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Rice High School Honor Graduates



LEROY ALVARADO



CINDY WEGENHOFF



MARGARET WILCOX



DINA KOHLEFFEL



JANIE RODRIGUEZ



DARYL HUNT



DEBBIE SOMMERLATTE



CINDY STAPLETON



DONNA DANKLEFS



CINDY PAVLU

Work Started On Cable TV Here

Workmen for Texacable, Inc. of Temple have started work on installation of cable television facilities here for the Lockhart Cable Television Services, Inc., which was granted a franchise by the City of Eagle Lake last April for the cable television service here.

Presently the work includes installation of cables on Central Power and Light Co. and Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. poles and connections to homes and businesses will come later.

The construction firm has set up headquarters in the former Estlinbaum lumber warehouses on East Main.

The cable television will be made available, probably in late summer, on a voluntary basis. Fees, as approved by the council last April, will be \$6.95 for a residence and \$1.50 for each additional connection after the first connection. The initial installation fee of \$12.50 will be waived during three promotional periods when citizens will be given the opportunity to hook onto the cable television setup without the \$12.50 installation fee.

The system will, when completed, give coverage for all of the Houston stations, six in all, plus three Austin channels and a channel for city and school use, and another for time, temperature and news with FM background music.

Miller's BBQ Now Open 3 Days Weekly

Miller's Grocery in Eagle Lake announces that the Miller BBQ Shack, next door to the grocery, will be serving delicious barbecue on Thursdays as well as on Fridays and Saturdays. The Oscar Millers, owners, state that this is another service being added as a convenience to customers in the area.

W. H. Bolton and Lawrence Koopman will prepare the barbecued beef, sausage, chicken and pork ribs. Five pounds of boneless beef barbecue will be awarded free each Saturday for the next four Saturdays, beginning May 3rd through May 22nd. You may register at Miller's without obligation or purchase on any day that the BBQ Shack is open and drawings will be held on each of the four Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Merle Norman Closed Mondays

Merle Norman Cosmetics Studio in Eagle Lake, announced that it will be closed all day on Mondays.

Deadline For All-Sports Tickets Mon.

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Rice High All-Sports Banquet to be held on Thursday, May 8th and tickets must be purchased not later than Monday, May 5th.

The banquet will honor all boys and girls who competed in high school athletics during the 1974-75 school year and is being sponsored this year by the Rice Pep Squad.

Complimentary tickets will be issued to the honorees, however all other persons attending must have purchased a ticket in advance not later than Monday.

The tickets priced at \$2.50 each may be obtained at the Headlight office or the Rice Drug Store in Eagle Lake; at Woody's Drive In Grocery in Garwood; and at the Post-office in Sheridan.

Ken Burroughs, wide receiver for the Houston Oilers, will be the guest speaker at the event which will be held in the Rice Commons beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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Year Book Being Prepared For Pink Ladies

A year book for the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary is in the process of being assembled for the remainder of this year and next, and all statistics are needed as soon as possible.

Ladies wishing to become a member, either active or inactive, should remit dues now so that all persons contributing in one way or another may have her name listed in the book.

All contributions and dues to this organization may be mailed to Mrs. Joe L. McCreary.

First Nat'l Bank Deposits Continue Climb

Deposits continue to show a steady climb at the First National Bank in Eagle Lake as reflected in the report at the close of business April 16th.

First National Bank listed a total of \$21,772,901.08 in assets and deposits totaling \$18,957,254.34.

This compares with assets of \$18,852,971.95 and deposits of \$16,419,726.92 at the end of the period April 24, 1974; and with assets of \$21,151,520.67 and deposits of \$18,500,611.19 on Dec. 31, 1974.

Taylor Seeks Aid For Landfill

The operation of the Colorado County Sanitary Landfill was the subject of a meeting of representatives from the cities of Eagle Lake, Columbus and Weimar, County Judge Lester Cranek and operator B. R. Taylor and Tom Halbert, supervisor of the landfill, recently.

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12 HONOR GRADUATES IN RHS SENIOR CLASS

Twelve honor graduates are included in the 123-member Rice High School Senior Class and are candidates for graduation at 8 p.m. on May 23rd at the Rice High School gymnasium.

The seniors will present their own program after which diplomas will be presented by the board president, Anthony V. Kallina.

Addresses will be made by the salutatorian Sarah Mathis; and the valedictorian Carol Schoellmann. Other members of the class who are honor graduates are: Leroy Alvarado, Donna Lynn Danklefs, Daryl Scott Hunt, Dina Marie Kohleffel, Cynthia Marie Pavlu, Janie Margaret Rodriguez, Debra Dinah Sommerlatte, Cynthia Elaine Stapleton, Cynthia Elaine Wegenhoff and Margaret Anita Wilcox.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY MAY 9 The awards assembly for the Senior Class is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 9th. The awards assembly for underclassmen will be held at 10:30 a.m. Mon., May 12th.

HONOR GRADUATES Leroy Alvarado is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Alvarado of Eagle Lake. He plans to attend Wharton County Junior College and begin his studies in business or electronics.

Donna Danklefs is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Danklefs of Garwood. She plans to attend Texas A & M University and major in Business Administration specializing in accounting. Her ultimate goal, educationally and career wise, is to become a certified public accountant (CPA).

Dina Kohleffel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Kohleffel of Eagle Lake. She plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in Physical Therapy.

Daryl Hunt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale V. Hunt of Garwood. He plans to attend Texas A & M University or Abilene Christian College and major in Agricultural Economics or Ag. Engineering.

Following graduation from one of these institutions, Daryl plans to return to this area to farm rice and raise cattle.

Cynthia Pavlu is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pavlu of Garwood. After completing high school she plans to attend either Wharton County Junior College or Southwest Texas State University, where she plans to study in the field of business administration or accounting.

Janie Rodriguez is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ignacio Rodriguez of Garwood. She plans to attend Texas Woman's University and major in nursing. She hopes to become a registered nurse. Janie plans to maintain her interest in music by serving as a tutor and hopes to be able to minor in music.

Debra Dinah Sommerlatte is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Sommerlatte of Eagle Lake. She plans to attend Texas State University and major in education.

Qualify For Notary Public Here Friday

Texas Secretary of State Mark White reminds that all presently commissioned notaries public desiring to be re-appointed for the new term which begins June 1, 1975, must pay the required fee and file a new oath and bond with the county clerk between May 1st and May 15th.

For the convenience of those who desire to be re-appointed, County Clerk Lester Schneider and his deputies will be at the city hall in Eagle Lake from 9 to 10 a.m. this Friday, May 2nd. Fee for qualifying is \$4.00.

Snake Cause Of 35-Minute Blackout Sat.

The entire city limits of Eagle Lake and a few areas surrounding the city were thrown into darkness for over thirty minutes Saturday night when a large black or grass snake decided to take up residence in one of the switches at the Central Power and Light Company's Eagle Lake substation on the southern edge of the city, near Eagle Lake Rice Dryer.

Power went off suddenly at 8:25 p.m. and CPL workmen worked for nearly a half-hour before locating the switch which had been shorted out by the snake. Power was restored at around 9:00 p.m.

Frank Sherrer, local CPL manager, said that crewmen were here Monday to repair the damaged switches and everything is back in order.

He expressed regret for the unavoidable inconvenience to local CPL customers.

3 To Retire In Rice School District

Three persons will be retiring in the Rice School District at the completion of the 1974-75 school year. They were presented plaques by the County Unit of the Texas State Teachers Association Monday night. Rice Board president Anthony Kallina is presenting the plaques to left to right, Allie Floyd of the Eagle Lake primary school, Leola Kloss teacher at Sheridan, and Mary Zbrank Garwood lunch-room employee.

Middle School Cafeteria Broken Into

Burglars, believed to be youngsters, broke into the Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria some time during Friday or Saturday night and did considerable malicious mischief.

Chief of Police Roy Chisum said that he received a call from Supt. E.A. Krivacka at 5:30 p.m. Sunday when the entry was noted. The entry was through a window on the north side of the building. Considerable amount of flour was scattered over the floor and gas stoves were turned on and knobs on the stoves were knocked off or damaged. Barefoot tracks were found in the flour spilled on the floor and the local police were to check on some suspects early this week.

Garwood VFD Bldg. Donations Pass \$5000

Garwood Volunteer Fire Department reports good response to date to an appeal for contributions for the construction of a new building to house the department's fire fighting equipment.

The department sent out letters recently asking for contributions to this worthy project and on Monday a total of 98 families and businesses had contributed over \$5200 on the proposed \$21,000 project.

Fire Chief Robert Schurring said "We have made a good start but we still have a long way to go and we ask our friends in the Garwood and Nada area, and in neighboring communities to help us by contributing to this project. Send your donation, no matter how large or small to the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department, Garwood, Texas 77442 and it will be greatly appreciated."

The department plans to erect a new 58' x 40' metal type building to house four units on Arthur Street, facing the present fire station which will be retained and continue in use.

Those who have contributed (Continued on last page)

Industry To Locate at IH 10-949 Int.

Steve Skinner To Join EL Police Force

Steve Skinner, formerly a deputy sheriff with the Colorado County Sheriff's Department, is currently attending a law enforcement academy in Humble and at the completion of the Certified Police Officers course will assume duties as a third full-time policeman for the City of Eagle Lake.

While attending the school, Skinner will be working part-time with the city officers on week-ends. He is expected to be in the school for six to eight weeks.

Skinner, 29, and his wife Cheryl and two children will reside at the Sportsman's Motel where she is manager. Mr. Skinner served in a security position for several years before joining the sheriff's staff.

He will join Chief of Police Roy Chisum and Patrolman Lufford Ashley as full-time officers for the city and Bill Chavis as a part-time officer.

Funds were set up in the 1975-76 budget for the expansion of the police staff to three full-time officers in order to provide citizens in the city better around-the-clock security and law enforcement.

City Calls Meeting Of Summer Rec. Teams Next Wed.

The city of Eagle Lake has called a meeting of all persons and teams interested in using the city ball park for the summer recreation program. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wed., May 7th. This includes both baseball and softball teams and leagues, said City Manager T. J. Smith. Plans will be made for scheduling and use of the field for the summer program.

Retired Persons Meet Next Wed.

The local unit of the American Association of Retired Persons will have its regular meeting next Wed., May 7th at 2:30 p.m. in the Colly Memorial United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. Geraldine Cason will present the program. A game party will be enjoyed following the program. All are invited to attend.

2 Rice Students Win County TSTA Scholarships

Two Rice High School seniors were named the winners of the Colorado County Unit of Texas State Teachers Association scholarships at a meeting of the county TSTA Monday night at Rice High School.

Joe Wendel, chairman of the scholarship committee, reported that only two applications were received from seniors at the three high schools in the district commenting that this obviously reflects a lack of interest in teacher training.

The scholarships are awarded annually to students who plan to pursue a career in teaching.

Recipients of the 1975 scholarships will be Miss Della Castillo and Miss Beverly Gertson, both of Eagle Lake. Formal presentation of the awards will be made at the senior awards program to be held Thurs., May 8th at Rice High School gymnasium.

Smith Industries To Break Ground On 83 Ac. Site Thurs.

Smith Industries, Inc., a Houston-based industrial manufacturing and service company, has obtained clear title to an eighty-three-acre tract, located 8 miles east of Columbus and 12 miles north of Eagle Lake at the intersection of I-10 and FM 949, it was announced this week by Joe Welch, Vice President, Oil and Gas Division.

"We have purchased the land," said Welch, "with the intention of constructing a 51,000 sq. ft. industrial plant. The operation will be a direct extension of our oil and gas program here in Houston."

Smith's Oil and Gas Division is responsible for the design and fabrication of components utilized by petroleum-oriented industries—both onshore and offshore. Types of equipment to be manufactured by Smith's Columbus plant will include heater treaters, gas-liquid separators, and storage tanks.

"We very much look forward to working with the good people of the area," continued Welch. "In fact, as plans now stand, our plant will require a staff of over 150 when it is in full operation."

Ground breaking is currently scheduled for May 1st with a tentative October, 1975, plant completion date.

In addition to its Houston headquarters and plant, Smith Industries maintains sales offices or warehouses in Corpus Christi, Beaumont, Odessa, Texas; New Orleans and Lafayette, Louisiana; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Mount Pleasant, Michigan. Smith also maintains a Fasteners, Galvanizing and Special Coatings Division. The company has been serving the industrial needs of the Southwest since 1927.

Eagle Lake Kindergarten Regis. Thurs.

All parents who have children who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 1975, should come to the Eagle Lake Primary Gym today, Thursday, May 1st for registration from 2:45 to 3:45.

Any parent who has a beginning first grader who is not presently attending Kindergarten at Eagle Lake Primary School should register their child (six years old on or before September 1, 1975) at the same time.

Birth certificates, processed by the time school begins in August. Please bring the birth certificates to the registration session, said Principal Major Bengt.

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