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Rice High School Cheerleaders For 1979-80



Leading the yells for the Rice High School Raider cheering section for the 1979-80 year will be these six pretty young ladies. They are, Left to right, Kathy Perry, Dianne Van Nort, Janice Waligura, head cheerleader Leslie Miller, Cindy Rodriguez and Pam

Kallins. The girls recently returned from a cheerleaders camp held in San Marcos where they won many awards and are now looking forward to an exciting football season and many Raider victories beginning with the season opener in Weimar Friday night.

To Lead Rice High School Raider Band



These five pretty young ladies will be leading the Rice High School Raider Band for the 1979-80 year and will be making their first public appearance with the Raider Band at the half-time performance of the

Raider-Weimar Wildcat football game in Weimar this Friday night, beginning at 8:00 p.m. Left to right are: twirlers Judy Bunge and Luann Brown; drum major Lori Mahalite; and twirlers DeLashyn Valenta and Carolyn Pavia.

Local Man

Shoots Self in Foot Sat.

Eagle Lake Police Dept. investigated two incidents which resulted in injuries during the Labor Day weekend.

At 1:00 a.m. Saturday morning, Patrolman Lupe Villarreal received word that a firearm was discharged on McCarty Street. On investigation the officer found that Ronald Pennington was in his car in a driveway at 511 North McCarty and his foot had been hit with a bullet from a .345 magnum pistol. The officer said the bullet grazed the fourth toe on the right foot when it apparently grazed accidentally.

Pennington was charged with discharging a firearm in the city limits.

At around 2:00 p.m. Monday, the officer was called to a disturbance at the intersection of State Street and FM 1093. It was reported that two Cubans became involved in an argument over a debt and one of the two used a

100 Pounds Marijuana Confiscated

Found Growing At Home Near New Ulm By Constable Zajicek

Over one hundred pounds of marijuana were confiscated by officers from this county, growing around the home of a man four miles south of New Ulm, last week in one of the biggest marijuana raids made in this county.

David Zajicek, Constable in Colorado County Precinct 5 of the Frelsburg area, and another resident of that area were in the process of looking for some stray cattle at 4:30 p.m. last Friday when they came upon the house with an unfenced yard and Zajicek noted several large stalks of marijuana drying on a porch and other marijuana growing around the house.

Also seen in the area was a 1970 Cadillac auto and the officer recorded the license number of that vehicle.

Zajicek left the area immediately for the office of Precinct 5 Justice of the Peace Mary Ordner where a search warrant was issued. He and Mrs. Ordner, Game Warden Sam Center, Texas Ranger Ray Nutt, chief deputy sheriff Jim Broussard, deputy sheriff Royce Abbott returned to the scene at 6:30 p.m. The officers found no one at the house but did see a man in a boat in a nearby lake, carrying a rifle, but he immediately went to an opposite bank of the lake and fled into the woods.

The officers searched the area for the man and called others to the scene to assist, including Game Warden Leo Kohleffel, Texas Ranger Bill Quinn and deputy sheriff Glenn Curtis of Navasota. Also some bloodhounds and their trainer were called from the Texas Department of Corrections in Sugar Land. However the search was called off at around 4 a.m.

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pair of steel nuts secured on the ends of a stout piece of twine to waylay the larger man beside the head making it necessary that the man go to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital for stitches to close the wound.

The men were due to report to Corporation Judge M. M. Jones Tuesday morning for possible charges in the incident, said Villarreal.

HUD Balks At Reallocation Of Community Dev. Grant Funds

6 Sentenced, 5 Others Enter Guilty Pleas

District Judge E. W. Patteson pronounced sentences on six persons, two of them drawing some time in the Texas Department of Corrections and four others terms of probation, in District Court last week. Also five others entered pleas of guilty to various criminal charges and are due to be sentenced on Oct. 12th.

Gary Phelps and David Streckfus, charged with burglary of the Ellison Texaco Station in Weimar, were sentenced to terms in the Department of Corrections of two to five years each.

Elijah Smith entered a plea of guilty, after waiving indictment by grand jury, to a charge of theft of cattle from Scott Bros. of Weimar, and he was assessed a term of five years of probation.

Sherrill Rester was given a five year term of probation and ordered to pay \$350 restitution for the burglary of habitation of Floyd Parker. Indictments of burglary and theft of Windham property against Rester were dismissed by Judge Patteson.

Raymond Salazar, also

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City Officials Probe Gas System Losses

The Eagle Lake city council continued its search for a solution to the current gas system problem, meeting with an experienced engineer at its meeting on Tuesday night of last week, Aug. 28th. The council also heard a request for a fire code exemption from a local businessman.

Charles (Chuck) Poole of O'Malley and Clay Engineering of Brenham, gave the council a brief background on his experience with gas systems and problems in the area.

Poole has not been hired by the city but is expected to be considered next month to help the city seek a solution to the ever-increasing losses in the gas system. He is scheduled to accompany city officials to Austin this Wednesday for a meeting with the Railroad Commission. Eagle Lake has been cited for several violations in its gas system and has been called to meet with the commission to report what steps are being taken to

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Start Of Drainage Project In "Flat" Is Delayed

(By Jeff Franks)

Eagle Lake City Council, in session Tuesday night of last week (Aug. 28), learned that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has denied approval of the reallocation of funds by the City of Eagle Lake for the 1978 Community Development Block Grant project. HUD has also questioned the city's selection of a contractor for the project.

But, the city along with project engineer Wayne Stolz of O'Malley and Clay of Brenham, have hopefully solved both problems and will get approval so that the project construction can get underway as soon as possible.

The city received the \$700,000 Grant in early 1978 for drainage improvement and rehabilitation projects in the Westernmoreland Addition, known locally as "the flat" and the work on the drainage was expected to begin about August 10th.

It was on July 10th that the city accepted a bid for the drainage phase of the project which exceeded the project budget by almost \$65,000. The bid was not the lowest one entered but was the one that best suited the demands of the city, according to the city officials.

To offset the added expenditure the council decided to reallocate some of the grant funds, getting the money needed from the rehabilitation of substandard housing (\$157,000 budgeted) and demolition of dilapidated buildings (\$31,500 was budgeted) and from a \$22,000 contingency fund.

Project engineer Stolz had suggested several cuts in the project but they were not favorable with Mayor Elmer Struss and the city council, since they wanted no cuts in the project, if possible.

Stolz suggested the reallocation of the funds at that time but added that doing so might be a "negative aspect" when applying for another grant.

Although Stolz had received a verbal OK from a HUD representative for the reallocation, the city was served notice last week that the reallocation would not be approved.

Not only did HUD deny

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One Killed, One Hurt In Auto Rollover Near Nada Friday

An El Campo man was killed and another seriously injured when the 1965 Chevrolet Impala in which they were riding went out of control and rolled over on Highway 71 a mile south of Nada at around 12:20 a.m. Friday.

State Trooper Joe Garcia of Eagle Lake investigated and reported the two men were in the car heading east on 71 toward El Campo when the driver, Michael J. Strader, 17, apparently dosed and the car went off the right side of the road and he overcorrected and the vehicle veered to the left and went into a skid and flipped several times throwing the two men

in the car out of the vehicle and into a cotton field adjoining the roadway. The vehicle came to a stop just off the roadway on the west-bound side of the highway.

The passenger in the car, William A. Sterns, 20, of El Campo, was killed instantly. After an inquest by Garwood Justice of the Peace W. A. Hefner, the body was taken to El Campo by Triksa Funeral Home ambulance.

Strader was taken to the El Campo Memorial Hospital by an ambulance from El Campo with broken vertebrae, a broken hip and other injuries.

The vehicle, which came to rest on its top, was demolished in the accident.

restoration project will be opened at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 14th.

The new budget compares with a \$2,101,744.10 budget which was approved last September for the 1979 year.

At the same time and place the county will hold a public hearing on anticipated revenue sharing expenditures for 1980 totalling \$122,308.

Notices listing the proposed expenditures for both the regular budget and the revenue sharing budget were published in last week's paper.

Copies of the 1980 budget are on file for public inspection in the county clerk's office in the courthouse in Columbus.

Summary of Budget

The proposed expenditures for the 1980 budget include: \$22,781 for the jury fund; \$109,918 to countywide road and bridge funds; \$724,412 for precinct road and bridge funds; \$347,468.30 for the general fund; \$982,750 for permanent improvements; \$551,489.95 for the officers salary fund; and \$376,000 from additional ad valorem funds for precinct use.

Revenue in the 1980 budget is based on a 94c per \$100 tax rate, 34c from ad valorem taxes and 50c from additional ad valorem taxes.

Hearing On 1980 County Budget At 2:00 P.M. Mon.

All interested persons are invited to attend a public hearing to be held at 2:00 p.m. next Monday, Sept. 10th in the county courtroom of the courthouse in Columbus on a record \$2,044,817 budget for the year of 1980.

The proposed 1980 budget includes ten percent salary increases for elected county officials and \$982,750 in permanent improvements, most of which are earmarked for restoration of the county courthouse. Bids for the

Rice Raider Varsity Football Team Opens Play Friday



The 1979 football season gets underway this Friday night as the Rice High School Raiders travel to Weimar to take on the Wildcats in the season opener for both squads at 8:00 p.m. Members of the Raider squad for 1979 include: front row, l. to r., Capt. Bobby Cook, Capt. John Schneider, Kenny Hyak, Randy Egge, Tim Woods, Capt. Jeff Darden, Karl Hurd, and Capt. Roger Fry; middle row, l. to r.,

Vic Davis, Robert Turner, John Chisholm, Jimmy Hots, Andy Morales, Mike Frickinger, Melvin Carter, Johnny Gonzalez and John Dawson; back row, l. to r., Robert Barrios, David Long, Ernest Fields, Kenneth Shontzen, Mike Niss, James Shaden, Lester Patten, Robert Frazier and James Davidson.