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To The Editor & You

Welcome back to school!!!

Students at Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) will begin classes Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 8 a.m.

Breakfast will be served beginning at 7:25 a.m. for our students. Any new or returning student is welcome to come early and eat breakfast at school. Breakfast is 75¢ for students pre-K thru 8th grade unless the household qualifies for the reduced price of 40¢ or no cost according to the guidelines at the National School/Breakfast Program.

Lunches cost \$1.25; 40¢ if on the reduced Program; or at no cost.

Students will be receiving school lunch/breakfast official forms at the beginning of school. Please fill out the forms and return them promptly to be processed to verify income qualification guidelines.

*Figures used are from the 1996-97 school year. Any changes in the cost will be updated as soon as possible.

Aug. Calendar Events for ELPS
Aug. 4: pre-k and kindergarten pre-registration, 3 to 6 p.m.

Aug. 7: grades 1-3 pre-registration for students new to ELPS, 3-6 pm.

Aug. 7: new teachers report to Rice High School (RHS) at 8 a.m.

Aug. 8: all teachers and staff report to RHS at 8 a.m.

Aug. 11: all ELPS teachers report to the campus at 8 a.m. for a teacher workday.

Aug. 11: pre-k and kindergarten parents are invited to attend an orientation meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 in the library to discuss events for the first day of school and the first six weeks.

Aug. 12: school begins, 8 a.m.

Aug. 19: back to school night at ELPS, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for all ELPS parents and students to meet the teachers and staff.

Be sure to look in the "Back to School" section of the *Eagle Lake Headlight*, included in the Aug. 7 issue, for a list of school supplies and room assignments.

Any student who (1) did not attend ELPS during the 1996-97 school year or, (2) who will be a new student to ELPS, may register Tuesday, Aug. 7, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Parents should bring the student's social security card, birth certificate, immunization record and any previous report card from the last school(s) attended. This information is needed to properly enroll your student.

Any additional questions will be answered at that time.

We are looking forward to our new 1997-98 school year!

Frank Middleton
ELPS Principal

'Kangaroo Court' in session

A couple of months ago, I got a speeding ticket that I did not deserve.

I have been driving in Eagle Lake since 1954 and this is the first ticket I got in Eagle Lake.

Anyway, I requested a trial by jury thinking I would get a fair trial. Boy, was I wrong.

All the evidence that was presented to the jury was the officers testifying how accurately his radar

was and that he noticed I was speeding.

I had three signed affidavits from people who saw me driving, saying I was driving in a safe and orderly manner, but the court would not let me present this to the jury.

I always wondered what a kangaroo court was like. Now I know.

And to set the record straight I did not change my mind and decide to pay my fine to be released from the Colorado County Detention Center.

Friends of mine got together and paid the fine, I was then released.
Kirby E. Etheridge

Bible Verse of the Week

"Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God."
— Matthew 5:8

Submitted by
Neddy Phillips

Election

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8 & 9 Oakland/Weimar
10, 11 & 12 Buescher/Shaws
Bend/Brushy
13 Frelsburg
14 & 15 Mentz/Bernardo
16 & 18 Alleyton/N. Columbus

Weimar City Hall
Texas Manufactured
Marble, Inc., Columbus
Frelsburg Fire Station
Bernardo Fire Station
Agriculture Building, Columbus

Low turnout predicted for Aug. 9 election

Early voting for the Aug. 9 constitutional amendment election began July 21 and runs through Aug. 5.

A low turnout at the polls is expected but Gov. George W. Bush and Secretary of State Tony Garza are touring the state, doing their best to urge Texas voters to get out and vote.

It's a challenge to interest the electorate in a ballot with no candidates.

"Constitutional elections are uphill battles in terms of getting people out to vote," said Garza, the state's top elections official.

On the ballot is a single yes or no question for voters to answer: whether homestead property tax exemptions should be increased from a minimum of \$5,000 to a minimum of \$15,000.

Ann McGeehan, elections director for Garza, estimated the turnout will be about 10 to 15% of the state's registered voters.

Should the tax exemptions amend-



State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

ment pass, the state will lose about \$1 billion in revenue.

In the long run, however, the exemptions may cause school districts to lose more and more money as property tax rates and appraised values continue to increase.

Meanwhile, lawmakers will have to find ways to compensate for the lost revenue in the state budget over the next two years.

Gingrich Episode Piques Pauken
Texas Republican Party Chairman Tom Pauken said the recent, failed

attempt to oust U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich hurt the GOP image.

Pauken, who stepped down from his post last week to seek his party's nomination for the office of state attorney general, said, "The timing was terrible."

"I think there's a frustration on the part of a lot of Republicans at the grassroots level ... a feeling we were so close to winning a majority and now we're slipping backwards."

He called for an end to the party's "internal bickering" and concentrate on the 1998 election cycle.

During Pauken's tenure as state GOP chairman, Republicans won a majority of seats in the state Senate, swept all statewide offices on the 1996 ballot and won majorities on the Texas Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, state Board of Education and the Texas Railroad Commission.

Raymond Seeks Land Office

State Rep. Richard Raymond, D-Benavides, last week became the only Democrat to formally enter the race for land commissioner.

Incumbent Garry Mauro, who is considering the race for governor, hasn't announced his plans. Three Republicans already are in the race: Secretary of State Tony Garza, Sen. Jerry Patterson of Pasadena and Tim Turner of Houston.

Raymond, 36, a former special assistant to U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas and U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill. is serving his third term in the Texas House.

He spent 30 months as Mauro's executive assistant and in 1990 managed Bob Krueger's successful campaign for Texas Railroad Commissioner.

Raymond outlined a four-point plan for the General Land Office:

- Expanding college opportunities for Texas veterans at no additional cost to the state.

- Developing partnerships with communities to make the most efficient use of underutilized state land.

- Ensuring that Texas public beaches remain public by passing a constitutional amendment banning private ownership of beaches.

- Continuing to preserve and protect Texas public lands.

Holzhauser Is RRC Candidate

State Rep. Steve Holzhauser last week told *The Victoria Advocate* he will seek the Republican nomination (See Highlights, Page 4)

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Sept. 28, 1972

The Gold Star Award is presented each year to the outstanding 4-H girl and boy in the county. This year's winners were Jewel Williams of Eagle Lake and Mark Potter of Columbus...

The House of Fabrics, owned by Mrs. Sidney Miller, and the Eagle Lake Sewing Center, owned by Mrs. Raymond L. Kohleffel, will hold a joint grand opening celebration at their new location, 221 E. Main Street in Eagle Lake, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 29th and 30th...

Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Miller, owners of Miller's Grocery in Eagle Lake, invite citizens to come by the store to register for free prizes...

Daniel Sanchez, quarterback for the Eagle Lake Jr. High 8th grade Raiders football team, had the misfortune to suffer a badly broken leg in

practice Monday afternoon...

Leading the cheering section for the Eagle Lake Jr. High School for the 1972-73 school year will be Mary Sims, Debbie Brune, Evelyn Fry, Susan Kell and Sylvia Barela...

Miss Doris Jean Konvicka, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Konvicka of Schulenburg, became the bride of Darius Brisco, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie L. Brisco of Eagle Lake, Friday evening, Aug. 18, at six-thirty o'clock at the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Schulenburg...

Miss Catherine Joyce Hoffman exchanged double ring nuptial vows with Frederick Henry Leopold on Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada...

Mr. & Mrs. B.J. Crone announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Susan, to R.J. Balusek Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Roland J. Balusek, all of this city. The couple plan a Nov. 10 wedding at the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake...

Mrs. Lydia Broesche was honored on the occasion of her 75th birthday with a barbecue dinner and social attended by some 275 relatives and friends at the Eagle Lake Community (See 24 & 48, Page 7)

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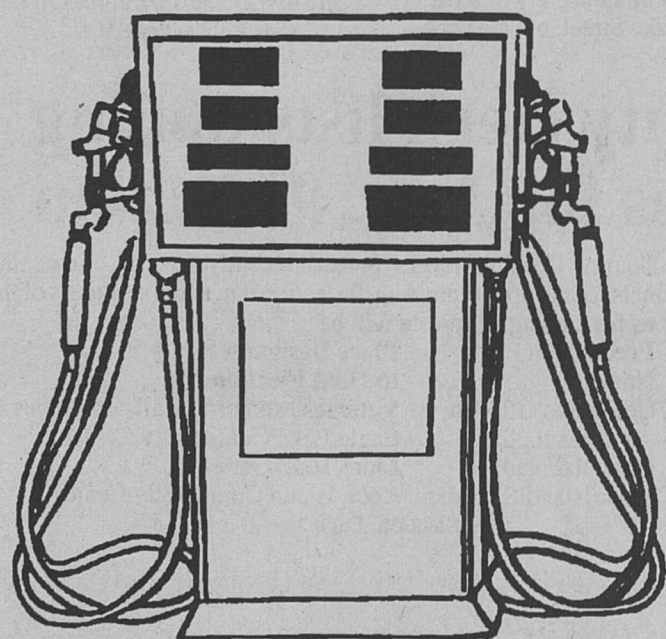
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