

EAGLE LAKE WEATHER REPORT

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Agricultural Research and Experiment Station, Eagle Lake

Date	Temp (H/L)	Rainfall(in.)
Mon. 3-20-06	76/44	0.05
Tue. 3-21-06	66/41	0.00
Wed. 3-22-06	58/42	0.02
Thu. 3-23-06	52/31	0.00
Fri. 3-24-06	60/33	0.00
Sat. 3-25-06	69/38	0.00
Sun. 3-26-06	73/54	0.00

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Sheridan holding Kindergarten registration

Sheridan Elementary and Jr. High School is registering students for the 2006-2007 Kindergarten class. To register, go to the school office and fill out registration forms. Return the forms with a copy of shot record, social security card and birth certificate. These documents are required by Texas Education Agency. If you don't have a copy you must obtain a duplicate. Students must be 5 years old as of Sept. 1, 2006 and live in the Sheridan School attendance zone. If you live out of the Rice CISD you must apply for an Out-Of-District transfer by May 1, 2006. The Rice School Board will approve or deny transfers. The Kindergarten teacher will assign a date for you and your child to visit her classroom, she will notify you by mail. Call the office if you have questions, 979-234-7334.

Sheridan School taking Pre-K Applications

Sheridan Elementary and Jr. High School is accepting applications for the Pre-Kindergarten class for the 2006-2007 school year. Qualified applicants will be accepted based on Texas Education Agency and Rice CISD guidelines. Applications are available in the school office. Return the application forms with a copy of shot record, birth certificate and social security card by April 7, 2006. These documents are required by Texas Education Agency, if you don't have copies you must obtain duplicates. All applicants must be 4 yrs. old by Sept. 1, 2006 and reside within the Sheridan School attendance zone. You will be notified of acceptance or denial. If you live out of the Rice CISD you must apply for an Out-Of-District transfer by May 1, 2006. The Rice School Board will approve or deny transfers. If you have questions, call the school office 979-234-7334.

Run-off Early Voting Begins April 3

Both the Democratic and Republican parties will have run-off elections on Tuesday, April 11.

Early voting for the runoff will take place April 3 through April 7 at the County Clerk's Office in the Colorado County Courthouse from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

In Colorado County, there are two run-offs in the Democratic primary.

There is one run-off election in the Republican primary.

In the Democratic primary, one run-off is for the nomination for U.S. Senate. The candidates are Barbara Ann Radnofsky and Gene Kelly.

There is also a Democratic run-off for lieutenant governor. The candidates are Maria Luisa Alvarado and Benjamin Z. Grant.

In the Republican primary, the run-off is for Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 8, between Terry Keel and Charles Holcomb.

A light voter turnout is expected.

Because of the anticipated light turnout, several polling places have been consolidated for voting on April 11.

Voters in Precincts 101 (Columbus-Glidden), 102 (Rock Island) and 103 (Garwood Nada) will vote at the Colorado County Services Facility at 305 Radio Lane in Columbus.

Voters in Precincts 201 (Weimar-Oakland) and 202 (Sheridan) will vote at Weimar City Hall.

Voters in Precincts 301 (Buescher-Shaw's Bend), 302 (Brushy and Frelsburg), 303 (Mentz), 304 (Bernardo), and 305 (Alleyton-North Columbus) will vote at the County Agriculture Building at 316 Spring Street in Columbus.

Voters in Precincts 401 (Altair) and 402 (Eagle Lake) will vote at the Eagle Lake Community Center, 100 N. Walnut, in Eagle Lake.

April 4 is the last day the county clerk can accept an application for ballot by mail.

Qualifications for persons wishing to vote early by mail:

-65 years of age or older.

-Disability.

-Confinement in jail.

-Expected absence from the county (only if you are expecting to be absent from the county on election day and during the period of early voting by personal appearance, all ballots must be mailed to an address outside of the county.)

If an application is submitted after early voting in person has begun, this application must be submitted from an address or by a fax machine from outside the county.

Individuals with any questions may contact the Colorado County Clerk's Office at 732-6860.



County Judge Al Jamison presents a certificate of achievement for "Excellence in Financial Reporting" to County Auditor Raymie Kana. Her office has received the certificate for 11 years.

County Auditors Office Receives Reporting Award

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to Colorado County by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).

The Certificate of Achievement

is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR.

This has been presented to Raymie M. Kana, County Auditor.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

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Hinojosa Visits Eagle Lake Lighthouse

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and life purpose assessments and training. Computer Learning Center of 20 computers. The new 1,000 sq.ft. Art House offering a wide variety of arts and crafts training sessions and activities. And, a new Skills Program under development designed to teach youth 'hands on' practical skills that can be used for a lifetime.

Another board member stated that he felt 'the single most important thing accomplished thus far has been the level of trust and respect earned between the youth and adult volunteers. That trust is what gives us the ability to build something of lasting value'.

The directors of the program told us "we continue to have high expectations for each child and there has not been a single serious behavior problem between the children in the last 18 months. A remarkable 98% of the children never had to be sent home because of behavior problems. We continue to have a very low tolerance for poor behavior and expect a child's best behavior 100% of the time. Kids are growing up before our eyes and we see their hopes and their fears in very real terms. We also never lose sight of the fact that each child is on their own road of development."

Cost Effectiveness: The directors report that 'a significant number of children are being served at an extremely modest expense. The facility has no debt and no unpaid bills. Over 300 children can be served and immensely benefited for the rest of their lives on less money than it costs to incarcerate two kids. This is not to mention the far nobler goal of having vastly more productive, responsible, caring citizens in the community.'

Scholastics: The Program has over 20 computers with learning software and several adult volunteers able to assist children scholastically. Yet the need is extremely great. The directors report that there is a tremendous opportunity to assist the scholastic achievement of perhaps 20-40% of the elementary and junior high children in Eagle Lake but additional part time adult volunteers are always needed.

Nondiscrimination:

The program gladly accepts and serves all children, ages 9-17, re-

gardless of race, religion or ethnic background.

Summary:

The Lighthouse after school program has had a good beginning but its only a few good steps on a significant journey. There is no longer any doubt there is a major need for an after school program in Eagle Lake. The directors report that anything they've learned is available to any other community seeking to support its youth. There is no doubt such a program can be extremely beneficial to hundreds

of local children. Bringing hope to a child is why this program has been established. Sincere appreciation is extended to every person and organization that has helped in any way. It means so much to these kids.

This community continues to be blessed by the community's outreach to so many of its youth.

Questions:

Days of Operation: Tues, Wed, Thur, 3:00-6:00 pm at the Facility, 200 Ice St., Eagle Lake or call Lyle or Dana Anderson, 979-234-2248.

H.E.B. Has New Affairs Dir.

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and community activities in Houston. As the company's community liaison for the region, she will oversee its philanthropic activities in the greater Houston area.

"With her experience in broadcasting and community relations, Cyndy is a key addition to the H-E-B public affairs team," said Winell Herron, H-E-B group vice president of public affairs and diversity. "Her invaluable insights will further enhance and heighten awareness of H-E-B's commitment to the communities we serve."

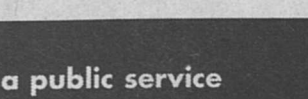
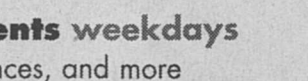
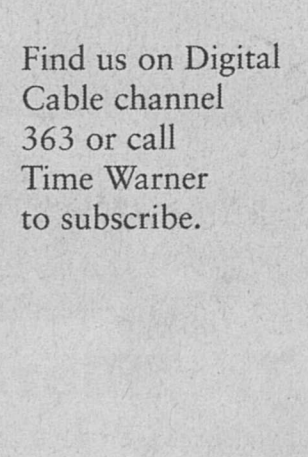
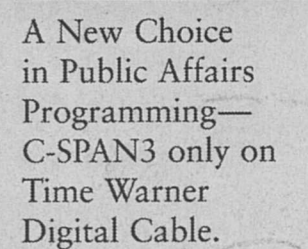
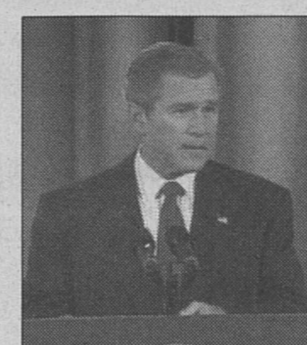
Garza-Roberts got her start as a general news reporter for KTBC-TV in Austin from 1977 to 1979. She was named public affairs director for KTRK-TV in Houston the summer of 1979 and was promoted to community relations manager in 1992. In the latter role, she served as the host and producer of "Viva Houston", a weekly half-hour magazine program. In February 1995, Garza moved to KXLN-TV (Univision-Spanish network) as an account executive.

Garza-Roberts switched from broadcasting to energy in 1997, joining Houston Lighting and Power, later renamed Reliant Energy, as Senior Community Relations Specialist. After serving as associate vice president for public affairs for the University of Texas Houston Health Science Center from 1999 to 2001, she was promoted to director of community relations and

media liaison for Reliant. Since 2004, Garza-Roberts has served as director of governmental relations for the University of Houston.

Garza-Roberts holds a B.S. from University of Texas at Austin and is a graduate of the Executive Management Program at Simmons College in Boston. She is married to Thomas Roberts, a 28-year veteran of the Houston Fire Department.

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