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Ralph Truly, Doug Schwemm and Vic Corman leave the community center after voting in the primary election on March 2.

NEWSBRIEFS

Kinder registration for Sheridan School

Sheridan School is registering students for the 2010-2011 Kindergarten class. Registration forms are available in the school office. Return the forms with a copy of shot record, social security card and birth certificate. These documents are required by Tx.Edu.Agency, if you don't have copies you must obtain duplicates. Students must be 5 yrs. old as of 9/1/10 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 5/1/10. The Rice School Board will approve or deny transfers. The KG 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.

Adult meal prices increase at RCISD

The audit of Rice CISD's Food Service Program by the TDA requires that we increase prices for adult meals beginning March 1, 2010. These price increases are not optional and are a part of the Corrective Action Plan mandated by the State of Texas: Adult Employees Breakfast \$2.00, Lunch - \$3.25; Adult Visitor Breakfast - \$2.50, Lunch - \$3.50.

Pre-K Reg. for Sheridan/Garwood

Sheridan/Garwood School is accepting applications for the Pre-Kindergarten class for the 2010-2011 school year. Only qualified applicants will be accepted based on Texas Education Agency and Rice CISD guidelines. Applications are available in the Sheridan and Garwood school offices, return the application with a copy of shot record, birth certificate and social security card by 4/1/10. 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 9/1/10 and reside within the Sheridan School or Garwood 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 5/1/10. The Rice School Board will approve or deny transfers. Call the school office if you have questions, 979-234-7334.

Reminder from City

Residents of Eagle Lake are reminded to bring by some sort of statement if you had broken pipes caused by the freezing temperatures. That way the City can take into consideration the amount of water used as a sewer averaging rate is underway. For more information call the City at 979-234-2640.

Lenten Luncheons underway

The United Methodist Church (UMC) of Eagle Lake will host the 14th Annual Lenten Luncheons each Monday, beginning through March 29. The luncheons will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., with special music and guest speakers. A love offering will be taken and net proceeds go to the Eagle Lake Community Food Pantry. The third luncheon on Monday, March 8, will feature the Rev. Bill Mosley of Grace Lutheran Church. First Presbyterian Church members will provide an array of soups and desserts. A sliced meat and cheese tray, crackers, sandwich bread, hot cornbread, iced tea and coffee will be furnished by the UMC of Eagle Lake. Everyone is cordially invited...bring a friend!

Senior citizen's dance is Friday

A senior citizens dance will be held Friday, March 5 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. "This Is It" will provide the musical entertainment from 7:30-10:30 p.m. For more information call 234-2903.

Dance in Sealy Saturday

The Sealy Dance Club will host a public dance Saturday March 6 at the American Legion Hall in Sealy. Dance from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Music will be provided by the "Red Ravens." This will be the traditional Go Western dance. So put on your hats and boots and come to the best dance in all of Texas. Every dance is a big party and fun time. Open to the public. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Free cake, coffee, sandwiches, chips, dips, and door prizes. For information call C W Brandes at 979-885-3489.

William H. Harrison Sr. to be honored

Prairie Edge Museum will honor William H. Harrison, Sr. at a reception on Sunday afternoon, March 7, at the Museum. The hours are from 2 until 4 p.m. The public is invited.

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Runoff On Tap For Gertson, Sunderman In County Race

Voters went to the polls Tuesday in Eagle Lake and the surrounding area to vote in the primary election.

In the race for Precinct No. 4 Commissioner, there will be a runoff election in the Republican primary and with no Democratic challenger, the winner of the runoff will take the post.

Incumbent Darrell Gertson led with 276 votes and will face Ed Sunderman who had 195 votes.

The third candidate, Chris Schiurring had 162 votes.

The runoff election will be April 13.

Chris Maddux was elected as the new Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace.

Maddux defeated Jack Holman 469 to 386 in the Republican primary.

There is no Democratic candidate, meaning that Maddux will take office in January.

He replaces Richard Luhrs, who did not seek re-election.

Precinct 2 covers the Weimar and Sheridan areas of the county.

The Republican primary for governor, incumbent Rick Perry won re-nomination without a runoff over Kay Bailey Hutchison and Debra Medina.

In Colorado county, Perry received 1,258 votes (40.13 percent), Hutchison 1,022 (32.6 percent) and Medina 855 (27.27 percent)

In the Democratic primary for governor, former Houston mayor Bill White was easily winning the nomination over Farouk Shami, his closest contender.

In Colorado County White received 479 votes (90.21 percent) and Shami 32 (6.03 percent).

There were a total of 3,192 votes in the Republican primary in Colorado County and 544 votes in the Democratic primary. There are 13,257 registered voters in the county, putting the voter turnout at 28.18 percent.

The Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace and the Precinct 4 Commissioner elections were the only two county level contested races in the party primaries.

But there will also be two local contested elections in the general election in November.

One of the two contested general elections locally is for Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Incumbent Herbie Helmcamp did seek another term.

Darrell Kubesch filed in the

Republican primary and Charlie Wanjura Jr. filed as a candidate in the Democratic primary.

The other contested local contest for the general election, is Justice of the Peace No. 4.

Incumbent George Cason, filed as a candidate in the Democratic primary.

Ed Holland has also filed as a candidate in the Republican primary.

Other local candidates were unopposed for new terms.

They include:

--County Judge: Incumbent Al Jamison has said he will not seek another term.

Ty Prause filed in the Republican primary.

--County Treasurer: Incum-

bent Diane Matus filed for re-election in the Democratic primary.

--District Clerk: Incumbent Harvey Vornsand filed in the Democratic primary.

--County Clerk: Incumbent Darlene Hayek has filed in the Republican primary.

--County Surveyor: Incumbent Matthew Loessin filed in the Republican primary.

--Justice of Peace No. 1: Incumbent is Billy Hefner, who filed in the Democratic primary.

--Justice of the Peace No. 3: Incumbent is Francis Truchard, who filed in Democratic primary.

Unopposed as the Democratic County Chair was Mark Warner.

Jean Ellis was unopposed as Republican County Chair.

City Discusses Lights, Building Demolition

The Eagle Lake City Council discussed dilapidated building demolition and streetlights at their regular meeting on February 23.

After discussion, council opted not to have a security light put on a pole on Austin Avenue near the hospital. The vote was three to one against putting up the light. John Young, Chriss Schiurring and Michael Cooper voted against the light, and Tony Tyler voted in favor. Jane Meldahl abstained from the vote.

The matter came up, when representatives of the hospital inquired about the city adding lights in the area of the hospital.

Council said that, as a general rule, the city does not put up street or security lights at the request of residents or businesses.

It was noted that individuals could have security lights put up, but that they would be responsible for paying for them.

In 2009, the 250 or so streetlights in the city cost about \$32,000.

Council agreed that more light could be beneficial, but did not want to set a precedent of granting street light requests.

Another focus of attention at the meeting was on demolition of dilapidated buildings.

A house on "C" Street has recently been demolished and the city had a property on Clark Street

ready for demo, but the owner asked the city to give them time to take care of it themselves.

Council asked that they revisit the issue at the next council meeting to make sure that the owner is progressing in removal of the structure.

In other action:

--Council heard a budget report. It was noted that, through the first quarter, the city was operating within budget.

--Heard updates from the city manager on several items. Bidding on the sewer plant project will occur on April 6. Work to get the site of the old cleaners on Church Street remediated is progressing. City Manager Bill Rankin said that the Environmental Protection Agency has shown some interest in cleaning up the site and would be assessing the site soon.

--Council also discussed the city's large haul policy. A question was raised about the possibility of a large pickup day, but the city said it had not been done in a long time because the last time they did it, there was too high a volume of items and it took weeks to get everything. It was noted that the city will pick up items for a fee. Anyone wishing to have a large item removed can call city hall to request a pickup or to inquire about fees.



Lady Raiders Win Raider Powerlifting Invitational

Front row - left to right, Melinda Llanos, Haley Benton, Kelly Al-Obaidi, Diamond Ramirez, Zacavia Lowe, Aubrey Pavlu. Not Pictured: Jordan Pausewang, Nihla Perry. Back row, left to right, Destinee Williams, Paige Vandermark, Kim Luna, Lindy Lantleme, Veronica Mendoza, Lania Jackson, Coach Besch, Destinee Mason. Story on page 9.