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Community Calendar for February 1986

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Upcoming Attractions... **Prairie Edge Museum Garage Sale** March 4 & 5 **United Methodist Church Youth Fish Fry & Pie Auction** March 8			**February is National Community College Month and Black History Month** Harriet Tubman · Martin Luther King · George Washington Carver · Carter G. Woodson			**1** Buy a Book at Prairie Edge Museum 2-5 p.m. Rice Freshman District Tournament, Hallettsville. Tid Bit: Freedom Day.
2 Knights of Columbus **BBQ Sale** 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. KC Hall, Pendleton St. *Groundhog Day* Catholic School Week February 3-7 *Prairie Edge Museum* Open 2 to 5 p.m. Tid Bit: Boy Scouts of America Scout Sunday and Sabbath.	**3** **Abraham Lincoln's birthday observed.** Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club meeting, 1 p.m., City Hall. Colorado County Children's Service Board meeting, 4 p.m., Colorado County Courthouse, Columbus. Adult night classes, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Eagle Lake Middle School. St. Mary's 4-H Club meeting, 7 p.m., St. Mary's Parish Hall, Nada. Sheridan 4-H Club meeting, 7 p.m., Sheridan school cafeteria. Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department practice meeting, 7 p.m., fire station. Alpha Delta Phi Sorority meeting, 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 334, 7:30 p.m., Scout Hut.	**4** Nutrition luncheon and senior citizens' meeting, noon, Episcopal Church. KC Game Night, 7:30 p.m., Didner Hall. Rice varsity boys host Gonzales, 7:30 p.m.; Rice JV boys at Gonzales, 7 p.m.; Rice varsity ladies host Gonzales, 6 p.m. Dorcas Sunday School Class, 7:30 p.m., home of Mrs. C.L. Richter. Martha Sunday School Class, 7:30 p.m., hostesses, Ernestine Brisco and Vivian Harmon. VFW Game Night, 7:30 p.m., Community Center. Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 8 p.m., hospital conference room. **Halfway point of Winter.**	**5** Eagle Lake Rotary Club, 12:10 p.m. Community Center program chairman, Phillip Ferguson. AARP meeting, 2:30 p.m., Methodist Church educational building. TOPS meeting, 5 to 6 p.m., Christ Episcopal Parish House. Texas Association of Vietnam Veterans, 7 p.m., Eagle Lake Municipal Building.	**6** Ministerial Alliance meeting, 9 a.m., hospital conference room. WMU, 9:30 a.m., Sheridan Baptist Church. Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club, Community Center. Nutrition luncheon and senior citizens' meeting, noon, Episcopal Church. Adult night classes, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Eagle Lake Middle School. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Altar Society meeting, 7 p.m., Didner Hall.	**7** Combined Community Action **Surplus food registration**, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., city hall, Eagle Lake. Rice varsity boys at Edna, 7:30 p.m., girls, 6 p.m.; Rice freshman and JV boys and JV girls host Edna, 5 p.m.	**8** Prairie Edge Museum, open 2-5 p.m. District 4-H Food Show, Cypress, Texas. Prairie Edge Museum, open 2-5 p.m. Quad-County Talent Show (Small Town Jobberwock), 7:30 p.m., Eagle Lake Primary School Gym. Boy Scouts of America Anniversary.
9 *Prairie Edge Museum* Open 2 to 5 p.m. Tid Bit: National Crime Prevent Week, February 9-15.	**10** Commissioners' Court, 10 a.m., Colorado County Courthouse. Adult night classes, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Eagle Lake Middle School. Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department practice meeting, 7 p.m., fire station. Boy Scouts Troop 334, 7:30 p.m., Scout Hut. Rice school board of education meeting, 7:30 p.m., Rice administration building. VFW Game Night, 7:30 p.m., Community Center. Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 8 p.m., hospital conference room.	**11** Nutrition luncheon and senior citizens' meeting, noon, Episcopal Church. Colorado County Central Appraisal District board of directors meeting, 1:30 p.m., Colorado County Courthouse. Eagle Lake Garden Club, 2:30 p.m. Rice JV and varsity boys host Yoakum, 6 p.m. Sheridan PTS meeting, 8 p.m., Sheridan school. Eagle Lake City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m., city hall. KC Game Night, 7:30 p.m., Didner Hall. Xi Pi Psi Sorority meeting, 7:30 p.m. ***Rotary Club Pancake Supper*** **5-7 p.m.** **Community Center**	**12** ***Ash Wednesday*** **Lent Begins** Eagle Lake Pilot Club business meeting, noon, Christ Episcopal Church. TOPS meeting, 5 to 6 p.m., Christ Episcopal Parish House.	**13** Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club, Community Center. Nutrition luncheon and senior citizens' meeting, noon, Episcopal Church. Free Immunization Clinic, 1 to 4 p.m., Ugarte Clinic, 706 S. McCarty. Adult night classes, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Eagle Lake Middle School.	**14** *Valentine's Day* Combined Community Action **Surplus food registration**, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., city hall, Eagle Lake. **Campfire Girls Daughter/Father Box Lunch Banquet, 7 p.m., Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria.** Masonic Lodge meeting, 8 p.m. 	**15** Learn Eagle Lake's History at Prairie Edge Museum, 2-5 p.m. *National FFA Week*
16 *Prairie Edge Museum* Open 2 to 5 p.m.	**17** Combined Community Action holiday, closed. **George Washington's birthday observed, legal holiday.** Chamber of Commerce meeting, noon, The Grill. Adult night classes, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Eagle Lake Middle School. Alpha Delta Phi Sorority meeting, 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 334, 7:30 p.m., Scout Hut. Eagle Lake Volunteer Firemen Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7:30 p.m., fire station. MAYC meeting, 7:30 p.m., Town & Country. VFW Game Night, 7:30 p.m., Community Center. Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 8 p.m., hospital conference room. ***Presidents' Day***	**18** Colorado County Soil and Water Conservation District meeting, 8 a.m., county agriculture building, Columbus. Nutrition luncheon and senior citizens' meeting, noon, Episcopal Church. Colorado County Horse Club meeting, 7 p.m., county agriculture building, Columbus. KC Game Night, 7:30 p.m., Didner Hall. Museum Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., city hall. Colorado/Fayette County Nurses meeting, 7:30 p.m., Weimar. VFW Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 8 p.m., fire station meeting room. VFW Post 8783 meeting, 8 p.m., Eagle Lake Recreation Center.	**19** Combined Community Action Free Blood Pressure Clinic, 10 to noon, CCA office, Preston Street, Columbus. Eagle Lake Rotary Club, 12:10 p.m., Community Center, program chairman, Fred Frnka. TOPS meeting, 5 to 6 p.m., Christ Episcopal Parish House.	**20** WMU, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Sheridan Baptist Church. Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club, Community Center. Nutrition luncheon and senior citizens' meeting, noon, Episcopal Church. Adult night classes, 6:30 to 8:30p.m., Eagle Lake Middle School. Parents Reaching Out meeting, 7:30 p.m., Waldvogel Center, Columbus.	**21** Surplus Food Distribution in Columbus, 9:30 to 11 a.m., CCA office, Preston Street, Columbus. Combined Community Action **Surplus Food Distribution**, 1 to 3:30 p.m., Providence Baptist Church, 1207 E. State, Eagle Lake.	**22** VIP (Very Important People) luncheon and games party, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Methodist Church fellowship hall. *Prairie Edge Museum* Open 2 to 5 p.m. ***SOCIAL SECURITY*** Department of Health and Human Resources, Box 646, Brenham, Texas 77833. ***SCORE*** For appointment, call Columbus Chamber of Commerce, 732-5881. ***STATE DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE*** 435 Spring Street, Columbus, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Eagle Lake City Hall, Council Room, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ***REGULAR SERVICES*** Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Voter Registration and Auto Registration offices located in basement of Colorado County Courthouse. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.: Driver's License office located on main floor of Colorado County Courthouse. Driver License Trooper will be at the office on Mondays only from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
23 Prairie Edge Museum 2-5 p.m.	**24** Commissioners' Court, 10 a.m., Colorado County Courthouse. John Everett chapter DAR noon luncheon honoring George Washington's birthday, Schobel's Restaurant. Adult night classes, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Eagle Lake Middle School. Hospital board meeting, 6:30 p.m., hospital conference room. Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department business meeting, 7 p.m., fire station. Boy Scouts Troop 334, 7:30 p.m., Scout Hut. VFW Game Night, 7:30 p.m., Community Center. Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 8 p.m., hospital cafeteria.	**25** **Colorado County Night at Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.** Nutrition luncheon and senior citizens' meeting, noon, Episcopal Church. Eagle Lake City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m., city hall. KC Game Night, 7:30 p.m., Didner Hall. Xi Pi Psi Sorority meeting, 7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting, 8 p.m., KC Hall.	**26** Surplus Food Distribution in Weimar at City Hall, 10:30 to noon. Eagle Lake Pilot Club program meeting, noon, Christ Episcopal Church. Eagle Lake Rotary Club, 12:10 p.m., Community Center, program chairman, John Garza. TOPS meeting, 5 to 6 p.m., Christ Episcopal Parish House.	**27** WMU Friendship Fellowship for senior citizens, 11:30 a.m., Sheridan Baptist Church fellowship hall. Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club, Community Center. Nutrition luncheon and senior citizens' meeting, noon, Episcopal Church. Sunshine Class, 2:30 p.m., home of Jonie Mae Muzny. Adult night classes, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Eagle Lake Middle School. Volunteer Ambulance Corps meeting, 7:30 p.m., ambulance hall.	**28** Combined Community Action **Surplus food registration**, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., city hall, Eagle Lake.	

FFA sale results

Student/ Award	Class	Weight	Price	Buyer
Vance Corman Grand Champion	Steer	1,215	$2.50	Boettcher-Hlavinka and Lissie Flying Service
Kevin Dornak Grand Champion	Hog	267	$3.25	Laughlin Clinic
Kevin Genz Grand Champio	Heifer	1,000	$700	Joe Korenek
Tara Stevens Grand Champion	Lamb	123	$4.00	Reinbeck Beef, Sealy
Johnny Barker Grand Champion	Rabbits	12	$275	Sheridan Lumber Co.
Xavier Pratt Reserve Champion	Steer	1,015	$1.30	Wild Seed, Inc. John Thomas
Monrovia Carter Reserve Champion	Hog	249	$2.60	Crown B Ranch Henry Burkes
Phil Huvar Reserve Champion and Heifer Showmanship	Heifer	805	$850	Jim & Missy Jurica
Jaimie Perez Reserve Champion	Lamb	162	$2.00	First National Bank
Gilbert Sosa Reserve Champion	Rabbits	8.5	$150	Judge Lester Cranek
Anthony Labay First Place	Hereford	935	$1.00	Farmers Coop, Garwood
Clarence Weeks First Place, Light Weight	Hog	226	$1.05	United Buyers
Cindy Midgett First Place, Junior	Heifer	595	$650	Harris & Hale Real Estate Wharton
Devin Van Nort First Place and Lamb Showmanship	Lamb	129	$1.50	CP&L, Eagle Lake
Jodi Smith First Place	Rabbits	14.5	$110	Vic & Cherry Corman
Daryl Pieprzyca First Place, Brahman Cross	Steer	910	$.80	United Buyers
Bert Fitzgerald First Place, Medium Weight	Hog	245	$1.10	Eagle Lake Dary Delite, T.J. Smith
Tommy Kleppel First Place, Senior	Heifer	995	$650	Columbus Livestock Market
Shelly Owers Second Place	Lamb	171	$1.60	Thomas Clinic
James Botard Second Place	Rabbits	14.5	$110	Thomas Clinic
Marcie Kutzer First Place, other breeds		970	$.95	Columbus State Bank
Derrick Stevens First Place, Heavy Weight	Hog	261	$.90	United Buyers
Dewayne Dopslauf Second Place, Junior	Heifer	745	$500	El Campo Packing
Adam Hubenek Third Place	Lamb	124	$1.50	First National Bank
Michael Meinecke Third Place	Rabbits	12.5	$110	Lonnie Labay
Marla Thomas First Place, English Cross		1,140	$1.00	Blockhouse Ranch, Johnny Simmons
Warren Hurd Second Place, Light Weight	Hog	206	$1.70	Eagle Lake Farm & Home Supply
Stacey Causey Second Place, Senior	Heifer	805	$850	Clarence Moeckel, Weimar
Jack Mayes Fourth Place	Rabbits	11	$130	Paul C. Wallis
Duane Korenek Second Place, Hereford	Steer	995	$.95	Garwood Rice Dryer
Mark Kucherka Second Place, Medium Weight	Hog	238	$1.70	Vance Duncan, J. Spanihel, Coushatta Ranch
Leslie Heard Third Place, Junior	Heifer	635	$425	Joe Korenek
Scarlett Cranek Fifth Place	Rabbits	7.5	$150	Edna Livestock Market
Darrell Pagel Second Place, Brahman Cross		950	$1.00	United Buyers
Kim Montgomery Second Place, Heavy Weight	Hog	259	$1.10	Jack & Judy Leopold
Christy Hill Fourth Place, Junior	Heifer		$425	Billy Ray Krenek
Byron Brown Third place, Light Weight	Hog	209	$1.15	Community Buyers
Todd Krenek Second Place, Other Breeds		1,120	$1.10	Garwood Irrigation
Cornell Hurd Third Place, Medium Weight	Hog	241	$1.15	Lake Oil
Michael Burke Fifth Place, Junior	Heifer	715	$450	Crown B Ranch
Dennis Hemphill Third Place, Heavy Weight and Showmanship Award	Hog	249	$2.00	Andy Anderson
Robert Dierschke 2nd Place, English Cross	Steer	1,055	$1.00	United Buyers
($50 Added, Dr. Thomas) John Thomas Fourth Place, Light Weight	Hog	226	$1.70	Wintermann & Co.
Bill Hefner Third Place, Hereford	Steer	980	$1.10	Garwood Implement Agricultural Service
Irving Williams Fourth Place, Medium Weight	Hog	238	$1.30	First National Bank
David Wiese Third Place, Brahman Cross	Steer	880	$1.00	United Buyers
James Williams Fourth Place, Heavy Weight	Hog	264	$1.05	United Buyers
Ron McGrew Third Place, Other Breeds		1,125	$1.05	L-7 Ranch
Billie King Fifth Place, Light Weight	Hog	212	$1.10	United Buyers
Scott Ripper Third Place, English Cross	Steer	1,050	$1.35	Rice Industries
Duvard Perdue Fifth Place, Medium Weight	Hog	229	$1.25	Anderson Hog Farm
Curtis Rose Fourth Place, Hereford	Steer	1,100	$1.00	United Buyers
Douglas Tillman Fifth Place, Heavy Weight	Hog	256	$1.30	Eagle Lake Farm & Home Supply
Tony Hosman Fourth Place, Brahman Cross		830	$1.05	United Buyers
Tiger Pratt		220	$1.15	United Buyers
Chad Miller Fourth Place, Other Breeds		1,130	$1.00	First National Bank
J.R. Horndt		247	$1.30	Joe Waligura
Leslie Sunderman Fourth Place, English Cross		1,115	$1.40	Gertson Flying Service, Lissie
Arthur Querner		248	$4.10	Eagle Truck & Tractor Repair
Darrell Stancik Fifth Place, Hereford and Best Daily Gain Award	Steer	1,175	$1.30	Wintermann & Co.
Cleve Scott		201	$1.20	United Buyers
Paige Paschall Fifth Place, Brahman Cross		790	$1.00	United Buyers
Randy Perkins		234	$1.25	El Campo Packing
Amy Smith Fifth Place, Other Breeds		885	$1.25	I.V. Duncan Ranch
Ryan Beane	Hog	256	$1.25	Heritage House
Bryan Hyek Fifth Place, English Cross and Showmanship Award	Steer	980	$1.00	United Buyers
Gary Spates		203	$1.25	Crown B Ranch
Carl Wied			$1.00	Richard Seifert
Keith Korenek		246	$1.40	Frederick Leopold, Leopold Dryer
Mitchell Miller		780	$1.00	First National Bank
Melinda Stevens		261	$1.15	United Buyers
Freddy Soto			$1.00	United Buyers
Mickey Scott		209	$1.15	United Buyers
Shari Popp		1,050	$1.10	Randy Waligura
Paul Kucherka		237	$1.15	United Buyers
Benjamin Miller		1,010	$1.00	Miller Grocery
Cogg Norris		236	$1.05	United Buyers
Orlando Pratt		980	$1.00	United Buyers
Shawn Swoboda		210	$1.75	Richard Seifert
Richard Wiese		920	$1.25	Prairie Rice
Brian Rucka		233	$1.65	Kallina Dryer
Brian Blair		830	$1.00	Eagle Lake Rice Dryer
Darul Neubauer		261	$1.30	Leopold Dryer
Wayne Yell		207	$1.10	Community Buyers
Mario Pope		244	$1.10	Farmers Coop, Garwood
Michael Rhodes ($50 added by Dr. Thomas)		268	$1.05	United Buyers
Louis Stiles		206	$1.35	Wayne & Brenda Corman
Twaymon Boone		240	$1.10	El Campo Livestock Commission
Phillip Riggins		209	$1.65	First National Bank
Raymond Perkins		235	$1.25	Eagle Tractor Parts
Felicia Hearn		223	$1.10	CP&L, Eagle Lake
OTHER SELLERS:				
Greg King		1,105	$.70	United Buyers
Becky Almanza		263	$.65 $.35	First National Bank Melvin Sunderman
Marty Manciaz		9.5	$60	Ray Ullrich
Anthony Milligan		213	$.65	Anthony Milligan
Grady Crysel		12.5	$55 $30	Donnie Mahalitc CP&L, Eagle Lake
Ronterio Amos		265	$.70	American Rice Growers, Garwood
Jimmy Van Howten		10	$60	Ray Ullrich
Lynn Montgomery		214	$1.00	Anderson Hog Farm
Ronnie Ellis		13	$55	United Buyers
Catherine Petrus		219	$65	Bear Bottom Farm
Kevin Long		11	$55	United Buyers

Thanks offered for help at RHS FFA sale

More goes on at the Annual Rice High School FFA Chapter Show and Sale than meets the eye. It takes two days to get the animals registered and weighed in, for the judging, and generally make sure everything is ready.

Chapter advisors Ronel Roberts, Finest Axel and Mike McMahon couldn't possibly do all the work themselves. Without the volunteers, before, during and after the sale, the show simply wouldn't go on.

Here are a few of the many people who volunteered, with thanks from the FFA chapter:

Booster Club members Gay Stephens, Linda and Marvin Swoboda, Freddy Soto of Altair, and James and Ida Rose who helped weigh-in. Wayne Corman hauled a number of Animals on Monday morning. Others who hauled animals were Monroe Ripper, Guy Beane, James Brune, Melvin Sunderman, Billy Hefner, Billy Ray Krenek and Marc Jordan. Former students who helped were Joe Lang, Albert Tomchesson, Anthony Williams and Robert Turner. Mrs. Henrietta Baumgarten and Mrs. Sharon Grahmann typed the sale sheets, and Mr. Kenneth Baumgarten helped assemble them.

Other thanks go to Billy Bode for his auctioneering work; spotters Don McAlister, Columbus Livestock Market employe Max and T.J. Smith. (Don Hagan had volunteered to be spotter again but Saturday was his anniversary and asked McCalister to step in.

The chapter also thanks the resale buyers Eddy Packing Co. of Yoakum which paid 58-cents for calves and 50-cents for sheep, and Swift Packing of San Antonio for the 45.5-cents for the hogs. El Campo Meat Market purchased the five hogs that were sifted out Friday due to weight, for 45.5 cents a pound.

Prize Winners:

Three prizes built by the chapter were awarded to buyers at the show. One picnic table was awarded to John and Marilyn Thomas, and another to Thomas Clinic. Garwood Implement won the barbecue pit.

Additional thanks go to those who helped purchase ribbons and trophies, as well as those who made donations, and performed other tasks: from the Garwood Lions Club responsible for bookkeeping, Mike Michalka, Herbert Engstrom, Harry Engstrom and Mike and Linda Ramsey, and to Glen Hefner for working in the ring; The Eagle Lake Lions Club, to Roy D. Van Nort for working with Leslie Heard in organizing the Trail Ride and FFA sweetheart competition, and to Vic Corman for helping in the sale ring., and to the Sheridan Lions Club for coordinating the barbecue luncheon with members Eddie Ray Taylor, Albert Bozard and Bennie Machac. Mikeska Catering sold the meal. The Eagle Lake Chamber and the Frnka Huvar, Sammy Tise and Marc Jordan families donated the ribbons.

Community, United Buyers

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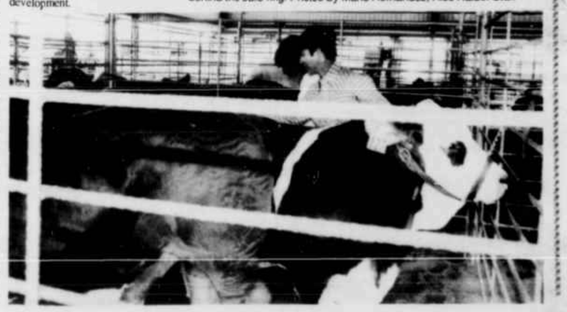
Harrison Jr., Billy Hefner, W.A. Hefner, Darby Hoffman, John J. Williams, Edward Korenek, Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Kurcherka, Arlin Miller, Mrs. Louis Miller, RVOS Insurance, Alfred Prihoda, Monroe Ripper, Ed Lee Schneider, Tony Schneider, Vic's TV and Radio, Ralph Truly, Joe Wendel, George Williams, Joe Waligura, Travis Wegenhoft, Reuben Wunderlich, Clarence Zbranek, Rick Holden, Truman Engstrom, Ernie F. Genz, Fred F. Grahmann, Brisco Brothers, Lawrence Shimek, Eagle Lake Implement Co., Mr. and Mrs. James R. Rose, Sam Thomson, Ronnie Miller, Glenda Blair, Lawrence Boenisch, His and Hers Hair Salon, Bruno Shimek, David Shimek, Bill R. Krenek, Jack Axel, Clipson Ranch, Irving Williams, Daniel A. Thornton, Nada Grain (Raymond Korenek), S&R Farms (Rex Shoop and John Ramsey), Pavlu Builders, El Campo Production Credit Association, F&W Food Store, First State Bank of Columbus, Laker Printing, Henrys General Hardware and Feed, Melvin Stancik, John Thomas, Carol Plata, Sher-Tex Inc., Frank Popp Jr., James Jurica, J.T. Ward, Vic Corman, Henry Burke, Rita Sundermann and Matthew Brothers.

FFA winners and their awards

Above, grand champion steer winner Vance Corman, and reserve champion steer winner Xavier Pratt pose with their trophies from Saturday's Rice High School FFA show and sale. Below, Freddy Soto makes some last minute preparations of his animal in the pen area behind the sale ring. Photos by Mario Hernandez, Rice Raider Staff



Tips on how to properly plant a pecan tree

By LEROY HAJDIK
County Extension Agent

Each year Texans plant several hundred thousand pecan trees. Many of these trees could have problems if these guidelines are not followed.

Select a tree that is 4 to 8 feet in height as soon as it is available at your nursery. Never let the roots dry out or freeze. Dig the hole only as large as the root system. If the hole is too deep, the tree will settle, which can cause poor growth or tree death. The taproot should sit in the bottom of the hole. If the hole cannot be as deep as the length of the roots, cut the taproot off to fit the hole.

Pack the original soil around the roots as tightly as possible. Packing the soil in 2 or 3 inch layers is better than watering the trees in. Use soil adjacent to the hole for filling. Do not use light soil, sand, or potting soil to fill the hole. If light fill soil is used on clay land, the tree will drown out during rainy weather.Plant the tree at the same depth it grew in the nursery row. This insured by setting the taproot in the bottom of the hole. The soil line can be determined by the colors: the bark is gray; the root is dark brown.

Council moves toward bond election

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property. Council wants to make sure that is only during the term of the option agreement and councilman Roy Van Nort said Frazar asked for that clause since it gives him certain means to buy "replacement" land before the proceeds are considered under federal tax codes.

Another clause in the option was discussed at length by council. Frazar asked that a water well, in the portion of the property the city wants, be replaced with another well in his remaining property. That was not part of the September agreement, Van Nort said. The well on the property now apparently isn't usable since there is no electricity to it.

As for the street program, council will write the bond question with an estimate for the amount of work, but probably won't specify which streets are slated for improvement. One reason that is necessary is that with a limited amount of money, one street may cost more than estimated. If all streets were mentioned in the bond question, it all might not be completable.

Bond attorney Tetzer told council at its last meeting that a $250,000 bond would increase taxes four to five cents per $100 valuation. If someone's home is valued at $50,000, their tax would increase $25 per year, using the 5-cent figure. Voters could approve one bond question and reject the other, reject both of them or approve both. Council said it will call the election at its February 11 meeting. It had considered having a bond election in March, separate from the April 5th city government election, but decided it would bring more voters to the voting booth, and be cheaper, if the elections were held at the same time.

In other business, council:

•Honored Bill Torres a city employe who is retiring after 10 years service.

•Accepted six 3-foot by 5-foot flag replicas of those that have flown over Texas. They were given by the Rice Area Memorial VFW Post 8783 as its sesquicentennial project. Included are 8-foot, 1.25-inch diameter standards. The city will see if standard holders can be mounted to city hall so the flags can be displayed.

•Approved the second reading of the proposed city electrical code ordinance. It will be read and voted on for a third time at the February 11 meeting, then become an ordinance after a public notice is printed. Council said it has not received any comments on the ordinance.

•Accepted the bid from Cerna Roofing Co. of $4,790 to re-roof the city hall office building and the council meeting room building.

•Agreed to allow a a life insurance program be offered to city employes, with no obligation, through a payroll deduction plan. Eagle Lake Insurance Agency's offer was approved over offers of other local insurance agencies.

•Approved the application for a criminal justice grant that would add a fifth policeman to the Eagle Lake force. The first year of the program, if approved, would be funded at the 100 percent level at a cost of $25,585. The second year, the city would pay 20 percent of that cost. The main responsibility of a new policeman would be in crime investigation and prevention programs.

•Approved an application for a new state program called Texcel. If accepted, the city, Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Foundation and Revitalize Eagle Lake inc., would appoint a local person for training in Austin on improving local economic development. The cost to the city would be about $2,000 over two years. The program is designed to help local communities improve their understanding of economic development, so they can share that understanding with others in the community. Councilman Vic Corman said he hoped the city would get more out of it than a book, referring to a study completed last year on economic development.