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Rice district art wins second at Houston show

The Rice Consolidated School District was named runner-up to the prestigious Grand Prix Award in the Houston Livestock Show's school art program.

Rice entries won the honor in competition with 52 other school districts and total entries numbering over 220,000. The Rice school first entered this contest in 1978. Rice captured the Grand Prix award in the Houston Show western art competition in 1979 and finished second in 1980 and 1981, but brought home first place Grand Prix trophy in 1982 and 1983. This year, being the seventh year of participation, came in second. Rice is the only school district to win the Grand Prix three times.

In January, Houston Livestock judges came to Rice High School to judge the Rice district's exhibit. Like the other 52 school districts, five pieces of art work were chosen to represent Rice in the School Art display in the Astrodome during the two weeks of the Houston Rodeo. Rice was represented by Patrick Powers, Best of Show in elementary division; Vance Corman, Best of Show in junior high division; Wade Miller, Best of Show in high school division; Susan Gold and Michael Sibley, both Gold Medal winners.

75 attend annual Campfire dinner

A candlelight ceremony began the evening of the Eagle Lake Middle School Campfire father-daughter supper last Friday evening. Held at the Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria, the second annual event was well attended.

Since the first box supper last year, membership in the campfire organization here, open to both boys and girls, has nearly doubled to more than 30.

The supper gives fathers and daughters a chance to be together, so parents are more aware of the activities of their children. Each girl prepares a sandwich for her dad. Approximately 75 campfire girls, fathers, leaders and guests attended.

Guests included William H. Harrison, Jr., president of United Way of Eagle Lake which lends financial support to Campfire activities, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Varley, middle school assistant superintendent.

As part of the program, the older bluebirds introduced their "little sisters" to the audience and all four campfire groups performed a skit.



Above, leaders watch as a campfire girl lights a candle at the opening ceremony. Below left, Mark Anderson enjoys his box supper with daughter Meredith. Below right, the Sparks group performs their skit "Wheels of the Bus." Bottom right, Campfire leader Becky Anderson pins a chirping bluebird for memorizing the Bluebird wish.

Bill Rotard and Roy Rotard of Huntville were in Sheridan last Thursday visiting with relatives.

Bernice Carey and Dian Scott spent last Thursday in Houston shopping.

Mrs. Jerry Lloyd spent Tuesday in Yorktown visiting with her brother-in-law who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. De Peterson and children of Edna visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Q. M. Peterson.

Students from our community who were inducted into the National Honor Society at the annual banquet Monday night were Vicki Darden and Thresa Havens. The event was held in Rice High School Commons. Other students who attended were Rebecca Kutzer and Bertie Garcia.

DeWayne and DeWayne Doppast spent February 29 through March 4 in Houston participating in the Houston Livestock Show.

DeWayne sold three steers that graded very well. Two graded choice two and the other graded three. He also showed the heifer he won last year in the calf scramble. It placed 16th out of 22.

Elementary division winners were: Brianna Cooper and Joshua Grahmann, tied for first place; Cory Wiese and Cheryl Meith, tied for second; and Kori Klein, third.

Sheridan News

By Velma Kutzer
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Following is a list of the winners:

First Grade: Cory Wiese, first place; Amy Jan, second; San Douglas, third.

Second Grade: Brianna Cooper, first place; Chris Jackson, second; Estella Garcia, third.

Third Grade: Joshua Grahmann, first place; Shane Laake, second; Aaron Machae, third.

Fourth Grade: Cheryl Meith, first place; Kori Klein, second; Connie Soto, third.

Fifth Grade: Larina Pence, first place; David Brown, second; Becky Paichtinger, third.

Sixth Grade: Sharru Querner, first place; Jennifer Hooper, second; David Murphy, third.

Seventh Grade: Robert Brown, first place; Cash Coble and Shannon Del Dotto, tied for second; Rodney Laake and Michael Grahmann, tied for third.

Eighth Grade: Shannon Pustejovsky, first place; Trae Klein and Leslie Glover, tied for second; and Johnny Barker and Laura Dupree, tied for third.

Overall junior high division winners were Sharru Querner, first place, Shannon Pustejovsky, second, and Jennifer Hooper, third.

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Milton Hall, left, and wife Sharon, right, distributors for Tri-Steel Structures, met with Tri-Steel Chairman of the Board John Brown, center, at National Seminar held last month in Denton, Texas.

Halls attend seminar on steel homes

Milton and Sharon Hall of Columbus recently attended a three-day seminar for distributors of Tri-Steel Structures, Inc., the nation's leading designer and manufacturer of steel frame homes. The seminar, held at company headquarters in Denton, Texas, focused on construction and promotions of the new revolutionary steel home concept.

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March 7 is Ash Wednesday, lent begins

The United Methodist Church, in Eagle Lake, reminds residents that March 7 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. The observance of Lent dates back to the 4th century A.D.

Christians in Jerusalem began to celebrate the events of Holy Week by a procession into the city on Palm Sunday and to the Mount of Olives on Good Friday. Later, Lent was expanded to 40 days, excluding Sundays preceding Easter. It was a time for special study, fasting, discipline and prayer for the new converts who were to be baptized on Easter Eve.

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Robert Barrios completes Marine recruit training

Marine Pvt. Robert Barrios has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alcario Barrios of in Eagle Lake.

During the 11-week training cycle, Barrios learned the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

Barrios participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

Columbus Livestock

The overall market this week was still very good on all classes of cattle with a good demand for feeder cows, says George and Don.

Hogs: No. 1 hogs, 45 to 46 cents per pound; No. 2 and 3, 43 to 45 cents; feeder pigs and sows, 30 to 35 cents per pound; sows, 32 to 40 cents.

Sheep: ewes, 10 to 15 cents per pound; lambs, 45 cents; bucks, 10 to 15 cents; pairs \$30 to \$40 per pair.

Yearlings: good to choice, 50 to 60 cents per pound; standard, 54 to 56 cents per pound; utility, 50 to 54 cents; culls, 45 to 50 cents.

Packer Cows: heiferettes, 48 to 55 cents per pound; utility, 40 to 45 cents; cutters, 38 to 41 cents; canners, 34 to 37 cents.

Packer Bulls: commercial, 51 to 56 cents per pound; utility, 48 to 51 cents; cutters, 45 to 49 cents; canners, 38 to 44 cents.

Stecker and Feeder Calves and Yearlings: Heavy: Hereford and Angus steer calves, 62 to 75 cents per pound; Hereford and Angus heifer calves, 57 to 63 cents; Crossbred steer calves, 62 to 78 cents; Crossbred heifer calves, 57 to 64 cents; replacement heifers, 65 to 75 cents. Light: Hereford and Angus steer calves, 50 cents to \$1.00; Hereford and Angus heifer calves, 65 to 80 cents; Crossbred steer calves, 85 cents to \$1.02; Crossbred heifer calves, 65 to 80 cents; Light plain calves, 48 to 60 cents.

Stecker Cows: good stocker cows and heifers \$350 to \$450; commercial and medium stocker cows and heifers, \$280 to \$325; good cow and calf pairs,

Area youth inducted in Phi Theta Kappa sorority

Sixty-five Wharton County Junior College students joined a distinguished group of the scholars February 25 in Wharton when they were initiated into the Zeta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a national fraternity whose purposes are the promotion of scholarship, leadership and service.

The new Phi Theta Kappa members from this area include: Marilyn Mahalite, Karen Rucka, Alice Runk and Yvonne Williams, all of Eagle Lake, and Frank S. Bittner of Garwood.

Phi Theta Kappa inductees were praised for their high academic achievements by Dr. Jim A. Coats, Jr., executive dean of the college.

"We at Wharton County Junior College are very proud of the members of Zeta Xi," affirmed Dr. Coats who disclosed that many former WCJC initiates have become outstanding members in many fields and six presently serve on the WCJC faculty including Mary Jo LeNorman of Eagle Lake who serves as a part-time Medical Record Technology instructor.



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Police investigate check forgery

A forgery case is under investigation by the Eagle Lake police department.

Dan Canaris, owner of Dan's Minute Stop, told police on Feb. 22 that the suspect cashed a check from G & A Construction of Nederland. Reporting of officer was former Chief G.W. Steen.

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Mario Mendoza, 24, of 200 8th St., was arrested Sunday, Feb. 5. He posted a cash bond and was released.

Samuel Rodriguez, 25, of San Antonio, was arrested by officer Andy Munoz on Feb. 4. He posted a cash bond and was released Feb. 5.

In other news, Brent Cade Atkins, 8, was injured March 2 at 11:35 a.m., when he was walking in front of an oncoming car on E. Main.

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10 Rice high school students sworn into honor society

New members were inducted into the National Honor Society at Rice High School Monday night.

Before receiving their certificates and patches, the members learned four qualities of the organization which includes scholarship, service, leadership and character.

Ten junior and sophomore students were sworn in by chapter president Shawn Spaniel. They include: John Adkins, junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Adkins of Eagle Lake; John Adams of Eagle Lake; Mary Hernandez, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Darden of Sheridan; Tina Grahmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grahmann of Rock Island; Teresa Havens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lawford of Sheridan; and Beverly Rucka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Rucka of Eagle Lake.

Officers for the 1984-85 school year are: Sharru Querner, president; Julia Rosprim, vice president; Stacy Holden, secretary; treasurer, and Rachelle Hunt, reporter.

Other National Honor Society members include: Coby Shorter, III, Matthew Rohwer, Bertie Garcia, Becky Kutzer, Temple Thomas, Michael Sibley and Vicki Hernandez.

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