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To The Editor & You

I have a family member in prison. What can I do?...

The Inmate Families Organization medical care... or be killed. (InFO) is here to help families and

is invited.

Last Year's Rate

Rate to Maintain Same

Operations Revenue &

Pay Debt Service**

Proposed Rate

Increase in Taxes

Level of Maintenance &

Average Market Value of Residences

Average Taxable Value of Residences

Taxes Due on Average Residence

Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value

meeting to discuss the revised notice.

CALL ABOUT OUR

DAILY SPECIALS

Mon. & Tues. ... Large Pepperoni Pizza \$699

wed. ... 1 Order Med. Breadsticks FREE

with purchase of any large specialty pizza

Thursday... Large Pepperoni & Reg. Calizone

or Stromboli \$1399

Friday & Saturuday...

Lg. Pepperoni & Lg. Supreme \$1699

Sunday...

2 Med. Single-Topping Pizzas \$1299

No one truly knows what it feels and guilt are two of the heaviest burneed and inner peace. like to have someone in prison or a dens we carry around with us. The child locked up in the Texas Youth "what ifs" and "if onlys" eat at us from Commission facility until it happens the inside out and we silently hold on to you. Lives are ripped apart through to our pain. While our loved ones are no fault of our own and we have to accountable for their mistakes, that learn how "to pick up the pieces and go does not mean they need to be abused, disrespected, have a lack of proper

InFO will help you learn how the information. friends through the difficult times that criminal justice system works and lay ahead when a loved one is put how to prepare an effective parole behind the barbed wire fences. Shame packet. You will get the support you

Sun.-Thurs., 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS

BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District will hold a

public meeting at 7:00 p.m., August 14, 2000 in Administration

discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax

rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

Local

\$1.469

\$1.47856

\$1.47856

\$19,239

\$1.46900

\$282.62

Revenue

Per Student

\$3,252

\$3,613

\$3,613

Building in Altair, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to

not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice

Maintenance Interest

\$1.3771

\$1.40615

\$1.40615

& Operations & Sinking

containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public

Fund*

\$0.0919*

\$0.0724*

\$0.0724*

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

Friday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

222 E. Main Eagle Lake

Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

The Aug. 3 and Sept. 7 meetings will be at the Spring Branch Presbyterian Church, 1215 Campbell Rd., one block north of I-10 in Houston.

Call 713-973-0007 or 281-922-8432 in the evenings for additional

Booklet on funerals available

Dear Editor:

When a loved one dies, grieving family members and friends often are confronted with dozens of decisions about the funeral, all of which must be made quickly and often under great

Compounding the stress is the fact that funerals rank among the most expensive purchases many consumers will ever make.

A booklet, Funerals: A Consumer Guide, addresses many of the issues involved in planning a funeral. It 'walks" consumers through the planning process, informs them of their legal protections and encourages preneed planning.

We appreciate your help in getting the word out about this new publication. It is posted online at www.ftc. gov under "Consumer Protection."

In addition, copies of the brochure are available free from: Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; or toll free at 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357) TDD: 202-326-2502.

Revenue

\$3,079

\$3,309

\$3,309

This Year

\$39,694

\$19,694

\$1.47856

\$291.18

Per Student

Texans urged to take advantage of sales tax 'holiday' this weekend

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander last week reminded Texans that the second annual sales tax holiday is Aug. 4-6.

Rylander urged families to take advantage of this well-deserved tax

"I am happy to announce that I was

layaway items this year," she said. Eligible clothes and shoes placed and zippers. in layaway during the sales tax holiday weekend may be taken out at a

later date tax-free. "This will allow hard-working Texas families with limited budgets to pay for their purchases a little bit at a time and still receive the tax break,"

During the sales tax holiday, most clothing and footwear priced at less than \$100 is exempt from state and local sales taxes. Though the holiday is timed to help families outfit their children to go back to school, the tax break isn't limited to children's wear.

The tax exemption applies to school uniforms, work uniforms, pajamas, robes and slippers, socks, underwear, and jackets and sweaters, but it does not apply to accessories, jewelry and watches, or items that are carried, such as wallets, hand-bags, briefcases and backpacks.

Rylander said she will recommend to the Texas Legislature, which convenes in January, that the sales tax

fill the remainder of the late Judge

Robert A. Youens, M.D.

Susan L. Kraemer, M.D.

Mary Lou Szymanski's term.

Dulany enters JP race

Larry L. Dulany of Eagle Lake Nov. Judge Szymanski's sudden

received the nomination from the death left a void in many areas, not just

Colorado County Democratic Com- in the JPs office, and she will be

mittee to be its candidate for Justice of missed in our community and county

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the Peace, Pct.4, Colorado County to for many years.

State Capitol By Ed Sterling

such as backpacks and fabric, buttons assistance line at 1-800-252-5555.

During the first sales tax holiday It Still Pays to Shop Around If Texans would just take a few last year, Texas families spent more than \$400 million on tax-exempt clothing and shoes, saving more than \$32 million in sales taxes. This year, the savings are expected to add up to \$37 million.

This year, local communities had a chance to opt out of the sales tax holi-day, if they notified the comptroller's Highlights office by March 31. Only one taxing jurisdiction, the city of Sunset Valley, south of Austin, opted out.

Retailers and shoppers who have questions about the sales tax holiday able to expand the holiday to include riod of time and cover more items, may contact the comptroller's tax

minutes to compare auto insurance rates, company by company, they could save a lot of money.

In a recent survey that included (See Highlights, Page 4)

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

About 55% of qualified voters in the Democratic party runoff election 6. and nominated Sheriff George "Doc" Mueller as the party's candidate and virtual re-election to a new four year term as sheriff of this county...

Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Adkins of Eagle Lake announced the birth of a baby girl. The young lady, born June 5 holiday be extended for a longer pe- in the Eagle Lake Community Hospi-

Jorge A. Duchicela, M.D.

Olga I. Duchicela, M.D.

tal, has been named Theresa Lynn. Welcoming her into the family are two Colorado County went to the polls in brothers, Rod, age 14, and Chris, age

> The Eagle Lake community had some special visitors Tuesday of last week, at least they were real special to Mrs. Raymond Jochetz since they were from the same hometown in Czechoslovakia in which she was born and where she lived until 11 years of age...

The season of life closed quietly for J.R. (Jimmy) Reel of Eagle Lake, one of the nation's most renowned sportsmen and a rice buyer in this area for over 30 years, on June 5...

Four local officers tried their hand at alligator wrestling when a four foot gator interrupted traffic on 90A. The officers were Game Warden Sam Center, Highway Patrolmen Rodney Green and Randy Baish and City Patrolman Bufford Ashley...

"If elected I will look forward to Dulany stated, "I am very honored building upon the foundation Judge Miss Rose Yanez and Robert to have received the nomination. Szymanski layed in an effort to best Martinez will be united in marriage However, it is with much regret that serve the citizens of Colorado County, such an election must take place in Texas." on June 12 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church...

Edward William Hanly, 74, a native and lifelong resident of the Eagle Lake community, passed away June 8, bringing great sadness to his many friends here and throughout the

John S. Moore, 22, son of Mayor & Mrs. Elmer A. Struss of Eagle Lake, has been commissioned an esign and received a Bachelor of Science degree upon graduation from the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., last week...

Friend will be glad to hear that Tracy Gertson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Gertson, is able to be home after a lengthy stay in the Methodist Hospital in Houston, recuperating from injuries received in an automobile accident...

Shirley Fajkus Korenek has finished her term at Texas State Technical Institute in Waco with a straight A report and been named to the President's Honor Roll. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Fajkus of Eagle

Area students on the Wharton County Junior College Dean's Honor Roll are Roger Clark, Joseph Frybert, Beverly Gertson, Loudon James Reel, Robbie Sanders and Melody Farris Grigar.

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Letter to

Editor Policy

the "Letter to the Editor" column under the

following guidelines:

1,5000 characters.

be included for our files.

the retail advertising rate.

letters for libel protection.

The Eagle Lake Headlight will accept reasonable length letters for publication in

1. Letter should not be more than

2. All letters must include the writer's

name printed as well as the writer's signa-

ture, and include the writer's address and

home and work telephone numbers. The

Headlight must be able to reach the writer in person before the letter can be pub-

name be withheld from publication, but

the information mentioned in No. 2 must

be published but those which mention

candidates will be considered advertising

and charged at the regular advertising rate.

ered for publication but the writer's name

will not be printed unless the writer pays

apply fairness standards in withholding any letter from publication, and to edit

3. The writer may request that their

4. Letters about political activity will

5. Letters from political candidates espousing a political view, will be consid-

6. The newspaper reserves the right to

Supporting the youth of Colorado County for 22 years!

8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$5 admit (At the door)

Scholarship Funds

JUNIOR FAIR BOARD SILENT AUCTION and LIVE AUCTION 9:30 p.m.

Colorado County Fair Featuring Stephen

(I-10 Feeder)

Columbus KC Hall Social Hour: 7:30 to Dance time Proceeds Benefit Youth

older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value. Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.47856. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.47856.

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or

Fund Balances The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment: Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) \$3,259,478
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) \$60,000

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