival adds activities for Springtime Celebration

April Fest weekend for Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Churches combines with the Eagle Lake Springtime Celebration for added entertainment April 8-17.

A quilting bee is planned by parishioners during the celebration. They will be demonstrating as well as teaching the art of quilting Saturday April 9, through Sunday, April 17.

The quilting bee will be set up in the building at 222 E. Main St., next door to the Eagle Lake Headlight office. They plan to be open daily from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., possibly longer on weekends.

Large groups can make an appointment for afternoon showings by calling 234-2842. Demonstrations and hands-on teaching will be offered. Everyone from beginners to seasoned

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Early voting begins April 4

Colorado County Clerk Darlene Hayek has announced that early voting for the primary runoff elections is to begin Monday, April 4. The election date is Tuesday, April 12.

Early voting in person will be held at the county clerk's office Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 4 through 8.

Anyone who meets certain qualifications is eligible to vote early by mail or in person.

To vote by mail you must: expect to be absent from the county on election day and during the county clerk's regular office hours for the remainder of the early voting period; or be 65 years of age or older; or be confined in jail; or have a disability.

Applications for mail ballots must be submitted from outside the county and the ballot must be mailed to an address outside the county. The deadline for applications is April 5, including FPCA application. For questions about qualifications or registration, contact the county clerk's office, 409-732-6561.

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