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## To The Editor & You

### In appreciation of police officers

Dear Editor:

Last Thursday morning at 4 a.m., I was leaving the home of my mother-in-law, LaVerne Obenhaus, to return to Orange. After leaving her home, I passed a police officer on Church Street.

He drove past Mrs. Obenhaus residence, observed the front door open and became suspicious of what may have occurred.

The patrolman quickly located me and pulled me over to question me. Following a few questions, he recognized that everything was okay.

Officer Tim Crume was very kind and professional. I appreciate Officer Crume and the job the Police Department is doing in Eagle Lake.

Ardine Obenhaus  
Orange, Texas

Let's Look Back...

## 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

June 8, 1973

Effective Monday morning, June 11th, you will find the *Eagle Lake Headlight* in a new location at 123 S. McCarty, the former Main TV and Appliance location next to the Central Power and Light office...

T.J. Smith and Donald Obenhaus are busy planning the 50th Anniversary of the Rotary Club...

Three boys from Eagle Lake will be given a free, one week vacation this summer at The Salvation Army's Camp Hoblitzelle near Dallas. The boys chosen to attend are Oscar Yanez, Oscar Lopez and Bobby Molano...

Earl Braden Jr., recent Rice High

School graduate, was honored with a reception at his home on Thursday, May 24th, after the graduation exercises...

Miss Rebecca Marsh, bride-elect of Dan Greak Jr., was honored with a tea shower in the O.L. Mill home Thursday, May 31, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the afternoon...

Officers for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council #4843 Knights of Columbus for the year 1973-74 have been elected as follows: Grand Knight, Gene Jones; Deputy G.K., John Thomas; Chancellor, Draper Stephens; Recorder, Gary Glaiser; Treasurer, Louis J. Munzy; Financial Secretary, V.J. Kana; Advocate, Bennie Miller; Warden, Albert Pus-tejovsky; Trustee, Monroe Briscoe; Inside Guard, Charles Briscoe; Outside Guard, John Pilkington.

June 23, 1950  
Eagle Lake's annual Clean Up

President Thomson at 12:15 p.m.

Minutes of the May 18 meeting were reviewed, amended and approved.

The Treasurer's report through June 15 was reviewed and approved.

President Thomson welcomed all present. He announced that Ronnie Sedgwick has agreed to serve as Agricultural and Economic Development representative to the Chamber.

Thomson welcomed David Keith, Rice Medical Center Administrator, to the Chamber Board to fulfill the

vacancy left by Kenneth Abel.

Also welcomed was new member A&G Auto Parts of Eagle Lake.

Thomson complimented Mary Ann Kaluza on the new "Welcome Baskets" presented recently to new members. Local businesses were called upon and have contributed to the contents.

J.C. Cooper stated that the Chamber had a 28% response on the Membership Survey. Cooper again suggested that Thomson put a letter in the paper thanking those who responded, and allow an additional 30 days for responses.

He added that the most common suggestion was still a monthly newsletter and he had received compliments on the Chamber's Minutes being in the *Headlight*.

Thomson announced that the Chamber of Commerce has a new sign above its office window in the Prairie Edge Museum.

He also announced that he will serve as the Chamber's representative to the 1999 Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival.

In new business, Thomson introduced Susan Tomchesson to the Board and asked that she speak about the proposed Wildflower Park project.

Several entities are supporting the project including Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival Committee, Eagle Lake Park Board, Revitalize Eagle Lake and the City of Eagle Lake. Tomchesson asked for the Chamber's official support.

Wildseed Inc. will lend expertise to coordinate the planting and selection of seeds.

The first year's plan is to plant the abandoned railroad track beginning at LW's, down behind the Entex and Eagle Lake Insurance building and continue behind the Main Street business, across S. McCarty and end near the Luedecke residence.

This will be a several year plan, eventually planting wildflowers to Austin Road.

Thomson injected that this is a very ambitious project and hopefully there will be a planting for 1999.

The property is under lease from the railroad to the City in exchange for maintenance. Many details have yet to be worked out with the railroad.

Plans include for the rock roadbed be removed and replaced with topsoil and an irrigation system installed.

Tomchesson concluded the discussion by stating that the Chamber's official support is needed to help assure the success of the Wildflower Park.

Since a quorum of Directors was not present, no action could be taken by the Chamber at this time.

Shotgun drawing tickets, with stubs, were distributed to the Board and Thomson asked that everyone get busy selling.

J.C. Cooper stated that the Chamber realized a 78% profit margin on last year's Broiler Burger Lunch. This was due to wholesale purchases and all volunteer labor by Rene Al-Obaidi and J.W. Shavers.

If the lunch is catered, the Chamber could possibly make 25% profit on lunch ticket sales. Following much discussion, no action was taken at this time.

J.C. Cooper reported on new members and ribbon cutting events.

Discussion followed on again holding Chamber meetings at other locations, like the Museum and Kevin Courts, and having meals brought in.

W.H. Harrison again treated the Chamber to the following history on Eagle Lake banking:

101 years ago, in 1897, the first organized banking came to Eagle Lake. Three young men, B.L. Vineyard, Quinn Walker and A.M. Waugh, pooled resources, organized the bank and located it in the 1886 Building on Main at McCarty (the Frazar Opera House).

With \$179,000 in deposits and assets exceeding liabilities by \$100,000, it voluntarily closed its doors in 1907 and deposits moved to the First National Bank of Eagle Lake, which was formed in 1904 by these same three men and others.

1897 was the same year, as reported in the *Eagle Lake Headlight*, that a 20 ft. 2 inch alligator was caught in a steel trap in Eagle Lake.

David Keith reported that groundbreaking should take place in Nov. on the new assisted living center.

Also, as proprietor of the Eagle Lake Dairy Delite, he announced a 1st Anniversary Celebration will be held sometime in July.

Keith also reported that a soccer league for kids is starting up in Eagle Lake. Discussion also followed on youth involvement in the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce. This is something happening in Wharton and Fort Bend County Chambers.

Ronnie Sedgwick reported on the drought's effect on livestock volume sales and prices.

He also stated with the exception of some cotton, most row crops have suffered severely from the drought. Rice crops look good and total acreage of land put into agriculture is holding.

Ron Holland reported on progress of the street project and park development.

Betsy Glaiser reported that no response has been received to date from Dr. Red Duke to serve as guest speaker of the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Thomson said that he would follow up on this, if no response is received soon.

Frank Gracely, with Southwestern Bell, offered four tickets to see the Astros play this Friday, compliments of Southwestern Bell, for a drawing.

Gracely said that Southwestern Bell and the Texas High School Coaches Association are pleased to offer members of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce complimentary tickets to this year's All-Star Games.

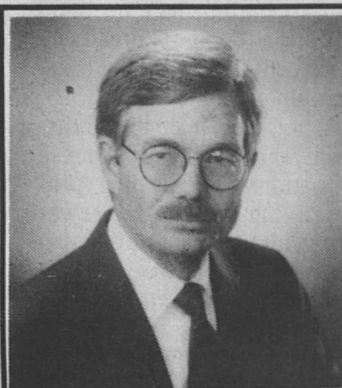
Southwestern Bell is the official sponsor of the All-Star Games that showcase Texas' best high school basketball and football athletes.

The basketball game will be played Monday, July 27, at Hofheinz Pavilion on the University of Houston campus. The football game will be played Tuesday, July 28, at Rice Stadium. Both games will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce members may pick up your complimentary tickets at the Chamber office.

A drawing for the Astros tickets was held and Susan Tomchesson won.

There being no further business, Thomson adjourned the meeting at 1 p.m.



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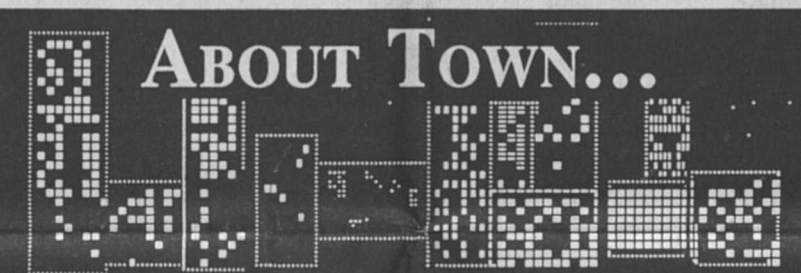
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\*A party was held Saturday, June 13, to honor Ruth Burger Boethel of Cypress, formerly of Beeville, on her 90th birthday.

Friends and relatives from Houston, Baytown and Huntsville as well as her daughter, Darlene Hanggi from Springville, Calif., were in attendance. The group enjoyed dinner at a local restaurant, then adjourned to the home of her son, Darrell Boethel of Cypress, for cake and reminiscing.

Mrs. Boethel was born in Eagle Lake and graduated from Eagle Lake High School before receiving her degree from South West Texas State Teachers College. She taught in public schools for 40 years in Hallettsville, Yoakum and Beeville before retiring in 1971.

\*Members of the Texas Farm Bureau's 1998-99 Commodity Advisory Committees have been announced by Ned Meister, Director of Commodity

and Regulatory Activities. David Alders of Nacogdoches County and Leon Hattermann of Colorado County will co-chair the Poultry Advisory Committee.

Selected to chair the Wildlife Advisory Committee was Terry Caffey, Concho County. Those who will serve with Caffey include Billy Hefner, Colorado County; Paul Garrison II, Bandera County; A.C. Gilbert, Palo Pinto County; and Bobby Jack Lewis, Coryell County.

Don Petty will offer assistance.

\*Bob Griffith called Tuesday to let us know that Walter Lee Bauer has been moved from ICU at Southwest Memorial Hospital in Houston and is now in Room 446.

Walter Lee had triple-bypass surgery last Thursday and a stroke on top of that. Bob said Walter Lee's left side is paralyzed, but he is doing better.

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### Gel Helps Diabetic Foot Ulcers Heal

The US Food and Drug Administration recently approved a new medicine for treating diabetic foot ulcers, which are difficult to heal. The new medicine is *becaplermin* (Regranex) and is available as a topical gel. According to one report the medicine is the first topical product proven to increase healing for diabetic foot ulcers, a serious medical problem. According to one estimate, such ulcers result in approximately 67,000 amputations in the US each year. The total cost of caring for diabetic foot disease is more than \$1 billion annually.

Researchers who have evaluated becaplermin believe that it offers advantages not present with other therapies. It is made synthetically, but works like a protein growth factor that occurs naturally in the body. This factor causes cells to move to the ulcer site, encouraging the body to grow new tissue. This new tissue facilitates healing. Becaplermin is applied once a day. The amount of gel applied is determined by the size of the ulcer. Those who have worked with the drug indicate that it is not a substitute for good wound care, which includes cleaning the area of dead tissue, changing dressings periodically, and using antibiotics when needed.

## Views On Dental Health

### CROWN CONSIDERATION

A crown is often suggested as a restoration when a tooth is severely destroyed by dental decay, a fracture, or has had root canal therapy. Crowns can be made of gold, porcelain or porcelain fused to metal. Plastics or stainless steel are also used in special situations. Gold is an excellent restorative material and is used where esthetics is not a strong consideration — as in the back teeth. To obtain a beautiful and natural look, the choice is either porcelain or porcelain fused to metal. The latter is strong and attractive, and will give the very best results. It does not reflect light as well, however, therefore giving a more opaque appearance. Because of its translucence, porcelain can be the most natural and beautiful. It cannot always be used, however, because of thickness requirements.

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