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Rice, Bellville Coaches In Benefit Basketball Tilt Thurs.

Coaches To Battle In ELMS Gym

A benefit basketball game between coaches of the Rice Consolidated and Bellville Independent School Districts will be held this Thursday, Feb. 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Middle School Gymnasium. Admission to the game will be \$1.00 per person.

All proceeds from the game will benefit the athletic departments of the two schools. Bellville's share of the proceeds will go toward the construction of a new field house for its school and Rice's share of the proceeds will go toward purchase of new equipment for the athletic department.

Free Throw Contest

A special attraction at halftime of the fund raising game will be a Free Throw Shooting Contest. Anyone interested in entering the contest may do so with a 50c donation. The winner who makes the most free throws in a row will be awarded a trophy.

The public is invited to attend this benefit contest to help support the "athletic

New Free, Reduced Lunch Program For St. Mary's School

Primary School Title I Parents Meet Thursday

Due to the recent change in the income schedules of families participating in the free or reduced price lunch program at St. Mary's School parents and guardians are hereby notified of this change and these revised schedules and application forms are available in the principal's office at St. Mary's School, Nada, Texas.

In order to inform all families involved in St. Mary's School and as an extra measure of notification each parent or guardian of students should have a copy of the new schedule delivered to them by a member of the school by the time of this press release.

These schedules are effective immediately and parents or guardians should read this information and then determine their eligibility.

If you have any questions, call St. Mary's School at 758-3267.

To order rubber stamps, call The Headlight, 234-2783.

ELMS addition so that they might see the excellent facilities provided by their tax dollars.

School Week, the first week of March, at the new Eagle Lake Middle School facilities.

It is the intention of the board to give the citizens of all areas of the district an opportunity to visit the

BUZZIN' ABOUT TOWN

Next week will be another of those confusing weeks with the Post Office and First National Bank due to be closed for the observance of Washington's Birthday.

Since there will be no mail deliveries Monday, those sending in news, by mail should plan to do so a day earlier than usual.

The Rice Future Farmers of America Show and Sale is coming up this weekend and the weatherman appears to be almost on schedule. For the past several years there has been cold, cold weather (and even some sleeting year before last) on the day of the FFA Sale. Despite the weather large crowds have always turned out for the event and supported the boys and girls in their annual projects.

The sale will get underway at 1:30 p.m. this Saturday. Plan to be on hand to join in the bidding so that the youngsters may realize a profit (many did not last year for their month of hard work with the calves and/or hogs).

If you can't attend and want to throw a little into the kitty for support of the youth, you can donate to a United Buyers Fund which will be used to purchase a number of calves and hogs. The animals will be resold,

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Grand Champions In Rice FFA Show



Tom Henderson, owner of Henderson Farms and Seed Rice of El Campo, repeated his usual performance in the purchase of the grand champion calf and the grand champion hog in the 1981 Rice FFA Show and Sale held last Saturday. In the auctioning Saturday afternoon, Mr. Henderson, center, shown with one of two champion buyer's pennants, paid \$3.00 per pound for the 1340 low prime No. 2 grand champion entry of Stephen Mahalit (left); and Henderson paid \$3.10 per pound for the 255 pound U. S. No. 1 grand champion hog shown by Kerry Belyeu of Eagle Lake, right. Mr. Henderson gave both animals back to their respective owners. Stephen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mahalit of Eagle Lake. He also won the steer showmanship award. Kerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Belyeu, also of Eagle Lake. For more on the show and sale see pages 12 and 13 of this issue.

Blood Drive At Lutheran Church Sat.

Sponsored By E.L. Ministerial Alliance

If you were in an automobile accident and needed blood, would you expect the other guy to donate for you?

Sure you would! But, did it ever occur to you that you are the "other guy" to someone else? Could someone else depend on you to donate for them?

Members of twelve Eagle Lake area churches in the Ministerial Alliance are aware of the dire need for blood donations. They are showing their concern by hosting their first community blood drive this Saturday, February 21.

A mobile unit from the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will draw doors from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church located at 305 Clark in Eagle Lake.

The participating churches plan to make the blood drive a semi-annual event. Since The Blood Center furnishes over 300 units annually to patients in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital, church members would like to replace it.

If you are in good health, you probably can be a blood donor. You must be between the ages of 18 (17 with signed parental consent card) and 65 and weigh at least 110 pounds. You must never have had a history of hepatitis or yellow jaundice, intern cancer requiring surgery on coronary artery (heart) disease.

All area residents are invited to participate in the drive and to credit their other group account.

The donation of one unit of blood will cover the blood needs of your family for a whole year.

If you have a question about donor eligibility, call The Blood Center at 1-700-1200. To make an appointment to donate February 21, call Rev. Paul Krupka, Lutheran Pastor, at 234-3381.

Your donation will not only cover the blood needs of your loved ones, but will also assure a safe and adequate supply of blood for Gulf Coast area patients.

Those "other guys" will be so grateful that you credit enough to give the "Gift of Life."

Mexican Alien Cut Severely Here Friday Night

Eagle Lake police department's investigation in a cutting incident at the Midnight Bar in this community at around 11:08 p.m. Friday, was being hampered by the reluctance of the victim, Henry Roque of Houston, 18 year old Mexican alien, to file charges against his attacker.

Patrolman Lupe Villarreal was the first officer to reach the scene and he found Roque severely cut about the face, arms and back, with at least ten or more wounds, bleeding profusely. Roque was taken to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital and he was still in the hospital early this week.

Chief of Police Earl Winbrenner and Highway Patrolman Joel Garcia assisted in the investigation. Roque insists that he does not want to file charges and that "all he wants is someone to pay for his hospital bills."

Although there were some persons in the bar at the time of the cutting, officers have had trouble getting anyone who witnessed the incident or who could offer information to assist in the investigation.

Tuesday, the officers received a statement from one of the witnesses and the department has a suspect in the cutting and possible charges might be filed later this week, according to Chief Winbrenner.

EPA Approves \$1,050,000 Grant For Sewer Plant

City To Pay Additional \$350,000 On Costs Start Due In April

City of Eagle Lake officials received the welcome news last week that the Environmental Protection Agency has announced the city's request for a \$1,050,000 grant for construction of a new city sewer plant will be included in the 1981 appropriations program. Congressman J.J. (Jake) Pickle made the announcement late Tuesday of last week to City Manager Bob Klockman.

The \$1,050,000 grant approved by EPA is expected to stand 75% of the cost of construction of the plant; the City of Eagle Lake will finance its 25% through a \$350,000 bond issue approved Oct. 25, 1980 without a special dissenting vote. Thus, the total cost of the project is expected to range in the \$1.4 million project or about three times the estimated cost of the project when the city first made application for the EPA grant back in 1974.

Eagle Lake officials were notified in January of 1978, following an inspection of the city's sewer facilities by the Texas Department of Water Resources' Water Quality Board, that the amount of sewage being received at the plant "was exceeding the design capacity and therefore the plant cannot be expected to consistently produce an acceptable quality effluent."

The water quality board recommended at that time that the city retain a professional engineer to "evaluate the plant and to recommend treatment facilities and to design whatever additional facilities are necessary to provide adequate wastewater treatment."

Eight years and a lot of study and discussion have passed since that time. (Continued on last page)

RCISD Bd.

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contract pay in May rather than disbursing the pay over the months of June, July and August which is in conflict with the district's policy and contradicts teacher contracts.

"This virtually creates a double payroll during May," said the superintendent as he noted that the payments made in May last year totaled \$150,000 and could run as high as \$200,000 this year.

He recommended that the district break with the custom and follow the terms of the policy handbook and with contracts and pay the teachers over a 12-month period.

The superintendent commented that funds which were required to pay full contracts in May could be invested and earn anywhere from \$3,000 to \$6,000 and this would assist the district in paying for insurance for the teachers over the 12-month contract. "I believe that it should be understood that an employee who resigns and wishes to be paid off would have to forfeit his insurance. In other words, we will pay in or her premiums for 12 months as agreed so long as he or she receives his or her pay over a 12-month period."

The board voted to advise the teacher bids for the construction of 100 feet of sewer pipe and 200 feet of sidewalk at Eagle Lake Middle School and for a small section of sidewalk at Eagle Lake Primary School.

The awning and sidewalk at Eagle Lake Middle School will provide walkways to the relocation of the portable building; and also for location of a portable building at Eagle Lake Primary.

It was estimated that the cost of the awnings and sidewalks would run around \$4,500.

In other action the board:

- Adopted a new revised Free/Reduced Price Lunch schedule which reflects the federal government efforts to curb spending (the full schedule will be printed in next week's issue);
- Appointed board president Jane Clippson to serve as representative to the Houston-Galveston Area Council's general assembly for 1981;
- Discussed briefly an upcoming evaluation of the Enrichment Program in effect this year for the first time at Eagle Lake Middle School. The evaluation is expected to be made in February or March. The board also plans to hear a report on the program from the instructor of the program, Mrs. Helen Craig.
- Tentative plans were made for an informal "open house" to be held during Public

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Rice FFA To Sell 37 Calves, 37 Hogs At 1981 Show Sat.

Public Invited To FFA Trail Ride Saturday

and Willie Fitzgerald, report that there are some fine entries in this year's show. They have spent much time in assisting the FFA members and Lions in making arrangements for the show and sale. The number of calves and hogs has been reduced in order to take off some of the pressure on buyers, say the advisors. The advisors and members will appreciate your attendance and participation in the events of the day and beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The list of those who will be showing animals in the event includes:

Steer Entries

Brahman-Cross Class Steers: Stephen Pensell, Warren Botard, Keith Nance, John Schneider, Renee Kut, Steve Herman, Kevin Brisco, Ronnie Korenek, Thomas Wallinga, and Pat Gold;

English Breed Class Steers: Anthony Clark, Raymond Mahalit, Clark Popp, Thomas Mahalit, Mitchell Kovar, Stephen Mahalit, Glenn Hefner, and Jeff Dupie;

Limousin Class Steers: Danny Ibebe and Jimmy Clifton;

Hereford Class Steers: Marilyn Mahalit, Dwayne Papp, Richard Waligura, Karen Schneider, Jeff Berger, Pat Pavlu, Randy Duarte, Carl Wogenhoff, David Seifert, Alan Zbranek, Frank Bittner, Brian Korenek, David Staff, Ricky Miller, Paul Korenek, Larry Papp, and Mark Eggeneyer.

Hog Entries

Rice FFA Show Hogs exhibitors are Brian Ellis, Anthony Hemphill, Kathy Ibebe, Pamela Morgan, Carl Ramirez, Eric Christal, Ronnie Cook, Deborah Kretschmer, Robert Labay, Rodney Simons, Jerry Seaton, David Gura, James Labay, Javier Salinas, James Ames, William Plessner, and Marty Korenek.

Also, Steven Simcik, Larry Taylor, Julian Flores, Mike Black, Hector Cavazos, Kenneth Bhanston, Earnest Fields, Kenneth Hemphill, Danny Korenek, James Kut, Steve Herman, John Lee Korenek, Bruce Magness, David Shimek, Kerry Belyeu, Carl Brown, Joe Lang, Coby Shorter, Chris Sommerstein, and Albert Tommerstein.

Depository

of from 90 days to two years. For amounts less than \$100,000 the bank offered maximum interest allowed, 5% for investments from 30 to 89 days, 5 1/8% for 90 days to one year periods, 6% for periods of one year and over.

The bids were more than three percent more than the amount the bank had been paying on CD's of \$100,000 or more for the past two years, 14.1%.

Only other bidder on the county depository was the Columbus State Bank and Gus H. Miller, Jr. was on hand to present the bid and offered one-half of one percent over the prevailing rate being paid on money market treasury certificates of 13 weeks or 26 weeks periods. For investments less than \$100,000, the bank offered to pay the maximum allowable rates (similar to rates offered by First State Bank).

It was noted that the Columbus State Bank bid would fluctuate as the money market changes. The money market interest being paid Monday was 13.962%, hence the Columbus State Bank bid on that particular date would have amounted to 14.46%.

The commissioners approved the contract for First State Bank to serve as depository for the next two years, unanimously.

Mr. Hill indicated that it is permissible in the future to submit bids offering a percentage over the money market certificate that this might prove to be a more acceptable form of bidding. Judge Cranek said that he would check to assure legality of such bidding for the information of bidders in future depository contract bidding.

Proceeds At 1981 FFA Sale Exceed \$75,000

New Patrolman

The Rice Future Farmers of America Chapter held its "best ever" show and sale on Saturday last week in near-perfect weather.

The FFA boys and girls received a total of \$68,585.85 from the sale of 37 calves and 37 hogs plus donations from the United Buyers who contributed \$1550 and topped the bids on calves to \$1.20 pound and a contribution from Eagle Lake Dairy Delite to up the hog bids to \$1.50 pound.

The chapter also received contributions totaling \$1260 toward the Rice FFA Show Barn fund; \$1550 from United Buyers; and an additional contribution of \$3,749.38 in interest accumulated on show barn indebtedness at \$600. The First National Bank of Eagle Lake, to make total proceeds for the day \$75,095.21.

All chapter members, officers and advisors extend sincere thanks to all business, individuals and organizations in the area for their outstanding support of the 1981 show and sale.

Complete information on the 1981 show and sale may be found on pages 12, 18 and 14 of this issue.

Garwood Lions Mop & Broom Sale Next Wed.

The Garwood Lions Club members will have their annual Lighthouse for the Blind Mop and Broom Sale next Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Lions Hall in Garwood.

Lots of household items will be offered for sale by members of the Garwood Club.

The public is urged to patronize this sale. Proceeds are earmarked for worthy causes in the Garwood area.

Black Awareness Pageant At ELPs Gym Sat. Night

The first of two programs in observance of Black Awareness Week will be sponsored at the Eagle Lake Primary School Gymnasium at 8:00 p.m. this Saturday, Feb. 21st by the Bay City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a public service sorority.

The event Saturday will be a beauty pageant with high school girls from the Rice Consolidated District competing along with girls from Columbus, Kenedo and Wharton. The entries will be sponsored by businesses in the respective communities.

The second event, planned by the local Delta includes a musical on Friday, Feb. 27th at 8 p.m. in the Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Rev. P. L. Barrow, pastor. The recital will feature the Rev. W. H. Banks, pastor of the Christian Faith Baptist Church of Houston.

All citizens are invited and urged to attend these activities.

Council OK's Higher Tax Exemp.; Trapping Dogs

The Eagle Lake city council in session Tuesday night Feb. 10th, approved increasing homestead exemptions from \$8000 to \$12,500 on 1981 ad valorem taxes; met with a representative of Eagle Lake Cable TV; and also authorized the city manager to seek bids for a water main extension off of Laughlin Road. The council also heard a report from the city manager on tax collection and dog traps.

The increased homestead exemptions approved by the council coincides with a new state statute that requires property to be assessed at 100 percent of its full market value. In the past the city has assessed property at 40 percent and allowed a \$3,000 exemption. Since the statute now requires that 1981 assessments be taken on 100 percent of market value, the council upheld the homestead exemption to \$7,500, which in effect, will match the original exemption allowance and will make tax payments about the same as in the past.

Property owners 65 years old or over and disabled veterans are eligible for the homestead exemption but an application must be made and approved annually by the city. Deadline for applying this year is April 30, 1981.

Cable TV Questioned

The council also met briefly with local Cable TV manager Robert Morris, Jr. to discuss complaints being voiced by Eagle Lake customers about poor reception on some of the stations. Morris indicated that some of the problem was being caused by "power line lines" and that corrective steps are being made.

It was also mentioned that because of a reception problem with Channel 12 (Victoria Station) Cable TV may no longer offer that station in its programming. A replacement for that channel has not been determined at this time.

Morris also told the council that his firm will soon be

Revival At Bonus Baptist Ch. Begins Sunday

The Bonus Baptist Church will hold a revival beginning Sunday, Feb. 22nd and continuing through Wednesday, Feb. 25th. The pianist, Rev. Ron Ebert, and members invite friends in the area to make plans to attend.

The Rev. Dave Dignon will be evangelist for the services and Don Kidd will lead singing. Michele Sibley of District Judge E. W. Patten son presided at the Second 25th Judicial Court session.

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Date for sentencings for the two men was not announced.

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It is anticipated that other persons indicted by the February grand jury will enter pleas before Judge Patten in another session in the near future.

Only Two Make Pleas In District Court Monday

Although the February Grand Jury returned nineteen indictments involving a total of twenty-five persons, pleas were made by only two persons in the regular session for taking pleas on criminal charges Monday, District Judge E. W. Patten presided at the Second 25th Judicial Court session.

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Playoff Likely Between Rice, Columbus Girls

District 22AAA girls basketball competition is fast coming to a close and it appears likely that the Rice, High School Raiders and the Columbus Cardinals will be involved in a "win-or-lose" game playoff either Friday or Saturday of this week.

The Rice girls won the first half of play without a loss, but dropped a game to Columbus girls last Friday and the Cardinals need only a win over East Bernard to clinch the second round of play.

If the Cards win their game and Rice defeats Brasos (both games scheduled Thursday instead of Friday), they will tangle in a playoff contest on either Friday or Saturday as a tie to be determined later.

Winner of the district title will advance to bi-district competition, expected to be played either Monday or Tuesday of next week. The winner of that game will advance to the Regional Tournament at Rice Junior College next weekend, Feb. 27th and 28th.

The Headlight will post results and schedules on its front windows since the tentative playoff game and bi-district game will be played before our next publication, or contact the high school principal's office, 234-2585, for information on the playoffs.

First National Shareholders Increase Directors To Ten

Shareholders of The First National Bank held their Annual Meeting Wednesday, Feb. 11th and voted to expand the present Board of Directors from eight to ten members. Elected to serve for the coming year are Wm. H. Harrison, who serves as Chairman; Brock Ashby, H. L. Cook, Jr., William H. Harrison, Jr., Kenneth Mahalit, John A. Melton, Earl Rodgers, Willard W. Stuart, Harold Thomas and J. R. Thomas. Ashby and Harrison were serving as Advisory Directors since May of 1980.

In his report to the shareholders, President Wm. H. Harrison, Jr. characterized 1980 as a year of unpredictable change in the money markets, of more rules from the regulators, and of fundamental changes in the nature of deposit accounts.

"Our capital structure is exceptionally strong at 12.6% of total assets, and this gives us the flexibility to aggressively seek both loans and deposits," said Harrison.

Leon Bates Redfest Costa Harrison used charts to illustrate the continuing shift of deposits from "free money" in checking accounts" to "money that costs" such as in savings accounts; certificates of deposit; and in the newly authorized NOW accounts. "Because we are paying more for deposits and paying on more deposits, our loan rates must reflect those costs," Harrison pointed out.

He further stated, "We have attempted to replicate other bank services to reflect the value of those services and their true cost to the bank. We can't expect the borrower