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Miller Ford building sold to Revitalization group

The J. F. Miller Ford dealership building at the northeast corner of Lake and Main was sold Friday to Revitalize Eagle Lake, Inc., on the recommendation of its Museum Committee.

The local, non-profit corporation's board of directors voted to initiate purchase proceedings and signed an earnest money contract with Jim and Marlene Miller.

The contract included payment of five percent of the cost of the building, which included funds the group has raised, as well as personal donations of board members.

Price of the building was set at \$65,000.

Rollin Baker, who co-chairs the museum committee with postmaster Robert Martin, said Tuesday that development of the museum "will take some time...this isn't something we will be able to do overnight."

However, he said there is hope that starting in the next week or so, volunteer labor will help clean and paint part of the building so some of the old farm equipment available in the area can be put on display.

"We could open a couple of days a week, on weekends, with volunteers," he said.

Overall, the revitalization corporation needs to raise funds to pay for the structure, and has begun meeting to discuss how that can be done.

"This is all exciting," Baker said. "Eagle Lake



Jim and Marlene Miller, right, welcome members of the Revitalize Eagle Lake museum committee into the building that until recently housed J. F. Miller Ford. Revitalize Eagle Lake has made a commitment to purchase the building and property for a museum. From left is Roy Dean Van Nort, Rollin Baker, Louis Schorlemmer and Paulette Klockman.



Rice FFA members honored

Members of the Rice High School FFA chapter collected some of the highest honors in the state last week while attending the 55th Texas FFA convention. Above, from left is Coby Shorter III, Stephen Mahalite, Joe Lang, Albert Tomchesson,

Larry Taylor and Thomas Mahalite. Below, from left are Marty Korenek, Kathy Ishee, Paul Korenek, Marilyn Mahalite and Missy Huvar. For their awards, see accompanying story.



Rice FFA members honored at state

Eight members of the Rice High School chapter of the Future Farmers of America attended the 55th annual state FFA convention last week in San Antonio, bringing home a number of valuable awards.

Three that topped the list were presented to Deborah Kretschmer who was presented the \$8,000 scholarship she won this year at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Ricky Miller was named Star American Farmer of Texas, which is the highest degree than an FFA member may attain in the 500,000 member organization.

Coby Shorter III was presented the Santa Fe Railway educational award for his activities and participation as an FFA member.

During the first general session on Wednesday morning, July 13, the Area III Association members received the Lone Star Farmer Degree, which is the highest degree of membership that a state can bestow on its members.

Recipients from the Rice Consolidated FFA chapter were Joe T. Lang, Albert Thomas Tomchesson, Larry Wayne Taylor, Thomas Earl Mahalite, Stephen Arthur Mahalite and Shorter.

Other members attending the convention were Kathy Ishee, Marilyn Mahalite, Martin Korenek, Michelle Huvar and Paul Korenek, who also were voting delegates.

Other persons attending the convention to offer support and encouragement of the local FFA members were Mrs. Betty Korenek, Rev. and Mrs. Coby Shorter, Mrs. Sheryl Henry and daughters Kristen and Krystle of Wharton, Miss Beryl Shorter of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Smith III of Victoria and Sister Evelyn Marie Rischer of San Antonio.

Miss Kretschmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ramsey of Garwood, was honored by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. She plans to attend Wharton County Junior College for a year then attend Texas A&M University where she will major in agricultural economics.

Coby, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Coby Shorter of Eagle Lake, was presented the Santa Fe award by Mike Benya, sales and service manager of the Santa Fe Railway Co. of Dallas.

Coby's selection to receive the educational award was based on his activities and participation while a member of the Future Farmers of America. He is president of the Area III FFA Association, which has 10,000 members representing more than 134 FFA chapters. He was elected president of the chapter in May. It is the largest chapter association in the state.

Opinion on parking meters

Businesses in the downtown shopping district will be asked their opinion on whether they think city council should be asked to remove parking meters.

In its monthly meeting Monday, the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce board of directors polled those present and learned that eight felt the meters should be removed, while five wanted to keep them.

At last month's meeting, president Jo Ann Mahalite began discussion of the parking meter question. Should the chamber learn that the majority of people support the removal of the meters, it will make a recommendation to city council.

Secretary Fred Frnka said business owners will be asked their opinion. And, while no active polling of the public is scheduled, the chamber asked interested citizens to fill out the coupon reprinted here. "If people don't care to send it in," he said, then that leaves us no choice but to think no action is warranted.

The coupon can be mailed or delivered to the chamber at 123 N. McCarty, or you may register your opinion by calling 234-2780.

In other business, Frnka discussed the retail trade committee's promotion of the recent sidewalk sale, he said there was good response. One merchant said he sold all the merchandise he displayed on the sidewalk, and expressed the same opinion of another merchant, that it helped bring customers into their stores.

Frnka also reported that the chamber has a balance of more than \$3,600 in its account, meaning the organization is in good financial health for this time of year.

- ☐ Keep Parking Meters
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Signature (optional)

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Deborah Kretschmer of Garwood was presented an \$8,000 scholarship during the state FFA convention. She earned the scholarship during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Taxable sales here decrease 47 percent

The city of Eagle Lake received a check this week for \$7,965.25, down 47.2 percent from the check it received last year for the same period.

According to the state comptroller's office, the check represents the city's one percent share of the five-cent sales tax on sales made in May and reported in June.

Most of the other cities in the area also showed a decrease on May sales, including Columbus, which received a check for \$9,514.62, down 13.6 percent. Weimar's check was \$3,993.12, down 44.7 percent.

Overall, May sales in Colorado County decreased 36.7 percent, and for the year-to-date, are down 6.5 percent. For the year, Columbus is down 7.8 percent, Weimar down 16.52 percent, and Eagle Lake is ahead by 1.57 percent.

"Sales for the May period in Seely decreased 11.6 percent, with the city there receiving a check for \$9,298.89. In Wharton County, sales decreased for Wharton by 24 percent, and decreased in El Campo by 9.97 percent. Those cities received checks for \$15,802.27 and \$29,329.37 respectively.

Sales also decreased in Hallettsville.

New students to register at Rice High School July 27, 28

Students planning to enter Rice High School, at Altair in August, and who have not previously attended a school in the Rice district or St. Mary's in Nada, should register at Rice on Wednesday or Thursday, July 27 and 28. Registration will be conducted between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon.

The new student must be accompanied by parent or parents and must have with him a current immunization record and a copy of their last report card.

Deborah Kretschmer, principal at Rice High School.

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