

Spanihel not seeking re-election

Leon "Sonny" Spanihel has announced his decision not to seek re-election for a fourth term as Colorado County Commissioner of Precinct 4. Spanihel is completing his 11th year in this job and says he has enjoyed working with the people in Precinct 4 and all the citizens of Colorado County

through Commissioners' Court. He conveyed his thanks to everyone for their support over the years. Sonny will now have more time to enjoy his children, grandchildren and hobbies as he retires from public life.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Museum Thrift Shop open Saturday

The Prairie Edge Museum Thrift Shop will be open for business this Saturday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. With the changes in our weather, maybe you should stop by and check out their selection of winter coats and/or rain gear. You don't know what the weather's going to be like next week... so take advantage of their bargain prices now!

Little League to elect officers

During a meeting of the Rice Little League board scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 29, there will be an election of officers held. Anyone and everyone interested in helping with the League should come to City Hall at 7 p.m. that evening. There are other jobs to be done besides being a coach, so there's something for everyone. Please attend!

United Way kicks off with Walk-a-thon

Eagle Lake's United Way drive kicks off Saturday, Oct. 25, with a 3-mile walk-a-thon starting at 9 a.m. at City Hall and ending at the Recreation Center. All citizens are invited to walk and make a contribution to this year's drive with the theme of "The Power Is You!" The goal is \$10,150. Contributions may be made at the First National Bank of Eagle Lake or mailed to United Way, P.O. Box 902, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434-0902. Remember, funds stay in the community so show your support and come walk with us Saturday!

Garwood VFD holding hamburger supper

The Garwood Volunteer Fire Department is having a hamburger supper next Monday night, Oct. 20, at the fire station. They will be serving hamburgers, chips and tea from 5:30 to 8 p.m. There are no advance sale tickets, so come on by and pick up supper so your "significant other" doesn't have to do the cooking, that night, anyway!

RJH cheerleaders, allstars to cheer at Raider game

The Rice Junior High cheerleaders and allstars chosen from the mini-camp this past summer will perform during Friday night's game, Oct. 17. The young ladies are asked to be at Raider Stadium by 6 p.m. in order to practice before the game. Wear your uniform or an appropriate outfit that is blue and white.

Appraisal District in Eagle Lake Oct. 24

A representative of the Colorado County Appraisal District will be at Eagle Lake City Hall Friday, Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to collect 1997 taxes for Colorado County, Rice CISD, City of Eagle Lake, Rice Hospital District and Colorado County Water Control & Improvement District #2. For more information, contact the Appraisal District at 409-732-8222.

Mt. Olive Pre-Anniversary Service is Oct. 25

The public is invited to attend a Pre-Anniversary Service honoring Rev. and Sis. R. Kiser Sr. Saturday, Oct. 25, 1997 beginning at 7 p.m. This service, entitled "A Night in White", will be held at Greater Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 709 N. Lake Ave. Everyone is welcome.

E.H. Henry alumni meeting is Monday

The E.H. Henry Alumni meeting is set for Monday, Oct. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the E.H. Henry site. All members are urged to attend.

Study club auction, stew supper coming

The Eagle Lake Study Club will hold its 18th annual auction Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The firemen's stew, from 5 to 7 p.m., will also have drive through plates available at the fire station besides their usual service in the Community Center. The Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary will again be selling desserts. Other happenings that evening are: silent auction, 5 to 6:45 p.m.; bakery booth, 5 p.m.; and main auction, 7 p.m. Joe H. McCreary will again serve as auctioneer for the benefit supporting Eula & David Wintermann Library. There is no admission fee; dress is casual; hunters are always welcome! Door prizes will also be given at various times during the main auction. If you have an item to donate, contact Fair Wells, 234-3105.

St. Mary's PTC selling strudel, pies

St. Mary's PTC is again making apple strudels and pies. Orders will be taken through Oct. 30 and the strudels will be made Nov. 12. Costs are: unbaked, \$8; baked, \$12; pies will be made unbaked at \$8 each. Place your order by calling Marla Cranek at 758-3625; Cathy Leopold, 758-3610; or St. Mary's School, 758-3267.

Greater Mt. Olive re-schedules fundraiser

The Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church has rescheduled its car wash fundraiser for 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the church at 709 N. Lake Ave. Please come by for a cup of coffee or call 409-234-3545 for pick up and delivery of your car. We thank you in advance for your donation.

Heritage House holding bake sale

The Heritage House will be holding a bake sale Friday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Patient Activity Fund. Please contact Linda Tillman, Social Activity Director, if you have any questions at 234-3591.

1st Annual Fall Festival scheduled at ELMS

Kids and parents... don't put those Halloween costumes in storage too soon! Nov. 1, from 4 to 9 p.m., the Eagle Lake Middle School will host a family festival with games, haunted house, dunking booth, food, drinks and fun. For more information, contact Vicki Gray or Deborah Haman at ELMS, 234-3501.

Red Ribbon Week is Oct. 23-31

Students, parents and citizens are asked to wear red ribbons during the week of Oct. 23-31, Texans' War on Drugs Red Ribbon Week. The fight against drugs can only be won with education, dedication and determination so please put a red ribbon on your car antenna and your front door at home. The campaign is an opportunity for schools, parents, students, civic groups, businesses, the media, law enforcement and all other concerned citizens to unite against drug dealers, pushers, suppliers and users.

Semana de la cinta roja el 23-31 de Oct.

Los estudiantes, padres y ciudadanos son invitados a llevar cintas rojas durante la semana de 23-31 de Octubre, 1997, que es la Semana de la Cinta Roja e la Guerra Contra las Drogas. La guerra contra drogas puede ser ganada solamente con educacion, dedicacion, y determinacion. Favor de poner la cinta roja en su carro y la puerta de su casa. Este es un oportunidad para escuelas, padres, estudiantes, grupos de negocios, el radio y television, la policia, y otros a unificar contra las personas quienes venden, compran y usan drogas.

Sheridan PTS Halloween Carnival is Oct. 25

The Sheridan PTS will hold its 51st Annual Halloween Carnival Saturday, Oct. 25, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. The Queen's Contest will be at 5:30 p.m. with costume judging to follow. The cafeteria will be open. There will be a drawing; the carnival booths will open at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to join the fun! (See Newsbriefs, Page 10)

D.A.R. honors Eula Wintermann

At the Monday, Oct. 13, meeting of the Daughters American Revolution (DAR), Eagle Lake Mayor David Mann signed a proclamation making October 13 "Eula Wintermann Day".

Randa Simmons, president of the John Everett Chapter of DAR, presented Mrs. Wintermann with their 1997 Community Service Award.

Members from Eagle Lake and Columbus attended this very special occasion.

Jean Thornton, one of the speakers, told of the life and times of Eula Wintermann. The following is just a bit of her presentation:

"As Chairman of the Public Relations committee, I am honored to recognize Eula Goss Wintermann as the DAR's 1997 Community Service Award winner.

"Eula is the daughter of Mary Louise Ford Goss and Dr. J.M. Goss of Houston.

"According to Eula's older sister, Mary Louise Towns, Eula was a precocious child. At the age of three or four, Eula had "had enough" and ran away from home.

Mary Louis found her, and since Eula had worried her mother, her sister spanked her.

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Oct. 13, 1997, was proclaimed "Eula Wintermann Day" by Mayor David Mann, at left. Mrs. Wintermann, center, was presented with a certificate and a lovely pin by Randa Simmons, president of the John Everett Chapter of D.A.R.

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Rice CISD Board discusses exclusive resource officer

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees discussed several agenda items at great length with no action being taken pending legality, feasibility and/or the need for further information at its regular monthly meeting Monday night, Oct. 13.

The possibility of the District hiring its own resource officer was one of the discussed items that Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott presented to the Board as "food for thought".

Gott said that the present resource officer, Mike Schleider, plans to "go full time" with the Colorado County Sheriff's Department.

Schleider was hired as resource officer using a five-year grant shared by the County and the three school districts, Rice, Columbus and Weimar. The amount each entity pays increases each year.

According to Gott, it isn't known at this time the plans the County has concerning an officer for the remainder of the grant.

Gott lauded the job Schleider has done for the District and expressed extreme regret at his leaving. He also expressed great satisfaction for the working relationship the District has with Sheriff R.H. "Curly" Wied.

"We have to do more than we've been doing about drugs in our school. We have a drug problem and it's growing. We don't intend to let such problems interrupt our educational process even if it means building more alternative schools," said Gott.

The possibility of the District having its own resource officer rather than sharing with other districts would allow that person to also teach some classes.

Trustee Laurel Milentz suggested the possibility of sharing an officer with Weimar since that district also has expressed great satisfaction with

Schleider.

Gott was asked to research the legal aspects and present further information on the subject.

The Extra Duty Compensation Plan approved by the Board "hit a snag" with non-contractual employment. (See Schools, Page 8)

Eagle Lake Crimestoppers again sponsoring 'Red Ribbon Week'

On Thursday, Feb. 7, 1985, Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, 37, stashed his badge and service revolver in his desk drawer and headed for lunch with his wife, Mika.

Kiki, a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent (DEA), had been on the trail of Mexico's marijuana and cocaine barons.

He was due to be reassigned in just three weeks, having come dangerously close to unlocking a multi-million dollar drug pipeline, he suspected extended into the highest reaches of the Mexican army, police and government.

According to DEA's reconstruction of events, as he headed to lunch, five men appeared at his side and shoved him into a car.

That was the last time anyone but his kidnappers would see him alive.

Kiki Camarena's body was found one month later in a shallow grave, 70 miles from Michoacan, Mexico.

He had been tortured, beaten and brutally murdered.

Mika would have to tell her three sons that their daddy would not be coming home again.

As news of this atrocity began to appear in newspapers, radio and television broadcasts, many school parent associations, already angry and sick of the killing and destruction caused by alcohol and other drugs in America,

were looking for some way to proclaim their concerns and demand action in local communities.

Several of these groups banded together, selected a RED RIBBON as their symbol and set about creating a Red Ribbon Campaign to show intolerance for drugs in our schools, work places and communities.

In 1988, with Nancy Reagan as Honorary Chairman, an eight-day Red Ribbon Week was proclaimed by the U.S. Congress.

Each year since 1988, the Red Ribbon Campaign has grown and now impacts millions of Americans like no other drug prevention movement in (See Ribbons, Page 10)

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following cases and calls for the week ending Oct. 13.

On Oct. 7, 1997, at 7 a.m., Chief Keith Webb was advised of a suspicious event which had occurred on Schley Street. The incident was investigated, but not believed to be of criminal intent.

At 1:32 pm. Officer Brian Ochoa was dispatched to FM 3013 in reference to a fight in progress. Upon contacting the parties involved, it was learned that no fight had taken place and no action was required.

Sgt. Jack. Knox made a traffic stop in the 700 block of E. State Street at 4:40 p.m., which resulted in the passenger being issued a citation for pos-

session of alcohol by a minor. The driver was issued traffic citations and all parties were released.

At 11:48 p.m., Officer Tim Crume was dispatched to Shirley Street to a disturbance. Crume found two persons arguing, but no offense had occurred. One party left the premises for the evening.

On Oct. 8, at 7:42 a.m., Officer Ochoa was dispatched to C Street in reference to criminal mischief. Ochoa gathered information and submitted a report.

At 10:03 pm., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to State Street in reference to loose dogs killing a rooster.

On Oct. 9, at 5:32 p.m., Officer (See Police, Page 10)

City's sales tax rebate continues climb

State Comptroller John Sharp last week delivered a total of \$162 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,084 Texas cities and 117 counties.

"The creation of new Texas businesses and subsequent new jobs are combining to help stimulate the confidence of Texas consumers," Sharp said. "As a result, sales tax rebates are up 6.5% over those for the first 10 months of last year."

Sharp delivered monthly sales tax rebates to Texas cities totaling \$147.7 million, 11.1% higher than last year's Oct. allocations of \$132.9 million. Rebates of \$14.3 million to Texas counties were also 11.1% higher than allocations of \$12.8 million in Oct. 1996. Another \$4.2 million went to 26 special purpose districts around the state.

The City of Eagle Lake received \$10,728.48, 23.38% more than last

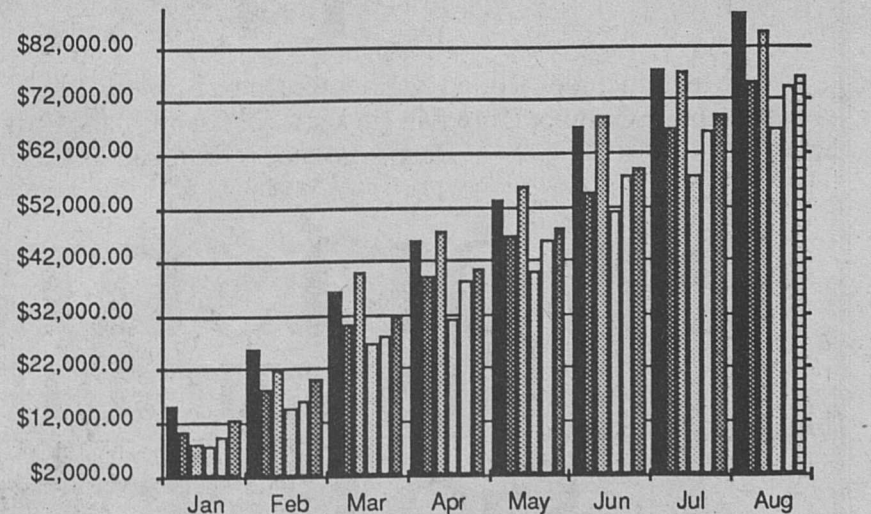
year's Oct. payment of \$8,695.03. The City's rebates, year-to-date, are 15.67% ahead of 1996.

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

The \$19.5 million local sales tax allocation to the City of Houston for Oct. reflects a 12.2% increase from the \$17.3 million rebate for the same month last year. Year-to-date payments to Houston are running 5.6% ahead of those for the first 10 months of 1996.

The City of Dallas received a sales tax rebate of \$12.3 million in Oct., 11.4% higher than last year's \$11.1 million payment for the same month. Year-to-date payments to Dallas are up 3.4%.

(See Sales tax, Page 10)



Year-to-date totals for sales tax rebates to the City of Eagle Lake are charted against the month the tax was collected by local businesses, not the month the City received the payment from the state.