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Rice FFA student receives computers in agriculture award

Roger Rutledge, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rutledge, was selected for the Computers in Agriculture award at the annual FFA award ceremony. The award is sponsored by AgriData Resources, Inc. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The computer is seen as a key management tool in the future of America's agriculture. Vocational agriculture and the FFA utilize computers in the classroom for both instruction and information retrieval. The FFA is an integral part of the instructional program at Rice High School. One of the goals is to include high technology in the educational program for young people choosing careers in agriculture.

FFA livestock judging team competes at area judging contest

The Rice Consolidated FFA livestock judging team traveled to Texas A&M University on April 13 to participate in the Area III Livestock Judging contest. At this contest the FFA youth judged beef cattle, market hogs and breeding animals, along with quality grading hogs, cattle and determining the feeder grades on cattle.

This is the first year that a Rice Consolidated livestock judging team has participated in competition. The students who participated in this activity

learned a great deal which will be applied towards selection of quality animals and future livestock judging contest.

'Focus on the family,' films scheduled in May

The family has been the center of our society for centuries, yet today it is coming under attack in many ways both deliberate and accidental. The values of our society are under constant pressure and are often being re-shaped through the entertainment mediums. Families are being separated through company transfers, divorce and through both parents having to work. More money, more leisure time are creating problems which have never existed in our world before.

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Woodmen family picnic

Woodmen of the World Lodge 0007 will have a family picnic for members on May 5 at the K.C. Hall in Columbus. Games begin at 4 p.m. Hamburgers will be served at 7 p.m. Members are asked to come and enjoy an afternoon of fun.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

Wednesday, May 8, 7 p.m. "Preparing for Adolescence: The Origins of Self-Doubt" and "Preparing for Adolescence: Peer Pressure and Sexuality" Thursday, May 9, 7 p.m. "What Wives Wish their Husbands knew about Women - The Lonely Housewife" and "What Wives Wish their Husbands knew about Women - Money, Sex, and Children."

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Winners in conservation program to be honored at banquet May 7

Sandra Korenek, third place essay winner from Garwood, Mrs. Sally Wilson, runner-up from Garwood, and Carissa Blair, second place poster winner from Columbus, will be honored for outstanding contributions to the Texas soil and water conservation program at a Region III Awards Banquet on May 7 to be held at 6 p.m. in Beville.

Categories in which awards will be presented include: outstanding conservation district, resident conservation farmer, absentee conservation farmer, rancher, business/professional individual, conservation teacher, wildlife conservationist, public media award and conservationist/homesite. Additional awards are presented for outstanding posters and essays on soil and water conservation by youth in the area.

The purpose of the awards program is to recognize and honor a soil and water conservation district and individuals who have dedicated their efforts and talents to making wise use of renewable natural resources. Sponsors of the regional awards program are the Texas State Soil Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the 201 local soil and water conservation districts in Texas.

Dr. Holbert to speak at Methodist Church in Columbus on May 4

Dr. John C. Holbert, old testament professor at Perkins School of Theology, will be at First United Methodist Church in Columbus on Saturday, May 4 to lead a discussion on "Genesis: The Drama of Beginnings." The schedule begins with coffee at 9:30 a.m., the first session from 10 a.m. until noon, the second session from 1:30 until 3 p.m.

Dr. Holbert took a degree in philosophy from Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, in 1988. He continued his education at Perkins School of Theology and received a Ph.D. in Old Testament from the graduate

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Art Club launches drive to buy building

The Live Oak Art Club has launched a drive to raise \$150,000 to buy the historic Brunson Building in downtown Columbus and turn it into a county-wide facility called the Colorado County Cultural Center.

Ed Thomas, owner of Undermeyer Antiques of Columbus, is chairman of the fund-raising drive.

Ed is a native of Houston.

Christi Cranek turns five

Little Miss Christie Michelle Cranek celebrated her fifth birthday with a party on Monday, April 22 from 3:15 to 5 p.m. at her grandparents home, the Louis Cranek Jr. in Garwood.

The Rainbow Brite theme was carried out in the party decorations. Everyone sang happy birthday and helped the honoree in opening her many gifts, especially the red bicycle and puppy given by her parents.

After Christi's party, a barbecue supper was served at her house in Garwood celebrating her and her mother's, Maria, birthdays.

Attending were Christi's brother, Garrett; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bures of El Campo and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cranek Jr. of Garwood.

Sunshine class met April 25

Eight members of the Sunshine Class met in the home of Elsie Beane on April 25.

Opheila read from the "Upper Room" and Ruth Wines read one of Helen Steiner Rice's beautiful poems, "The End of the Road is But a Bend in the Road."

After many years of faithful service as class secretary, Hazel was asked to resign her resignation. Elsie Beane willingly accepted this job in addition to the one she has. Our thanks to Hazel for a job well done and to Elsie for carrying on for Hazel.

Everyone enjoyed the minutes

Special programs for preschoolers

Are special programs for preschoolers a sound investment? Studies documented effectiveness based on reduced need for special education services, higher test scores, and greater numbers of students placed in regular classrooms.

One study group required 50 percent less special education services than the control group. Studies of severely hearing impaired, sensory impaired and severely/profoundly handicapped preschoolers showed higher levels of motor and verbal skills, and more rapid skill development.

One study linked the degree of improvement to the age of which services began. One preschool program sent 64 percent into a regular kindergarten. Of 1,347 children who had attended preschool, 37 percent attended regular classrooms with special education services.

Programs are available in Colorado County for helping preschool aged children (birth to five), noted Victor Scott, director of Colorado County Educational Cooperative, who have medical, educational, speech, physical or developmental problems. These preschool programs are designed to better prepare the child for entering school. For information call the public elementary school in your community.

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Beta Sigma Phi sororities celebrate 54th Founder's Day

The 54th Founder's Day celebration of Beta Sigma Phi was observed by Alpha Delta Phi and Xi Pi Psi chapters in Eagle Lake on April 27. During the past 54 years of their history this women's service, social and cultural organization has continued to increase in number. Beta Sigma Phi is the largest Greek letter sorority in the world with over 250,000 active members.

Mrs. Elsie Konvicka hosted this year's event at her Circle K country home. Staffs catering from El Campo served a delicious chicken spaghetti, green beans, and tossed salad buffet.

Charles Rodgers, president of Alpha Delta Phi and Xi Pi Psi presented the histories for the past year for each sorority. Shelia Mathis led the group in reciting the Founder's Day Pledge.

Ernie Sommerlatte read a message from the International Executive Council of Beta Sigma Phi. "Girl of the Year," which was revealed at Founder's Day, April 27, Dianna Brunner announced she has received the Book of Beta Sigma Phi.

Cherry Corman presented the program "The Kitchen: Planning and Design." She discussed the features of her kitchen and the planning that went into it.

The next meeting will be in the home of Ernie Sommerlatte and Kay Clipson will present the program. Officers for the 1985-86 year will be installed at this meeting.

The meeting closed with the midget and an informal social followed.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Dianna Brunner and the treasurer's report was given by Jean Williams.

A thank you note from Elsie Konvicka, who was named "Lady of the Year," was read to members present. Thank you for Easter gifts from secret sisters were acknowledged.

Mrs. Elizabeth Boothe was informed that she will be nominated for "The Older Texan" award at the Older Texan in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Selections were made for the

Mammography unit at hospital is early cancer detection

The American Cancer Society and National Cancer Institute breast cancer projects reveal that one woman in eleven will get breast cancer. Breast cancer is the leading cause of death for women aged 40 to 64.

In March of 1983 the Board of Trustees of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital unanimously voted to purchase equipment for mammography for early detection of cancer and its use has been invaluable. While the number of examinations has increased in the last four years, only a small percentage of those who could benefit receive the examination.

American Cancer Society recommends that every woman have a baseline mammogram between ages of 35 and 40, with repeat mammograms at intervals specified by her doctor until age 50 and yearly thereafter.

This valuable equipment can also be beneficial in screening other parts of the body, other than the chest area, for men as well as women.

Hospital board members, doctors and administrators believe that the use of mammography is a true opportunity for early detection of breast cancer and could eventually reduce pain, suffering and mortality to citizens of the Eagle Lake area.

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Girl of the Year awards were presented to Charles and Pat for their leadership and service over the past year. Perfect attendance awards for 1984-85 were given to Melody Griger, Debbie Christ, Carol Edwards, Shelia Mathis, Janice Ochsena and Charles Rodgers for Alpha Delta Phi and Diana Brunner, Dianne Cassey, Pat Cook, Cherry Corman and Ernie Sommerlatte for Xi Pi Psi.

Awards also were given to Melody Griger for Program of the Year and to Pat and Melody for being chosen 1985 sweethearts.

Officer pins were presented to each chapter's executive board by the presidents along with gifts of appreciation.

The theme for 1985-86 was announced by Pat Cook, "Walk in the Sun and Renaissance."

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