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the \$6.5 million rebate last year.

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creased by only 1.9% over the pay- livered in Feb. 1995. Arlington's payments made by the Comptroller's of- ment of \$6.2 million was 3.6% below was for \$56,260.62, down 9.73% from Cities received \$215.7 million in The devaluation of the peso conlocal sales tax rebates, 2.4% more than tinues to undermine the economy of El is scheduled for Friday, March 8.

the \$210.6 million payments one year Paso, where the Feb. sales tax rebate ago. County rebates were \$19.6 mil- of \$4.4 million was 6.4% off the \$4.7 counties in our area were unavaillion, down 2.7% from the \$20.2 mil-million payment last year. The City of Houston's Feb. rebate \$170,000.00 was \$30.7 million, the largest ever

issued by the Comptroller's office, but \$150,000.00 it increased by only 1.4% from the previous record-setting rebate of \$30.3 million to Houston in Feb. 1995. "Houston's employment rose by 3% in the last year, with the largest \$110,000.00 gains coming in the service sector, which added 19,500 jobs," Sharp said. The Feb. rebate to the City of Dal-

less than 1% from the \$18.47 million reported last year. San Antonio was delivered \$11.6 million in sales tax rebates, 1.6% more

was \$18.41 million, a decrease of

than the Alamo City's payment of \$11.4 million for Feb. 1995. The City of Austin's Feb. sales tax using the month the tax was collected by retailers as the basis for the end rebate of \$9.2 million, virtually no of the year.

change from the Feb. 1995 payment. The City of Fort Worth received a \$6.9 million rebate for Feb., which Program was 5.2% above the \$6.6 million de-

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deemed through April 15, 1996. Since the program began in 1986, ception. WIX Filters has contributed more than

\$250,000 to FFA chapters. In addition to the 25¢ for every box ing Board, utilizing funds provided encountered by the family physician. top, the company is offering four in centive bonuses of \$1,000 each to the chapters with the highest number of Nature box tops redeemed per member and a \$1,000 bonus to the chapter with the open to members and to the general the release time, we are just grateful year. WIX Filters also offers four Narepresentatives from all chapters; its back to the wilds. Perhaps with any greatest percentage increase from last public. The state board is composed of that they have birds to be released

agricultural mechanics, tional FFA Foundation.

rying WIX Filters are also participat- from the last release. ing in the program by serving as offi- That is really good news as we are Rollin, 234-2027; or Doris, 409-732cial FFA Box Top Collection Centers. learning more from every day that 8875. Corporation, manufactures a full line group that another release of 'surplus' TWONC membership is open to

FFA members pursuing degrees in Prairie Chicken update

ricultural mechanics.

Terry Rossignol, acting manager, from last Fall
WIX is also a sponsor of the Nareported that sadly one prairie chicken Who to call Professional auto parts stores car- We are now at two birds still alive ments or program ideas, call Helen,

care as it is practiced, and to examine

lenges and satisfactions of primary through House Bill 282.

preceptorships.

WIX Filters, a division of Dana they can make it. He also informed the Everyone is welcome of filters for cars, trucks, vans, buses males is scheduled soon and might anyone interested in nature and being

company has 10 manufacturing and of these birds is of primary importance printing and postage for the monthly distribution facilities worldwide. and whatever the refuge decides about newsletter, but the meetings are free.

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tional FFA College Scholarships to officers elected by the membership. luck they will have a better chance of survival with what has been learned from last Fall's release.

didn't make it through the cold snap. If you have any questions, com-409-234-2807; Susan, 234-5591;

and farm and heavy duty equipment. coincide with the festival.

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ously been on probation for burglary

of a building, was ordered placed in a substance abuse treatment facility for six months to a year because of violations in the terms of his probation. Wayne Hemphill, who was or-dered to prison on Oct. 5 for an aggravated assault, was returned to court on ance begins Feb. 21, 1996. Feb. 1 and granted five years proba- Persons voting my mail must have 1996. Also, on Saturday, March 2, the

Bobby Semora, who had been also includes FPCA applications. ordered on Oct. 5 to prison for aggra- Persons voting early by personal

Rice CISD

changes in the drivers education program and more academics at RHS; rector Dennis Jackson and Miles to construction of a small computer lab relieve first-year Rice boys' coach for use in the RHS art class; network William "Sonny" Barnes of duties each campus in the district; and up- was discussed in executive session. grade all 286 computers in the district

be brought by Gott to the March board Reason(s) for the action were not dismeeting, at which time the board can cussed in open session. say "go" or "no go."

annual salary of \$65,000.

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believe they should cover some of the

Richard Seifert. Pct. 2 Commissioner Johnnie Elstner said he had spoken with Superin-Colorado County's Feb. check

informed that only one or two students Leopold, Position 6; would be affected in that district. The Comptroller's next allocation "This is not something the County should pay for," said Elstner. Note: Figures for other cities and

In other business, the Court: Approved adding 1.23 miles of Pct. 4 to the county road system;

Confederate Museum;

 Approved membership dues in costs to the Robert R. Wells Jr. Airport from the southern part of the County

until the County receives correspon-

dence from Klotz & Associates of louston, the project engineer; •Received notification that the Texas Association of Counties had granted the County a 20% reduction in The City of Eagle Lake's state sales tax rebate totals for 1982 through 1995, premium, totaling \$11,298, in work-

er's compensation insurance; ·Entered an agreement with Riceland Mental Health Services to provide an officer for mental health services through the sheriff's department;

•Received a letter from Roger Lewis, project manager, stating that Stipends enable participating stu- Beason's Park on the Colorado was family practice as a serious personal dent to offset living costs during their now complete and maintenance was turned over to the County; and

Dr. Jack Haley, Texas Statewide An effective preceptorship can Denied a request by Sheriff Bill 25¢ for every WIX filters box top re- Preceptorship Program Coordinator, promote students' awareness of their Esterling to purchase a new radar unit has directed the program since its in- clinical strengths and weaknesses, at a cost of \$2,625 unless the funds increase their self-confidence, and were already in his budget. It was sug-The program is supported by the facilitate their application of class- gested that he obtain the unit being Texas Higher Education Coordinat- room knowledge to the problems used by Pct. 2 Constable Joe Dusek.

GUESS WHO'S 50!

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The decision made by Athletic Di-

"As of present, Barnes is an unas-Specifications and bid figures will duties and salary remain the same. Gott was granted a contract exten-

Two-year contracts were approv-ed for Garwood Principal Frank Middleton, Assistant Superintendent Fred County Clerk at 409-732-6561. by having the students in school. I Grahmann and A.D. Dennis Jackson. Dr. Cynthia Saha, director of the costs," said Pct. 1 Commissioner Alternative Center at Vox Populi, was granted a one-year, 211-day contract.

In other business, the Board: •Ordered a trustee election for tendent Wayne Wise of the Weimar May 4 for the expiring terms of Jim ndependent School District and was Wiese, Position 7, and Frederick . Voted to grant the additional 20%

homestead exemption allowance; Approved budget amendments to move \$25,000 from Garwood bleachers to purchase computers; an amount roads in the Simmons Subdivision in of \$2,452.10 to G/T field trip and balance accounts at Sheridan; and \$1,796 *Agreed to seek proposals to re- to St. Mary's Title I, due to an inpair the air conditioning system at the creased number of students; Granted bids for used tires;

·Granted a tax refund to B.B. and the amount of \$735.32 to the Houston- Betty Wegenhoft in the amount of Galveston Area Council and appointed \$1,305.71 due to error in value; and ed Commissioners "Sonny" Spanihel Appointed Glen Wesselski to and Seifert as delegate and alternate, serve as a member on the Colorado respectively, to its board of assembly; County Central Appraisal District *Tabled a decision on additional Board of Directors as a representative

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hours of community service, pay Feb. 1 and placed on probation for on probation for two years on a charge \$3,800 in restitution plus a \$750 fine eight years, ordered to perform 320 of deadly conduct, stemming from a hours of community service and pay a July 12, 1995, incident. He was ordered to perform 160 hours of com-Alberto Tapia was ordered placed munity service and pay a \$1,000 fine.

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Early voting by personal appear-ice begins Feb. 21, 1996. Clerk's office, Monday through Fri-day, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Feb. 21-March 8, tion, ordered to perform 240 hours of their applications in the County Clerk's Office will be open for early community service and pay a \$1,000 Clerk's office by the close of regular voting, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., for the conbusiness hours on March 5, 1996. This venience of persons unable to vote the

regular business hours. A person is eligible to vote a limvated assault, was returned to court on appearance may vote at the County ited ballot by personal appearance or

1. The person would have been eligible to vote in the county of former residence on Election Day if still re-

2. The date of the election is not more than 90 days after the new resi-

3. A voter registration for the person in the county of new residence is not effective on or before Election signed coach," said Gott. His teaching Day. A person is not eligible to vote a limited ballot by mail unless, in addition to satisfying the eligibility requirements prescribed above, the person is eligible to vote early by mail sion through the year 1998-99 at an under the standard voting early by

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Filing begins for school, city elections

bers on Saturday, May 4.

Trustees in the Rice CISD with expiring terms are

Both places will be filled for three-year terms. Following the primaries will be elections to choose Eagle Lake will be filling the seat of Mayor Robby school board trustees, mayors and city council mem- Cook who served one term at the two-year post. Cook has opted not to run for mayor, but to seek the position.

Filing for these positions began Tuesday, Feb. 20, of State Representative presently held by Robert Saunand will continue until Wednesday, March 20. ders, who is stepping down after eight terms. ders, who is stepping down after eight terms. (See Filing, Page 6)

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Council questions TCI Cable representatives

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

Columbus' channel capacity.

since Columbus received its rebuild. the proposed rate schedule for 90 days "From the standpoint of the com- to allow consultants to analyze CPL's personal support and that of the Eagle pany and its commitment to its stock-request. holders and from a business stand- The study was completed and sent and working with the task force.

into the larger markets before the \$54,562 million from CPL. was another reason for lack of capital supporting both recommendations of

Eagle Lake expect from TCl Ca- Police Chief Keith Webb reported

New technology and the race to get plus ask for a base rate decrease of who is entering the field of insurance. Wildlife, at left.

orimes, what can the citizens of within 24 hours of Council's action.

on a meeting with County Commis-

Ministerial Alliance blood drive is today... give!

The counties/agencies participat-The issue surfaced after several Duarte expressed to Grimes the ing are Colorado, Guadalupe and Lacitizens met with Council last month fact that Eagle Lake, however small, is vaca, as well as the City of Seguin.

concerning inequality in the number still a market and "we expect the best The force will consist of six under of channels Eagle Lake receives vs. you can give us... so see what you can cover officers, one interdiction officer

Webb told Council that in order to

Committee in Dec. concerning Cen- other county law agencies that Colo-The rebuild contributed to Colum- tral Power & Light's request for a rate rado County may not get its share of the task force work, County Judge According to Grimes, no rebuilds A resolution was adopted at that Vince Slominski will serve as repreof smaller systems have occurred time to deny or suspend operation of sentative on the task force board.

Lake Police Department in assisting

(See Council, Page 8)

point, we must put money where we to the City with the recommendation Webb announced the resignation during the dedication of the Wintermann Wildlife Management Area just outside Eagle Lake. Pictured with the get the highest return," said Grimes. that the City oppose the rate increase, of Reserve Officer Anthony Silva, Wintermanns In front of the sign naming the area is Andrew Sansom, Executive Director of Texas Parks & Since new U.S. Department of The 245-acre tract was donated by the Wintermanns to DU in 1995 to be developed as a waterfowl area. Ducks phone and power companies get there Council adopted an ordinance Transportation law requires drug test- Unlimited enchanced the area with a series of levees and water control structures then transferred the deed to

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Depart- arrested for outstanding warrants. which this may have caused him."

outstanding warrants in which he had lowing arrests made between Tues- dispatched to a burglary on Lake Ave.

Texas Parks & Wildlife for management.

sion of marijuana;

Desi Rivera, public intoxication; Juan Robles, public intoxication and disorderly conduct;

Eugene Mendoza, outstanding wa-John Fuentes, outstanding warrants;

Gabriel Corona Jr., public intoxication; and,

burning. They ask for everyone's cooperation until the weather provides more will be David McWilliams. For more information, call Linda Balas at 234-3834 damage caused by a vehicle driven by Dempsey Henry James of Houston. warnings. Apparently, when he was unable

> vehicle remained against the house Officer Carl Risk, along with the

ment and Ambulance Corps, responded to the call. On Feb. 18, Officer Brian Baklik

was dispatched to a report of damaged case remains under investigation. On Feb. 1, Sgt. Jack Knox was ispatched to LW's Diamond Sham-

The IMBA Sunday School and BTU Congress on Wheels will be in Eagle Lake on March 1 at 7 p.m. and March 2 from 9 a.m. to noon. Host pastor, Rev. (theft of service). vehicle was not found. The case is next year.

pires on June 30, 1997, and trustees The area was checked, but the will take action on that item in Jan. of

Sponsors sought for upcoming Eagle Lake 'Royalty Pageant'

Plans are underway for the second annual Eagle Lake Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival. In conjunction with the festival, Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club and the Chamber of Commerce will co-host the Eagle Lake Royalty Pageant on Thursday, March 21, at the Commu-

This year, there will be the following divisions: 5 year-olds through third grade for Little Miss & Mr. Eagle Lake; fourth through seventh grades, Jr. Miss Eagle Lake and Junior Ticket Queen; eight through 12th grades, Miss Eagle Lake and Ticket Queen.

to sell Eddy Raven concert tickets. For entry forms, contact Laker Printing at 409-234-3360 or the

TCI Cablevision Area Manager chael Cooper, who first brought the Colorado County. Randy Grimes and Bill Beresky, local inequality to the attention of Council, The contract entered into by the manager, discussed the issue of add- about Eagle Lake reaching Colum- County places no financial obligation ing more channels to the Eagle Lake bus' channel capacity in the future, on the City of Eagle Lake. The task systems with the Eagle Lake City Grimes said, "Unless you get a total force is funded through a grant. Council at its meeting last week. rebuild, you will never catch up."

Grimes told Council that Colum- - The City of Eagle Lake entered in- of directors. bus received a complete rebuild just to a 15-year non-exclusive franchise Three undercover officers will be before the Cable Act that put an end to with TCI on July 23, 1987, preventing "earmarked" for Colorado and Lavaca rebuilds in small systems because the City from considering a different Counties. companies were forced, due to regula- cable company at this time. tions, to put their capital into larger Council joined a Cities Steering relieve the concern by himself and

bus' larger band width.

funds for smaller markets, according the Steering Committee Mayor Pro-tem Mike Duarte, who told Council that an appeal to the presided over the meeting in the ab- Public Utility Commission asking that sence of Mayor Robby Cook, asked rates not be reduced would be filed

Eagle Lake would be upgraded for its ney Bud Kirkendall and representa- Feb. 7 report:

favorable conditions.

Warning against outdoor burning

held at Rice with winners from all campuses on display.

Miller to address Presbyterians

Defensive driving course set

Rook Penefit dinner

pubic is invited to attend the meeting.

Armstrong or from the church office.

ELPS book fair

CCA board meeting Feb. 22

Christian women's luncheon

RCISD schools schedule open houses

in the community are invited. Light refreshments will be served.

register, calls 800-285-8297 or 234-5411. Walk-ins are welcome.

Combined Community Action Inc. will hold its Board of Directors meeting

Grimes indicated that in two years sioners, 25th Judicial District Attor- ment submitted a correction to their "James Lee Black was arrested for The Department reported the folpresent channel capacity by using matives from all law enforcement agen"The Eagle Lake Police Departidentified himself as Mr. Darrall day, Feb. 6, and Sunday, Feb. 18: A report was taken and the case is jor parts from larger system rebuilds. cies in Colorado County concerning a ment incorrectly reported that "Dar- Black. Our apologies go out to Mr. Kenneth Cavit, outstanding warrant; under investigation.

When questioned by citizen Mi- drug task force which will include rall Black aka James Lee Black" was Darrall Black for any embarrassment Parish Deshaun Hodges, outstanding

NEWSBRIEFS

The semi-annual blood drive sponsored by the Eagle Lake Ministerial Al-Since the need for blood has reached a crisis level, everyone is urged to give the liance is today. Feb. 22, at City Hall. Blood will be collected from noon to 7 p.m. gift of life! Texas exes to meet March 12 Colorado County Texas-Exes will meet Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Adrian Jerome Carroll, outstanding Due to very dry conditions in our area, the Colorado County Firefighters Association has requested that citizens of Colorado County cease all outdoor the home of Linda and Steve Balas, 612 Melody Lane, Eagle Lake. The speaker

or Bob Lowe, 409-732-2871. There will be a dinner prize drawing.

Crimestoppers Dance set for March 9 The Annual St. Patrick's Crimestoppers Dance is scheduled for March 9 at to turn around, he backed into the Paul During Texas Public Schools Week, Feb. 26 through March 1, Rice CISD campuses will each hold an open house: ELPS, Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m.; ELMS, Feb the Eagle Lake KC Hall from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be provided by Colo-Powers' residence on West Main. The

27, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. (A science fair will be held with projects on display. Lunch rado. An auction will also be held. may also be eaten at the school with your child. Call ELMS by 9 a.m. to make If you'd like to donate auction items, contact Catherine Berger at the Eagle long enough to catch both the house arrangements.); Sheridan School, Monday, Feb. 26, 6 p.m.; Garwood School, Lake Police Department, 234-2727; Lynda Appelt, 234-5878; or any officer. and car on fire. Feb. 28, 7 p.m.; and Rice High School, Feb. 29, 7 p.m. A science fair will be Your help and attendance will be appreciated. Proceeds benefit Crimestoppers and the police department.

Mrs. Charles Miller will be a guest of members of the First Presbyterian Colorado County Law Enforcement Agency is selecting an "Officer of the

Church of Eagle Lake on Sunday, Feb. 25. C.J., the wife of the former pastor Year" to be announced at a dinner in March. Officers who have been nominated of the church, will give a slide presentation on their trip to the Holy Land. The are: Clem Johnson, Eagle Lake; Danny Jackson, Columbus; Earl Jones, mailboxes. A report was taken and the presentation will take place Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. Friends of the Millers Weimar; and Richard Lacourse, Colorado County Sheriff's Department. Providence Baptist 'Congress' is March 1, 2

CCLEA to elect 'Officer of the Year'

A Saturday defensive driving course has been slated by Gene Cremeens for Saturday, Feb. 24, from 7:45 to 3 p.m. at the Wintermann Library. To pre- Coby Shorter Jr., invites everyone to attend. Lions mop, broom sale set for March 6

The Garwood Lions Club is having their annual mop and broom sale on The Ricca bokies baseball team will hold a benefit dinner and dance on Wednesday, March 6, starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Garwood Lions Hall. The sale Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Community Center. Music will be provided by of the mops and brooms and many other cleaning items, made by the blind, help Colorado. For ticket information, call Darrell at 234-3828 or Cindy, 234-2659, the blind help themselves. Please stop by and purchase some items.

CCLEA calendars on sale

donation is requested, but any donation will be accepted. All proceeds from the on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. at Zimmerhanzels BBQ in Smithville. The sale of the calendars will be used to purchase items on each of the department "Wish List". Call Shirley at 409-732-5061; Patty, 732-2237; Vicki, 732-3465; Eagle Lake Police Department, 234-2727 or The Headlight at 234-5521. The Annual Christian Women's Luncheon will be at the First Baptist WCJC to perform 'Macbeth Church on Tuesday, March 12, at 11 a.m. The program will be a musical by the

Colorado County Law Enforcement Agency crime calendars are here! A \$5

"Kings Strings" from Houston. Tickets are \$6 each and must be purchased by March 1 from Mary Lou Anderson, Margaret Briscoe, Charlene Konescheck, Mari Ann Burke, Fair Wells, Jean McInteer, Esther New, Ailene Sanders, Lila for adults. WCJC students will be admitted free with ID. Groups of 10 or more are admitted for \$2 each. For reservations, call 409-532-6397 or 532-6337.

Deadline is March 1 for cook-off Eagle Lake Primary School is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair during Public The East Bernard Fair Fund is holding its 9th Annual Chili Cook-off on School Week, Feb. 26 through March 1, daily from 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 2 at Riverside Hall. Entry fees are: for chili, \$15; combread, \$10; and Feb. 27, is Open House for ELPS and the book fair will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. beans, \$10. An auction and silent auction will begin at 1 p.m. Drawing winners. The public is invited to come, view and purchase books. Proceeds will help with will be announced after cook-off, To enter, contact Gail Guthman at 234-3273. library projects and equipment purchases. Call 234-3587 for more information. Deadline for entries is noon, Friday, March 1.

Wintermanns honored

Eula and David Wintermann were honored by Ducks Unlimited Inc. and Texas Parks and Wildlife last Friday

Other calls this week include suspicious persons, welfare checks, James Christopher Hampton, posses-rooster crowing, loud music, disabled

vehicle, bank alarm and civil distur-

eight criminal mischief, seven as-

saults, five burglaries, four thefts, and

Headlight Photo by Steven Mienecke

Monthly summary The Jan. 1996 summary from the Eagle Lake Police Department reports the answering of 115 calls including 79 miscellaneous, 11 disturbances, Norris Simon III, outstanding DPS

one accident. Officers investigated 23 criminal cases, cleared 31 and made 28 arrest Other calls this week included the (22 misdemeanor and six felony). They issued 97 citations and 99

Correction

It was reported in last week's edition of The Headlight that Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott of the Rice Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Depart- Consolidated Independent School District was awarded a contract extension through the 1998-99 school year.

However, the Rice CISD Board of

Trustees only amended his current contract to increase his annual salary to \$65,000, effective July 1. Board President Melody Grigar rock in reference to a gas drive-off said that Gott's current contract ex-

Winners will also be recognized on stage with Eddy Raven at the Friday night outdoor concert.

Assistance in finding a sponsor will be available.

The contestants in the Junior and Miss divisions will be required.

Chamber Office at 234-2780: