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LAKE MOTORS, INC. Home of Award Winning Service. WE FINANCE! Chevrolet • Geo • Oldsmobile • Cadillac. 323 S. McCarty Eagle Lake 409-234-5556

Vets Continued from Page 1. important their contribution has been and continues to be. We must be sure that future generations never forget their bravery, sacrifice and service to our country. World War II veterans have earned our eternal gratitude. The following is part two of a four part series saluting those from this area who served in WWII. The text is from "A History of Eagle Lake Texas" and is reprinted with the permission of W.H. Harrison Sr., who helped compile the 1987 publication. Various reclamation and savings projects started which involved the whole town. The public was urged in July to save tin cans and waste fat. Eagle Lake had already contributed 56,555 pounds of scrap rubber. Then an all-out scrap campaign was started. Advertisements in Aug. urged people to "BOMB 'em with junk." Scrap iron, steel, old rubber, brass, copper, zinc, lead, and tin became targets for the salvage committee. H.L. Reading supervised the collection of iron and steel at a vacant lot across from his home; and W.E. Welford supervised the collection of tin cans. Separate collection sites were designated. Waste fat was to be taken to meat dealers, and tin cans, after being rinsed, were to be taken to the dump on the north side of the S.A.P. railroad right of way. The first tin can drive fell short of the quota, but others were planned. In October, scrap metal became the goal for the Junior Army from the schools, headed in Eagle Lake by "Col." W.C. Reed. Students were urged to scout for junk, and in October, a victory parade, led by the band, of the Junior Rangers took place. The Junior Rangers sold the scrap for \$113.75 of which \$103.75 was given to the Eagle Lake Chapter of the Red Cross and \$10 was used for registration of all school in the Jr. Red Cross. For bolstering the morale of service men, the American Legion Post sponsored a collection of old photograph records, to be taken to Wilcox Grocery, to be made into new records for gifts to service people. Also connected with maintaining a high morale, came the announcement that the post office had special stationery for overseas mail. V-mail was given a second rating, a priority only behind official mail, and more citizens went into the service, a popular feature of the Headlight was the "News from Uncle's Boys in Service Here and Abroad" which reported news and addresses of service personnel. Appeals were also made for a variety of services. Mrs. T.P. Haley was elected general chairman of the Red Cross in Eagle Lake. Mrs. Clarence B. Stephens, chairman of the Money in Soldier's Kits, announced in Sept. 1942 that the ladies had received the quota merely by standing at their posts and accepting offerings. Funds were also solicited for the Army Emergency Relief Fund. No quota was set but collections were to go into a fund to be used in cases of temporary financial distress at Camp Swift near Bastrop. A Red Cross room was opened at City Hall for knitters; knitting was taught on Monday afternoons. In Nov. 1942, Mrs. G.A. Seaholm and Mrs. T.P. Haley announced that 35 sweaters, 10 helmets, 5 mufflers, and 9 pair of gloves had been packed and shipped by the knitters. A room in the former Rotary Hall was offered by Hayes Stephens for the surgical dressing committee. Clyde W. Nispel of CP&L and J.A. Ruggles of Texas Southwestern Gas offered to furnish electricity and gas. Mrs. David Wintermann and Mrs. Howard Fitzgerald were in charge of the surgical dressing classes which began Oct. 19, 1942. Supervisors trained for these classes were the following: Mesdames Hayes Stephens, G.E. Thomas Jr., J.D. Luda, Ed Hanly, I.V. Duncan, W.C. Reed, C.P. Hoye, V.T. Matthews, W.E. McRee, A.F. Harbart, Annie Taylor, G.F. Wolf, E.W. Hanly, M.L. Anderson, Chas. Causey, R.F. Wilcox and Miss Alice Belle Seaholm. While gas rationing and coffee rationing and meatless days started, bad news came to Eagle Lake with the announcement of casualties in battle. Lt. Wm. R. (Billy) Cook, a graduate of Annapolis, was listed as missing in action after the battle of Midway. He had been on the Wasp. In December, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stapleton received news of the death of William Lee (Billy) Stapleton, killed in the Pacific and buried on a then unnamed island in the Pacific. The year 1943 brought the new victory tax, effective on Jan. 1, 5% in excess of \$12 per week or \$624 annually, in addition to the income tax. While Eagle Lake did not meet the quota in tin can collections or in surgical dressings in Jan., the war effort continued. The First Presbyterian Church displayed a service flag of its service members with eighteen blue stars and one silver service star for the missing-in-action service man William Cook. On a lighter side, "Tar", a 115 lb. full-blooded, registered Newfoundland, which had belonged to Leonard and Gardner Seaholm, joined the army after his two masters entered service. Gus Seaholm explained the dog was desolate without his masters and it was "meet and proper for Tar to volunteer and follow his country's flag." Tragedy soon struck with the announcement that John B. Westmoreland, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.T. Westmoreland, had been killed in a plane crash at Patterson Field, Fairfield, Ohio. In another accident Maurice W. Parker was killed in Feb. 1943; he was with the Engineer's Petroleum District Unit, Detachment "B." In late January, Lois Goode enlisted in the Waves, and in early Feb. Johanna Balas joined the Army Nurses' Corps, while Wesley Causey received an appointment to the Naval Academy. News was also received of Coogie (R.J.) Ney's being awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his action in the Battle of Midway. At home interest in buying war saving stamps and bonds simulated with the display of a captured Japanese 2-man submarine in Columbus. New rationing plans were set to go into effect: canned goods, shoes, sugar, coffee, gasoline, and tires were all rationed. To aid in the war effort, all citizens were encouraged to raise Victory gardens at home. By Feb. 26, 1943, the county had again exceeded the war bonds sales and the Rotary Club was sponsoring an appeal for reading material for soldiers. Continued next week.

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Nature Continued from Page 5 April 12-13: Blue Bird Festival, Wills Point April 18-21: Migration Celebration, Brazoria County, 1-800-983-4853 May 9-11: Birding by Rail Get-away Weekend, Palestine

Golf Continued from Page 6 3rd flight: 1st gross, Mike & Sharon Schlicht; 2nd gross, Charles & Genevieve McQuire; 1st net, Randy & Karen Epps; 2nd net, Danny & Mary Nell Murray. The ladies would like to thank everyone who played as well as supported the Recreation Center.

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Hope You Haven't Forgotten... Sept. Is Rice Month! (See related photo, Page 8) Y'all Come! 1995 Colorado County Fair Sept. 14-17 (Complete Schedule, Page 12)

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1995 Colorado County Fair Queens Tara Hagendorff, second from right, was chosen to serve as the 1995 Colorado County Fair Queen during competition Saturday night, Sept. 9, at Columbus High School. Pictured with her are, from left, Kelli Grunewald, chosen co-Miss Congeniality; Melissa Templeton, Membership Queen, second runner up for queen and co-Miss Congeniality; and Frances Mkrwa, first runner up for queen and membership queen. (For additional photos, see Pages 3 and 7.) Headlight Photo by Lynda Appelt

NEWSBRIEFS American Legion to decorate vets' graves W. Cherry-M. Perry Post 108 of the American Legion will decorate graves of deceased veterans on Saturday, Sept. 23, in conjunction with the celebration commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of WWII. The flags will be removed on Monday, Sept. 25. The Legionnaires urge all citizens to display U.S. flags during the weekend, especially on Saturday, to honor WWII veterans. Chamber of Commerce meeting Sept. 18 The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce has set its monthly meeting for 12 noon on Sept. 18 at Sportsman's Restaurant. If you would like to attend, call 234-2780 to reserve your place. The meeting is open to the public. Non-members will pay for their own meal. Reunions set for Classes of '85, '86 and 90 It's class reunion time and the classes of 1985, 1986 and 1990 plan to hold their reunion on Oct. 21. Information is needed to find fellow students. Class of 85 students can call Steve Almanza at 409-758-9057; Class of 86, call Beverly Rucka Wunderlich at 409-732-6402 or at work 409-234-3000 or Audrey Williams Schmieder at 713-578-0830. Class members of 1990 can call Stephanie Causey at 234-2958 or Linda Gold at 758-3504. Grace Lutheran to celebrate anniversary The congregation of Grace Lutheran Church wishes to announce the observance to their 60th year of serving the Lord. Special services will be held on Sunday, Sept. 24. All interested parties should either contact the church's office at 234-3381 (leave a message should you get the recorder) or any member of Grace Lutheran. Defensive driving course in Columbus A Saturday defensive driving course has been slated by Gene Creemans, for Saturday, Sept. 16, at 930 Travis St. from 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register, call 409-543-7849 or 1-800-258-8297. Walk-ins are welcome. 'Pink Ladies' game party is Sept. 19 The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary annual games party will be held Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Bring your friends and play dominos, "42," bridge or canasta! There will also be a "Pink" elephant sale and a delicious bake sale. Tickets are \$5 and available from any Pink Lady. Church garage sale to benefit 'Habitat' Friendship Baptist Church, 405 South Lake Ave. will sponsor a multi-family garage sale on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 7:30 a.m. until. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Colorado County Habitat for Humanity. Come out and support this worthy cause. Vine of the Lord car wash is Sept. 16 The congregation of the Vine of the Lord Church will hold a car washing this Saturday, Sept. 16, starting at 8 a.m. in the Old Main Auto Parts parking lot (across from Dairy Delite). Proceeds will be used for the new roof along with new instruments for the church. Registration for ESL classes Registration will get underway at 7 p.m. on Sept. 12 at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Church for ESL (English as a Second Language) classes. For more information, contact Ruby Darnell at 234-3297. Health Fair scheduled for Sept. 21 Get ready! The Rice Hospital District Health Fair and Ministerial Alliance Blood Drive will be held Thursday, Sept. 21, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Medical Clinic, 700 S. McCarty. Supernaw to perform in Brenham Doug Supernaw, the talented young Texan, will be appearing at the Washington County Fair in Brenham on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 9 p.m. Tickets are free with admission to the fair and are available at the gate. 'Welcome Table' set for Sept. 24 The Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church invites everyone to take part in their program, "The Welcome Table," on Sunday, Sept. 24, at 2:30 p.m. Rev. R. Kiser will be the host pastor. For more information, call Olivia Maxie at 234-3311 after 5 p.m. Dedication of new jail facility set Colorado County Commissioners' Court chose 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28, to dedicate the new Colorado County Detention Facility in Columbus. The decision was made at the Court's regular meeting this past Monday. Additional details will be available at a later date.

With very few raises... County okays \$5.5+ million budget

Colorado County Commissioners adopted the 1996 budget on Monday morning, but not before there was an outcry for additional funds to support two worthwhile organizations. Alice Strunk, who oversees Colorado Youth and Family Services, expressed her desire to see more monies to help juveniles and also received support from former NFL player Alonzo Highsmith, now a Weimar resident. In addition, Karen Gordon, representing Colorado Valley Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, also voiced her concern over lack of funding for her organization. "I want to go on record in regard to the lack of funding for juvenile services. I not necessarily asking you to reconsider, but I would encourage you to find some money to help these kids with contract services," said Strunk. "We can't send them all to TYC (Texas Youth Commission)... that is not the answer. After six months in TYC, there is still no after-care available. I understand your dilemma... I've been on both sides. However, when your budget is less than 8% for services for our citizens, it concerns me. "My primary concern is that the County needs to get out of denial. There are a lot of kids out there that need a lot of help... there is simply a real need. I certainly don't intend for any of you want someone close to you to be a victim either," said Strunk. "We are in a state of emergency and it's bigger than war. We need to find some avenues for these kids," said Highsmith. "We can't wait until tomorrow... we have to help them now by investing whatever it takes." "My heart certainly goes out to the juveniles, but I'm getting the adults who were the juveniles," said Gordon. "I'm extremely disappointed that our funding was cut. It is very frustrating that we see results and then get cut. County Judge Vince Stominski and Commissioners expressed their concern, but emphasized that with the opening of the new detention center, the unknown was on the horizon. "We are not able to provide funding now. I don't think we are abandoning you, but we just don't know what the jail is going to cost us," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Richard Seifert. "We will put the money into services next year and, hopefully, that is not too late. We just had some hard decisions to make this time around. "I will go on record that if you are able to obtain some type of grant, I, for one, would match it if we needed to do so to get some funding (for the juveniles programs)." "I still think that some of this goes back to the family themselves. When I was growing up, parents and teachers had more control," said Jerome Wicks, Commissioner of Precinct 3. "We still have to do something. There are more single-family homes today and you have some parents who (See Commissioners, Page 12)

Local hospitals share CAT scanner

Columbus Community Hospital and Eagle Lake Community Hospital (soon to be known as Rice District Community Hospital) have joined together to acquire a mobile CAT scan unit. This event was recognized with a ribbon cutting and christening ceremony held Sept. 8. Computed Axial Tomography (CAT) imaging the body, or parts thereof, by creating cross section X-ray pictures or "slices" that can be manipulated by computer. Administrators Rob Thomas and Jim Buckner say that there are several reasons for sharing the scanner. First is the quality of the image that the new scanner will produce. It is a significant leap in technology which will allow the radiologists to differentiate tissue images better, which in turn means more definitive diagnoses. This means better care for patients and the patient can either go to the hospital where the unit is located at that time or the scanner can be moved to where it is needed with no loss of revenue to either hospital. The third reason to share a scanner is financial. It is a clearly win-win situation for the hospitals with respect to cost. Not only is there no more "lost" revenue because patients had to be referred somewhere else at times, but the actual cost per scan to the hospitals should be substantially less. Now, when an urgent need arises, the patient can either go to the hospital where the unit is located at that time or the scanner can be moved to where it is needed with no loss of revenue to either hospital. The third reason to share a scanner is financial. It is a clearly win-win situation for the hospitals with respect to cost. Not only is there no more "lost" revenue because patients had to be referred somewhere else at times, but the actual cost per scan to the hospitals should be substantially less. In today's healthcare world, hospitals have lost the ability to pass costs along to their patients. Therefore, the only way to maintain hospital service in an area like Colorado County is to find ways to become more cost effective. This joint venture by these neighboring hospitals is likely the first of many to be taken. Both boards of directors have committed to establishing formal meetings to discuss other opportunities that maintain or enhance the quality of care available to their respective communities.

Rice Hospital District sets tax rate at 18¢

The Board of the Rice Hospital District met Monday night, Sept. 11, with several critical issues to resolve. Included were the hospital lease and transfer agreement with Eagle Lake Community Hospital's corporate board, election of officers, approving the district's annual budget and setting a tax rate. The hospital lease and transfer agreement, which is effective Oct. 1, 1995, has the hospital plant, property and equipment leased from the corporation to Rice Hospital District (RHD) for \$1 a year. This includes the Sealy Clinic and property. The cash, securities, receivables, inventories, patient records, employees and other assets are given to RHD in consideration for the RHD assuming the liabilities, including the accounts and notes payable and debt. The RHD board will have full operational governance over the entire hospital, home health agency and the two primary care clinics (Eagle Lake and Sealy). The agreement will be in effect for five years with an option to extend for five years. The Eagle Lake Community Hospital board will assume a custodial role. A noteworthy provision in the lease is that the RHD must maintain acute hospital care services. The nominating committee recommended a slate of officers for the RHD board. Elected by acclamation were Joan Matthews, president; Betsy Schirring, secretary; and Joe Mike Spaniel, treasurer. The budget committee recommended approval of the RHD budget with a projected loss of \$446,000 before tax revenue. Administrator Jim Buckner explained that significant operating growth is projected, but the loss of Medicaid disproportionate share program funds hurt the budget.

Columbus Hospital is now Memorial affiliate

The Memorial Healthcare System, a not-for-profit health care system based in Houston, has added Columbus Community Hospital, a 36-bed acute-care facility, to its family of regional affiliates. Columbus becomes the second hospital in Colorado County to join the Memorial family, the other being Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Eagle Lake Hospital Administrator Jim Buckner commented on Columbus being added to the Memorial System saying, "We regard this as a positive. Columbus and Eagle Lake have board committees meeting together to come up with more sharing situations like the CAT scan unit recently purchased jointly by the two hospitals. "We hope this will bring the two facilities closer together so that both benefit and the probability of each one's survival is enhanced," Buckner added. Under the terms of the three-year agreement, Memorial will provide consulting services to Columbus Community Hospital's directors and management staff, as well as provide educational services to the hospital medical personnel. Memorial will also serve in an advisory capacity to (See Affiliates, Page 6)

Lady Raiders beat Hempstead

The Lady Raiders varsity volleyball team traveled to Hempstead on Aug. 29. They came out on top, taking both sets by scores of 15-4, 15-5. Since then, they traveled to Rockdale on Friday, Sept. 1; not faring so well. They lost both sets by the score of 10-15, 3-15. The varsity hold a record of 1-2.

JV team dominates Palacios

Thursday, Aug. 31, the Raider JV football team hosted the Palacios Sharks in their last scrimmage this season. The Sharks took it to the Raiders early in the contest, but Rice's defense rose to the occasion, quickly adjusting to halt the Shark attack. The Raider defense was outstanding, forcing six Shark turnovers. Rice recorded three interceptions, two by Joshua Godley, one by Pete Rangel. The Raiders also forced and recovered three fumbles. The defense was led up front by Warren Scott, Leon Taylor-Davis and Clint Gertson. The Shark defense was pushed back by surging Raider offense from the first play of the Rice's offensive set. Kendrick Pipkins and Scott led a solid ground attack by the Raider offense. The lineman did a terrific job of creating huge holes for Pipkins who averaged 15 yards per carry on 12 carries, scoring once on a five yard run. Also impressive were the Raider freshmen who plugged down the field in 10 plays, scoring on a Rangel keeper, giving Rice a 2-0 advantage. The JV Raiders will host the Weimar Wildcats in their home opener on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6 p.m. at Raider Stadium in Altair.

COLUMBUS LIVESTOCK AUCTION REPORT

Columbus Livestock Auction Inc. Sale Every Thursday at 10:30 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 was fully steady in all areas. Demand was extremely good on better quality calves and yearlings. The planner calves were lower; packer cows and bulls solid steady on all major markets on approximately 150 head. We had a lot of good buyers on hand, which make for a good market. If we can help you with marketing your livestock, please call George Hagan or Art Mueller at 409-732-2622 or 1-800-944-2622. If you need a truck or trailer or man to work your cattle, we're as near as your telephone. Out of town call collect; your calls are welcome. Try us on your next shipment. Call George Hagan, residence 409-732-2553, Art Mueller, 409-732-2934, Roy Burger, 409-865-5042 or Kenneth Brune, 409-732-5815. "We are at your service 24 hours a day, seven days a week," says George, Art, Ken, Roy, Max and Charley. "We appreciate your business." Market Report for Aug. 31, 1995 Cattle on hand: 1826; goats, 6; horses, 4. Packer Cows: higher dressing utility and culler cows, 35-40¢ per lb.; lower dressing utility and culler cows, 33-35¢; light weight culler cows, 29-33¢. Packer Bulls: heavy-weight bulls, 45-47¢ per lb.; utility and culler bulls, 40-44¢; light weight culler bulls, 31-40¢. Stocker/Packer Calves/Yearlings Steers #1: 150-200 lbs., 76¢-81¢; 200-250 lbs., 79¢-84¢; 250-300 lbs., 78¢-84¢; 300-350 lbs., 75¢-82¢; 350-400 lbs., 74¢-81¢.

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