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| 1993 Olds Cutlass Supreme | Program car; white with blue cloth. | <b>\$11,895</b> |
| 1993 Olds 88 Royale       | Program car; blue with blue cloth.  | <b>\$16,258</b> |
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### USED CARS...

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| 1991 Chevy Astro Van     | Good condition!            | <b>\$9,995</b> |
| 1991 Subaru Legacy       | Super clean!               | <b>\$7,995</b> |
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| 1987 Olds 88 Royale      | Low miles; good condition. | <b>\$5,895</b> |
| 1984 Olds Delta 88       | We finance!                | <b>\$2,995</b> |

### USED TRUCKS...

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## Dirt

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as to whether the dirt will be coming to Altair, although we expect to be contacted at any time. We have received a letter from the TNRCC affirming that this site is approved to accept the dirt."

Galliard, in the Tricil statement, pointed out that the dirt from the dome is not hazardous, it is nonhazardous industrial solid waste and the county landfill permit allows it to accept both municipal and industrial, nonhazardous solid waste.

"I invite anyone who's interested to call me or the TNRCC for the facts."

In the ACE statement, Hefner stated the groups' concerns:

"First, the potentially huge volumes involved, 27,500 cubic yards, could take up valuable municipal waste capacity at the county landfill."

"Second, the rumor that San Antonio area landfills balked at taking the waste—if it's not safe enough for San Antonio is it safe enough for Colorado County?"

"Third, that the waste earmarked for the County is not adequately sampled and analyzed for many hazardous constituents of concern. ACE would like to see the analysis for volatile organic compounds, such as acetone, benzene, methylene chloride, toluene, III trichloroethylene and 1,4-dichlorobenzene and 2,4-dimethyl phenol and lead."

"Fourth, why Tricil was authorized to accept this special waste when a municipal solid waste landfill is not supposed to be granted approval for industrial solid waste when it is not in

compliance with TNRCC landfill rules; yet there are two apparent planue problems with the Tricil facility."

On the subject of compliance problems, the ACE release stated that "for nearly two years, Class I waste levels at Tricil have apparently exceeded permissible elevation levels. Also, methane gas levels at Tricil's landfill have continually exceeded permissible levels for over two years as well."

County Judge H.O. "Butch" Strunk tentatively scheduled a meeting with Tricil for Wednesday, April 27, at 2 p.m. to discuss these issues.

Tricil's manager, Galliard, pointed out that the landfill has resolved the issue of methane gas formation and is working with the TNRCC regarding the height of some of the waste cells from the 1980s.

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## Battle

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tried to send this to the City of Alice, but citizens there refused and San Antonio backed off. We need to fight, too," Strunk said.

Presently, Tricil has a municipal waste permit (No. 203) with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) and two non-hazardous permits are pending.

In a letter dated April 20 from the TNRCC to Mark Galliard, facility manager of the Colorado County Landfill, Grace Montgomery Faulkner said Tricil Environmental Response Inc. was authorized to dispose of soils contaminated with total petroleum hydrocarbon and heavy metal from San Antonio which were classified as Class II non-hazardous

waste. Strunk said he learned that Tricil applied for permission to accept the San Antonio dirt on April 20, the same day the TNRCC granted approval. He added that Faulkner said the permit given to Tricil was the only one granted that day.

"This is unheard of, even by individuals working at the TNRCC. They simply do not have that kind of turn around on applications... even in emergency situations," said Strunk. Meeting with officials of the TNRCC in Austin last Friday, Strunk said that Mark Vickery, section manager of the TNRCC Municipal Solid Waste Division, reported that "special wastes" can be accepted by a municipal landfill if that landfill is in strict compliance with all regulations under its municipal permit.

Strunk told the Court that Tricil is in non-compliance in two areas:

1. Methane gas levels are still being detected in water tests. (Tricil conducts its own testing.)

2. Class I industrial solid waste has been disposed of "above ground" and steps to correct the matter are still pending.

He hoped to have the TNRCC overturn the permit granted April 20, but as of Tuesday morning, no action had been taken to cancel it. However, another site, in an undisclosed location, was granted a similar permit on Monday.

A meeting was scheduled for Wednesday afternoon between the Commissioners' Court, Tricil, TNRCC, Alliance for a Clean Environment (ACE) and the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) in hopes of coming to an agreement about the disposal of the dirt.

Strunk said another meeting with the City of San Antonio, TNRCC and the Commissioners' Court is pending. No dirt was delivered on Monday and Tricil officials said none would be accepted until after the Wednesday meeting. Strunk said San Antonio officials stated movement of the soil was to begin on Tuesday.

"We have to see Tricil get into total compliance before we (ACE) will be satisfied," said Billy Hefner, representative of ACE.

"We will continue to closely monitor the situation."

## Fritsch leaves Conservation Service after 38 years

Adrian Fritsch, conservation technician with the Colorado County Soil Conservation Service, retired April 16, only one week short of 38 years with the SCS.

The directors and staff of the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and Extension Service personnel joined in honoring him and his wife, Virginia, on Thursday, April 14, with a reception. Friends dropped by to wish them well during the afternoon.

He began working in the Cuero field office on April 23, 1956. He also worked in Yorktown.

In 1960, Fritsch was transferred to Columbus where he has worked until his retirement. His duties included servicing existing conservation plans, meeting with land users and applying conservation practices to all areas and types of land.

During his tenure he received numerous awards including nine merit awards, several for safety and the latest from the SWCD at their March 24 banquet.

A native of Fayetteville, he married Virginia Bernhausen in 1956. They have three children, Derek Fritsch of Sugar Land, Dawnah Pina of Bay City and Rhonda Lattimore of Columbus; and six grandchildren.

The Fritschs are members of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus, the German Society and the Sons of Hermann.

He plans to enjoy his grandchildren and spend time with his favorite hobby of gardening.

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### Defensive driving set May 7

A state approved defensive driving course will be offered Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Wintermann Library. Retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel will be instructor. To register call the library at 234-5411 or 234-2042 or come early to the class.

### Columbus sets Spring Fling Pageant

Girls, ages one month through 19 years and boys through age six years are invited to compete in the Columbus Spring Fling Pageant May 14 at Columbus High School. Registration is at 12:15 p.m. and the pageant begins at 12:45. Call 758-3040 for information about the contest.

### Study Club has President's Luncheon

The Eagle Lake Study Club's President's Luncheon will be Friday, May 6, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Betty Wood, well known writer and speaker will present excerpts from her book in progress. Tickets are available to the public for \$6 each from Fair Wells, Barbara Pidgeon or at the Wintermann Library. Member dues are also payable at this time.

### Did You Know...

In 1848, New York became the first state to allow married women to own real estate.

# Don't Miss Out! Town Meeting Saturday, April 30

Eagle Lake Community Center 2 p.m.

On the Agenda:

- Neighborhood Watch Program
- Drug Abatement Program
- Operation I.D.

(Operation I.D. is a program being instituted by the Eagle Lake Police Department to help you help yourself by marking and listing your valuables.)

## Don't miss this opportunity!

## Summer apprenticeship program planned by county health council

A decision to focus efforts on youth and teen health issues has resulted in a new summer program for high school sophomores in Colorado County.

The Colorado County Health Advisory Council (CCHAC) is sponsoring a Career Apprenticeship Program (CAP) designed to educate and motivate local students toward vocational and career goals.

The council hopes that by exposing students to various career possibilities they will be influenced to set (See Program, Page 7)

# Eagle Lake Headlight

## ACE, Tricil, LCRA, County continue to discuss waste

More than a week after the first announcement that waste from the Alamodome construction in San Antonio might be brought to Colorado County for dumping, the discussion continues and no dirt has yet entered the county as of Tuesday, May 3.

A meeting was called Wednesday, April 27, by Colorado County Judge H.O. Strunk with representatives from Alliance for a Clean Environment (ACE), the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA), the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC), County Commissioners, City of San Antonio and Tricil Environmental Response Inc.

Tricil is the owner and operator of the Colorado County Landfill near Altair which has been approved to receive the proposed waste from San Antonio.

All the representatives met to discuss the waste and the compliance status of Tricil's local landfill.

Tricil had been approved by the TNRCC for disposal of 27,500 cubic yards of contaminated dirt from San Antonio. Local citizens were alarmed at such large quantities of industrial waste from the project and the possible effect on the Altair landfill.

Representatives of the City of San Antonio said that although they had permission from the state to dispose of the 27,500 cubic yards at Tricil, they planned only to send 1,000 cu. yds. here. The rest was earmarked for disposal at Covell Gardens Landfill near San Antonio.

They noted that the waste destined for Altair would be only that tested at between 1,500 ppm (parts per million) and 5,000 ppm in total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH).

The local agencies expressed concern about potential volatile organic compound (VOC) levels in the Alamodome waste.

Billy Hefner, president of ACE, expressed concern that TPH contamination in the waste could indicate the presence of VOCs.

San Antonio representatives were asked about the test sampling specifically for VOCs on any waste earmarked for the Tricil landfill. The reps said they performed random sampling of the waste stockpiled at the Alamodome but could not confirm what was specifically for Tricil.

The City of Eagle Lake election will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 100 E. Main.

Remember, the only names printed on the ballot will be those running for mayor; Robby Cook and Roy D. Van Nor.

There are two seats on City Council to be decided, but since all four candidates are write-ins, you will have to write down your two choices. There

will be no boxes to check in the race. Voters in the Rice CISD will be selecting three members for the board of trustees. That election will be at the Eagle Lake Community Center, Garwood Elementary School and Sheridan Elementary School.

On the ballot will be, for Position 1, Melody Grigar (unopposed); Position 2, Kate Labay (incumbent) and Madison Smith (challenger); Position 3, Reggie Brisco (incumbent) and challenger Laurel Milentz.

Don't forget, everyone who votes chooses three candidates. That means if you live in Eagle Lake, you vote for the candidates from the Garwood and Sheridan areas also.

The positions on the board are at-large, not by a section of the school district.

With all the other activities going on this weekend, please don't forget to vote. It only takes a few minutes; you can easily make it to any of the celebrations and parades in the area if you vote early in the day.

Early or late, just make sure you voice your opinion and make your choices known.

Chief gets raise, thanks from Council

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

Eagle Lake Police Chief A.E. "Buck" Hall was given a satisfactory evaluation by the City Council upon the completion of his six-month probationary period. He was also granted a \$1,000 raise as agreed when he was hired, bringing his annual salary to \$30,000.

Council reviewed Hall and the growth he has brought to the City's police department, including:

- Updating police procedures;
- Expanding the department from five to 12 officers, including auxiliary officers;
- Emphasizing community oriented policing;
- Reopening the City's jail as a holding facility; and
- Reducing crime and vandalism in the City.

He told Council that most of the youth in the City do not have anything to do. "I hate to see a lot of kids in the situation they're in. We must try to motivate them to help themselves. There's some 'bad stuff' in the area."

Bendy told Fields that Council recognizes the needs of the youth in the community. "We are financially limited, but we support your wish for our blessing and positive future budgets can have something built in for youth."

Roosevelt Hearn, who presently conducts youth activities at the E.H. Henry Center, Olivia Maxie and a group of interested citizens accompanied Fields.

Council agreed to help with mowing and cleaning in the areas and possibly the restructuring of basketball (See Council, Page 12)

Special to the Eagle Lake Headlight by Larry Jackson, Wharton Spectator-Journal

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## Geese, alligators, wetlands on conference agenda

Colorado County is a goose-hunter's paradise, but waterfowl aren't the only important wildlife, either ecologically or economically.

Experts on topics from alligators to wetland management will participate in a day-long wildlife management conference in Wharton Tuesday, May 17.

"People are always asking how to find out about this topic or that, so we decided to try to get all the experts together in one place," said Terri Lobropis, wildlife biologist for the Pierce Ranch and manager of the Shanghai Shooting Club.

The Mid Coast Private Lands Wildlife Conference is the first of its kind to be held in the region. Sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Wharton Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture and the Wharton Dr Pepper distributor, it will be at the Wharton Community Civic Center.

"This conference was developed to inform the landowner, rancher, farmer and land manager how to manage the wildlife on their land," Lobropis said.

Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists, along with representatives of the Soil Conservation Service, the extension service and Texas Wildlife Association and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be on hand to speak and assist those who are interested in wildlife management.

Registration fee for the conference is \$10, which includes lunch catered by Hinz's Barbecue. Registration will begin at 8 a.m., with programs beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Morning speakers will include

Gary Homerstad on Wildlife Management Plan; Bill Armstrong on White-tailed Deer Genetics and Nutrition; Lyndon Schatz on Breeding Chronology of White-tailed Deer; David Ride-out on Wildlife Food Plots; Joey Bonnot on Wildlife Management and Nutrition; Lyndon Schatz on Breeding Chronology of Feral Hogs; Royce Juries on Management of Quail; and John Burk on Eastern Turkey Restoration (See Conference, Page 12)

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## Garden Club seeking your help

Harrison, treasurer. Any donations will qualify for sponsorship and every bit will help the efforts to keep Eagle Lake groomed and attractive.

The Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club is in need of people to help maintain the flower beds and plantings around the city. They are also seeking sponsors who would like to contribute annually to help the club's efforts at beautifying Eagle Lake.

Significant improvement in the appearance of the entrances and downtown areas of Eagle Lake have been made by Civic Garden Club members over the past year.

Through their efforts, Harrison Park, once a weed patch in front of Dairy Queen, was turned into an attractive entrance to the city.

They put in and maintain the flower beds on the square around city hall. Also the area across the street from Prairie Edge Museum was landscaped and crepe myrtles planted.

All these areas are currently maintained by the Civic Garden Club. The flowers-to-bloom-in-spring, summer and fall are purchased and cared for by Garden Club members.

The job of keeping these spots beautiful is becoming a strain for club members without additional help from individuals in the community. Both financial and physical help is needed to keep these areas of town attractive.

To help by being a Garden Club sponsor, please contact Linda Balas, Garden Club president, or Margo

Garden Club member Sandy Thomson was caught in the act of snipping up the flower beds around the square this spring. She and the entire membership would appreciate your help whether it be money or a pair of strong arms.

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lot. At 9:54 a.m., Deputy Busby investigated a report of a burglary on Bostic Rd. Deputy Busby transported prisoners at 1:38 and 4:35 p.m.

At 6:15 p.m., Deputy Neisner and Weimar Police Officer Earl Jones arrested a subject for possession of marijuana under 2 oz., no driver's license and no insurance at the 682 mile marker of IH-10 westbound.

Deputy Peters investigated a case of criminal trespass in Sheridan at 6:54 p.m. At 8:41 p.m., Deputy Neisner investigated an incident and civil matter at the Columbus Oaks Apts. At 11:40 p.m., Deputy Peters arrested a subject for DWI on Hwy. 90A and Calhoun Rd.

Monday, April 25, at 12:38 a.m., Deputy Neisner responded to a report of a class A assault and criminal mischief at the Gemini Club in Garwood. One subject was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

At 3:52 a.m., Deputies Peters and Neisner responded to a report of a fight in progress on IH-10 westbound. At 3:58, they responded to a second report of a fight in progress at Hwy. 71 north.

Deputy Peters assisted Columbus police at 11:17 Bonham at 4:41 a.m.

At 7:19 a.m., Deputy Peters received a report of a subject spinning tires at Columbus Oaks Apts. He arrested a subject for DWI in the parking

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