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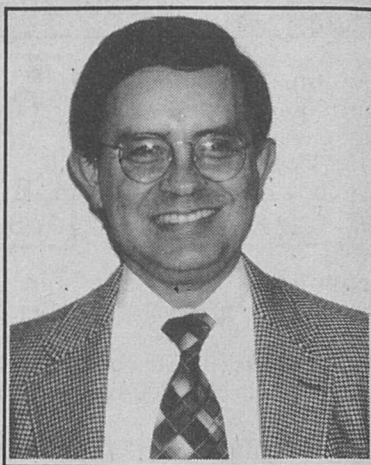
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## Newsbriefs

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### 'Fat Sunday' celebration scheduled in Nada

A "Fat Sunday" Mardi Gras fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings will be served Sunday, Feb. 22, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary's School in Nada. The \$5 tickets must be purchased in advance. The plates will be to go only; deliveries will be made to the square in Eagle Lake at 12 noon. Contact the school, 758-3267; Grace,

758-3642; for tickets and details. The last day to buy tickets is Feb. 15. The dinner will benefit St. Mary's School.

### GED, ABE programs in progress at ELMS

GED and ABE programs are in progress at Eagle Lake Middle School every Tuesday and Thursday nights, 6:30-8:30 p.m. If you are in need of either program, please come.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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### 25 Real Estate

**TRULY PROPERTIES**  
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WHARTON COUNTY: Pecan Valley Addition; 1+ acre tracts.  
EAST LAVACA COUNTY: Wilderness Oaks; 10-25 acre tracts.

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15.738 Acres: 2 miles west on Hwy. 90-A.  
Vet clinic: working pens & 2 bedroom living quarters.

24 Acres at Sheridan. Good hunting and has two accesses. Priced for quick sale!

11.5 Acres: two lakes, bldg., pier, very nice!

2-19 wooded acre tracts: on Lake Sheridan Road.

Brick Home: 3BR, 2B, LR, DR and more on Partridge Lane. Price reduced! Make Offer!

3BR, 2B CONTRACT time; swimming pool, enclosure, see to appreciate!

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### HOUSES...

GUADALUPE AVENUE: 3BR, 1BA, dining room, frame w/siding and 1BR, 1BA trailer.

PEYTON LANE: 3BR, 2BA, formal living room w/fireplace, formal dining room, sunroom, brick.

W. CENTER: 3BR, 2BA, living room/dining room combo, office; recently renovated.

CEMETERY STREET: 3BR, 1BA, dining room; Perma stone.

PECAN VALLEY: 2BR, 1BA, frame; with 10 acres.

N. AIRLINE: 4BR, 3BA, den w/fireplace, formal dining room, 1-1/2 story brick w/wood siding, large corner lot (2 ac.) WHL sprinkler system.

LAUGHLIN ROAD: 3BR, 3BA, formal living room & dining room, den, office, brick; recently remodeled; with 2.5 acres.

DOBBINS: 3BR, 1BA, living room with fireplace, formal dining room, frame; recently renovated. FmHA loan available.

E. MAIN: 3BR, 2BA, den, formal dining room, frame.

N. LAKE: 2BR, 1BA, formal dining, frame w/siding; large lot w/shed and small bldgs.

S. MCCARTY: 3BR, 2-1/2BA, large den w/fireplace, formal dining room; brick; 0.76 acres.

N. LAKE: 2BR, 1BA, frame.

### COMMERCIAL...

S. MCCARTY: Former Delta Sav[ SOLD ] ft. w/1.3 ac.

HWY. 90 & FM 3013: 1.6 ac. w/large metallic bldg. (former KC Hall).

4.4 ACRES: corner of FM 3013 & Hwy. 90-A.

2.7 ACRES: corner of Hwy. 90-A & Glen Flora Road.

E. MAIN STREET: 1.67 Acres commercial frontage

HWY. 90A & GLEN FLORA ROAD: 1.87 Acres commercial frontage.

W. DAVITT: Four one-bedroom apartments with CA/CH; brick.

W. PRAIRIE: West Prairie Apts. (Former Methodist Church); 8 units; approx. 1 acre.

E. MAIN: Former Santa Fe Depot; renovated into office space and two apts. Owner finance. Make an offer!

E. MAIN: Former "Snack Center"; 1,800 sq. ft; fully equipped.

6.8 ACRES: Choice commercial property. 1,100 Ft. FM 3013 North frontage.

THREE BUSINESS BLDGS. on Main St. Good location.

### LOTS...

PARTRIDGE LANE: 100' x 150'.

N. LAKE: 84' x 135' with fence.

WAVERLY: Corner lot.

DONOVAN ST.: 75' x 188'

BALUSEK DR.: 2.85 Acres; Owner finance. Make an offer!

### LAND...

FM 3013 & Wharton County Line: three tracts, total of 48 acres; wooded with tank & gravel pit.

120 ACRES: CR 48-1/2 near the A&M Experiment Station.

137 ACRES: corner of Hwy. 90A & County Road 14.

PECAN VALLEY: 1.20 Acres.

FM 3013 & Glen Flora Rd.: frontage; 2,180 acre industrial site.

E. WAVERLY: 5-1/2 Acres across from airport; recently cleared.

Owner finance; \$24,000.

38 Acres inside city, facing FM 3013.

90 Acres rice land inside city, 25'x50' steel bldg., FM 3013 frontage, will divide into two tracts.

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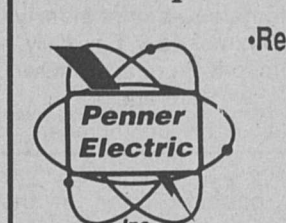
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## Board

An architectural assessment has previously informed the District that the present system is extremely unsafe and a liability.

The Board renewed the tax collection contract with Colorado County Central Appraisal District for 1998.

Chief Appraiser Billy Youens clarified the procedure for the selection of members to the CAD Board, answering any questions trustees might have had after questions Columbus ISD raised several months ago concerning the selection process compromise in 1979 by school superintendents from the County's three schools.

The compromise resulted in having geographical representation:

•Rice CISD and City of Eagle Lake jointly select one member;

•Columbus ISD and City of Columbus jointly select one member;

•Weimar ISD and City of Weimar jointly select one member;

•Rice CISD solely selects one member from the Garwood, Nada or Sheridan area; and

•Colorado County solely selects one member from the northern half of the County which is Columbus ISD.

Geographical representation insures that all general areas are represented. This procedure also guaran-

tees that two members will come from the Rice CISD area, two from the Columbus area and one from Weimar.

Two other advantages of this methodology are it is simple and prevents any ill feelings between individuals or districts that may surface in a contested election process.

"It is very important to note that representatives are appointed by jurisdictions for service on this Board, but their major responsibility is to serve the taxpayers of Colorado County. This methodology has worked very well for the last 18 years and I think is defensible from the standpoint of being simple, logical and fair," said Youens.

According to Youens, the Rice CISD has the highest percentage of taxes collected in 1997 at 94.03%.

"We will install two more notices, file some suits and maybe knock on some doors before we're through with tax collections," Youens said.

The 1997 total amount collected for all 10 jurisdictions in the County is \$13,666,873.50. The total amount to be collected is \$14,856,799.01 with the 1997 percentage of all tax collected being 91.99%.

Youens presented a 1997 property value study, calling it a report card

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from the Comptroller of Public Accounts and encouraged the District to file a protest on the method of its taxable rural real property.

"The state's calculations doesn't agree with our (CAD) calculations by \$7 to \$8 million," Youens said. Gott will file a protest by March 11.

In other business, the Board:

•Approved contracts for administrators, including Grahmann, Principals Frank Middleton and Deborah Mathys and Special Ed Coop Director Molly Walker;

•Employed Diane Morgan Mixon as a teacher as ELMS;

•Ordered an election for May 2 for expiring terms of Board Members Jack Vawter and Robin Thomas;

•Approved a bid of \$35,731.50 by DeMoulin Brothers and Co. for 150 band uniforms;

•Approved the funding for science fair student incentives (a trip to The Museum of Natural Science) for the top two science fair winners from each grade from all five campuses at an approximate cost of \$250; and

•Presented certificates from the State Commissioners of Education for attaining Recognized Performance Status to Garwood, Sheridan and Eagle Lake Primary Schools.

## Habitat

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pal Church, Eagle Lake; Mary Christal; Coastal Banc, Columbus and Weimar; *Colorado County Citizen*; Columbus Food Pantry; Columbus State Bank; Creative Expressions, Eagle Lake; Leah Jane Corrigan, dba Country Fresh Cleaners, Columbus;

Also, Willard and Ruth Dollahan; Eagle Lake Garden Club; *Eagle Lake Headlight*; Eagle Lake United Methodist Church; Joyce Eckburg and Youth Group; Elliot & Waldron Title, Columbus; Executive Board Diocese

Also, Richard Hazard; Henry and Maxine Herder; Blair Hickey; Brett Hudman Contractor, East Bernard; Charles and Kristin Kemper; Fay Kemper; LCRA Employees United Charities; Laker Printing, Eagle Lake; Philip Leopold; George and Rosemary Lewis; Live Oak Art Center, Columbus; Edward Lopez; Robert and Nanette Lynch;

Also, McCoy's Corporation; Jean McIner; Methodist Youth Group; One Care, Thomas Clinic; Barbara Pidgeon; Pilot Club, Columbus and Eagle Lake; Pizza Hut, Columbus,

of Texas; The Fashionette, Weimar; First National Bank, Eagle Lake; First State Bank, Columbus; Robin and Susan Gay; Greater Smith Chapel Baptist Church, Columbus;

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Prairie Edge Players, Eagle Lake; Ty Prause, Attorney at Law; Ken and Lois Quenneville; Harold and Lois Raabe; Rice Medical Center, Eagle Lake; River Oaks Health Care Center, Columbus; Dan's (Roan) Plumbing, Eagle Lake; Carolyn Robertson; Rotary Club, Columbus and Eagle Lake;

Also, St. John's Episcopal, Columbus; St. Paul Lutheran Church, Columbus; St. Roch's, Mentz; Frances Schmidt; Judith Sellars; The Sign Shop, Columbus; Simmons Lumber, Columbus; Charlie Tallierne Electric, Industry; Raymond and Elsie Thomas; *Weimar Mercury*; Weimar United Methodist Church; Dick Wilson Surveying, Wharton; as well as other individual partners too numerous to list!

## Commissioners

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citizen Margie Raborn. "If Eagle Lake gets 500 beds, that's fine. Protecting our own jail is our responsibility."

"We are talking about two different things: short-term and long-term (prisoners). This is just a mechanism for financing," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Richard Seifert.

Colorado County's 911 rural addressing drew questions from Columbus citizen Maybelle Barnett when she wondered why a job that was originally only to take eight months was now about to enter its third year.

Barnett, who had done her research on the project, reminded the Court under "public comments" to open the meeting that the Commissioners had employed Dale Alexander as the 911 rural addressing coordinator Feb. 26, 1996, effective March 1 of that same year, at a salary of \$1,500 with no benefits for eight months.

Alexander's salary was paid through Houston-Galveston Area Council's (H-GAC) rural addressing program.

It was on Aug. 7, 1996, that Alexander reported that he was some six weeks behind and, hopefully, would complete the project in early 1997.

Barnett added that on Oct. 23, 1996, Alexander again reported that the project was moving slowly and it was going to take six to nine months longer due to it being a one-man project. According to Barnett, Alexander repeated that statement to Commissioners again Nov. 25, 1996.

It was at that time, reported Barnett, that Precinct 1 Commissioner Richard Seifert made the motion to extend the position through June 30, 1997.

Barnett said she simply wished "to

have updates (on the project)" and wanted to know "where is the money coming from (to pay Alexander's salary)."

Seifert, a member of the H-GAC 911 Board, said that organization had been able to extend the money for the project through the state 911 fund.

"Rural addressing is a real beast. It's a nightmare. I worked with the Rock Island postmaster for two days and we never got anywhere," said Seifert. "There is a lot more to it than I envisioned. I am also disappointed in being that far behind, but I understand why," said Seifert.

"We are hoping to expand (by adding two employees) to do some of the leg work. Our biggest problem is with the maps. We have only received one-third of the County and still haven't received the other information that we have paid for," said County Judge Vince Slominski.

The County had employed Sedgewick & Associates in May 1995 to help with the rural mapping, but have not had positive results. In fact, the Court authorized a letter, drafted by the law firm of Fletcher & Springer, stating a breach of contract and asking for the return of all County property.

In other business, the Court:

•Received an update on the programs offered by Colorado County Youth and Family Services;

•Took no action on a contract with Creative Switching Designs Inc. for repairs to the 911 recorder at the Colorado County Detention Facility;

•Adopted an intergovernmental agreement with H-GAC for the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP);

•Appointed Kelly Janak as the County's alternate representative on

the Colorado County Central Appraisal District's Appraisal Review Board;

•Authorized an administrative contract with CCEDO to oversee the Sheridan water park project;

•Tabled action on Pct. 3 Justice of the Peace Francis Truchard's request for a new computer printer;

•Tabled bids (\$23,923.92 from Dell Computers of Round Rock and \$25,253 from Microage Computers of College Station) for the file server and eight work stations for the sheriff's department; and

•Awarded fuel bids to Hoelscher Oil Co. and Colorado County Oil Co., both of Columbus, and Thomas Enterprises of Victoria.

IN A MEETING Feb. 4, the Court adopted a resolution for the continued support of the resource officer for the third and fourth years.

Currently in its second year, the Court agreed to pay its 25% share of the grant over the next two years, beginning Sept. 1 and running through Aug. 31, 2000.

The County, along with the three local school districts if they agree to continue with the project, \$3,527 in year three, or 40% of the total grant, and \$5,290.25 in year four, or 60%.

The Court also authorized Slominski to contact an attorney for the purpose of transferring the Alleyton Wastewater Plant property to the Alleyton Water/Wastewater Corp.

## KULM

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