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Police

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Ochoa met with a complainant on 6th Street in reference to a disturbance. The disturbance was handled at the scene and no police action was taken.

Chief Webb was dispached to the Middle School on Oct. 7 in reference to an assault involving two juveniles. A report was filed and referred to juvenile probation.

Officer Risk met with a complainant on Oct. 7 and gathered information in reference to criminal mischief. A report was filed.

SUMMARY
Sept. 1996

The Sept. 1996 summary from the Eagle Lake Police Department lists 161 calls answered; 98 miscellaneous, 24 disturbances, 12 thefts, 10 assaults, eight criminal mischief, five accidents and four burglaries.

Officers investigated 29 criminal cases, cleared 43 and made 24 arrests (21 misdemeanor and three felony).

There were 66 citations issued along with 126 warnings.

RDCH Patients

For the week ending 10-3

ADMISSIONS

Eagle Lake: Edward Priesmeyer, Rosa Beasley, Steven Burger, Anna Schmidt & Baby Girl; also,

Sheridan: Christina Waddell & Baby Girl.

DISMISSALS

Eagle Lake: Paul Powers, Juan Barrera; Garwood: Shonta Cotton; Columbus: Raymond Marx; Wharton: Petra Garcia, Pamela Edge & Baby Boy; Houston: Vanessa Garza.

Here's Lucy!

Donated to the Study Club Auction by Fair and Robert Wells, she is an exquisite hand-made porcelain doll reproduction using a mold from an original doll sculpted by noted American doll artist Janet Ness. This re-production includes a porcelain face, blown glass eyes, partial porcelain arms and legs with a cloth body. She is signed, numbered and was lovingly made and assembled by Vicki Pratt of Dolldreams. She would make a great addition to any doll collection.

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Santa

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and ice!"

The other passengers rushed to peep out of the portholes and happily applauded her find. The elves then could see progressively more green vegetation, as they flew over the Siberian *taiga*, a belt of evergreen forests.

Another excited elf announced, "I think that I see a village far below."

Indeed tailings of chimney smoke pinpointed an assortment of clustered hut-like houses. These sites occupied by humans became more and more common as the tour-tram reached the more southerly climates.

Meanwhile, the happy and carefree passengers took turns visiting the tour-tram's galley to prepare fried fish cakes, grilled prawns, kelp patties, iceberg lettuce salad, tundra biscuits, and other favorite dishes.

They also lulled away the time just watching the changing environmental features on the earth's surface from their portholes. The parade of vegetation types - from sparse growth on *steppe* topography, as plains habitat is called in that part of the world, to a blanket of green forest, then to uplands with deeply dissected valleys, and finally to rugged highlands with snow-covered peaks dotting the vista.

"Gee." said Aesop, a thoughtful elf, "I wonder why the scene changes so much?"

"There are really logical reasons for these changes," answered Sister Belinda. "Students who have examined these diverse conditions engage in the profession of environmental science," she continued. "Their exact titles are often long and impressive. Some are, for example, called climatologists, other are geomorphologists, and still others are bio-ecologists. In fact, I have read in one of our library books that people with training in these areas have answers to questions just like yours."

"Your detailed comment, Sister Belinda," said Aesop enthusiastically, "makes me want to go to our library just as soon as we get back and read more about this fascinating subject."

"Look down everyone," exclaimed Tiny Jove. "I can see lights of a very large city."

Everyone rushed to peep out of the portholes at the city's glow far below.

As he gave us his viewing place to a young lady elf, he wondered, "Gee! What do you suppose the little children are doing down there?"

The young lady elf looked up at him and snickered. "Nothing, silly! They are all asleep. After all it's night down there."

By this time, the merry vacationers began to experience the warmth of the more southern surroundings. This occurred, even though the climate control mechanism of their flying machine maintained pleasant environmental conditions inside the compartments at all times.

They eagerly spilled out of the tour-tram when the time came for rest stops. The Arctic Terns and Chief Pilot Sorab always made the landings in pleasant countryside. There the passengers could picnic, stretch a bit, jog around, examine the plants, animals, and scenery up close, and just relax.

Rest stops were also important to the Arctic Terns since it gave them an opportunity to get some rest and also to fly to the nearest water way to catch a few fish to eat.

Next, Chapter 5, Adventuresome Picnic.

VFW installs new officers

Rice Area Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8783 installed their 1996-97 officers Thursday, May 9, at the LCRA Lakeside Plant. Pictured are, in back, from left, Fred Sosa, Advocate; James Brune, Sr. Vice Commander; Len Matula, Commander; Ervin Hurd, Jr. Vice Commander; Isidoro Ramirez, Youth Activities; Creston Cleveland, 3-year Trustee; and Earl Rodgers, Quartermaster. In front, G.A. Rodriguez, V.J (Jiggs) Kana, Service Officer; Melvin Stancik, Adjutant; and Harry Supak, Chaplin. Installing officer was VFW District 16 Commander Buddy Harlan of Houston. ***VFW Photo***

Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

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Alzheimer's memory walk this Saturday

Put your best foot forward! The 2nd Annual Colorado County Alzheimer's Memory Walk will be taking place this Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Columbus High School track.

The 5K walk begins at 8 a.m. with late registration at 7:30 a.m. There will also be a kid's 1 K Fun Run at 8:30 a.m. A post race party will follow.

Join friends, community leaders and families affected by Alzheimer's at this important event and help make a difference in the fight toward conquering Alzheimer's. Sponsors are the Pilot Clubs of Colorado County, First State Bank, River Oaks Convalescent Center, Columbus Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation

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NEWSBRIEFS

Church honoring landmark birthdays

The congregation of First Presbyterian Church are blessed to have in the fellowship three lovely ladies who are celebrating landmark birthdays this fall. Each of these ladies will attain the age of 90: Agnes Jones on Oct. 21, Mildred "Boots" Hanly on Nov. 5, and Lora Baring Thomas on Nov. 14. To mark these occasions, it is our pleasure to open our Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Oct. 27, for a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. honoring these three ladies. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Christmas parade entries needed

It's almost that time of year again! Time for the Lighted Christmas Parade in Eagle Lake. Entries are needed to make this parade as exciting as last year's. Call the Chamber of Commerce office at 234-2780 for more information. The parade is scheduled for Dec. 7.

TWONC to meet at museum

The Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. at Prairie Edge Museum in Eagle Lake on Thursday, Oct. 17. The program will feature short outdoor films and member reports on best birds seen and highlights of field trips of the preceding spring and summer. There will also be demonstrations and an update on the prairie chicken restoration program at the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Refuge. Members of the planning committee for next spring's Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival will briefly discuss their budding plans. Members, plan to bring chips, dips and sweets to share. As always, visitors and potential new members are welcome.

ELPS PTO is doing barbecue

The Eagle Lake Primary School PTO will hold a barbecue dinner on Friday, Oct. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m., advance tickets only! The cost is $5 each and serving will be at the Eagle Lake Primary School; drive through only.

Junior Statesman bake sale is Sunday

The Rice High School Chapter of the Junior Statesman of America will hold a bake sale on Sunday, Oct. 20, in front of IGA Foods starting at 11 a.m. Come and buy from a delicious array of homemade desserts.

Mini-camp cheerleaders to participate

On Nov. 8, all children who participated in the mini-camp this past summer are invited to cheer at the Rice-Hallettsville game. Please be at the stadium by 6:15 p.m. to practice the cheer. Be sure to wear blue and white clothing.

WCJC Choir at Greater Mt. Olive this Sunday

At 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20, the Wharton County Junior College Choir and Chamber Singers will be peforming at the Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Among these performers will be Paula Barrow of Eagle Lake and Angie Sanders of Sheridan. The choir will be performing at Carnegie Hall during the Easter holidays. This musical is a warm-up for that trip. The choir will feature songs from Broadway and many others. We would appreciate your support and attendance; a love offering will be taken.

Representative from CCAD in Eagle Lake

A representative from the Colorado County Appraisal District will be in Eagle Lake on Friday, Oct. 25, at City Hall from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They will collect 1996 taxes for Colorado County, Rice CISD, City of Eagle Lake , Rice Hospital District, Colorado County Water Control & Improvement District #2 and Weimar ISD. They will also collect for Weimar ISD property that is located in Fayette and Lavaca Counties. The representative will be in Weimar City Hall on Thursday, Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

St. Mary's strudel sale in progress

St. Mary's PTC of Nada is again taking orders for apple strudel now through Oct. 18. Strudels will be made on Oct. 29. The cost is $8 unbaked and $12 baked. To place an order, call Marla Cranek at 758-3625; Cathy Leopold, 758-3610; or St. Mary's School, 758-3267.

Singles dance set for Oct. 25

The Fort Bend Singles are sponsoring a dance Friday, Oct. 25, at 8 p.m. at the Needville KC Hall. Music will be provided by The Texas Plainsmen. The public is welcome and door prizes will be given. For more information, call 713-232-4782 or 409-793-4573.

Halloween haunted house at Museum

There will be a Haunted House at Prairie Edge Museum on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., for all students grades pre-kindergarten through 7th. Students must be accompanied by an adult; no unsupervised children will be admitted. The haunted house is a project of the Raider Players of RHS as a community service to promote theatre. Minimal cost to cover expenses is $1 at the door; PJ's with token. For more information call, 409-234-7569.

E.H. Henry Alumni meeting tonight

The E.H. Henry Alumni meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. at the E.H. Henry site. Everyone is urged to attend.

'The Old Ship Zion' presented Saturday

The 20th Century District Association presents "The Old Ship Zion" on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Tabernacle in Egypt. The public is invited.

Mt. Mariah Baptist Church sets homecoming

You're invited to a Homecoming-Family-Friends and Benefit Days on Sunday, Nov. 10, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Mt. Mariah Baptist Church in Alleyton. The speaker will be Rev. Larry Davis. Dinners will be sold on Oct. 19 and 26 from the home of Mrs. M. Howard, 100 E. Davitt Street. Proceeds benefit Mt. Mariah Baptist Church. Call 234-5308 to place an order.

PJs rehearsals run through Nov.

PJs will hold rehearsals from 3 to 5 p.m. every Sunday through Nov. at the Prairie Edge Museum for "Last Chance High". Production dates will be Nov. 22 at 7 p.m and Nov. 24 at 3:30.

Attwater's Festival committee to meet

The Attwater's Prairie Chicken Endangered Species Festival Committee will meet Thursday, Oct. 17, at 5:30 p.m. at the Prairie Edge Museum. The meeting will be in conjunction with the Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club. If you are a festival member, bring your work package with you. Also, bring chips and dip or snacks. It is very important that you attend these next meetings.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church holding carnival

Mt. Olive Baptist Church is sponsoring a "Family Day Out" Carnival on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at the church in the backyard grounds at 709 N. Lake Ave. in Eagle Lake. They'll have a mini auction, food cook-off (anyone can enter), games, booths and a variety of foods. Admission is free; there'll be entertainment for the whole family.

Council backs incinerator grant, talks housing needs

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

Eagle Lake City Council declared support for Dunham Environmental Services Inc.'s medical waste incinerator construction project by agreeing to be the applicant for a $500,000 grant that allows the company to apply for the funding through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (Texas Capital Fund).

The action came in the form of a resolution adopted during Council's Oct. 8 meeting.

The grant funds will allow for a road into the site and utilities up to the project.

The 27-acre site is located behind Eagle Concrete and borders Old Altair Road. Dunham will be purchasing water from the New Town Water System.

H.O. "Butch" Strunk, Dick Dunham and Lee Middleton were on hand to present a formal request to Council.

According to Dunham, the project which began several years ago at an approximate construction cost of $3.5 million, will now cost $11.7 million.

Dunham told Council that the City invited us to come here several years ago and asked "What can we (the city) do?"

"There was nothing then but now you have a chance to do something," said Dunham. "We only need the resolution for support."

The adoption of the resolution will allow Dunham to make the application since the grant can only be obtained with the "nod" from a city or county entity.

The Texas Capital Fund is only available for infrastructure and building construction.

The question was raised by Councilwoman René Cooper-Scott about City policy concerning water and sewer hook-ups outside the city limits. Cooper-Scott called attention to the fact that others who have requested the same services have always been turned down.

City Manager Ron Holland told Council there is no written policy regarding such requests outside the city limits, just precedence.

Mayor David Mann, who expressed strong support for the project and its benefit to the area, said "We have to look at the economic asset to our City. We need to send good signals about economic development."

A lengthy discussion ensued with Council members expressing rationale for support of the application.

A major factor in Council's decision to adopt the resolution was that the City will incur no financial obligation or liability.

Another rationale was the fact that the Rice District Community Hospital is now burning its own medical waste on site and a much higher rate per pound to haul away the ashes.

According to Dunham, hospital staff is anxious to see the construction project completed.

"It will save the hospital financially. The hospital's incinerator is on its last leg," said Dunham.

The facility will burn carefully screened medical waste primarily from the Greater Houston Area.

Councilwoman Barbara Pidgeon told Council that local doctors, hospital personnel, dentists and funeral home management favor the project.

The medical waste facility will provide 14 to 30 jobs and add $10 million to the county tax base.

Council agreed that the economic asset of the project was important to Eagle Lake.

Mann told Council that future requests would have to be handled case by case.

It was stated that, "What worked in the '50s is not for the 21st century and Council must move forward with what benefits the City."

Council also approved an offer from GeoTech Testing to pay the City $500 per linear mile for use of City street right of ways to lay cables connecting geophones. The offer will amount to $1,200 for the City and cables will lie along the side of and across City streets.

Councilman Michael Cooper requested that all workers and trucks be clearly identifiable, ads be placed in the media to inform the citizens what to expect once the work is ready to begin and Geophysical Company pro-

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City's sales tax rebates appear stabile

John Sharp, Comptroller of Public Accounts, last week issued a total of $145.7 million in Oct. sales tax payments to 1,084 Texas cities and 114 counties.

The City of Eagle Lake's payment was $8,695.03, 15.53% above the $7,525.58 received in Oct. 1995. Year-to-date, Eagle Lake's rebates for the first 10 months of 1996 are $94,981.52, down 12.3% from the same period last year.

It's yet another indication of the strength of the Texas economy that the year-to-date returns are running about 8.5% ahead of the total for the first 10 months of last year," Sharp said.

Sharp delivered city sales tax rebates for Oct. totaling $132.9 million, 3.8% above the payments of one year ago of $127.9 million. Rebates of $12.8 million to Texas counties are 2.3% below the $13.1 million payments of Oct. 1995.

This month's payments include taxes collected on Aug. sales and reported to the Comptroller in Sept. by businesses filing monthly tax returns.

The City of Houston received the largest sales tax rebate of $17.3 million in Oct., less than 1% off the $17.4 million delivered last Oct. Year-to-date payments to the City of Houston are up by 5.4%.

The $11.12 million payment to the City of Dallas for Oct. was virtually unchanged from the $11.13 million in sales tax rebates for the same period last year. The year-to-date increase to Dallas is 9.9%.

The San Antonio sales tax rebate for Oct. was $7.5 million, up 1.2% from last year. Year-to-date, San Antonio has received a 6.2% increase in local sales tax payments.

The Austin sales tax rebate for Oct. was $5.7 million, 1.4% less than the City's Oct. 1995 payment of $5.8 million. However, for the first 10 months of 1996, Austin's sales tax rebates are 5% above those of 1995.

The City of Ft. Worth's $3.6 million allocation was 1.3% below the $3.7 million delivered in Oct. 1995, but year-to-date rebates are 6.4% ahead of 1995. Arlington received $3.6 million in sales tax rebates, a 6.5% increase over the $3.4 million for the same month last year, and an increase of 7.5% over the first 10 months of 1995.

El Paso's sales tax rebate this month was $2.79 million, 1.9% more than the $2.74 million payment delivered in Oct. 1995. El Paso's local sales tax payments for the year-to-date are 1% ahead of those for the first 10 months of 1995.

Other cities in our area, the amount of their sales tax rebate this month along with the change from the same month last year are:
Columbus, $45,944.02, up 46.25%*;
Weimar, $8,306.07, down 10.05%;
Sealy, $48,855.79, +10.35%;
Bellville, $15,826.82, down 10.70%;

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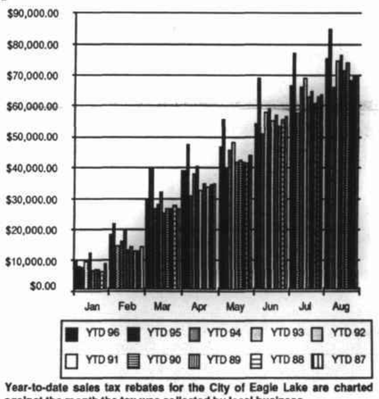

Year-to-date sales tax rebates for the City of Eagle Lake are charted against the month the tax was collected by local business.

Rice CISD School Board, parents discuss handling three-year graduates with honors

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

The agenda item - graduation requirements - brought several parents to the meeting of the Rice CISD Board of Trustees Monday night, Oct. 14.

The point of concern was the inclusion of those honor students who are graduating in three years in the class ranking for honor graduate status. Six students have completed graduation requirements in three years and will be graduating with the Class of 1997.

The Board took no formal action, pending further study. Following discussion, the consensus of the Trustees appeared to be that the three-year honor graduates should not conflict with the four-year honor graduate policy and that there be a policy for each group.

"We definitely need to address the three-year honor graduates. They have worked hard," said Board Member Jim Wiese.

Trustee Melody Grigar suggested these students be recognized at the academic banquet.

Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott told the Board that some type of ranking is needed in order for these students to apply for scholarships and college admittance.

Gott recommended that the District approve a statement for these students that "the Rice CISD does not rank three-year graduates, but if it did, this student would be number (indicate rank) in his or her class."

The Board, minus Member Laurel Milentz who was not present, seemed to concur with this recommendation.

One parent asked the Board to consider the history of the 1997 senior class, describing it as competitive, caring and close knit, and having the largest number of honor students.

"We hope you will not allow a three-year student to come in and bump a four-year member of the class out of honor graduate ranking," said Vicki Powers.

Connie Gertson read a letter addressed to the Board from her daughter which, in essence, portrayed the same thoughts. The student commended those who chose to concentrate on further education and graduate in three years instead of the "traditional" high school glory and spirit.

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Harvest Ball deemed a success

Dr. Raymond and Elle Thomas danced the night away at Rice District Community Hospital's First Annual Harvest Ball. ***Photo Courtesy of RDCH***

Employee Volunteers for Hospital Improvement at Rice District Community Hospital held its first annual Harvest Ball on Saturday, Sept. 28.

The evening began with a dinner followed by a silent auction and dancing. The Rice High School Cheerleaders and their sponsor helped with serving the dinner.

The event was a complete success. "We truly appreciate all the support we received from everyone," stated Aileen Peck, president of EVHI. "We are already working on next year's event and look forward to your continued support."

Donations made to the silent auction were basket of homemade noodles, homemade poppyseed strudel and a country basket of homemade goodies donated by Mr. and Mrs. Vic Hyek of Nada and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Pavlu of Garwood; an Italian gourmet basket donated by Hernan Patino, MD and Julio Arebalo, MD; three-month membership, two t-shirts and two caps, donated by Columbus Physical

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