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**Sales tax** ranked as the fourth highest rebate, a 4.6% increase above the June 1994 payment of \$5.1 million. "Construction was the fastest growing sector in Austin, rising 21% — 4,400 jobs — as the City's stunning employment growth continues to accelerate housing demands," Sharp said. The City of Ft. Worth's rebate of slightly more than \$3 million was

**Police** Also on June 9, Sgt. Johnson was dispatched to the swimming pool in reference to disorderly conduct. A citation was issued; no other action was taken. Sgt. Johnson met with a complainant on Glen Flora Road on June 9 and took a report of criminal mischief. Sgt. Johnson was also dispatched to a scene on FM 3013 where a report of criminal mischief was taken. Officer Eric Bilbo, assisted by Johnson, investigated an accident which occurred June 10 between John Matthews, driving a Jeep Cherokee, and Brian Keith Carter of Columbus, driving a GMC van. Apparently, Matthews was stopped at a stop sign at Main and McCarty Streets when Carter struck Matthews' vehicle from behind. The vehicles sustained damage, but no injuries were incurred. A burglary of a habitation was reported to Officer Brian Baklik on June 10. The case is under investigation. The following incidents occurred on June 11: Lonnie Ray Flowers was arrested at Lake and B Street for public intoxication by Officer Bilbo. Officer David Wood was dispatched to a disturbance on Davitt Street, but the dispute was a civil matter. Sgt. Steve Hassin met with a complainant at the police department who reported a burglary of a coin-

**Continued from Page 1** operated machine on W. Post Office Street. The case is under investigation. A burglary of a residence was reported to Sgt. Johnson; the investigation continues on this case. Sgt. Johnson was dispatched to the Mustang Lounge at 115 3rd Street in reference to an assault. A statement was taken on the victim and the case is under investigation. The burglary of habitation was reported to Officer Jack Knox. The case is under investigation. Officer Knox met with a complainant who advised of a juvenile threatening him with a gun. The juvenile was referred to the juvenile probation department.

**Continued from Page 1** On June 12, Officer Jeremy Moore was contacted at the police department and given a report of criminal mischief. The case is under investigation. On June 13, Sgt. Hassin received a call of criminal mischief to some railroad property and a report was filed. In the Police Department's May report, a total of 115 calls were answered: 38 miscellaneous, 21 disturbances, 17 thefts, 16 criminal mischief, 14 burglaries, five accidents and four assaults. Officers handled 63 criminal cases and cleared 35. They made 29 arrests; 27 for misdemeanor and two felony. 125 citations were issued.

**'Painted Lady' in Fayetteville set to open** Regular travelers on Hwy. 159 through Fayetteville who have watched as a dilapidated turn-of-the-century house has been transformed into a Victorian "painted-lady" during the past year, will soon have an opportunity to tour the brightly-painted house and its lovely cottage-style gardens. Owners Dorothy and Hal Stall have announced a Grand Opening celebration for the weekend of June 24-25 to show off "The Painted Lady" to area residents and visitors. Located on Hwy. 159 at the flashing yellow light in the picturesque Fayette County community, it houses the collections of a half dozen well-known antiques. (See Lady, Page 8)

# Eagle Lake Headlight

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## Council extends contract with consultants

By Lynda Appel Contributing Writer Eagle Lake City Council last week approved a one-year contract extension with TMS Group in its continuing effort to obtain a prison facility for the City. The City entered into a one-year agreement with TMS in June 1994 after the decision was reached to retain professional consultants to assist in the City's quest for some type of prison facility. According to TMS representative Billy Don Everitt who was present at the meeting to answer questions, the legislature has appropriated money to build 8,000 or more new prison beds in 1997 and committed \$37.5 million to juvenile facilities. Everitt told Council the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) board is expected to call for a "Request for Proposal" (RFP) by Sept. 1995 with submission due late this year. Announcement of sites is expected by May or June 1996. City officials had hoped for emergency appropriations to come through early in the legislative session, but since this did not happen and there will be no sites selected in 1995, Council found itself faced with the decision to continue with professional consultants or with local citizens and elected officials continuing the prison promotion. "TMS has been very beneficial in opening doors for us. We've met with a lot of people and I've attended all but one TDCJ board meeting and TMS was there with us each time, introducing us to the right people," said Mayor Robby Cook. "This is only a small portion of what they've done and what they will continue to do." City Manager Ron Holland expressed the fact that there has been a lot of work done by a lot of people and there's a lot yet to be done. "The prison effort is still going to take a lot of nurturing," said Holland. "As long as we've got this far it would be a shame to drop it," said Councilwoman Barbara Pidgeon. The decision to extend the contract with TMS through June 16, 1996, was approved. The new contract allows payments of \$2,000 per month as opposed to \$3,000 per month called for in last year's contract. Only if Eagle Lake is chosen for a prison site, will TMS receive \$34,000 and \$48,000, as opposed to \$30,000 and \$24,000 called for in the 1994 initial contract. These final payments will come from bond money already approved by the voters in Eagle Lake's first prison site attempt. Cook explained to Councilman Mike Duarte, who questioned the rationale behind the large financial increases in the contract, that the City would save \$12,000 should the RFP be denied since TMS only receives its final compensation if the site is awarded to Eagle Lake. CPL Representative Rob Darcy was present at the meeting and expressed CPL's desire to continue its commitment to the prison project. According to Darcy, CPL has expended some \$15,000 toward the project and is planning further financial assistance. Cook expressed appreciation for the tremendous amount of time and energy Darcy has put into the project. Cook told Council that Darcy attended every board meeting. "He was always there, always dependable and right on top of politics, introducing us to just the right people," said Cook. Darcy announced to Council that Western Auto in Eagle Lake has agreed to become the pay station for CPL bill payments. Council adopted a resolution supporting retaining Johnson Space Center activities in the Clear Lake area. On March 22, 1994, the Eagle Lake City Council adopted Ordinance No. 9407 which called for the City to join with a number of other cities in requesting a rate reduction by CPL. An agreement has been reached between CPL and the Cities Steering Committee that states: "The settlement does not produce a reduction in base rates, but does lead to \$240 million of economic benefits to ratepayers." Those benefits include a \$50 million base rate refund, \$26 million fuel refund and \$54.6 million reduction to fuel factors. If implemented, as proposed in the stipulation filed with the Public Utilities Commission in May, average residential consumers should realize approximately \$65 of benefits on their July bill. Cook appointed Duarte as mayor pro-tem. Other mayor appointments include: •Equipment Committee: J.W. Shaver and John Young; •Insurance, Retirement and Personnel Committee: René Cooper-Scott and Pidgeon; •Rate and Revenue Committee: Duarte, Cooper-Scott and Young; •Property, Building, Subdivision and Zoning Committee: Duarte and Shaver; •Electrical Board: H.G. Locklier Jr., Shaver, Denis Hentzell, Earl Braden Jr. and Manuel Gutierrez; •Library Board Representative: Pidgeon; •H-GAC Representative: Cook; •H-GAC Alternate: Cooper-Scott; •Health Officer: Dr. R. Russell Thomas Jr.; •Fire Marshal: Locklier; •CCAD Representative: Clark Powers; •City Attorney: Donald N. Bendy; •Emergency Management Coordinator: Holland;

•Firemen's Board Trustee: Young; •Tax Abatement Committee: Cook; and •Eagle Lake/Colorado County Airport Zoning Board: L.J. Spaniel, Richard Seifert, Cook, Pidgeon and a fifth member to be elected by above and is chair. Holland announced employment of Sam Lackey of East Bernard as equipment operator for the City. Police Chief Keith Webb reported on major arrests and recovery of stolen property by the police department. Webb told Council the police department is committed to running the criminals out of town, but the citizens must also share that commitment by sending a message to lawbreakers that solving crime is a joint effort between the police department and citizens of Eagle Lake. "People must be willing to come forward and not just complain, but give statements. Citizens must come forward and get involved," said Webb.



## Brazos Valley, STMC cut ribbon

With an official ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, June 1, attended by the Sealy mayor, Chamber of Commerce directors and City Council members, Brazos Valley Medical Clinic changed its name to South Texas Medical Clinics, P.A., Sealy office. Dr. Wilford V. Morris Jr., Clinic Physician, heralded this special moment in the history of STMC with Michael St. Angelo, STMC Executive Administrator, Dr. William Yankowsky, Board president, Dr. Gary McWilliams, Medical Director, and STMC employees from Wharton and East Bernard. Morris started his practice in Sealy in 1978. Because of the rapid and ever-changing nature of health care, he decided to become associated with STMC. "This will only enhance the care I am able to give my patients," he stated. He is committed to the people of Sealy and has been very involved in the community. Judith Gross, MSN, RN, FNP, has joined Morris' practice. She obtained her Master of Science in Nursing from the Univ. of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, and her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the Univ. of SW Louisiana. She is a Family Nurse Practitioner with 21 years of nursing experience which includes home health and medical office staff nursing as well as emergency room nursing. South Texas Medical Clinics P.A. now has seven locations to serve the health care needs of the area patients, located in El Campo, East Bernard, Bay City, Needville, Richmond, and Wharton. STMC is also associated with the Rural Health Clinics in Palacios.



## Hearing Commissioners

**Continued from Page 1** The Sheridan Park site is in a 100 year flood plain and may incorporate some adjacent wetlands. Individual citizens and citizen groups are encouraged to make their views known at this public hearing. Full participation of the citizens in the development of this Parks and Wildlife application is welcome. General information on the Texas Parks and Wildlife program will be available. More detailed information on proposal activities will be available at the hearing. To arrange for people with disabilities please contact the County Judge's office at least 72 hours in advance. For further information, contact County Judge Vince Slominski at 409-732-2604.



**Any open over here?** The Satsky girls, Judy and daughter Rhonda, took their turn mopping the popular plant walk at the Parish of the Nativity's annual picnic this past Sunday. Even though the volleyball tournament had to be cancelled, there was plenty of entertainment for kids of all ages, from a "fishing" pond for the little ones to horseshoe competition for the older "kids". And, of course, there was a delicious lunch served until 1:30 p.m. Headlight Photos by Jeannine Feiring

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**COMING SOON!!** WHARTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. **57th Annual Meeting of Members** \$1,000 in Attendance Prizes **GRAND PRIZE: \$300 FREE Electricity** (Credited to your account — must be present to win) **Wednesday, June 21, 1995** El Campo Civic Center Members Only **Roast Beef Dinner 6:30 PM** Meeting 7:30 PM **Dinner Tickets \$3.00 Each** Deadline for Tickets ..... 5 PM, Monday, June 19 (MEMBERS ONLY — NO tickets sold at door — NO PLATES TO GO) **Election of 3 Directors** **Call or Write Now!** 409-543-6271 1-800-460-6271 Box 31, El Campo, Texas 77437

## NEWSBRIEFS

**PAC weight room open** The weight room in the PAC Center at Rice High School will be open for use Monday through Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. through July 27. **Ladies to host benefit golf tournament** The Ladies Auxiliary of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department will hold a benefit golf tournament on Sunday, June 25, at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center. The four person scramble is \$40 per player per round and includes food, drinks and green fees. There will be a shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 12 noon. Entry deadline is June 22. Prizes will be given for longest drive, closest to the hole and \$1,000 for the first hole in one on #16. For more information, call 234-5488, 234-7523 or 234-2958. **Need your lawn mowed?** If you need someone to mow your lawn, feel free to call on Boy Scout Troop #334. The boys are raising money to go to camp. If you are in need of their services, call 234-2378 or 234-7450. **Lissie Methodist church hosts social** The Lissie United Methodist Church, located 7 miles east of Eagle Lake off 90A, would like to invite everyone to join them for a fun evening of fellowship, home-made ice cream and hymn singing on Sunday, June 25. Ice cream will be served at 5 p.m. (donations will be appreciated), games will follow and at 7 p.m. we will move to the sanctuary for the hymn singing service. **CCLEA meeting is July 11** The Colorado County Law Enforcement Association's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11, in Frelsburg at the Becker residence. For directions, call 409-732-6981. **Pesticide applicator training available** Individuals with private applicator license have two upcoming opportunities to receive CEU's towards the renewal of their license. The first one will take place on June 26 at 5 p.m. at the Nada Community Center. The second will be at the Eagle Lake rice research station on June 28 at 4 p.m. Two credit hours will be offered at each meeting. For more information, call 409-732-2082. **'Men and Grief' seminar at Wharton church** A seminar on "Men and Grief" will be held Thursday, June 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1717 Pioneer, in Wharton. The seminar, sponsored by the Community Hospice and Gulf Coast Medical Center, is open to any man who has lost a loved one to death. Speakers will address the topics of how men grieve and how to cope with loss. For more information, call 409-543-9487. There is a \$10 charge which includes lunch; scholarships are available. **Fish dinner to be held June 23** Fish dinners will be sold by Rising Star Cemetery Association at 100 East Davitt on June 23. Serving starts at 11 a.m. and plates are \$4 each. You may contact Pat Marshall or Linda Tillman at 234-3042. For more information call Ruth Carter (chick) at 234-3042. **Coaches game scheduled for June 23** Eagle Lake Little League coaches will play against each other in a game to be held Friday, June 23. The game starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Little League Field. The public is invited to come out and watch the game. **Andy Rice slow-pitch tournament** The Andy Rice slow-pitch tournament is scheduled for June 30, July 1 and 2. The teams will consist of men's and ladies teams. The tournament is to take place at Gonzales Softball Complex which consists of four fields. For more information, call Jerry Bonevald at 512-798-3661 or 512-798-5396 or Terrell Herning at 512-798-5251. **Meet the new ELMS principal June 22** On Thursday, June 22, you will have the opportunity to meet the new Eagle Lake Middle School principal, Mr. James Adkins. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. in the ELMS cafeteria and will include a question and answer forum. Your presence is greatly appreciated. We want to have a great start for our 95-96 school year. **Singles sponsor dance** The Fort Bend Singles will sponsor a dance on Friday, June 30, at 8 p.m. at the Needville KC Hall. Music will be provided by the Sly Krueck Orchestra. The public is invited to attend; door prizes will be given. For more information call 713-252-4782 or 409-793-4573.

## Carole Rylander to visit Columbus

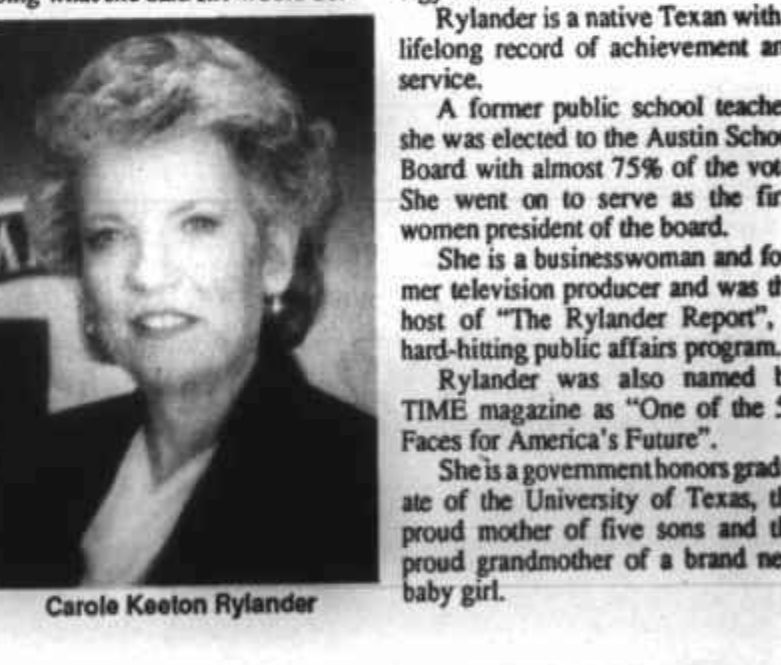
Citizens of Colorado and the surrounding counties will have an opportunity to meet with Texas Railroad Commissioner Carole Keeton Rylander at a dinner and program at the Veterans Memorial Center in Columbus on Friday, July 14. The event begins at 7 p.m. Reservations and ticket information is available by calling Becky Anderson at 234-3522 or Fair Wells at 234-3105. Carole Keeton Rylander is the first woman in history to be elected to the Texas Railroad Commission. Since taking office in Dec. 1994, she is making her mark on Texas and its common sense, "tell it like it is" approach to government. From leading the charge for trucking deregulation to her historic vote implementing it; and from her sensible regulation of the oil and gas industry to ethics reform, Rylander is doing what she said she would do. Information about a seed treatment, Chitosan, will also be presented. At the final tour stop, Jonnie Hunt will present a study to define the nitrogen dissipation patterns and potential loss differences associated with both nitrogen source and water source. During the evening, there will be indoor program at the Eagle Lake KC Hall. Des Woods will relate rice grower efforts to impact the research and education program. Lawrence Amor and L.G. Raun will present information detailing how rice production benefits wildlife and water quality. A representative of the Rice Federation will present information on a regulator, can be used to accelerate the crop's emergence and growth to enable to grower to flood earlier to conserve water and reduce herbicide usage.

## 21st Rice Field Day set for Wednesday

It's that time of year again. The 21st Annual Rice Field Day at the Texas A&M Experiment Station in Eagle Lake will be held on Wednesday, June 28. Field tours will begin at 4 p.m. and run until 5. There will be a limited number of shaded trailers for the tour, so get there early. During the tour, Dr. Anna McClung will present information on the most commonly grown commercial varieties in Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana as well as evaluate the performance of new potential varieties under development. Dr. Fred Turner will present information in a study to determine the interactions caused by plant populations and nitrogen rates for several varieties in both the main and ratoon crop. Dr. Garry McCauley will show how gibberellic acid, a plant growth regulator, can be used to accelerate the crop's emergence and growth to enable to grower to flood earlier to conserve water and reduce herbicide usage. Information about a seed treatment, Chitosan, will also be presented. At the final tour stop, Jonnie Hunt will present a study to define the nitrogen dissipation patterns and potential loss differences associated with both nitrogen source and water source. During the evening, there will be indoor program at the Eagle Lake KC Hall. Des Woods will relate rice grower efforts to impact the research and education program. Lawrence Amor and L.G. Raun will present information detailing how rice production benefits wildlife and water quality. A representative of the Rice Federation will present information on a regulator, can be used to accelerate the crop's emergence and growth to enable to grower to flood earlier to conserve water and reduce herbicide usage. (See Tours, Page 8)

## Pioneer Texas producer honored for conservation

By John Hart, Editor & Publisher of The Rice World A pioneer Eagle Lake rice producer was honored recently for his contributions to wildlife conservation and waterfowl habitat in the Gulf Coast of Texas. A banquet was held April 26 at the Houston Country Club to both honor David and his wife Eula and to raise funds for Ducks Unlimited's wetland projects. David and Eula Wintermann have done much over the years to benefit Texas wildlife and waterfowl resources. Their latest conservation effort involves the donation of a tract of land which will be enhanced by Ducks Unlimited and managed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as a prairie wetland area for wildlife. During the April 26 banquet, more than \$40,000 was raised to develop and maintain the tract of land located in Wharton County, nine miles southeast of Eagle Lake. The tract consists of 245 acres of fallow rice fields last cropped in 1991. The site will be known as the "Wintermann Waterfowl Management Area" and will provide a permanent habitat for ducks, other waterfowl, songbirds and other wetland-dependent wildlife. The land is generally flat, lacks woody vegetation and has eight shallow ponds of 0.5 to 1 acre in size. These ponds will be increased in size by addition of water control structures to facilitate water management. Free title of property will be transferable to Ducks Unlimited which will design and develop the area. DU will then transfer the property to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for management as a waterfowl area. Through the interest in waterfowl, Mr. Wintermann became a member of Ducks Unlimited and was elected Trustee in 1968. He was later elected regional vice president and in 1974 he became senior vice president. He served on the Canadian Board of Directors for two years before his retirement in 1976, and in 1978 he was made Trustee Emeritus, a position which he held to this day. At the banquet, Jack Wendt, a Richmond, Texas rice producer and close friend of the Wintermanns delivered remarks paying tribute to their contributions to the rice industry. Mr. Wendt said that he has known David Wintermann for more than 50 years and during this time, until he retired in the early 1980s from serving on the rice committees, he was recognized by many as being the most distinguished man in the Texas rice industry. "This title was earned because of many years he spent helping the industry with his leadership abilities. His qualities are unsurpassed by anyone in this field as a leader," Mr. Wendt said. Through the years Mr. Wendt worked with Mr. Wintermann on the boards of the American Rice Growers Association of which Mr. Wintermann was president for 17 years; the Texas Rice Marketing Association which is now the USA Rice Council; and Mr. Wintermann helped organize in 1952, serving as its first president; and Blue Ribbon Rice Mill, a cooperative owned by Texas rice producer which is now a private company, American Rice Inc., one of the country's largest rice millers and marketers, having milld 20% of all U.S. produced rice in 1994. In 1993, Mr. Wintermann was invited to present "A Farmer's Viewpoint" at the Utah State University Ecological Symposium because of his reputation of both an excellent farmer and an ecologist. "In Feb. of this year, David and Eula were married 60 years," Mr. Wendt said. "I extend a special congratulation to you both, and I would like to see you both, and I would like to see you both." (See However, Page 8)



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