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Eagle Lake Lions Club
Annual Mop & Broom Sale
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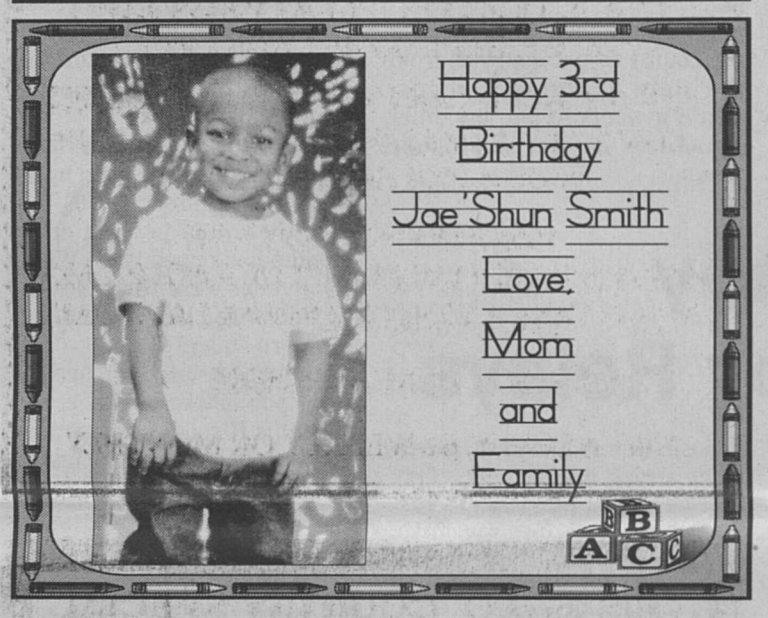
Lions Club Projects include Rice High School Scholarships, Little League, Fire Department, Eagle Lake Lighthouse, Rice Medical Center Volunteers, Eagle Lake Summer Reading, Texas Lions Camp, Children's Eyeglasses, Lighthouse for the Blind, Leader Dog Program, Lions Eye Bank



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Perry Versus White, This Nov.

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry fought off two strong challengers in the March 2 Republican Party primary, positioning himself for an unprecedented third term as governor of Texas.

By drawing more than 50 percent of the vote, Perry avoided an April runoff with his closest challenger, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who received 30.3 percent.

Newcomer Debra Medina of Wharton followed with 18.6 percent.

Combined voter turnout for the primaries was the highest since 1992, according to the Secretary of State's office, with an estimated 2.1 million ballots cast.

In the Democratic primary, former Houston Mayor Bill White took 76 percent of the vote to Houston businessman Farouk Shami's nearly 13 percent, so it will be Perry versus White in the November general election.

Perry, already the longest-serving governor in Texas history, advanced from lieutenant governor to governor when George W. Bush left for the White House in Jan. 2001.

He was reelected in 2002 and 2006 and now looks forward to a record third full term, but White stands in his way.

Incumbent Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, running unopposed in the GOP primary, will face Democrat Linda Chavez-Thompson in Nov.

Chavez-Thompson, a longtime labor activist, got 53 percent of the vote to former Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle's 34 percent.

Coming in third was Austin delicatessen owner Marc Katz with 12 percent.

Other key matchups in statewide races will include:

Incumbent Republican Attorney General Greg Abbott versus Dallas Democrat Barbara Ann Radnofsky, a Houston attorney who challenged Hutchison for her U.S. Senate seat in 2006.

Incumbent State Comptroller Susan Combs ran unopposed in the GOP primary and no one ran for the office of comptroller in the Democratic primary.

Incumbent Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, a Republican, will face Democrat Hector Uribe, a former state representative and senator from Zapata County.

Incumbent Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, a Republican, will face Democrat Hank Gilbert.

Gilbert shifted from his gubernatorial campaign to run as agriculture commissioner last fall when Bill White announced for governor.

In the Democratic primary, Gilbert, an East Texas rancher, outdrew Hill Country humorist Richard S. "Kinky" Friedman, founder of Utopia Animal Rescue Ranch near Kerrville.

Incumbent Texas Railroad Commissioner Victor G. Carrillo lost to Midland accountant David Porter in the Republican primary.

Porter will face Democrat Jeff Weems in Nov.

Six incumbent state representatives lost to challengers.

For a complete listing of primary results, go to www.sos.state.tx.us.

Perry issues posthumous pardon

Gov. Perry, on March 1, granted a posthumous pardon to Timothy Brian Cole, a Texan who died in state prison in 1999 while serving a 25-year sentence for a 1985 aggravated sexual assault he did not commit.

Perry said he pardoned Cole after receiving a unanimous recommendation to do so from the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

More than a year earlier, a court ruled Cole was innocent after proof was confirmed through DNA testing.

Cole, who turned down an offer of parole in exchange for admitting guilt, maintained his innocence throughout his time in prison.

In 1995, five years before Cole's death, another suspect confessed to the crime. Cole died in prison of an asthma attack on Dec. 2, 1999, having served nearly 15 years of the wrongful sentence.

Independence Day site debuts

A Web site created by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Brenham-based Blinn College, www.txindependence.org, debuted on March 2, Texas Independence Day.

The site spotlights the convention held at Washington-on-the-Brazos in 1836 when 59 elected delegates met, signed the Texas Declaration of Independence from Mexico and created a new nation, The Republic of Texas.

DPS says stay away from border

The Texas Department of Public Safety on March 4 urged spring break travelers to avoid border cities in Mexico.

DPS Director Steve McCraw said there is an increase in drug cartel-related violence in those cities, adding that parents should not allow their children to visit there because their safety cannot be guaranteed.

Unemployment figure repeats

On March 3, the Texas Workforce Commission reported the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.2 percent in Jan., the same as in Dec. 2009.

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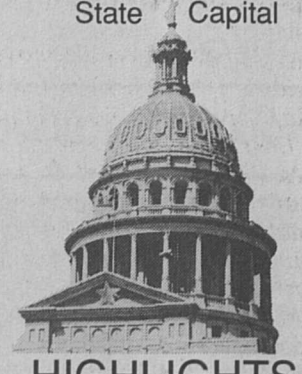
HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 Years Ago

April 3, 1986

McGruff was added to the Eagle Lake Police Department crime program...

Samuel W. Borders, 88, passed away March 30...

The Easter Bunny personally delivered Easter baskets to **Amy and Cathy Fearing** ages 5 and 2...

A.A. (Jake) Gottschald, Sr., 55, of Sheridan passed away March 27...

Eagle Lake Primary School Easter egg roll winners were **Melanie Isreal, Jill Stephens, Max Delgado, John Kaluza, Bennie Gonzales** and **Donny Obenhaus**...

Airman **Cedric Brown**, resident of Eagle Lake and a 1985 graduate of Rice High School completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio...

Julia Rosprim of Eagle Lake earned "distinguished" status at Texas A&M University...

Mrs. Robert Jewel McGehee, Sr., 79, passed away March 31...

Staff Sgt. **Walter R. Williams, Jr.** son of **Margaret L.** and **Walter R. Williams** of Alleyton, has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal in West Germany...

David Shimek a senior agriculture major from Garwood was named to the dean's honor roll at Texas A&M University...

Tommie G. Arlt, 68, of Lissie passed away March 31...

Eagle Lake's own **Mickey Scott** will find out if a year of training was worthwhile. He will compete in Houston in his first bodybuilding contest at the Albert Thomas Convention Center.

March 31, 1960

Funeral services were held for **Mrs. Mary Popp**, 81 on March 22...

Alan Causey, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Ed Causey** of Eagle Lake, will served on the University of Texas Roundup Revue Staff...

Ellis Glueck, Jr. for $680 for his FFA grand champion calf...

Mark Burke, son of **Mr. and Mrs. George Burke** of Eagle Lake was honored in play school March 17 on his 6th birthday. A party was also held at his home with 20 of his kindergarten friends attending...

Mrs. David Frank was honored with a miscellaneous shower on March 14...

Mrs. Annie L. Foster of Shaw's Bend passed away one day after her 74th birthday...

Frank Lee Graves, Jr. will attended the Summer Institute for Science and Math Teachers at the University of Texas. He is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. F.L. Graves** of this city, and teaches Physics, Chemistry and Biology in Bellville...

Rev. Walter J. Miller has submitted his resignation as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church of Eagle Lake in order to accept a call to First Lutheran Church of Galveston as assistant pastor...

Gerald Birdwell, Eagle Lake high school senior will leave for Waco where he will enter his outstanding science exhibit on "Ion Propulsion" in the Regional Fair at Baylor University...

In case you're curious, the construction underway on the lot next to the Adkins' Dairy Delite will be picnic pavilions with shaded picnic tables for patrons of the Dairy Delite...

Randy Spalinger, 10-year-old son of **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spalinger** spent the weekend in Houston with his grandmother, **Mrs. I.F. Harlan**, but unfortunately came home with a case of the chicken pox.

Chamber Casino Night March 27

Whoo-hoo!! Final preparations are being made for the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Casino Night and Texas Hold 'em Tournament scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 7 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Building at 303 East Main St!

You will not want to miss out on this! It will be better than ever! Help us spread the word to your friends in and out of town that enjoy playing. All proceeds enable the Chamber to continue to grow and promote Eagle Lake.

Casino Night Tickets are $30, which includes casino gaming tables (blackjack, roulette, poker, and craps), food, two drink tickets and a gambling chip ticket redeemable for $5000 in chips. You will be able to purchase additional casino chips throughout the evening for the casino gaming tables. There will be special prizes for the top three casino players at the end of the night!

If you want to play in the Texas Hold 'em Tournament, it is an extra $20 so you will purchase the Casino Night Ticket and a Texas Hold 'em Tournament Ticket for $50.

Rules for the Texas Hold 'em Tournament will be pre-determined prior to the event and will be available upon request. The Grand Prize for the Texas Hold 'em Tournament is being sponsored by the Eagle Lake Drug Store & Radio Shack and you won't believe what it is! A Fantasea Cruise aboard a major cruise ship for 2 adults, 4 to 5 day trip!

Port to Call is Galveston and all port fees/taxes are all prepaid! You arrive and board on a Thursday and return on a Monday. Where are you going? COZUMEL! Buy your tickets early to guarantee your seat and chance to win this trip! You don't want to miss out! Someone is going to Cozumel!

The Chamber is having one silent auction item but what an adventure it will be! Up for bids, is a Hog Hunt/Fishing Trip to King Ranch for 8! Lodging, Food and Drinks are also included in the package! Bids will start at $1250 and will be in $200 increments!

Get your group of 8 together, set your maximum, and start the bidding! This trip is being sponsored by Multi Source Sand and Gravel, out of LaGrange! A similar package was won last year at one of our other events and the winners reported that it was an AWESOME trip! This trip is worth several, several thousand dollars!

Tickets for Casino Night and the Texas Hold 'em Tournament are available from any Chamber Director (Laura Myres, Tom Gold, Tim Kelley, Mary Ann Kaluza, Wanda Henry, Dan Canaris, Kymbra Owen, Ronnie Sedgwick, Lynn Rucka, Linda Balas, or Mary Parr) and also at the Eagle Lake Chamber Office at 303 E Main St. in Eagle Lake.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the Chamber Directors, e-mail Mary Parr at info@VisitEagleLake.com, call Lynn at 832-623-3818 or Mary at the Chamber office at 979-234-2780.

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