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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

A Sound Member Program

County Farm Bureaus across the state are conducting an unusual membership drive during the week, March 5-10, which has been designated as "Farm Bureau Week in Texas."

Not only will prospective members be asked to join Farm Bureau, they will also be asked: (1) their ideas for making Farm Bureau more effective in representing agriculture, and (2) whether or not they would be willing to help.

This evaluation poll is not limited to prospective members, either. Farm Bureau membership drive workers will also be asking the same questions of current members.

According to Farm Bureau leaders, the organization spends as much time and effort in getting the thinking of its members as it does in trying to implement policies. Each Fall, for example, Farm Bureau conducts an intensive campaign to get as many producer-members as possible to participate in its policy development process. The purpose is two-fold: (1) the more members making policy, the more likely the resulting policies are to be sound, and (2) people will support that which they help make.

This is the sort of membership participation that has made the Farm Bureau the largest general farm organization in the world. Colorado County Farm Bureau has 1766 member families.

County 4-H Club News

By Shirley M. Brown
County Extension Agent
Colorado County

Youth Committee Meets

The Colorado County 4-H and Youth Committee met in February to elect new officers, rotate membership, and develop the 4-H budget for 1979. The newly elected officers are: chairman, Theodore Schultz; secretary, Cynthia Evans. The 4-H and Youth Committee. You may call the County Extension Service at 732-2530 or write 316 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas 78524.

St. Mary's 4-H

The students in the St. Mary's 4-H Club met Wednesday, Feb. 28. The foods project meeting was on "How to Develop a Day's Menu," conducted by Mrs. Eva Ferguson and Mrs. Elizabeth Schoellmann, project leaders.

The group worked with a list of different food items from each of the basic four food groups. Nineteen students attended the meeting.

Livestock 4-H Club

The Livestock 4-H foods project groups discussed "Getting a Meal Together." This lesson focused on how to prepare foods to preserve its nutritive value. As a part of the day's learning activity the groups prepared Chili Con Queso.

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Bluntson Winner in S.A. Calf Scramble

SAN ANTONIO LIVESTOCK CATTLE SCRAMBLE 1979

Kenneth Alan Bluntson of Garwood, Rice F.F.A. member, won second place at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo in the Lone Star Beef Calf Scramble. He received a \$120 check for his efforts. Gathering at the show after the event were: (l. to r.) John Williams, assistant calf scramble superintendent; Leon Kahanak, Jr., calf scramble judge; and Dick Phillips, calf scramble judge. John Brzezinski, Lone Star Brewing Company executive vice president, lauded young Bluntson and encouraged him to use his winnings for further education.

2 Former EL Students Are CHS Favorites

Two former Eagle Lake students were among those elected as class favorites at Columbus High School recently.

John Wegenhoff, son of Mrs. Randa Simmons of Columbus and Travis Wegenhoff of Eagle Lake.

Michael Hargrove of Columbus tied for freshman favorite.

Dorothy Salinas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Salinas, formerly of Eagle Lake, was the freshman girl favorite.

- Honor Rolls In Rice CISD Schools**
- Honor rolls for the fourth six weeks period at Rice Consolidated District's schools included the following:
- Garwood School**
- First Grade: Allen Eggeneyer, Cynthia Engstrom, Laura Hernandez, Scott Janish, Russell Labay, Jerri Oliver, Crystal Orozco, Chris Rodriguez;
- Second Grade: Keandra Davidson, Felicia Heam, Johnny Hernandez;
- Third Grade: Lotronda Johnson, Jennifer Mader;
- Fourth Grade: Melissa Engstrom, Bill Hefner, Jennifer Labay, Kelli Lanier;
- Fifth Grade: Karen Bluntson, Margaret Hernandez, Daryl Pieprzyk, Tracy Thomas;
- Sixth Grade: Kristine Carpenter, Elma Hernandez, Rachelle Hunt, Johanna Kubena;
- Seventh Grade: Sheila Dabney, Mark Eggeneyer, Glen Hefner, Matthew Rohrer;
- Eighth Grade: Jeffrey Berger, Mailean Bluntson, Larry Pavlu, Sue Perdue, Jesse Rodriguez, Rodney Sanford, Sheryl Smidovec.
- Sheridan Elementary**
- First Grade: Jane Botard, DeWight Doplauf, Jennifer Hooper, Belinda McClendon, Sharra Querner, Clay Sonntag, Michael Till, Shee Marie Venghaus;
- Second Grade: Heath Bebece, Cash Coble, Michael Grahamman, Rodney Laake, Steven LeBoeuf;
- Third Grade: Danna Fudge, Dionne Glover, Leslie Helges, Shawn Wise, Angie Wilke;
- Fourth Grade: Steven Antrich, Danny Bebece, Deidre Brown, Dena Harrower, Marcie Kutzer, Jodi Smith;
- Fifth Grade: Tina Grahamman, Vicki Darden, James Botard, Shelly Owens, Adrian Garza;
- Sixth Grade: Pecos Coble, Roberta Garcia, Becky Kutzer, Mike Sonntag, James Williamson, Jon Wunderlich;
- Seventh Grade: Cathy Layton;
- Eighth Grade: Kevin Brisco, Darren Layton, Robert Layton, Kim Wunderlich.
- EL Middle School**
- Fourth Grade: Brian Gutierrez, Wade Miller, Elida Moreno, Debra Soto, Delores Soto, Troy Webb, Richard Wiese, Elizabeth Young;
- Fifth Grade: Laura Appelt, Valerie Benge, Peter Canaris, Jerry Fajkus, Donald Hollas, Susan Kaluza, Donna Prazak, Carol Rhodes, Beverly Rucka, Eliza Saucedo, Darlene Stanek, Melinda Stiles, Dean Van Nort, Bryan Wiese, Straldis White, Frances Young;
- Sixth Grade: John Adkins, John Harborth, Mary Hernandez, William Hollas, Patrick Isenhower, Richard Klekar, Ronny Little, Leonard Perry, Keith Penzell, Michael Sibley, Temple Thomas, Melissa Wilcox;
- Seventh Grade: Patrice Austin, Brandon Cope, Lisa Corman, Renee Dierschke, Randy Duarte, Lisa Galvan, Stacey Holden, Estela Moreno, Connie Prazak, Tamra Paencik, Roxanne Ripper, Julia Rosprin, Kelvin Roy, Ann Schol-

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County 4-H Horse Play Day Sat.

The Colorado County 4-H Horse Club members are sponsoring a youth horse play day this Saturday afternoon, Mar. 10th following the Columbus FFA Livestock Show Parade. Activities will get underway at the arena located in Columbus, adjacent to the livestock show facilities, at 2 p.m.

Any youth, 4-H member or not, may participate in the evening's activities which will include polo bending, barrel racing, flag races, potato races, and rescue races with competition in three age groups.

There will be no entry fees. Winners will receive ribbons through sixth place. Entrants are asked to register at the County Extension Agent's office in advance so entry books may be prepared.

Back the Raiders

NOTICE

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of my customers during years that I have operated Mac's Marine Service. I have made lots of new friends and have enjoyed my old friends and now, I am closing out Mac's Marine Service the first day of April, 1979. Age has finally caught up with me.

I am offering the boats, motors and trailers that I have on hand at cost to my local customers first. No dealers, please.

One each: 25 H.P., 55 H.P., 70 H.P. and 100 H.P. 1979 Evinrude Motors (Trim and TR on 100 H.P. only).

One - C170 Sport Craft Fiber Glass Boat. Two - 14 ft. by 62 in. beam, 19 in. sides, Rhyzan-Craft Aluminum Boats. Three new trailers and one used.

Thank You Again,
M. M. (Mac) Jones

Music Dept. Showcase At WCJC Mar. 15

A "Music Department Showcase" will be staged Thurs., Mar. 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Student Center at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton.

The entertaining evening of music features the WCJC Choir and Madrigal Singers, Piano Ensemble and WCJC

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Mar. 25 - Apr. 1

Entry Deadline is Mar. 22nd At The El Campo Public Courts

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RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AFFIDAVIT FOR THE YEAR 1979

RICE COUNTY UNINCORPORATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Owner _____
Address _____
Property Description (From 1978 Tax Statement) _____

Notice is hereby given that persons who own their residential homestead may apply for the Homestead Exemption in the amount of \$5,000 of the MARKET VALUE (Rice CISD assesses property at 40%, therefore, this amounts to \$2,000 of the assessed value) by mailing this affidavit to the Tax Assessor-Collector between the dates of January 1, 1979 and April 30, 1979. To qualify, applicants must subscribe to the following:

I, _____ do solemnly swear and affirm that I was the owner of the above described property and it was my residential homestead on January 1, 1979. Further, that I have not claimed a residence homestead on any other property for this year. Finally, that I understand that any person who makes a false affidavit shall be subject to the perjury laws of the State of Texas.

Signature _____
Date _____

Note: If above applicant was age 65 or over on January 1, 1979, also give day, month and year of birth _____

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Burglaries On Increase In County

By GEO. DON MULLER
Sheriff, Colorado County

Burglaries in Colorado County have increased in the last couple of months. Citizens have helped in keeping burglaries down in the past by notifying the Sheriff's Office when they have observed anything suspicious in their area. We ask that they continue to do so. If you are going to be away from home for some time, have a relative or neighbor pick up your mail and newspapers daily. If mail, papers, etc., gather around your place, this gives a burglar confidence that no one is home and he will not be detected while he steals your property.

Remember, if you see anything suspicious around your or your neighbor's place, you can reach the Sheriff's Office by calling 732-2388 or 732-2535 day or night. Also obtain a license number or description of the vehicle if at all possible.

Feb. 1: Investigated a domestic disturbance in Alletton. Had JP Court in the AM. Checked on suspicious subjects in the Ramsey area. Posted

Feb. 2: Investigated a theft near Garwood. Arrested one for public intoxication. Issued citation to truck driver for speeding. Served civil papers in Columbus.

Feb. 3: Had JP Court in the AM. Investigated burglary in the Borden area. One unit in San Antonio with mental patient. Served civil papers in Columbus.

Feb. 4: Had JP Court in the AM. Assisted with traffic at scene of truck fire on IH-10. Transported two from La Grange to Columbus on theft charges.

Feb. 5: Had Grand Jury this date. Had District Court this date. Assisted with funeral procession in Columbus. Served civil papers in Weimar and Eagle Lake. One unit in Austin with mental patient. Arrested

Feb. 6: Checked on abandoned vehicle near Bernardo. Investigated burglary near Eagle Lake. Investigated a burglary in Matthews. Had JP Court in the PM.

Feb. 7: Had JP Court in the AM. Investigated disturbance in Alletton. Served civil papers in Columbus, Eagle Lake, Garwood, Weimar and Sheridan.

Feb. 8: Checked on abandoned vehicle near Bernardo. One unit to Waco with mental patient. Issued two citations to truck drivers for passing without sufficient clearance. Issued citation to truck driver for speeding. Served civil papers in Eagle Lake.

Feb. 9: Checked on vehicle in ditch in the Bernardo area. Checked on reckless driver on interstate. Issued two citations to vehicle operators for speeding. Assisted stranded motorist on interstate. Served civil papers in Eagle Lake.

Feb. 11: Assisted with traffic at scene of car fire near Garwood. Assisted with funeral procession in Columbus. Investigated stolen truck near Glidden. Investigated disturbance in New Town. Investigated shooting in Matthews.

Feb. 12: Removed livestock from roadway on 3013. Issued five citations to vehicle operators for speeding. Issued two citations to truck drivers for speeding. Issued two citations to truck drivers for expired MVI stickers.

Feb. 13: Investigated a theft near Garwood. Arrested one for public intoxication. Issued citation to truck driver for speeding. Served civil papers in Columbus.

Feb. 14: Arrested one for public intoxication. Investigated burglary in Garwood. Assisted stranded motorist on interstate. Served civil papers in Columbus, Eagle Lake, Altair and Weimar. Issued three citations to vehicle operators for speeding.

Feb. 15: Investigated the shooting of a calf near Bernardo. Investigated theft of material on 71 South. Investigated a stolen vehicle near Borden. Served civil papers in Columbus, Eagle Lake and Garwood.

Feb. 16: Checked on abandoned vehicle near Bernardo. Investigated burglary near Eagle Lake. Investigated a burglary in Matthews. Had JP Court in the PM.

Feb. 17: Had JP Court in the AM. Investigated disturbance in Alletton. Served civil papers in Columbus, Eagle Lake, Garwood, Weimar and Sheridan.

Feb. 18: Had JP Court

Garwood and Nada Community News

MRS. J. F. STRUSKA - 754-5352

Senior Citizens Have Got Together

The senior citizens of Garwood and Nada met in the Parish Hall Wednesday, re-union from 3 to 5 p.m.

Three tables of "42" and two tables of dominoes were enjoyed by those present. Birthday prizes went to Mrs. Raymond Hunt and Mrs. Otto Popp. Door prizes went to Mrs. Leo Leopold and Paul Laake.

Delicious refreshments of assorted sandwiches, lemon roll, chips, pickles, dilled okra, coffee and tea were served. Everyone had a good time. This party was sponsored by the Catholic Daughters.

Christian Mothers Prepare for Lent

The Christian Mothers of St. Mary's Catholic Church met Monday, Feb. 26 at 8:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall. The meeting opened with a prayer led by the president, Mrs. Ted Schellman. The secretary, Mrs. Alois Bittner, read the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Albert Leopold. Correspondence was read by Mrs. Fred Kubesch.

Father Victor talked about the beginning of Lent, which was Ash Wednesday, and urged all members to attend Mass more often during the Lenten season. It was also voted to give \$50.00 to the Msgr. Edmund J. Bily Seminary Bursar.

At the next meeting, in the AM. Transported prisoners from Eagle Lake to Columbus. Checked on burglar alarm activated near Ellinger. Served civil papers in Columbus.

Feb. 19: Had District Court this date. Checked on suspicious vehicle on 71 North. Issued one citation to vehicle operator for speeding. Served civil papers in Columbus, Eagle Lake and Rock Island.

Feb. 20: Served civil papers in Columbus and Eagle Lake. Issued citation to truck driver for speeding. Issued citation to truck driver for expired driver's license. Issued citation to truck driver for expired MVI sticker. Issued two citations to vehicle operators for speeding.

Feb. 21: Had County Court this date. Assisted with traffic at scene of accident on 71 North. Served civil papers in Columbus and Eagle Lake.

Feb. 22: Had District Court this date. Had County Court this date. Assisted with traffic at scene of accident on 71 near Altair. Investigated the shooting of livestock near Freiburg. Issued three citations to vehicle operators for speeding.

Feb. 23: Had JP Court in the AM. Investigated burglary near Freiburg. Investigated vandalism in Garwood. Investigated

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Adam and Eve Film At Baptist Church Sun. Nite

The First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake will present the film "Adam and Eve" at 7:30 p.m. this Sunday, March 11th and one and all are invited to see the inspiring movie presentation.

Also there will be a rerun of "The Creation", new media Bible presentation, at 7:00 p.m. this Sunday.

daughter and Mrs. R. A. Shoop visited in Bryan on Wednesday with K. C. Frederickson with the Henry Parkman family. Mr. Frederickson had been sick but is doing nicely.

Mrs. Mary Braden of El Campo is in the Hermann Hospital in Houston. I hope she will soon be well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Westerholm of Fort Worth visited Mrs. R. B. Shaw and other friends last Thursday. In St. Luke's.

A speedy recovery to Mrs. G. M. Cason who is in St. Luke's Hospital in Houston.

Birthday Luncheon

Mrs. R. A. Shoop attended a birthday luncheon in the Daniel Kudelka home in Ganado on Sunday. Mrs. Kudelka honored her sister Renee on her 21st birthday.

Attend AARP Meet

Mrs. Millie Faykus, Mrs. Freida Kubesch, Mrs. Annie Rek and Mrs. Ella Struska attended the AARP meeting in Columbus last Thursday night.

Mrs. John Albracht and daughters, Sheryl and Lynn, of Amarillo spent three days here with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Hubert Swoboda. On Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Gus Swoboda took them to Houston to the airport where they flew back to Amarillo.

Mrs. Tom Rohrer, Craig, Paula and Matthew Rohrer and Thomas Waligura attended the Rice Consolidated and Seminole basketball game in Austin last Saturday.

Catholic League Meeting

The annual meeting of the Southeast District of the Catholic State League of Texas will be held at St. Mary's Hall at High Hill. Officers and members of Christian Mothers, St. Joseph's Society, Catholic Life Insurance Union and the CYO are to attend. Msgr. John J. Hancock, pastor, and James C. Prihoda, president, invite you to attend this Sun., March 11th beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Mrs. R. B. Shaw's guests Sunday afternoon were Mary Beth Walker and Linda and Sheryl Alexander, all of Wharton.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Rasmussen, Jr. and children, Christopher and Courtney, were guests of Mrs. Joe Mendell and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Lanier last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Broach and girls visited Mr. and Mrs. Les Lanier last Sunday.

Rowe is Regional Engineer for Comm. Services

J. D. Staats, Texas Regional Manager for Communications Services, Inc., of Yoakum, announces the employment of Richard Rowe as Regional Engineer for the firm. "In this newly created position Mr. Rowe will be responsible for the technical operation of the eleven cable television systems managed by Communications Services, Inc. in Texas," Mr. Staats said.

Communications Services, Inc. manages cable television systems in Lockhart, Gonzales, Shiner, Yoakum, Conalia, Beville, Three Rivers, Columbus and Eagle Lake. In addition cable television systems to serve Seguin and New Braunfels are under construction.

Visit Parents

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Grigar III and young son Joseph of Lockhart visited here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Frnka, and Jeff. This was Joseph's first visit here since his arrival February 24th.

Don Frnka of New Orleans, La. visited here Sunday en route to Dallas.

The Grigars also visited his parents in East Bernard Saturday.

Super Strutters Do A Super Job In Contests

Marilyn Thomas' Super Strutters did a "super" job in the twirling contest they attended Saturday, March 3rd in Houston.

In fact, Julia Rosprin was the high-point winner in the divisional contest.

These points, Julia earned first place medals in eight events including: fundamentals, twirl solo, twirl duet with Pam Wenglar, "dance twirl team, parade strut, and three dance twirl solos. She also won second place in military strut.

Other girls who attended the contest also won first place medals. Laura Appelt, Susan Kaluza, Melinda Stiles, and Eliza Saucedo won first for their dance twirl to "Budweiser". Laura and Susan also won first for a dance twirl duet. The Jr. High team won first place in the competition dance twirl team as well as the Divisional dance twirl team.

The twirlers and Mrs. Thomas also appreciate the help and moral support given by Mrs. Laurel Holden who took some of the girls to the contest.

All the girls are looking forward to the Columbus FFA parade next weekend. And they hope to see many Eagle Lake folks there.

Clint Gertson Is Christened

Clinton Ross Gertson, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Gertson, was christened in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Sunday, March 4th. The twelve noon ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Tom Hanus, pastor of the church, with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Meitzen serving as the Godparents.

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