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sonally thank our official Pageant abilities Sponsor: SSS Hunting of Eagle Lake, sible. There would have been no pageant without all of your support.

Also, thanks to the pageant moms

SPORTSMAN'S

Will Be Closed

Saturday, Sunday

& Monday

Aug. 31 & Sept. 1 & 2

For the Labor

Day Weekend

Janie, Doug & their staff wish

everyone a safe holiday!

Sportsman's will reopen

at 6 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3

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At this time I would like to per- stage decorations and decorating awards and crowning. I would also like to thank our pag-

and all the other business sponsors eant judges, emcee and back stage Commerce pageant winners. Great who helped make this pageant pos- crew consisting of four special job ladies and gentlemen! people: Larry Supak, Chris Supak, Matt Supak and Tiffany Jones.

and dads who assisted before, during Queen, who assisted Morgan Perry County Fair Parade. and after the pageants. A special our Eagle Lake Ambassador in the thanks goes to Jeannie Young for her organization of line-ups and the

A special congratulations goes to ALL of the Eagle Lake Chamber of

I would also like to report that our first appearance as Eagle Lake's Roy-Thank you to the Texas Pecan alty will be Sept. 14 in the Colorado

> Kara Supak, Pageant Director/Chairperson

Stancik is write-in candidate

Darrell Stancik of Eagle Lake has announced he will be a write-in candidate for the office of Colorado County Constable, Pct. 4, in the General Election on Nov. 5, 2002.

He was born and grew up in Eagle Lake, attending Eagle Lake schools and graduating from Rice High School.

He attended Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) and holds an Associate degree in Criminal Justice and an Advanced Peace Officer's Certification.

He and his wife, Christi Ann (Pyssen) Stancik, have two daughters, Madisyn, age five; and Maisyn, age 18 months.

Stancik joined the Richwood Police Department in Brazoria County after completing his studies at WCJC, serving as a city patrolman, 1991-2002.

In Feb. 2002, the Stanciks returned to Eagle Lake to become associated with the family-owned business, The Furniture Shoppe.

It is his continuing dedication to law enforcement which motivates him now to seek the office of Pct. 4 Con-

This Year

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

THE RICE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. August 29 in Altair, Texas, at the Rice Administration Building. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss

Texas' budget news not getting any better

The budget news has not been good and it's not getting any better.

An anticipated \$5 billion state budget shortfall that has been the subject of a considerable amount of hand wringing has become an estimated \$7 billion deficit. And the Comptroller's Office has not yet made an official revenue projection, nor has the Legislative Budget Board weighed in

with its numbers. The numbers have changed and probably will get even worse, but the bottom line on what elected officials are saying has not changed: The 77th Legislature will be painful. "Bloody

Despite the desperate need for revenue, political candidates and just dove hunting.

The Texas Department of Health is recommending precaution, not panic, in dealing with the spread of the mosquito-borne West Nile virus.

So far one West Nile human fatality has been reported in Texas as of Aug. 22.

Mosquitoes, which can transmit the disease to humans or animals, are attracted to standing water. They can propagate with only a thimble of water, going from egg to adult in only one week. An adult female will live about 30 days.

The Health Department recommends checking and emptying anything outside that could hold water, from plant saucers to old tires. Beyond that, use an insect repellent containing DEET and wear long-sleeve shirts or blouses and long pants when outside.

For more information on the West Nile situation, check the agency's web site at www.tdh.state.tx.us.

Dove season starts Sept. 1

Let's Look Back...

and north zones on the first day of State Capitol Sept. If you don't have a place to hunt yet, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department can fix you up for \$40-about a third of what a dove lease costs.

That \$40 buys an annual public Texas Press Association , hunting permit that gives hunters access to more than 1 million acres of public hunting lands, including 158 parcels covering more than 61,000 acres leased by the state primarily for

Other high-lites

•The Texas Natural Resource conservation Commission has a new name effective Sept. 1. On that date, it will begin doing business for the state as the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The change was mandated by Sunset legislation passed during the last session...

•A library is the place to go if you don't subscribe to a particular magazine but still enjoy reading. The same now goes for web sites. The Texas State Library has subscribed to HeritageQuest Online, a web site for genealogical researchers. The site contains U.S. census data for 1790, 1810, 1840 and 1870 and is searchable. For more information, e-mail texshare@tsl.state.tx.us or call 512-463-7610...

•Despite the lackluster economy, some good financial news is available: Texas has received the highest possible bond ratings from each of the three top New York rating firms, Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fritch Ratings. The Comptroller's Office sold \$5.8 billion in Tax and Revenue Dove season starts in the central Anticipation Notes on Aug. 20.



His family is active in the comnunity. Stancik served in the Eagle ake Volunteer Fire Department. VFD) while attending high school and college and the Richwood VFD while employed in Richwood. Returning to Eagle Lake, he is gain serving on the VFD here.

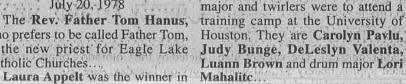
Stancik's knowledge and experince in law enforcement qualifies him o serve as Colorado County Constable, Pct. 4. He asks for your vote and support the general election on Nov. 5 2002. Stancik reminds you once again, he is a write-in candidate. mylors.)



July 20, 1978 who prefers to be called Father Tom, is the new priest for Eagle Lake Catholic Churches.

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Laura Appelt was the winner in the Sub-Deb Division in the 4-H County Dress Revue.. Rice High School Band's drum



Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Bubela of Eagle Lake announced the birth of a baby girl, Kristie Dawn. She made her arrival July 14 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton. She was welcomed home by a brother, Patrick Karl Bubela Jr., age 2-1/2

mm awful" is how Lt Gov. Bill Ratliff has described the situation.

about everyone else continue to say, "No new taxes."

West Nile virus



the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Last Year's Rate	Maintenance <u>& Operations</u> \$1.40615	Interest <u>& Sinking Fund</u> * \$0.07241*		Local Revenue Per Student \$4,278	State Revenue Per Student \$3,137
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Pay Debt Service	\$1.62721	\$0.08489*	\$1.71209	\$4,707	\$2,701
Proposed Rate	\$1.50000	\$0.07241*	\$1.57241	\$4,380	\$2,625

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

Average Market Value of Residences	\$39,117	\$40,953
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$21,318	\$23,214
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.47856	\$1.57241
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$315.20	\$365.02
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$49.82	

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such 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 1.8212. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.8212.

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) \$5,219,718 Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) \$177,588

By Dr. Eric Tepper, Podiatrist **SURVEY SAYS... CHECK YOUR FEET**

Primary care doctors are not including a foot examination as part of a patient's outine check-up, according to an informal survey conducted by the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA). In the online poll, more than 87% of respondents said their doctor never examined their feet during a routine visit. Routine foot examinations are particularly important considering that 16 million Americans have diabetes and 500,000 do not know it. Diabetes can cause symptoms leading to foot deformities, infections, and foot ulcers. Diabetics are often unaware of foot trouble because of nerve damage that contributes to decreased sensation in the extremities. To prevent serious foot conditions, perform daily foot checks to identify slow-healing wounds, redness, swelling, or decreased sensation.

While our specialty is feet, our work in podiatry can affect all parts of the body. And as podiatrists, we have a unique opportunity to get an insight into how other systems of the body are working. With our knowledge and experience, your cooperation, teamwork with other medical caregivers, and the power of podiatry, we'll have you soon walking with a smile in your step. Call us at 234-5571 for an appointment at Rice Medical Center. Office hours there are on Tuesdays.

P.S. The APMA offers free information on daily foot checks at 1-800-FOOTCARE or at www.apma.org.

Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Forbes of Hous-

ton announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cassandra Gay, to Gordon D. Hagendorf, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Willard Hagendorf of Sheridan. The wedding will take place July 29...

Funeral services were held July 25 for Isam Brisco Sr., a prominent rancher and lifetime resident of Sheridan..

The R.H. Reese family held their reunion on July 8 at the Christ Episcopal Church..

Funeral services were held July 20 in Fayetteville for Mrs. Albina Klimek, mother of Mrs. Victor Mascheck of this city...

A beautiful bronze plaque honoring Eula & David Wintermann and the late Annie Joe & I.V. Duncan for their contribution efforts towards preservation of the Attwater Prairie Chicken was dedicated in ceremonies (See 24 & 48, Page 4)

Eagle Lake Amusement Center 704 S. McCarty **FREE** Pizza for Players Friday, Aug. 30; 7-9 p.m.! Must be 21 years old or older.

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