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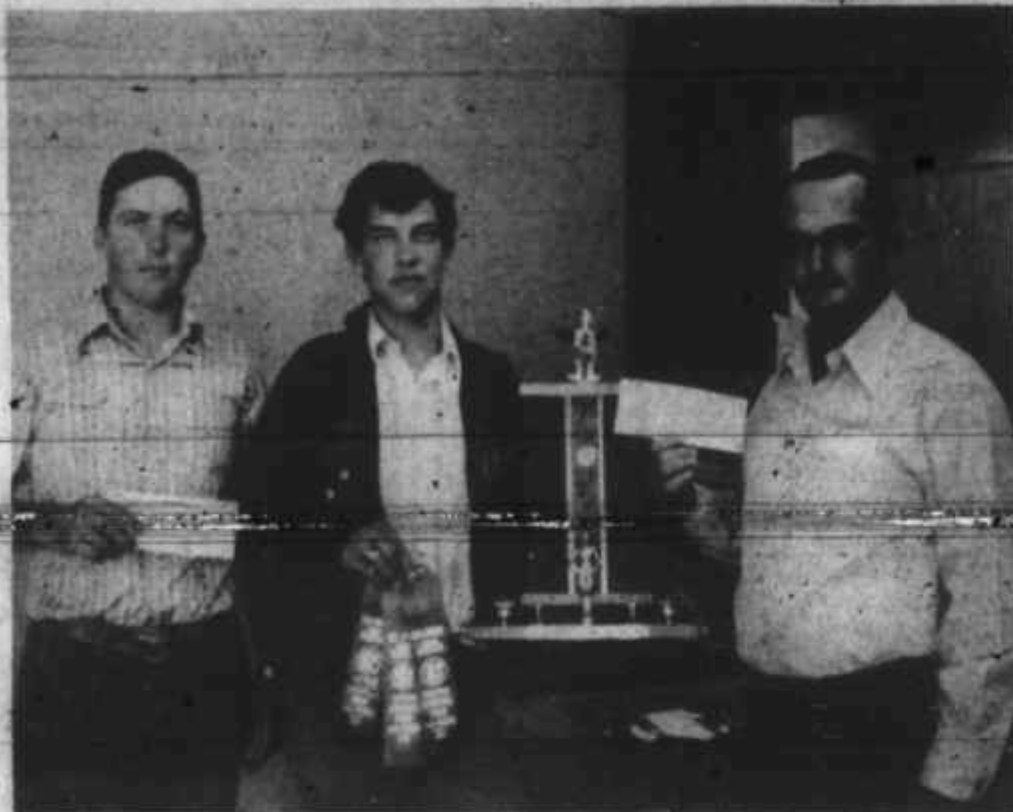
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Clifton Hefner Wins \$1000, Mahalitic \$500



Rice High School FFA members placed first and second in the Commercial Steer Show in the Houston Livestock Show and brought home checks of \$1000 and \$500 plus other prize money. In the picture above, left to right, Anthony Mahalitic, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mahalitic of Eagle Lake, holds his check for \$500 for second place; center, Clifton Hefner, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hefner of Garwood, shows his three ribbons and trophy and Troy Krenek, right, displays the \$1000 check which Clifton also won for first place in the show.

Rice FFA Members Win Many Places In Houston

Rice Future Farmers of America members had some outstanding entries in the Houston Livestock Show and brought home a large number of ribbons and prize money including a first and second sheep in the junior commercial steer competition.

Clifton Hefner showed three Angus-Charolais crosses in the commercial competition and won the first place prize of \$1,000. Anthony Mahalitic showed eight Hereford steers and won second prize of \$500.00. Clifton also received a beautiful trophy for his first place win.

Boys competing in the commercial steer show not only showed animals but were also judged on personal interviews and on a thirty question examination about the feeding program. Clifton scored 29 correct answers on the thirty written question test.

In addition to the prize money all entries shared in a total of \$5000 in prize money on the basis of \$34.75 for each prime entry, \$27.80 for a choice steer, and \$20.85 for a good steer. Hefner had a prime and two choice ribbons and also received \$90.35 in ribbon money while Mahalitic had five prime and three choice ribbons and collected \$257.15 in ribbon money.

Wesley Wick was in the running for the grand champion Crossbred Brahman right up to the final few moments of judging but had to settle for a second place ribbon. Three other Rice students won ribbons in the Crossbred Brahman competition: Tammy Walker placed eighth; Robert Abell was ninth; and Thierry Hoffman tenth.

Others winning ribbon money in the commercial steer competition were: Wesley Wick, three good ribbons for his 3 Red Angus steers for a total of \$62.55 in ribbon money; James Black, three good ribbons for his Brangie steers, \$62.55 ribbon money; Daryl Hunt, one prime and two choice ribbons for his Angus-Charolais cross steers for a total of \$90.35.

Also, Calvin Mahalitic had eight choice ribbons for his Hereford - Brahman cross steers for \$278.00 in prize money; and Al Mahalitic, eight choice ribbons for Angus-Hereford cross steers for \$278.00 in ribbon money. Commercial entries sold at auction following the show at prices ranging from 45 to 47c per pound.

James Henke competed in the open Angus Bull competition with entries from all over the United States and won eighth, tenth, and fourteenth places with his entries.

In the Dairy Heifer Show, Rice had four winners, Robert Abell's entry rated a blue ribbon; Gregory Lob-pries and Mark Henke had red ribbons; and Henke also received a white ribbon for another entry.

Tommy Burns had the only winner in the hog competition winning 25th place with his hog.

Two Rice FFA members
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Rec. Center Bd. Allocates \$2000 To Tennis Activities

The Board of Directors of the Eagle Lake Recreation Center held an important session in the clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28th.

One of the items of importance was the allocation of \$2000.00 for the expenses of maintenance and improvements to the tennis courts at the Recreation Center. The directors also decided that if the full amount is not spent in the current year of 1974, the balance in funds will be retained in the tennis court fund for future use.

If anyone wishes to contribute specifically to this phase of the Recreation Center, donations will be gratefully accepted.

Alton (Butch) Herman was hired by the board to care for the golf course on weekends when the regular attendants are off duty. He will collect green fees and will rent golf carts. Mr. Herman will be paid 50% of the green fee collections and also half of the club's share for golf cart rentals.

The directors also decided to assess members who have golf cart storage facilities at the Center, a fee of \$3.00 per month for storage fees. Also it was decided that any future golf cart storage sheds will have to be approved first by the board of directors so that construction may comply with standards set out by the board. As in the past, persons who own golf carts and store them at home or away from the center will be permitted to use their carts without assessment.

The club now has four golf carts (electric) for rent for a fee of \$3.00 for nine holes. The board also decided that any adult member who wishes to have a key to the clubhouse may request a key.

The next meeting of the board of directors of the Eagle Lake Recreation Center will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 28th.

Lissie Home-Coming Sunday

A warm welcome is extended to all friends, former members of the Lissie Church, or residents of the Lissie Community to enjoy the first general homecoming to be held this Sunday, March 10.

The Rev. Paul Wallace will conduct the regular worship service at 11:00 a.m. This will be followed by a "Carry-In Dinner" in the fellowship hall of the church. Bread and drinks will be provided, other-

Tourney, Open House Sunday

The Eagle Lake Recreation Center will stage a best ball, 18 hole golf tournament and will hold open house at the newly decorated clubhouse beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The public is invited to attend the open house and to participate in the tournament. Entry fee in the tournament will be \$3.00 and merchandise prizes will be awarded.

Refreshment will be served in the clubhouse.



JOYCE KORENEK
Joyce Korenek Wins St. Mary's Spelling Bee

Joyce Korenek is the Houston Chronicle Spelling Bee Champion at St. Mary's School. Joyce, 12 years of age, is in the seventh grade. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Korenek. The Colorado County Spelling Bee will be held in March and Joyce will participate.

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Sheridan PTS Fried Chicken Supper Fri.

The Parent-Teacher organization of Sheridan will sponsor a chicken supper at the Sheridan school cafeteria at 7 o'clock in the evening, Friday, March 8th.

The supper will close out the week of the observance of Public School Week.

The school will be open at six o'clock p.m. for all interested persons to visit classrooms before the supper.

A menu of fried chicken, Cole slaw, red beans, fresh homemade rolls, pie, tea or coffee will be served. The adult plates will sell for \$2.00 each and the children's plates for \$1.00 each.

Circus Here Tonite, Wed. For 2 Shows

The circus is coming to town for one day this Wednesday, Mar. 6th when the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club will sponsor the Dailey Bros. circus for two performances at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.

The circus have erected a large tent on the vacant lot next to the Eagle Lake office of the American Rice Growers Association on West Main Street a block from the downtown city square.

Each of the circus performances is due to last ninety minutes and there will be action in the rings of the circus throughout the entire 90-minute performances which begin at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.

First Rice Planted Here

The first rice to be planted in the Eagle Lake area was sown March 1st by Gerry Clippson and several others are expected to plant some rice this week.

Henry Sunderman began planting Monday of this week north of the city and John Clippson was due to plant some rice at Rock Island possibly Tuesday.

All three farm on acreage that is watered by wells.

The first rice to be planted in the county was by Schurring Bros. in the Garwood area on Feb. 14th. However, due to the cool weather for the past several weeks, the rice still had not sprouted early this week.

With continued spring-like weather, planting of the 1974 crop will get into full swing in the next couple of weeks.

Girl Scout Week Dinner Next Wed.

Eagle Lake Girl Scouts will be observing annual Girl Scout Week March 10th through 16th. Juliet Gordon Low organized the first troop of twelve girls on March 12th, 1912 in Savannah, Georgia.

Brownies and Girl Scouts and their parents will get together for a Family Night supper on Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center. The meal will be a covered dish affair.

The girls have planned a program of songs and skits for this evening of fellowship.

Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend and join the Girl Scouts in celebrating their 62nd birthday anniversary.

Public Schools Week Programs Well Attended

Public Schools Week is being observed this week in Rice Consolidated District schools with good attendance at programs and open houses at Garwood and Eagle Lake Middle School Monday and at the Rice High School Tuesday.

The Raider band entertained with a fine concert in Rice High School gym to open Tuesday night's program.

Activities continue Thursday at the Eagle Lake Primary School and Friday at Sheridan School as follows:

EAGLE LAKE SCHOOL
Eagle Lake Primary School will hold its open house from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7th and all parents and interested citizens are invited to attend.

Teachers will be in their respective classrooms to discuss subject materials. No program is planned.

There will be an open house at the Sheridan Elementary School from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 8th followed by a fried chicken supper.

The public is invited to visit the classrooms of their choice and to enjoy the delicious fried chicken to be served by members of the Sheridan Parents and Teachers organization in the school cafeteria for \$1.00 per plate for children and \$2.00 per plate for adults.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL
Eagle Lake Chief of Police Roy Chism returned home Tuesday night after a week of intensive tests in the Methodist Hospital to determine the cause of an illness that has been curtailing his activities for the past several months.

Friends hope to see him up and about again real soon.

Much New Construction Is Underway In Area

GARCIA FOR SCHOOL BD. AT SHERIDAN; THOMAS IN E.L.

Baker runs to Make Contest In City Election

Filing Deadline Tonite, Wed.

With the filing deadline for places on the ballot in the City of Eagle Lake and Rice Consolidated School District elections coming up at midnight today, Wed., Mar. 6th, two candidates have filed for the two places to be filled on the Rice Board and incumbent councilman Gene Baker filed for re-election to make a contest in the city council election. Both city and school elections will be held on Sat., April 6th.

Dr. Raymond R. Thomas filed this week for re-election to the Eagle Lake Position No. 5 on the Rice CSD board. Jose Garcia, an employee of Shell Oil Company

St. Mary's Civics Club Benefit Sat.

St. Mary's Civics Club of St. Mary's School, Nada, will sponsor a Benefit Party in St. Mary's Parish Hall this Saturday, March 9th at 8:30 p.m.

Refreshments consisting of rice, crispy squares, kolaches, cake, sandwiches and other goodies including coffee and tea will be served. Proceeds are for the benefit of St. Mary's School.

Community Choir To Begin Work On Cantata Sun.

All persons interested in participating in the Community Choir's presentation of the annual Easter Cantata are invited and urged to attend a rehearsal to be held at the Colly Memorial United Methodist Church at 4 p.m. this Sunday, March 10th.

All singers from all churches in this area are invited to participate in the choir.

Sheridan filed for the Position No. 4 vacated when Harry Brisco announced he would not seek re-election. Unless some one files before the midnight, Mar. 6 deadline with board secretary Anthony Kallina in Garwood, both will be unopposed in the April 6th balloting.

Councilman Baker became the third candidate for two positions on the Eagle Lake City Council after he filed this week. Others who had filed earlier were James (Jimmy) Wood and Harold Raabe.

The other incumbent councilman whose term expires this year, Wilfred C. Luedcke, announced last week that he would not seek re-election.

At press time Wednesday morning, Mayor Elmer A. Struss, whose term also expires on April 6th, was the only candidate for the office of Mayor for the next two years.

City candidates must file with city secretary Miss Lucille Perry before midnight this Wed., Mar. 6th for a place on the ballot.

Also construction is underway on an extensive expansion program at the Tenneco plant at Chesterville; and the D. R. Winterman bulk fertilizer facility in the rice mill area of the city is being enlarged.

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New Dairy Queen Open For Business

Eagle Lake's newest business, the Dairy Queen located at the intersection of South McCarty and Boothe Drive, opened for business on Wednesday of last week after most of the paving was completed during Tuesday night.

The new business is an attractive addition to the community and has proven popular with local residents as well as transients during the first week of opening.

Manager David Pennington reports that the Dairy Queen will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. More information and congratulatory messages will be published in the next issue of the Headlight.

Meanwhile the staff of the new Dairy Queen invites you to come by at any time for a visit.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT
Colorado County Commissioners' Court will meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Monday in Columbus. Bids for paving of county roads, for an atuo for the sheriff's de-

Construction work is underway in many areas of the city, on both commercial and residential improvements.

Three of the major projects include: the work on the new Eagle Lake Community Hospital building on Austin Road on the western edge of the city; the new Police and Sheriff's Office building on the corner of Walnut and West Main Street across from the Community Center; and of streets, curb and guttering and utility lines in the new Ridgelea Addition between Eagle Lake Recreation Center and the Heritage House nursing home.

All foundation work for the new hospital building has been completed and masonry work and steel work is underway and the \$1-plus million project is beginning to take shape.

Foundation work has also been completed for the new library building and erection of steel and brick walls is expected to begin this week. Excavation work and shaping of streets for the new Ridgelea addition is progressing nicely and with good weather, the project should be well on its way by the end of this week.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEET
The Board of Education for the Rice School District will meet in regular session next Tuesday night. A prominent item on the agenda will be hiring of teachers for the 1974-75 school year. The board meets in the administration building in Altair.

EL Primary School-Parent Meet Tues.

All parents and other interested persons are invited and urged to attend a meeting of Eagle Lake Primary School-Parent Council to be held in the primary school gym at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Mar. 12th. The Rev. Coby Shorter will preside at this third council meeting.

partment, and for automated equipment for the tax office will be on the agenda.

Sen. Tower Sponsors Rice Confab



Local directors of the American Rice Growers Cooperative Association and other interested rice producers met Tuesday at Marvin's with an aide for Senator John Tower and a USDA executive for a discussion of future rice programs. Shown above are, left to right, Larry Combs, agricultural advisor to Senator John Tower, Harold Thomas of Eagle Lake, state ASC committeeman; Terry Harmon, director of the Cotton and Oil Seeds Division of the ASC who explained future programs to the rice men; and Jay Anderson of Eagle Lake, who coordinated the tour being made by the men through the Texas rice producing areas. See story on page twelve.

8 P.M. IN ELMS Gym

Coaches-Exes Cage Tilt Thurs.

The Rice Raider Boosters invite one and all to attend the Coaches and Exes basketball game to be played at 8 p.m. tonight, Thurs., Mar. 7th in the Eagle Lake Middle School gym.

The team of exes will be dubbed the Glub-Toters and they will meet the Rice Crunchy Coaches. The game will be billed as the first annual "Super-Duper Bowl."

The game is guaranteed to have some outstanding Ex-Raided Cheerleaders and Women's Lib officials. Half-time entertainment will be provided by Marilyn Thomas' twirlers.

Admission will be \$1.00 for adults and 50c for students. Student tickets will be available in advance at the office of the Eagle Lake Middle School. Adult tickets may be obtained in advance from

Raider Boosters or at the door Thursday night.

All proceeds will go to the annual All-Sports banquet to be held this spring to honor Rice High School athletes, both boys and girls.

For fun galore you won't want to miss this stellar cage attraction.

The team of exes, coached by Kenneth Perry, will include such outstanding exes as John Thomas, Charles Altman, Chuck Machmehl, John David Konvicka, Mike Grigar, Ernie Uzzell, Jeff Frnka and Ralph Johnson.

Playing for the coaches will be David Cardoso, Ruben Wudelrich, E. Gahrns, W. McCowan, W. Hollas, B. Watson, Fred Graham, Jim Moore, Bill Appelt, Major Benge, Jerry Hajovsky, Bill Carpenter, E. Brown, Jack Grammer and H. Hinte.