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Hospital

The fact is, there is no market for closed hospitals in rural areas. There is not advantage to the Tax District to own the property that can be identified if it has control of it anyway.

Question: Ambulance service

Answer: In many tax districts around the state and especially in

countywide tax district, the Hospital Tax District also has responsibility for the EMS. Currently, in Colorado County, the EMS is fragmented. Efforts by Commissioners' Court are addressing the situation. It seems that the prudent action would be for a more coordinated EMS program at the county level. We suggest that the county continue with its plans to recruit an EMS coordinator and buy all the health care providers together to form an integrated EMS system. The Rice Hospital Tax District could certainly be a part of that system.

Question: The heating and cooling system replacement issue

Answer: The Hospital is 20 years old. The mechanical plant and especially the heating and cooling systems could be installed with paybacks of 5 to 7 years according to one estimate in utility savings. The Hospital has not had the capital to invest in this area, and has therefore not studied it as thoroughly as needed to know what the exact replacement cost and utility savings can be. The \$500,000 figure is probably on the high side, but until professional engineers can study the Hospital system, the Board will not be able to make an informed decision.

Next week: More questions and answers.

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Council

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"roundups" are planned. "We want to let everybody know we are out there. We're looking... we're getting," he said.

An abundance of complaints about stray dogs and non-registration and/or vaccinations by dog owners led Council to stricter enforcement of the City's dog ordinance.

In other business, Council:

- Appointed Wm. Pierce Arthur Jr., C.P.A., as auditor;
- Approved commercial unloading truck permits for Mateo Camarillo and Raul Lara;
- Accepted resignations from Larry Supak of the utilities department and auxiliary officer Robert Hayes; and
- Approved employment of Luther Cole and Sammy Soto.

COLUMBUS LIVESTOCK AUCTION REPORT

Columbus Livestock Auction Inc. Sale Every Thursday at 11:30 a.m. We will be on the air at KULM, Columbus, every Wednesday from 6:30 to 6:45 a.m., and every Thursday, live at ring side from 2:05 to 2:20 p.m.

The market this week continued strong on good quality steers and heifers. The market was also strong on yearling calves. The planer types remain slow but in line with all major markets. The packer cows and bulls were steady to strong on approximately 125 head. We had a lot of buyers on hand which makes for a good market.

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Market Report for April 13, 1995

Cattle on hand: 1299; goats, 4; horses, 3;

Packer Cows: higher dressing utility and culler cows, 40-47¢ per lb.;

Heifers: 150-200, 66-97¢; 200-250, 60-97¢; 250-300, 60-74¢; 300-350, 64-73¢; 350-400, 60-72¢; 400-450, 60-70¢; 450-500, 58-69¢; 500-550, 48-68¢; 550-600, 55¢-67¢.

Stocker Cows: good stocker cows & heifers, 47-55¢/lb.; medium stocker cows & heifers, 40-45¢/lb.; good cow & calf pairs, \$850-1030 pr.; medium cow & calf pairs, \$750-850 pr.; common cow & calf pairs, \$450-750 pair.

Have a nice day, say George, Art, Roy, Ken, Max and Charley

Chamber supports hospital tax district

The directors of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce unanimously voted to endorse the hospital tax district for Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

The directors all agreed that a tax district is needed to keep a full service hospital in the community. They felt that a full service hospital is essential: 1) to serve the community's health needs; 2) to prevent economic loss to the community; 3) to keep the feasibility for industrial development open for our area.

The directors discussed the ways that closing our hospital would impact our community, and then decided to fully endorse the hospital tax district.

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McClanahan, Korenek named Rice's 1995 valedictorian, salutatorian

By Nancy Hernandez
Raider Review Staff

Robin Shea McClanahan has been named valedictorian of the Rice High School Class of 1995; Nicholas A. Korenek has been chosen as salutatorian.

Honor graduates are Jana Elizabeth Buckner, Ashley Ann Cranek, Sharon Elaine Graham, Nancy

Frances Hernandez, Kimberly E. Korenek, Kelly Igoe Thomson, Jessica Anne Whitsant and Jamie Breana Wood.

Shea, daughter of Robbin and Richard Clippson and Tom and Mary McClanahan, has been active in the Raider Student Council, National Honor Society, Varsity Cheerleader Captain, Drama Club, Band, volleyball, track, and class president all four years. She plans to attend either Baylor University or the University of Texas at Austin with a major in chemistry or biology.

Nick, son of Clement and Grace Korenek, has been involved in the National Honor Society, U.I.L. and the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department. He plans to attend Wharton County Junior College before transferring to Texas A&M where he plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Both is the daughter of James and Rebecca Buckner of Eagle Lake. She plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in biology with hopes of entering into the pre-med field. Her long-range goal is to attend medical school either at Rice University or

Texas Women's University.

Ashley, daughter of James and Connie Korenek, plans to attend Wharton County Junior College and major in medical records administration before transferring to Southwest Texas State University to finish her degree.

Shari is the daughter of Fred and Sharon Graham. She plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in development with a minor in communication.

Nancy, the daughter of Guadalupe and Maria Hernandez, plans to attend Wharton County Junior College and then continue at the University of (See Honors, Page 7)



1995 Valedictorian Robin Shea McClanahan
1995 Salutatorian Nicholas A. Korenek

NEWS BRIEFS

Hospital Tax District meeting in Garwood

A meeting will be held in Garwood at the Lehrer meeting room on Thursday, April 27, beginning at 7:30 p.m. for questions, answers and discussion of the Rice Hospital District. Everyone in the Garwood/Nada area is invited to attend, as well as folks from the surrounding area.

War on Drugs meeting tonight

Eagle Lake War on Drugs will hold a meeting tonight, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. The public is invited to attend.

Sheridan Little League play ball

Your invited to join the Sheridan Little League for their opening day ceremonies this Saturday, April 29, at 1 p.m. in conjunction with opening day, a hamburger fundraiser will be held.

Lifeguard course set

Any citizen who is interested in taking the Red Cross Lifeguarding course is asked to call Judy at 234-5208 by Saturday, April 29. Pre-requisites are 15 years of age or older, dive to a depth of seven feet and retrieve a 10 pound object, swim 500 yards continuously using front, crawl, sidestroke and breaststroke.

Grand Jury hands up 21 indictments... Garwood man indicted for murder

The Colorado County Grand Jury handed up 21 indictments in its session on Thursday, April 13; one for murder.

Jolious Jerome Pratt, 31, was indicted for the March 12 death of Marvin Leon Johnson, 45. Both men are from Garwood.

Charges alleged Johnson died after Pratt struck him several times in the head with a claw hammer following an argument between the two.

Of the 21 indictments, eight were sealed and dealt with various drug offenses and aggravated assaults. Four were for delivery of a controlled substance (three included delivery of marijuana) and the fourth was for an aggravated assault.

Willie Earl Fisher was indicted for possession of a prohibited weapon. He reportedly had in his possession a short-barrel shotgun on Nov. 24, 1994.

Stemming from a March 3 incident, Matthew Patrick Gannon was indicted for injury to a child. He allegedly caused bodily injury to an 18-month-old girl by hitting her with his

open hand and fist and forcibly twisted her leg. The child sustained bruises to the face and buttocks and a broken left femur (leg).

William Earl Yeager Jr. and Kevin Anthony Baumbach were each indicted on charges of theft stemming from an incident reported Jan. 2. The two allegedly took \$1,500 worth of electronic equipment from the Columbus Wal Mart.

Clem Guerrero Contreras was indicted on charges of aggravated assault from an incident which report- (See Indictments, Page 18)

Balas appointed to advisory council

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas has announced the appointment of five new members to its Advisory Council of Small Business and Agriculture. Among the members is Steve Balas, owner of Eagle Lake Drugstore and Home Health Care and Balas Farming.

Balas divides his time between a pharmaceutical business and a rice farm, which he began in 1986 and 1974, respectively. With more than 20 years of experience in the rice farming business, Balas is a member of several agricultural committees and advisory panels. He has served as director of the U.S.A. Rice Federation and co-chairman of the Texas Rice Task Force. He earned a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from Univ. of Texas, at Austin.

Also appointed were G.D. Gaedcke, owner of Gaedcke Equipment Co., Houston; Robert D. Josseland, president of ACTX Cattle Company, Hereford; Robert W. Latimer, president, Latimer International, San Antonio; and Joe D. Mitchell, president of Mitchell & Jenks, P.C., in Dallas.

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W. STATE: 3BR, 1-1/2BA two story brick; separate dining and utility room; 16'x24' new storage room or hobby shop; fenced yard.

N. MC CARTY: 3BR, 2BA, den; frame with brick; corner lot with storage building and fence.

PECAN VALLEY: 3BR, 1BA frame; approx. 3.910 acre!

GARWOOD: 3BR, 1BA frame w/central heating; recently renovated.

MC CARY ST.: 3BR, 1BA, frame; house with fence.

HARBERT AVE.: 32x66 Mobile home w/wooded siding; 3BR, 2-1/2 BA, living room w/fireplace, den, one car garage & pole barn, 2+ ac. w/ fence.

E. STATE: 3BR, 2BA, den, dining room, office, fireplace; frame with siding on corner lot.

PECAN VALLEY: 2BR, 1BA, fireplace, frame house and storage bldg, on 10 acres.

S. MC CARTY: 3BR, 2BA, frame; large lot. PRICE REDUCED!

HWY. 90A WEST: 3BR, 2-1/2BA, large den with fireplace; brick.

N. WALNUT: 2BR, 2BA, large livingroom and sunroom; frame with siding; 24'x24' house and one storage building.

PEYTON LANE: 3BR, 2BA, living room with fireplace, sunroom, brick 3 years old.

LAUGHLIN RD.: 3BR, 3BA, den, office; Large house with approx. 2.7 acres.

COMMERCIAL...

BONUS: Corner lot, 34x110 on FM 3013. Good condition. PRICE REDUCED!

GLEN FLORA ROAD: 1.3 Acres with shop and mobile home. Hwy. 102 at Walnut: Chevron Service Station. For sale or lease.

Alamo Trailer Park: Including 2 rent houses and 2 mobile homes.

E. MAIN ST.: 330 Foot frontage, some improvements.

E. MAIN: Former Santa Fe Depot; renovated into office space and two acs. Owner finance, \$123,000.

E. MAIN: Former "Snack Center".

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LOTS...

CALHOUN ROAD: 2 Acres.

HANLY ROAD: 140' x 150' Lot with 16'x20' shop.

BALISEX DR.: 2.85 Acres; Owner finance, \$16,000.

LAND...

COUNTY ROAD 141 (Strickland Lane): 200 Acres of excellent farm land, corn, beans or cotton.

LAVACA COUNTY: Widemore Oaks; 5 acres & 11 acres, adjoining FOSTERCRANZ Rice Land: 37.9 acres, 608.75 acs, 434.267 acs, 154.43 acs and 120.505 acs. All near Eagle Lake.

377.58 Acres near Chesterville: Rice land, corner of FM 1030 and County Road 224.

E. WAVELEY: 5-1/2 Acres across from airport, recently cleared. Owner finance, \$24,000.

35 Acres undeveloped, rice land; Ramsey area.

38 Acres rice city, facing FM 1030.

90 Acres rice land, mostly city, 25'x20' steel bldg., FM 3013 frontage, will divide into two tracts.

67 Acres south of Rock Island. Wooded with tank, good hunting.

SOUTH OF LISBIE: 840 Ac. rice land, canal, well, excellent hunting.

SANDY BENDY 234-3925 RALPH TRULY 234-3925

Classified Ads

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LAKESIDE LOTS ADDITION - Residential lots available.

WHARTON COUNTY: Pecan Valley Addition; 1+ acre tracts.

EAST LAVACA COUNTY: Widemore Oaks; 10-25 acre tracts.

RALPH TRULY 234-7514 SANDY BENDY 234-3925

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Election

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Trustees election is no longer than it has been previously reported.

Jack Yawier, incumbent for Place 4, has filed; and Robin Thomas of Eagle Lake is the only candidate for Place 5.

The Board of Trustees election will be held the same day as the City's general election, but in different locations (see legal notice, Page 7, for list).

Also on Saturday, May 6, voters in the Rice CISD will decide the fate of the Rice Hospital District. Voting locations for the Hospital District are the same as the Trustees election.

Early voting for all three elections has begun. To vote early in the City's general election, go by the City Offices at 100 E. Main; Rice School Board, Administration Building in Altair; and Hospital District, at Eagle Lake Community Hospital in the Administration Office.

Even though the candidates have no opposition, you are urged to get out and vote! The Hospital District question needs your opinion, one way or the other.

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EL Police report accidents, mischief

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls for the week ending April 25.

Sgt. Steve Hassin was dispatched to a two vehicle accident on April 21 at 9:08 a.m. at the intersection of Main and Boothe Streets.

Investigation showed that James Robert Cranek of Columbus, driving a 1994 GMC pickup, was making a right turn from Boothe onto Main. He apparently made the turn too wide and went into the left turn lane on the west bound traffic, running head on into a 1988 International semi-tractor, driven by Craig Eans of La Grange. Fortunately, there were no injuries.

On April 23 at 1:59 p.m., Officer Eric Hart was dispatched to an accident at Mill and Crain Streets.

Marvin Duddleston of Eagle Lake, driving a 1988 Chevrolet pickup and towing a trailer, was south bound on Mills Street when the trailer broke loose and went into the grill of an 1985 Dodge mini-pickup driven by George Birdwell, also of Eagle Lake. There were no injuries sustained in this accident.

In other items reported this week, Officer Eric Bilbo was dispatched to a residence on 8th Street on April 22 at 11:52 a.m., in connection with criminal mischief. A report was taken.

April 24 at 4:52 p.m., Officer Risk took a report of criminal mischief, after meeting the complainant at the

police department the incident occurred at the Middle School.

Officer Clem Johnson was dispatched to a residence on Cemetery Street in reference to a disturbance.

After talking with all the parties concerned, the matter was settled.

Also on April 25 at 3:08 a.m., Officer Johnson was dispatched to Wilcox IGA after receiving a 9-1-1 call. An ambulance was dispatched to the scene where a subject had fallen. The person was transported to the hospital.

At 3:02 p.m. on April 25, the Eagle Lake Fire Department was dispatched to a report of a car fire on Strickland Lane in Mathews. It was quickly brought under control.

More questions, answers

Submitted by Eagle Lake Community Hospital Administration and Board of Directors

Several questions have come in to Eagle Lake Community Hospital (ELCH) asking the Hospital to publish its financial statements. Much interest seems to be centered upon the amount of debt the Hospital has and how much will be passed on to the tax district, if okayed by voters.

The Board intends to address these questions next week after they have had an opportunity to review and approve the financial statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1995, at their regular board meeting which occurred after the Headlight's deadline.

Question: If a hospital district is formed, the debt of ELCH will be transferred to the Hospital District. The Hospital District will likely incur further debt. Can the Hospital District be dissolved before all of these debts have been fully satisfied, even if it is later decided to close the Hospital?

Answer: Generally, no tax district can be dissolved until all its obligations are met. There have been a few tax districts that incurred debt and yet the hospital still closed, leaving the tax district in place until the obligations were fulfilled. The nearest example is probably Lee Memorial Hospital in Giddings.

There are about 98 hospital tax districts and about 98 ways of dealing with the local health care issues. Some have been ultimately successful to the point that the hospital no longer needed the tax district at all. Most were started because of an immediate need and once the crisis was over, the tax rate moderated to just cover the care and/or emergency medical services.

The important point is that the decision was made locally by those close to the issues. This usually means little bureaucratic costs and more public input for the decision-making

process.

Question: What percentage of patients treated in the emergency room of the ELCH are hospitalized there? What percentage of patients treated in the emergency room of ELCH are transferred from the ELCH's emergency room to another hospital?

Answer:

Year	1993	1994
Total ER visits	1,651	1,455
Admitted to ELCH	310	424
	18.8%	29.1%
Transferred to other hospital	22	45
	1.3%	3.1%

Question: Are there going to be any other town meetings?

Answer: Yes. There is a meeting scheduled to be held in Garwood on Thursday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lehrer building; and Tuesday, May 2, at the Prairie Edge Museum. Also, the Hospital held a Health Fair on April 20 in Sheridan with tax district information available for discussion.

Question: What percentage of Garwood residents use ELCH?

Answer: The following information came from the Texas Hospital Association's Patient Data System which tracks patients by zip code origin.

If there are any other groups that would like a hospital representative to speak, please contact Hospital Administrator Jim Buckner, 234-5571.

County seeking new members for water council

Colorado County Commissioners announced Monday that the County was searching for members to serve on the Colorado County Water Council.

"We only have eight members at the present time and we need more membership. We feel like this is an important council and we are looking for members to serve," said County Judge Vijay Slominski.

Anyone interested in serving on the council is asked to contact the judge's office.

"We want members who will have some input on the commission. I don't think we should have to ask someone

to serve. If they are interested, they need to contact us," said Commissioner Leon "Sonny" Spanish.

The Commissioners also agreed to assume 100% of the salaries of the staff members in the Precinct Justice of the Peace office with the City of Columbus reimbursing the county 20% of all costs associated with the positions.

The City also will assume the full cost of Bill Stein's position at the Nesbitt Memorial Library without help from the County.

County officials expressed a desire that the new arrangements become effective May 1 and continue through the end of the current year with payments being made quarterly in advance.

The County reached a decision after it was suggested by the City; however, it is only contingent if the Columbus City Council is in full agreement.

The Commissioners also stressed that all County residents need to have their pets vaccinated in files of the rabies quarantine.

The pet needs to be vaccinated at 4 months of age and then every year. The animal not only needs to be vaccinated for public protection, but also (See Commissioners, Page 18)