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2 Share Outstanding Boy Athlete Honors



For the first time in Rice High School's 11-year history, the Outstanding Boy Athlete award presented annually at the All-Sports Banquet, had co-winners. Fourteen senior boys were eligible for the award with Larry Haynes and Victor Davis selected as the winners. Haynes, second from left, and Davis, third from left, were

both instrumental in Rice's successful football and basketball seasons. Davis was also a standout on the track team. Football coach Clifton Darden, left, and athletic director and basketball coach Jack Grammer, right, are shown making the presentation during Monday night's annual banquet. Complete story on page 7.

Sheriff Doc Mueller Dies Of Heart Attack

Suffers Attack At Office Friday, Services Held Mon.

Citizens of Colorado County and friends throughout the state learned with great sadness of the sudden death of Colorado County Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller of an apparent heart attack. Sheriff Mueller was in conference with Chief Deputy Jim Broussard and Special Deputy Ike Etheridge at around six p.m. last Friday, May 1st, when he suddenly became ill and died shortly afterward. Reports are that he had not been in bad health and reportedly was in good spirits throughout the day.

Immediately after the attack, Broussard, Etheridge and other officers at the county jail administered aid and summoned the Columbus unit of the Ambulance Corps. Corpsmen arrived in less than three minutes and worked for some time but were unable to revive the sheriff so he was rushed to the Columbus Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Mueller, 57, had been serving as sheriff of this county since his election in 1968 and had just been re-elected to a new four year term (without opposition) in the general election last year.

Colorado County Commissioners' Court will be in a special agenda session at 2 p.m. this Wed., May 6th to

discuss a successor to Sheriff Mueller; however official action on the appointment may not come until the regular session at 10 a.m. Monday.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Jim Broussard assumed the position of acting sheriff, as prescribed by state law until such time as the Commissioners' Court makes an appointment to serve until the 1982 general election.

County Judge Lester J. Cranek said this week that any appointment made by the court would be effective until the next general election which would be in November of 1982 and person elected would take office immediately.

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Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller

Damage Caused By Twisters At Nada Fri.



Several twisters Friday afternoon caused much damage in the Nada community. This metal implement shed, housing many pieces of farming equipment, was twisted and

smashed by the twister's fury. The building is owned by Leonard Svoboda and is located about two miles southwest of Nada townsite.

Thompson Plane Crashes Fri., Total Loss

The pilot of an Ag-Cat agricultural aircraft owned by Thompson Flyers of Garwood escaped without injuries but the plane was demolished in an accident on Farm to Market Road 1693 three miles west of Garwood at around 5:30 p.m. last Friday.

It was reported that the pilot Jerry Knitig was working in a rice field being farmed by Laddie Krenk and was sitting in his plane loaded with fertilizer waiting for a heavy rain shower to pass before beginning takeoff.

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Twisters Hit Nada Area Last Friday

Area Gets Much Rainfall

The Eagle Lake area received considerable rainfall during the past week during violent weather which has prevailed in most of South and East Texas.

The rice experiment station west of Eagle Lake recorded .28 of an inch Saturday, .86 of an inch Sunday and .78 on Monday.

The lake plant of the Lakeside Irrigation Co. recorded .36 of an inch Saturday, 2.26 inches on Sunday and .06 of an inch Monday.

The latest rainfall totals bring the total rainfall for the year to 10.13 inches, still under the average rainfall for this area.

Damage: Barns, Homes, Trees, Power Lines In Nada Community

For the second week in a row, heavy damage resulted from twisters which hit this county, this time in the Nada community in the southern portion of Colorado County during some violent weather last Friday afternoon.

At around three p.m. two twisters moved through Nada one moving from northwest to southeast through the business area of the Nada community and the other from northeast to southwest through an area about two miles west of downtown Nada. The latter moved southwest bringing heavy rain and hail and devastating winds, leaving in its path twisted and uprooted trees, leveled field crops and gardens, damage to power and utility lines, and destroying or damaging a number of sheds and barns and homes.

Although the storm Friday was not rated as violent as the one which hit the Bernardo, Mentz and Sealy areas on Thursday, April 23rd, damage in the Nada area was considered almost, if not as heavy, as that suffered in those areas a week earlier.

Lee A. Schoellmann and Dorothy Hyek operate the Nada Grocery and Victor Hyek the gift shop and appliance department. They said the storm moved in suddenly, but noisily and crashed two large plate glass windows at the front of the grocery and scattered appliances, gift items, grocery items and others throughout the store. A large sign at the store was destroyed. Schoellmann said that everyone in the store "rushed to the rear" (Continued on last page)

Public Meet May Be Called On Truck Traffic

Eagle Lake city council indicated last week that it would be receptive to a proposal that a public hearing be held relative to truck traffic through this city.

The proposal was brought up by councilman Roy Dean Van Nort who told the council last week that he had been in conversation with a safety officer for one of the major trucking companies operating in this area and the safety officer indicated that he would be interested in setting up a public meeting whereby citizens could talk to the trucking companies.

City Manager Bob Klockman reported that a few of the companies are conducting a program of self-policing of truck traffic using vehicles with radar equipment in an effort to reduce truck traffic violations in the area.

The city manager also reported that the city council is limited in regulation of speed and weight of traffic on highways through the city. He commented that the city cannot lower speed limits without first obtaining approval of the state department of highways and transportation and cannot set a dual standard of speeds—one for trucks and one for

RHS's Outstanding Girl Athlete



Mary Ann Becak, center, was named the Outstanding Girl Athlete at Rice High School during the annual All-Sports Banquet in the Rice Commons on Monday night of this week. Mary, a standout in both basketball and track, is shown receiving the trophy from basketball coach Reuben Wunderlich and track coach Jane Deotal. For more on the banquet see page 7.

other vehicles.

He added that the city's officers have been increasing enforcement of existing traffic laws within the city, both for trucks and other vehicles, as well.

The idea of a possible public hearing with the trucking companies may be discussed further when the council meets on Tuesday night of next week.

County Farm Bureau Queen's Contest Friday in Columbus. See page 16.

Wintermann Named A&M Ag. Counselor

David R. Wintermann of Eagle Lake was appointed as an Agricultural Counselor to the Texas A&M University Research Foundation by the board of trustees last week.

Wintermann, a long-time friend of research activities at Texas A&M, has been very active in research projects conducted by the University, and by its extension offices. As a counselor, he will serve in an advisory role having input into what the Foundation is doing.

The Research Foundation is a non-profit organization and serves as a "contractor for the government," according to TAMU officials.

Council To Open Bids Tuesday For 4 Items

Also Will Hear Report On Three Street Requests In City

By Jeff Fruka

The Eagle Lake city council will open bids for four separate items when the council meets in regular session on Tuesday night of next week and will also hear a report on three items from the Street Committee.

The council, in session on Tuesday, April 28th, authorized city manager Bob Klockman to seek bids for a mosquito fogger (estimated to cost about \$4,000), for fire department radios, for a vibratory plate packer, and for new flooring in the Post Office facilities (the building is owned by the city and leased to the Postal Service).

All four items are urgently needed, according to the city manager and action on the bids is expected following the bid opening.

Street Requests
The council heard reports during last week's meeting to abandon the Allen Avenue/Highland Park street located between Waverly and Airline Streets near the airport; to abandon an alley in Block 1 of the Hanly Addition, which

runs behind the city's service center on Davitt Street; and heard a request for street improvements on FM 102 (Post Office Street).

No action was taken on any of the requests, however, a committee (chaired by Ralph Truly, councilman, with councilman Mike Duarte and city manager Klockman comprising the committee) will make recommendations concerning all three situations when the council goes back into session next Tuesday.

Manager's Report
The city manager reported to the Council that:

• Bid opening for the waste treatment plant and rehabilitation project will be held on the morning of Tuesday, May 26th since May 25th is a

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Older Texans Fair In Nada Thursday

Citizens in Colorado County are invited to attend the annual Colorado County Extension Service's Older Texan Fair to be held at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada this Thursday, May 7th.

The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. County Judge Lester J. Cranek will talk on services available to Older Texans in the county. "Weatherizing Your Home for Energy Savings" will be presented by Mrs. Donella R. Pantel, Colorado County Extension Agent, and "Tax Deductions for Weatherizing Your Home" will be presented by Nat Goodwin, Income Tax Consultant.

Following the program will be an awards luncheon served to the public by the Women's Organization of St. Mary's Catholic Church. During the luncheon, the Outstanding Man and Woman will be announced and rosette winners of the displays will be recognized. Items exhibited will be for sale with all proceeds going to the Older Texan (over 60) selling the item. The program will conclude at 2:30 p.m.

Last Thursday, April 30th was the deadline for registering for booths and for submitting nominations for Outstanding Man and Woman for 1981.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam K. Accept Citation From LCRA



Sam K. Seymour, Jr., of Columbus, center, one of two honorees at an appreciation event held by the Lower Colorado River Authority at the Fayette Power Project near La Grange last Wednesday, proudly displays a beautiful

engraved certificate of appreciation for thirty-six years of dedicated and unselfish service on the LCRA board. At the right is Mrs. Seymour, and at the left is Charles Herring, General Manager of the Lower Colorado River Authority. See story on page 6 of this issue.

Lake Motors Hit By Burglars Tues. Morning

Eagle Lake Patrolman Gil Steen was called Monday morning to investigate a burglary at the Lake Motors, Inc. facilities on South McCarty. Investigation revealed that the screen was cut on a window on the west side of the building and the window opened.

Joe Reed, owner, reported that a money bag with \$100.70 in cash and \$602.41 in checks was taken.

The burglar also went into a hallway and pried open a drink machine.

Investigation of the entry continues.

Gold's Best Of Show Entry



Chris Gold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gold of Nada, center, is shown displaying his "Best of the Show" entry in the XI Pi Psi-sponsored Rice High School art show on the downtown city square last Saturday. At the left is XI Pi Psi Society president Mrs. Lonnie (Ernie) Sommerlatte; and at the right is Mrs. Bill (Lynda) Apple, service chairman for XI Pi Psi. For more on the show see page 11.

Highway Dept. Plans Work On Highway 90A West Soon

The Texas Department of Highways and Transportation is making plans for early improvement of the road conditions on Highway 90A west of Eagle Lake to Altair.

Bennie Holesovsky, Maintenance Supervisor for the Department's Columbus office, advised the Headlight last week that the department will begin "texturing" or roughing up the slick spots on the section of the highway

from Eagle Lake to Altair. The machine to be used by the department will leave shallow furrows in the road's surface to provide traction for vehicles, especially when the road is slick from light rain.

Holesovsky says the work should be done early in May, just as soon as arrangements can be completed with a contractor for lease of a

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