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Baylor Religious Hour Choir At Baptist Ch. Sun.

The Baylor Religious Hour Choir will return to the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake this Sunday, February 19th for a concert at 7:[...] p.m.

Director of the choir is Bob Griffith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffith of Eagle Lake. The concert has special meaning to church members and friends since Bob Griffith grew up in Eagle Lake and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

The 45-voice BRH Choir presents the music on the Baylor University campus each Wednesday at the weekly campus service. The choir has traditionally been made up of outstanding Christian college young people. Some of the most widely known men in church music have directed the BRH Choir.

The First Baptist Church is pleased to be able to host the choir as a worthwhile Christian musical evening for the benefit of the entire community. Pastor Melburn Sibley emphasizes that everyone is invited. There is no admission charge but a love offering will be received to meet the choir expenses.

National Wildlife Refuge Presents $10,166 Check To County

Wayne Shifflett, Refuge Manager at the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge, right, recently presented a check for $10,166 to County Judge Lester Cranek. The lump sum of money from the Government is in lieu of taxes and is based on three-fourths of one percent of the assessed value of lands withdrawn from the tax rolls. The money presented to the county is to be spent on schools and/or road improvement.

Commr. Court Declines To Divide Attwater Check With Schools

Colorado County Commissioners' Court voted Monday to decline normal division of a check received from the Federal Government Wildlife Refuge Refund program for $10,166.04 and put the money into a special fund for future road and bridge work.

Each year the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge remits a check in lieu of monies that would have been collected on the refuge lands for taxes had the land been under private ownership. The check is on the basis of three-fourths of one percent of the total assessed value of the lands withdrawn from the tax rolls. It is stipulated that the funds are to be spent on schools and/or road improvements.

In the past the check was distributed to the three taxing agencies in which the refuge lies - the Rice School District, Columbus School District and Colorado County - on the basis of percentage of acres in each and on loss of tax-revenue. Last year the Rice District received 49.08 percent of the check for $9,104.542, Columbus school district received 25.09 precent, and the county 25.83 percent.

Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker of Prec. 3 opened the discussion by commenting that he has 20 to 25 wooden bridges in his precinct that need to be replaced, "many of which are becoming unsafe for school buses." He said, "we need to face up to the situation that this is a countywide problem." This prompted Precinct 2 Commissioner Rafael Veselka to suggest that the money be placed into the contingency fund.

Stiles' Motion Dies

A motion by Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles to continue allocation of the funds as in the past, died for lack of a second. Another motion by Stiles to table the matter to give more time for study and to give school districts an opportunity to give input, was seconded by Judge Lester J. Cranek when it appeared this motion would die for lack of a second also, but the motion was defeated 3-1 with Precinct 1 Commissioner Otto Loessin going along with Leyendecker and Veselka in voting against. Judge Cranek abstained from voting on the motion.

Headlight editor Fred R. Frnka voiced his objection to the deviation from the former policy on the grounds that the school districts rightfully had an interest in the funds in lieu to taxes lost to the respective districts, as well as to the county.

Commissioner Leyendecker said, "in view of the fact that I have helped the school district in my area in the past (and indicated other commissioners had also) and since there are roads and bridges used by school buses in need of repair, I'd like to see the funds be put into a special fund for use as the court deems necessary for road and bridge work."

The court passed the motion to put the funds into a special fund for future road and bridge work, provided it was found to be legal to do so without distributing shares to the school districts as in the past. The motion passed on a 3-1 vote, with Stiles voting against.

County's Interest In 1977

$98,345 Bonanza, Interest On CD's

County Re-Invests $494,912.54

Colorado County Commissioners' Court Monday authorized the re-investment of a total of $494,912.54 in two certificates which matured Feb. 14th after drawing interest at the rate of 11.77 percent for the past 89 days from the county depository the Columbus State Bank. The court also authorized the re-investment of all funds in another CD which matures Feb. 21th in the amount of $171,859.33 plus $9,726.45 interest earned in the right of way fund and $2,205.82 interest earned in the contingency fund.

A CD in the amount of $287,400 matured Feb. 14th and the court ordered all of the funds re-invested with the exception of $39,000 in Road and Bridge Special and County Auditor M. L. Briscoe recommended that $10,000 be transferred from this fund to each of the four commissioners' precincts.

Another CD in the amount of $236,836.90 matured Feb. 14th and all of this fund, plus $10,475.64 interest earned in the contingency fund be re-invested, totaling $247,312.54 in this CD.

The third CD will mature Feb. 21 and totaled $171,859.33. All of these funds were ordered reinvested with the addition of $9,726.45 in the right of way fund and $2,205.82 interest earned in the contingency fund.

The court noted that the funds are allocated in the 1978 budget but are not needed for use at this time.

Briscoe told the court that these three certificates of deposit earned a total of $19,977.58 during the past 89 day period.

County Judge Lester J. Cranek added that the total revenue from interest on CD's placed during the year of 1977 with the Columbus State Bank at the 11.77 percent rate, added a total of $98,345.99 in additional revenue to the county.

Reports Heard

In other action the court heard reports from Frelsburg, Columbus, Sheridan, Bernardo and Weimar fire departments and from libraries at Weimar, Columbus and Garwood. All receive support from the county and the reports gave a summary of activities carried out by the various departments and libraries during the past year.

Judge Cranek noted that during the recent County Judges' and Commissioners' Seminar in College Station, there was a session on fire fighting. He said that according to the reports given at the meeting, "this county pretty well fits into the same picture as other areas as far as the percentage of fires in rural and urban areas."

Resolution Passed

The court passed a resolution officially closing the solid waste disposal facility at Frelsburg in Precinct 3, which has been unofficially closed since September. The action was necessary in order that the state agencies officially close their records on the site. It was stated that the site could be closed only by hearing or by voluntary resolution, hence the court unanimously approved the motion to officially declare the site closed.

Western Art At Local FFA Show Saturday

A new feature has been added to the Rice High School FFA Livestock Show and Sale scheduled for this Saturday, February 18. The students from all schools in Rice Consolidated School District have been invited to display western-themed art work in the Ag classroom of Rice High School. The display will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 2:00 p.m.

This school art display was designed to allow participation in the local and Houston Livestock Show through artistic expression as well as to promote an interest in western heritage and history, said Mrs. Sandra Benge, high school art director.

More than 415 entries were done throughout the school system from grades 1st through 12th. Entries on exhibit will be in every conceivable medium from macrame to metal sculpture, from crayons to oil, from tapestry to tempera and everything in between.

Fifteen entries not to be on display locally are already in Houston for display in conjunction with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Free Breakfast

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adults and 1178 to students. Of the student lunches, 506 were free lunches and 41 under the reduced price program. He estimated that when the breakfast program goes into effect next fall, it will require the addition of two cooks and the addition of hours to present employees equivalent to hours that would be put in by another one-half unit.

Results of the trial period at Eagle Lake Primary will be analyzed in order to increase efficiency when the breakfast program goes districtwide next August.

Traffic Problem

The board also discussed increased traffic problems encountered on the highways in the district due to increased truck traffic. Board member Bill Appelt said that it has been suggested to him that the use of cars by students be restricted to certain grades, but Supt. Krivacka noted that this might create a legal problem since it would be impossible to keep the cars off the highways, even though travel on the campus could be curtailed.

The board asked the superintendent to contact the county sheriff's department and the Department of Public Safety to seek more activity by officers on highways in the Rice District area, especially during the hours at the beginning and ending of school.

State Assessment Program

Supt. Krivacka also announced to the board that the Rice District will be one of the sample schools in the Texas Education Agency Assessment Project, a statewide effort to test the specific learning skills of 100,000 public school students in April. Fifty students in the sixth grade and 50 in the 11th grade will be included in the project designed to determine statewide: how well we are doing with education in the state and how can we do better.

The group will participate in tests to determine student achievement data in reading, writing (composition), mathematics and citizenship. Test data will be compiled on both a statewide and regional basis but there will be no comparisons among campuses, school districts, students or teachers.

Refuge Funds

During the open forum Headlight editor Fred R. Frnka stated that Colorado County Commissioners' Court earlier that day had placed a $10,166 check received from the federal government from the Refuge Fund in lieu of the usual division of funds among the three taxing agencies, the Rice District, Columbus School District and the county. The funds are sent to the county in lieu of taxes based on three-fourths of one percent of the assessed value of lands withdrawn from the tax rolls.

In the past the division of the funds received had been made on the basis of acreage and taxes lost in each of the three agencies, but the commissioners voted Monday to place the entire amont in a special fund for roads and bridges and to be spent as determined by the court.

The Rice Board passed a resolution Monday night asking the Commissioners' Court to distribute the funds as in the past, noting that the anticipated revenue from the refuge source had been included in the 1977-78 budget and loss of the revenue would create undue hardship on the Rice District.

Absenteeism Improves

Schools in the Rice District have been averaging from 8 to 11 percent absenteeism due to illness, but this dropped to around 7½ percent this week. The superintendent noted that this not only hurts the learning ability of the students, but is expected to be felt when state aid is determined next year on the basis of average daily attendance during the current year.

The superintendent also noted that March 6-10th will be observed as Public Schools Week but added that March 10th will be a workshop and there will be no classes, hence programs will be scheduled March 6th through 9th. It was stressed that parents and other interested citizens should visit the public schools throughout the day and not necessarily during special activities only.

Choral Interest Down

Assistant Supt. Charles W. DeShazo reported to the board on the progress of choral music which was instituted in the district three years ago. He noted that after three years of choral music at Eagle Lake Middle School, it was disturbing to note that only one freshman of next year signed up for choral music in high school. He said that the present registration shows 12 are enrolled in high school choral program and asked the board to consider if it is worth the $3000 required to be spent annually for the program if it is for only 11 or 12 students. DeShazo suggested that the funds might be better used toward the district's primary goal of improved reading with the addition of a remedial reading teacher on the high school level. A further report on this is expected at later board meetings.

1978-79 Rice CISD Calendar Is Adopted

A calendar for the 1978-79 school year in the Rice Consolidated Independent School District was approved by the board of education Monday night, with a starting date of August 28th and the final day of class on May 25, 1979.

The board had two options on which to decide. Plan A started the year four days later than Plan B, and it was noted that about two-thirds of the faculty indicated preference for the earlier start.

The board took cognizance of the fact that August is a busy time for this agricultural community and decided to adopt the later starting date as has been reported by many of the constituents in the district.

Board member Bill Appelt made a motion to adopt Plan B which called for an August 24th start; however the motion died for lack of a second.

Plan A with a starting date of August 28th was adopted unanimously.

The calendar includes the following dates:

Inservice sessions will be held Aug. 23, 24 and 25th and the first classes will begin on Monday, Aug. 28, 1978. The first six weeks will end on Oct. 6th. The second six weeks session will run from Oct. 9 through Nov. 16th with a holiday Sept. 4th for Labor Day and and in-service session Nov. 17th for the annual TSTA convention.

The third six weeks and the second quarter will open Nov. 20th and continue through Jan. 12th with Thanksgiving holidays Nov. 23rd and 24th and Christmas holidays Dec. 20th through Jan. 2nd. The fourth six weeks of the second quarter will run from Jan. 15 through Feb. 22. An in-service session is set for Feb. 23, 1979 and a spring holiday will be taken on Feb. 26.

The fifth six weeks will open the third quarter Feb. 27 through April 10th with an in-service date on March 9th and Easter holidays Apr. 12, 13, and 16. The sixth six-weeks will end the third quarter, April 17 through May 25th, the final day of classes for the 1978-79 year. In-service sessions May 28 and 29th will end the calendar for the next school year.

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Ticket Sale For YHA-FHA Luncheon Ends Fri.

The Rice Consolidated Chapter of the Young Homemakers of Texas and Future Homemakers of Rice High School will hold their second annual Spring Fashion Bouquet Style Show and Luncheon Thursday, Feb. 23rd and the last date for purchase of tickets will be Friday, Feb. 17th.

The style show will again this year be staged in the Rice High School Commons. A delicious luncheon menu will be served at 12 noon, and a better way to enjoy it, would be to see all the latest spring fashions while you dine.

Tickets for the event are available from Mrs. Dorothy White at 234-3150, Mrs. Vicki Powers at 234-3238, Mrs. Sharon Grahmann at 234-3967 or Mrs. Barbara Sralla 758-3860.

Tickets may also be obtained at the Clothes Closet, Duncan and Son, M & M Western Store and Sears Store in Eagle Lake; and at Priesmeyer's Dept. Store in Garwood.

FFA Trail Ride, Leaves Here 8 A.M. Sat.

Alvin Kohleffel, trail boss for the 1978 Rice High School FFA Trail Ride to be made on Sat., Feb. 18th as part of the annual Rice High School FFA Show and Sale, invites riders in the area to begin plans to take part in the event.

Kohleffel, and Roy Dean Van Nort, will represent the Eagle Lake Lions Club in heading up the trail ride activities.

Kohleffel said that the ride will leave the Rusty Thomas farm, just west of the city (near the roadside park) at 8 a.m. Feb. 18th and will arrive at the Rice show barn at around 11:30 a.m.

Young ladies who would like to compete for the honor of being trail ride queen must ride in the trail ride and may register at the emergency vehicle prior to beginning the ride.

The trail boss and assistant trail boss urge all citizens of the area to join in plans for a safe ride by observing all safety precautions and especially in not visiting with the riders along the trail route.

There will be a rest stop in Altair where you will be able to visit with the riders, said Kohleffel.

Rice Board

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and said that he had found support for upgrading these facilities in preference to the consolidation.

Mrs. Priesmeyer said she recognized the vocational advantages that a consolidated junior high would offer but added that youngsters at that age were not ready to make decisions on whether to follow vocational or academic careers. Mrs. Labay added also that the consolidation would reduce the opportunity for many boys and girls to participate in athletic programs which are now carried out successfully in the individual schools in Garwood, Sheridan and Eagle Lake. Hefner echoed the sentiments expressed by Engstrom that citizens in the Garwood area were not in favor of junior high consolidation.

'Robinson Crusoe' To Be Presented At La G. Feb. 17

Texas Opera Theatre (TOT), the rapidly expanding touring division of the Houston Grand Opera, presents the American Premiere production of Jacques Offenbach's swashbuckling comic opera, "Robinson Crusoe," sung in English with chamber orchestra, at La Grange High School auditorium Friday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Only a comic master the likes of Offenbach could take one of literature's greatest adventure stories, add a tuneful musical score reminiscent of waltz-king Johann Strauss and the toe-tapping patter of Gilbert and Sullivan, expand the cast with a host of zanies, and still keep the original feel of adventure and high intrigue.

The evening of family entertainment is sponsored by Backstage, Inc.

TOT this year will tour throughout the southwest and western United States with "Robinson Crusoe," playing an estimated 50 performances. Single performances are slated throughout Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma, with half and full week residencies planned in the western states tour of Arizona, Colorado, Utah and New Mexico.

Tickets to the opera will be sold in Eagle Lake, Columbus, Weimar, Schulenburg, Hallettsville, Flatonia and La Grange.

Tax Officer To Sell License Plates Here Feb. 27-28

Colorado County Tax Officer Henry J. Hajovsky and his deputies will make a three-stop tour of the county the end of this month to issue license plates and to take assessments for the 1978 tax year.

Those planning to purchase plates should bring the license plate renewal application received by mail from the Texas Highway Department. If the application is lost or has not been received, you will need to present the certificate of title and the 1977 registration receipt.

The group will be at the city hall in Weimar Wed., Thurs., and Fri., Feb. 22, 23 and 24 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

The group will be in the council room of the Municipal Building in Eagle Lake Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 27th and 28th and Mar. 1st from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

The tour will end when the group visits in Garwood at Hopkin's Office on Friday, Mar. 3rd from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

C. of C. To Meet 2:30 Mon.

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will have its first official business meeting of the 1978 year at 2:30 p.m. next Monday, Feb. 20th at the council room of the Municipal Building.

All committeemen, announced last week, and others interested in projects for the 1978 year, are invited and urged to attend the meeting, said Bill Appelt, the new president of the chamber.

FFA Show

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for the sale of the calves and hogs.

Outstanding Entries

Rice FFA chapter advisors say that the entries this year will be some of the finest ever. Assisting the Rice FFA members and the Lions in making arrangements for the show and sale are the three vocational agriculture instructors and chapter advisors at Rice High School, Troy Krenek, Ronel Roberts and Willie Fitzgerald.

Kathy Tise, Rice Raider Review staff member, summed up the entries by the students as follows: Mike Walker, Danny Munoz, Darrell Austin, Robert Abell, Joe Ynen, David Romo, Duane Austin, Todd Lundquist, Dale Popp, Danny Isben and Scott Holden will be showing exotic steers. The Angus cross steers that will be seen in the show are owned by James Zickur, Joe Cardenas, Calvin and Raymond Mahalitc, Bret Ellis, Abel Gonzales, Debbie McCauley, Nicky and Donnie Dierschke and Andy Morales. Showing the Charolais crossbreeds will be Cary Labay, Madison Smith, Brian Korenek, Sharron Schneider, David Knesek, Pat Pavlu, Janice Prihoda, John Schneider, Tommy Balusek and Freddie Young. Russell Wick, Regena Brisco, Larry Eggemeyer, Jeff Pesnell, James Bunge, and Ben Anderson will show their Herefords. Peter Kallina, Mike Gertson, Paul Vasut, Brian Sanders, Allen Kohleffel, David Kersh, Paul Waligura, John Waligura, Mike Rios, Johnny Cooper and Robert Abell have Brahman cross steers for the show. Michael Black, Mark Leopold, Phillip Williams, David Henderson, Larry Falcon, Andy Labay, Arthur Rhodes, Timmy Leopold, Manuel Vasquez, Larry Supak, Jeff Hurd, and Troy Grounds will be showing their Duroc hogs. The crossbred hogs will be shown by Daryl Axel, Bobby Marsalia, Adam, Hector and Herbert Cavazos, Robby Cook, Robert Morgan, Billy Tillman, Jimmie Hotz, Gary McTear, James English, Patrick Hurd, Tommy Burns, James Davidson, Woody Jones, Keith Matcieski, Teddy Ash, Johnny Gonzales, Jeff Hunter, Joe Waligura, Joe Vasquez, Earnest Fields, Frankie Becak, Robert Barrion, Lester Pettus, Wayne Bowen, Bruno Shimek, William Semora and Victor Brewer.

The Lions and FFA members and advisors invite all businessmen and individuals in the area to attend the sale and to participate in the bidding.

Here From Florida

Don Frnka of Pensacola, Florida visited here Friday evening through Thursday with his parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Frnka and Jeff. On Monday he visited with his sister, Mrs. John J. Grigar III and Mr. Grigar in Austin and San Marcos.

In San Marcos they attended the Southwest Texas State University versus East Texas of Commerce basketball game Monday evening. SWT won, gaining a first place tie in the Lone Star Conference with East Texas and Howard Payne.

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Rice FFA's Grand Champion Calf

Bud Childers and sons, Jason, left, and Chris, right, are shown with Calvin Mahalitc and his 1145 pound Black Baldie calf judged the grand champion in the 1978 Rice FFA Show and Sale held last Saturday. Childers, representing Henderson Farms of El Campo, bid $3.00 per pound for the champion and then gave the calf back to Calvin for future projects. Henderson Farms annually purchases top entries in the Rice FFA Show. Calvin follows in the footsteps of brothers Anthony and Al who had the show's grand champion calves in 1974 and 1977, respectively. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mahalitc of Eagle Lake.

2 Get Pen Terms In G&D Robbery Here

District Judge E. W. Patteson heard pleas on criminal charges in District Court in Columbus this week and two men involved in a daylight armed robbery of the G. & D. Little Market on East Main Street on January 25th were sentenced to terms in the state penitentiary and a third person, a woman, has pleaded guilty and will be sentenced on March 16th.

Donald Victor Rogers and Elijah Crosby Petitt entered pleas of guilty to the armed robbery charge and waived the ten day sentencing period and Rogers was given a term of not less than 2 nor more than 10 years in the state penitentiary; and Petitt drew a term of not less than 5 nor more than 10 years in the Texas Department of Corrections. Petitt also waived a 10 day appeal period and he will be transferred to Wharton County to stand further charges in that county. Rogers did not waive the ten day appeals period, hence he will not begin his term until the end of that period, provided he does not enter an appeal.

The woman involved in the robbery, Beverly Robinson Wellman, is due to be sentenced on March 16th.

5 Years For Murder

David Coats, one of two persons charged with the murder of Alice Brooks, 63 year old New Town woman, entered a plea of guilty and waived sentencing and appeal periods and was sentenced to serve five years in the Texas Department of Corrections. [...] woman was found [...] two months after she had [...] missing [...] in the [...]

Nickie Nevels, indicted on several charges by the February grand jury, entered a plea of guilty to theft of

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Richard Allen Corliss Memorial Fund Started

The Eagle Lake Consolidated Fund has kicked off a Richard Allen Corliss Memorial Fund at The First National Bank with a $500 contribution this week.

The fund has been started to assist the Harry Corliss family of Garwood with hospital expenses incurred through the recent lengthy illness of their five and one-half month old son, Richard Allen, who passed away last week. Richard Allen had been in and out of the Texas Children's Hospital in Houston since birth with blood and heart problems and the family has a tremendous obligation for services rendered. Friends in the area are invited to contribute to the fund to assist with these expenses by leaving their donations at the First National Bank of Eagle Lake or they may be mailed to the bank, Box 215, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

"Any assistance that can be given will be appreciated," said Bill Appelt, president of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce who helped to set up the memorial fund.

[...] of C. Discusses [...] Projects

[...] Municipal Building and discussed several activities for the coming year.

New C of C president William Appelt, presided at the meeting with board of directors members Helyn Farris, [...] Schorlemmer, Brock A[...], Susan Causey, Ralph T[...], Lanny Powers and chamber secretary Dorothy Jones present. City Manager T. J. Smith and Jeff Frnka were also in attendance.

Dorothy Jones reported that the chamber treasury currently has a balance of $1,146.73. Expenses for the banquet in January, she told the council, were $229.80 plus $546 including $21 tax paid to Mrs. Frank Broesche for catering the affair. The chamber sold 172 tickets at $5.00 each for a gross income of $860, netting an $84.20 profit after expenses.

Directors Helyn Farris and Louis Schorlemmer commented that the CC is a non-profit organization and should not be paying taxes. A

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City, School Political Races Are Shaping Up

Races For Mayor, One-Year Council Term Assured

March 1st is the deadline for filing for places on the April 1st City Election ballot, but already some contests are beginning to take shape with competition expected for the mayor's office and for city councilmen positions.

Incumbent Mayor Elmer Struss filed his application for a place on the ballot for re-election on Monday of this week. He is seeking his fifth two-year term as chief executive for the city.

Although Joe N. Frazar had not filed early Wednesday, he informed the Headlight that he plans to seek the mayor's office and will file before the March 1st deadline.

Wilfred Luedecke, local businessman and a former city councilman, and Al Faichtinger, an employee of Rice Aero, Inc. and new to city politics, filed for the one-year remaining on the term of the late Dick Obenhaus.

To date only one candidate has filed for the two council positions now held by Gene Baker and David Euers. James (Jimmy) Cash, retired U. S. Army Serviceman and a long-time resident here, is the only candidate to date to file for one of the two-year terms on the council. Incumbents Baker and Euers have not filed as yet.

The deadline for filing for a place on the ballot will be [...] be held in the council [...] the Municipal Building.

Trail Ride Sweetheart

Todd Lundquist, president of the Rice Future Farmers of America chapter, presents a plaque to Mary Ann Miller for the honor of being named the 1978 Trail Ride Sweetheart at the 1978 Show and Sale last Saturday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlin Miller of Garwood.

Dallas Cowboy Efren Herrera To Speak At MAYC Meeting Sat.

Efren Herrera, talented place-kick artist for the World Champion Dallas Cowboys professional football team will be the guest speaker at the Seventh Annual Membership Meeting of MAYC (Mexican American Youth Council) this Saturday, Feb. 25th at 7:00 p.m. A capacity crowd is expected for the event which will be held in the Eagle Lake Community Center.

Officers, directors and members of MAYC invite one and all to make plans to attend. Tickets to the event will be $2.00 per person and may be purchased at the door the night of Feb. 25th. Children accompanied by their parents will be admitted free.

Proceeds from the event will be used by MAYC for the annual scholarships to worthy Rice High School graduates and for other community projects.

Mike Duarte, president of MAYC, will preside at the outstanding program planned during the annual membership drive.

[...] the 1978 board of directors will be named with Leo Luna chairman of the nominating committee. Jay Anderson, board chairman, will install the new officers.

Isaac Olivares will introduce the speaker. Refreshments will be served.

Herrera To Visit With Youngsters, Autograph 3 PM

Youngsters of the community are invited to visit with Efren Herrera, World Champion Dallas Cowboy's place-kicker at the Eagle Lake Middle School football field at 3 p.m. this Saturday.

Herrera will be here to speak at the annual MAYC meeting later that evening, but will visit with the youngsters and give autographs at the ELMS field for an hour or so, reported MAYC officers this week.

Jane Clipson, Willie Dancy In School Bd. Race

A contest was assured in the balloting for school trustees in the Rice Consolidated Independent School District's election to be held on April 1st.

Mrs. Jane Clipson filed for re-election to Eagle Lake Position 7.

An opponent for Position 7 filed this week when Willie N. Dancy submitted his application for a place on the ballot in the Eagle Lake Position. Dancy, a resident of the New Town area, is a dispatcher for Lone Star Industries.

Anthony V. Kallina, the incumbent in Garwood Position 6, has filed for re-election, but to date he is unopposed.

The deadline for filing for a spot on the April 1st ballot is March 1st. Applications may be filed with board secretary Ted Wiese or at the Rice School District administration building in Altair.

Council Extends Deadline, Hears Former Mayor

[By Jeff Frnka]

Eagle Lake City Council took [up] items on the agenda at the regular meeting held Tuesday, Feb. [...] at the Municipal Building and heard a request from former Mayor A. D. Cassady for additional traffic regulations for this city.

Dr. Rose Marie Roquemore made a formal request to the council for an extension on the slab-pour deadline for her apartment complex development to be located on Davitt Street on a lot adjacent to the city water tower and purchased from the City of Eagle Lake.

Dr. Roquemore told the councilmen that she had decided against going after a government loan and is now considering a conventional loan. Because the conventional loan will require a higher interest rate, she is asking for the extension so that she can get more competitive bids.

The council had set the slab-pour deadline as a condition at the time of the sale of the surplus property (sold for the use of an apartment complex only) and approved her request, ex-

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Rice FFA Grand Champion Hog

Richard Clipson, owner of Colorado County Farmers Supply Co., Inc. of Eagle Lake, receives thanks from James English after he had purchased the Rice FFA Show and Sale grand champion hog, a 245 pound Hampshire, for $3.30 per pound at the 8th annual FFA Show and Sale held last Saturday.

Michael Moore New Deputy At Garwood-Nada

Colorado County Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller announces the appointment of Michael A. Moore, 31, formerly with the Crystal Beach police department, as the deputy sheriff assigned to the Garwood and Nada area. He will fill a position left vacant by the resignation of Richard LaCourse.

Moore and his wife Shirley and two children, Michael and Mary, will reside in Garwood.

Garwood Tele. Co. Begins O-Plus Service

On Sunday, February 26th, 1978, 0 plus Service will become effective for the Garwood Telephone Co. The E. H. Stienkes, owners of the Garwood Telephone Co., note: "to dial person to person, collect, credit card or third number calls, dial 0 plus your circle digit number (furnished by the Garwood Telephone Co.) plus area code (if different from your own) plus the number you wish to call.

"For emergency only, dial '0'.

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"This is being done that we may better serve you."

City Council Sets Up Priorities

Eagle Lake City Council met in regular session on Tuesday night, Feb. 14th at the council room of the Municipal Building and set up a list of priorities to aid in setting up the 1978-79 budget; and increased the pay scale for city personnel for the upcoming year.

A list of priorities, in order of importance, was arranged at the council's meeting Tuesday night to give City Manager T. J. Smith an indication of which way to lean in setting up expenditures for projects and capital outlay in the budget for the next year which begins April 1st.

Councilmen Tally Lists

Each city council member was given a list of possible priorities at the regular meeting January 31st to prepare for Tuesday night's meeting. Although each member did not put each item in the same order, Smith tallied the four lists turned in by Councilmen Gene Baker, Roy Dean Van Nort, David Euers and Alvin Kohleffel and used the lowest total as the number one item on the list.

Fire Truck Heads List

Heading up the list was the setting aside of $6,000 for the Fire Truck Fund which will bring that fund's total to $19,000. These funds are in certificates of deposit and are drawing interest until such time as enough has been accumulated to buy a new truck.

The number two item on the list was the purchase of a new police car to replace a 1974 Ford automobile. Third, was the purchase of a new garbage truck chassis and packer unit (junking an Econopack body now owned by the city); fourth, purchase of a new backhoe; fifth, contract additional street seal coat and overlay work; sixth, to build a 30' x 140' metal-type equipment barn and shop area.

Tied for seventh priority were the purchase of land for a new water plant and a plan to keep the 1976 Ford garbage truck chassis and to buy a hydraulic dump flat bed. Eighth on the list was resurfacing of the East-West

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Water Resources Dept. Warns Of City Infractions

Bill Lockey with the regional office of the Texas Department of Water Resources met with the Eagle Lake City Council Tuesday night to discuss the possible enforcement of infractions of the city's permit to discharge wastes from its wastewater treatment facilities into Eagle Lake. The plant was overloaded during the recent rains with infiltration of rain water and Mr. Lockey indicated the effluent that by-passed the treatment operations was not properly chlorinated. Failure to comply with the new self-reporting order within the allowed time was also discussed.

City Manager T. J. Smith and members of the City Council discussed the plans and progress being made to completely rebuild this plant as soon as all the Federal and State regulations could be accomplished.

The Texas Department of Water Resources now is the reorganized State Water Boards including the Texas Water Quality Board. Eagle Lake's operations are monitored by the regional office in San Antonio.

Dallas Cowboy Herrera To Speak Here Sat.

Efren Herrera, talented place-kick artist for the World Champion Dallas Cowboys professional football team, will be the guest speaker at the Seventh Annual Membership Meeting of MAYC (Mexican American Youth Council) this Saturday, Feb. 25, at 7:00 p.m. In 1977 he made the All-Conference team and was named to the NFL All-Pro team in addition to being a member of the World Champion Cowboys after their victory over Denver in New Orleans last January.

Book Fair At EL Primary March 1, 2, 3

The Eagle Lake Primary School will sponsor a Student Book Fair, March 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Students will be able to browse through the collection and to select books. The Book Fair will be open only during school hours in the Primary School Gym.

All students, parents, and visitors are invited to attend the Fair. The Book Fair will encourage student interest in reading and in building home libraries.

The Book Fair display will include attractive new books from many publishers in all popular price ranges. The Educational Reading Service, a professional Book Fair company, furnishes a wide range of books for the display.