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Eagle Lake Eyes Stimulus Funds For Sewer

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and advised them that various community organizations are organizing for a trash collection in Eagle Lake for the Texas Trash off on April 4. She said that the group hopes to collect trash along Hwy 90A from Fm 3013 to around Calhoun Rd. The group will meet at 8 a.m. that day in the square downtown.

Council voted to move ahead with engineering for a major sewer plant project in order to have a "shovel ready" project in hopes of getting the project done with funds from the federal economic stimulus package. The city will not spend any money at this time, and will be able to decide if they would like to use any funds offered based on if they have to be repaid or if they are grants. It was noted that because Eagle Lake is a low income city, it would be high in the running for funds

from the stimulus and that if the engineering is done it would be considered "shovel ready," which will make the city even more likely to be offered funds.

Council voted to add to the used manufactured home ordinance that any used manufactured home being moved in the city will have to pass a habitability inspection by the state and that the report must be submitted to the city for the Board of Adjustment to review. The inspection is through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Manufactured Housing Division.

Council agreed to allow Johnson Oil Co. to withdraw their fuel bid because they failed to add the state tax to their bid. The city will accept the bid from Colorado County Oil.

Council voted to waive permit fees for a Habitat For Humanity

construction project in town.

Council voted to accept a bid to refinish the floor in the community center at a cost of \$3,750.

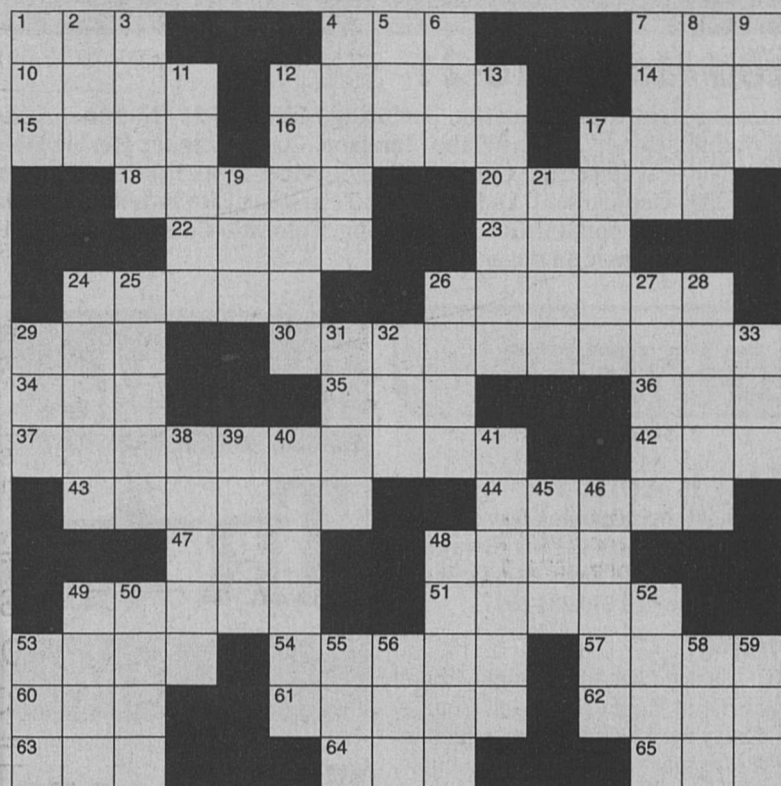
Election

Continued from front page held by Jane Meldahl, Michael Cooper and Wilbert Williams.

Jane Meldahl and Michael Cooper had filed for re-election and Tony Tyler filed in the race.

In the Rice CISD Board election Place Nos 1, 2 and 3 were up for election. Those places are currently held by Wayne Bowen, Vivian Spanihel and Clark Peterson, respectively. All three had filed for re-election in those positions.

Both the school board and city would have to vote to cancel the election at a future meeting.



- 57. Unstressed-stressed
- 60. Old world, new
- 61. Brief letters
- 62. Chinese dynasty
- 63. Similar suffix
- 64. Electromagnetic force
- 65. Senior officer

CLUES DOWN

1. A federally chartered savings bank
2. Boxer Muhammed
3. A cutting remark
4. a.k.a. Spinel ruby
5. Macaws
6. Medical practitioner
7. Siamese
8. One point N of NE
9. Denotes three
11. Opera praise for female performance
12. Compact piano
13. English, Irish or Gordon
17. Jewish spiritual leader
19. Possessed
21. So. branch of the lower Rhine
24. Interests, beholds (pl.)
25. Move very slowly
26. Stitched
27. Legendary violinist
- Mischa
28. African antelope
29. Cast out
31. Ailments
32. Indian city
33. Distant
38. Don Diego de la Vega
39. A long narrative poem
40. Sea between Greece and Turkey
41. Coercion
45. Telephone switch
46. Electronic communication (abbr.)
48. Allied H.Q. (abbr.)
49. Men's neckware
50. P ____: bird resting place
52. Speaker's platform
53. Japanese apricot tree
55. Foot digit
56. Your store of information (abbr.)
58. ____bo: Latin dance
59. A tropical constrictor

CLUES ACROSS

1. The ____ Four (Beatles)
4. Not good
7. Explosive
10. Thick piece of something
12. Gulf of, in the Aegean
14. Of she
15. Ethiopian monetary unit
16. 2nd to win
17. Islamic month of spring
18. N.E. Brazilian state
20. Huck's author Mark
22. Trucks
23. Restaurant bill
24. Ca ____: waterfall
26. Member of U.S. Navy
29. Drinking establishment
30. Pan's Indian princess
34. Alias
35. Not high
36. Leader Zedong
37. Wellington is the capital
42. Mitt's wife
43. Inclines
44. Set to end
47. Trailer truck or semi
48. Nuclear near reach weapon
49. The third hour, about 9 a.m.
51. A group of 6
53. Spanish surrealist Joan
54. Greek Titan



Pictured above is the cast of "The Princess And The Pea" presented by the Prairie Junior Players last weekend. Front row, from left, Tyler Garza, Ariel Quinneville, Sophie Kelley, Carter Cook. Second row, from left, Dallas Garza, Carson Mattoon, Drea Hemphill, Ashley Cook, Maisyn Stancik, Hunter Adkins. Third row, from left, Madisyn Stancik, Cameron Marsalia, Jill Nava. Back row, from left, Director Ashley Watson, Tena Mittel, Garrett Garbee, Lydia Garbee, Emma Kelley, Turner Mattoon, Brendon Garbee, Cydney Cook. Photo courtesy of Christi Stancik.

A Few Simple Tips For Helping Teens Behind The Wheel

By Texas Health & Human Services Commission

As any veteran parent can tell you, each stage of a child's life triggers a new set of mixed emotions.

Some of the most intense ups and downs occur when teens start driving.

Convenience is the major boon for moms and dads of new drivers.

Chaffeurage can be dropped from the parental job description, and many routine errands can be outsourced.

Driving also is a key step for most young people on their path to adult independence.

Even so, parents swallow hard each time their teens grab the car keys and step outside.

These worries are reasonable.

Drivers 16 to 19 are more likely than any other group to violate traffic laws and be involved in auto accidents.

And traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for American teens.

Despite recent improvement, Texas annually ranks at or near the top in total numbers of teen driving accidents and deaths.

Understanding Is Key to Helping Young Drivers

Troubling statistics aside, barring kids from driving is not an option for most families. The more realistic approach for loving fathers and mothers is to understand the challenges teen drivers face, and to help manage them.

Here are a few of those challenges, along with ways to be a positive influence for young drivers.

-Inexperience.

People learn by doing, and young motorists are less practiced than adults at basic skills such as driving in heavy traffic or bad weather, responding to hazards and making quick decisions in confusing traffic situations.

The best way to help teenagers improve their skills is to coach them as they're first learning to drive, the period when they're least likely to reject unsolicited advice from their elders.

As you or your teen are driving together, point out things to be aware of and how to respond.

For example: monitoring speed around curves, allowing more room to stop on wet roads, understanding complex intersections and watching closely for pedestrians, cyclists and small children.

-Risk-taking.

Younger drivers take more risks than older ones for a variety of reasons, including excessive confidence in their skill levels, generally lower capacity for impulse control and the characteristic youthful love of speed.

When talking over these issues, parents should stress the dangers of risky driving without implying that all teens are irresponsible.

Also helpful is a knack for delivering realistic warnings without sounding melodramatic.

In walking these fine lines, you, as a parent, may find it useful to draw upon your own memories.

What kinds of driving-related talks did you find most and least persuasive when you were young?

Was safety advice more effective when it focused on your own health and well-being or that of others?

Did you find stories and images of grisly traffic accidents sobering, or fodder for sarcastic humor?

This kind of discussion, as much as any parent must face, should draw heavily upon empathy and knowledge of what motivates each individual teen.

-Drugs and alcohol.

Driving under the influence is a behavior pattern that many acquire at an early age.

That's why parents' most effective tactic is setting a good example long before their children are able to drive.

Keep in mind that most teenagers are highly attuned to hypocrisy.

No matter how eloquent your words may be, it's your day-to-day actions that make the strongest impression.

-Distractions.

Even more than other drivers, young people tend to multi-task as they drive.

And even topnotch driving

skills degrade when forced to compete with cell phones, iPods and chatter with backseat passengers.

This is such an obvious point that many teens find it persuasive, especially if they've ridden with friends who don't always focus on the road.

Realistically, though, it's wise to take additional safety steps.

If your budget permits, get your teens a hands-free phone headset and a device that connects their portable music player to their car stereo (thus allowing them to keep at least one eye on the road).

Try to avoid calling them at times when they're likely to be

driving.

And, again, set the positive example with your own actions.

These are just a few of the steps parents can take in selling teens on safer driving practices.

However, the philosophy behind them is consistent with good parenting in other areas: understanding what motivates your children, arguing calmly from a foundation of solid facts, linking constructive criticism to love and using the approaches that worked best for your own parents.

Above all, practice what you preach.

It's not only the best way to protect your children's health, but your own as well.

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ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, a misunderstanding at home could lead to a major battle if you're not careful. Be diplomatic with your words, especially when discussing sensitive issues.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, don't waste time and energy on someone who is bound to let you down. You may find that the best way to get the job done is to do it yourself.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, use diplomacy when dealing with those who are hot-tempered. Keep your cool, and you'll end up looking like the winner every time.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, an upcoming trip will go smoothly if you start planning now. Prepare for potential problems and you'll be ahead of the game. A new relationship blossoms soon.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

You could find yourself saddled with another person's responsibilities and may have to put your own obligations on the back burner, Leo. It will be appreciated in the long run.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

If you feel you're being taken advantage of at work, don't be afraid to speak up, Virgo. Otherwise a difficult pattern will continue. Hold your ground.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, try to solve problems at work on your own. A simple project could turn into a big problem if too many people get involved. Financial matters look promising.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, patience will be an important virtue this week, especially when it comes to romance. An attractive Gemini could give you a run for your money.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Even if work-related problems are plentiful, don't let them get the better of you, Sagittarius. Keep a calm, cool approach, and tackle the issues one at a time.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

A surprise phone call from an old friend could set the stage for weekend activities. Be prepared for a good time, Capricorn, because the odds are in your favor.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, a new project may seem overwhelming at first, but you're sure to get a wealth of satisfaction from it. Your optimistic nature will guide you through.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, overreacting to a difficult situation will only make matters worse. You'll need to be more cooperative if you want things to work out.