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Livestock show opener to be broadcast live Tuesday

The Sesquicentennial opening for the 1986 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will be broadcast live on Channel 8, KUHT-TV, according to an announcement from show officials.

The three-hour spectacular will air live on Tuesday, Feb. 18, starting at 8 p.m. "We plan a tremendous birthday party for Texas and Houston, and we didn't want to limit it to the 45,000-person capacity of the Astrodome. With the decision to work with KUHT-TV, we're able to share this very special event with the greater Houston area community," said Dan Gattis, general manager of the Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Mac Davis will be MC, and the show will feature a 4,000-member

Eagle Lake third graders to attend middle school next Fall

Rice district students who will be 3rd graders in Eagle Lake this fall will attend classes at Eagle Lake Middle School, not at the primary school, according to a decision by the district board of trustees Monday night.

The decision was made because of a new pre-kindergarten program called for in 1984's House Bill 72 which requires districts to hold the classes for underprivileged four-year-olds, but doesn't require parents to send that child to the classes. Attendance is not mandatory for regular kindergarten classes either.

District superintendent Harold King explained at last month's meeting that although the district has no idea how many students will be added to the school, his estimate is that two rooms will be needed. He recommended the 3rd grade be moved to the middle school campus. Board members waited until Monday night to make a decision, and said in the interim period 95 percent of public opinion favored the move, King said.

Some decisions remain. King said board president Steve Balas will appoint him, the principals of the two Eagle Lake schools, and three board members to make decisions. They must decide whether to move a portable building from the primary school campus (that includes two classrooms) to the middle school grounds, or buy new portable classrooms, or even make a permanent addition to the middle school building.

Middle School principal Charles Abel said the students in the elementary grades at the school already are kept separated from the students on the junior high level, and that will include the new third graders next year.

As for Garwood and Sheridan students eligible for the new pre-K program, King said there probably will be one class held in Garwood, with transportation available for students who are in the Sheridan school attendance zone.

In other business, the board approved the order calling for the board of trustee election on April 5, and appointing election judges.

Approved participation in a program called We Help

Teacher testing under fire on several fronts

Three teacher organizations in Texas are taking action on several fronts in regards to the Texas Teachers Association and the Examination of Current Administrators and Teachers, a lawsuit against the state to stop the administration of the test altogether will be heard Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. in 250th Judicial District Court in Travis County.

TSTA and NEA, according to a news release from the TSTA offices in Austin, will argue that the testing provision in House Bill 72 impairs contractual obligations in violation of Article 1, Section 16 of the Texas Constitution; that it violates the prohibition against enacting retroactive laws, Article 1, Section 16 of the constitution, and violates the equal rights and due course of law, Article 1, Section 3, 19.

TSTA will charge that in the past, the state of Texas represented to individuals who desired to work as educators in public schools that if they satisfied certain prerequisites, they would be issued teaching certificates that would be "valid for life, unless cancelled by lawful authority."

FFA week starts Saturday

Beginning Saturday, Feb. 15, through Saturday, Feb. 22, we recognize activity was the renovation of a National FFA Week. And in celebration of the community service and educational programs that FFA sponsors to help prepare young men and women for careers in agriculture, this story gives you an idea of the national scope of the organization.

FFA's national community development program, called "Building Our American Communities" or BOAC, produces winners all around.

Consider the projects that won first place in each of the four FFA regions of the country:

Southern Region: A campaign to spark tourism in Marion County, West Virginia, earned the Marion County FFA chapter national recognition. The chapter's BOAC projects during the year strengthened the community's ability and commitment to promote tourism in the region.

The FFA group was instrumental in forming the Marion County Tourist Council, and conducting a community cleanup effort to beautify the area and encourage civic pride.

Southern Region: Enlarging a citrus arboretum and constructing a new county fair facility were among the activities that earned national recognition for the Avon Park, Florida, chapter of the FFA.

It's estimated that some \$9.5 million in volunteer labor the coveted BOAC award. The project involved all 63 FFA chapter members who volunteered more than 3,700 hours of service.

By developing a demonstration plot of 72 Florida Scion citrus trees, including installation of a citrus irrigation system, the project doubled the size of the citrus arboretum.

Central Region: Winner in the central region was the Cabool, Missouri, chapter of FFA. The Cabool FFA's BOAC project was the building of a new agricultural mechanics laboratory for Cabool High School, and involved the work of 66 FFA members and more than 300 community volunteers.

The Cabool students played an active role in planning, raising funds for and constructing the facility. Using community donations to purchase materials, plus volunteer labor, the student-directed project is estimated to have saved the school district about \$210,000.

Western Region: BOAC winner in the western region was the Duck Valley chapter of FFA, serving Owyhee and Montpelier, Nevada. Reformation of Indian reservation land and restoration of a 1912 school house were among the activities that earned the national recognition for the chapter.

In its forestation project, 44 members of the Duck Valley FFA volunteered nearly 1,200 hours of community service work in, among other things, plant 1,500

chapter; Matthew Smith of the Bowling Green, Ohio, FFA chapter; and Jamie Moore of the Marion County, West Virginia, FFA chapter.

National FFA President Steve Meredith and John T. Estes, vice president of Reynolds Industries also participated in the Rose Garden ceremony.

This project represents just one of many that permits FFA members to reach toward self-fulfillment.



Mayor Elmer Struss, center, signed a proclamation last Wednesday designating the week of February 14 as a "Salute to hospitalized veterans week." At left is Helen Supak, president of the ladies auxiliary of Rice Area Memorial VFW Post 8783, and at right is R.J. Armstrong, post commander.

Church to sponsor mother-daughter event this Friday

Members of the Friendship Baptist Church are inviting the public to attend their Mother-Daughter Valentine's Musical extravaganza, scheduled this Friday at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the church, according to sister Ruth Westmorland, sponsor, and Rev. R.J. Williams, pastor.

Refreshments will be served. The church is asking each choir to render A & B selections.

Campfire supper to be held Friday

The annual Campfire father-daughter box supper will be held this Friday, February 14 in the Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria.

The supper gives fathers and daughters a chance to be together, so parents are more aware of the activities of their children. Each child has decorated a box to carry their supper and they will prepare a sandwich for their fathers.

Residents complain about door-to-door insurance salesmen

Several residents apparently have called the Eagle Lake municipal building complaining about door-to-door sales efforts of a Houston-based life insurance company.

A notice from the insurance company to the city says the city ordinance requiring local licenses for door-to-door salesmen does not apply to those soliciting insurance.

However, if you have a question about this company, call the state board of insurance in Austin, toll-free, at 1-800-252-3439.

Weather Report

The south winds should return to the Coastal Plains on Thursday, but the warming trend could be brief with high humidity and rain that is possible on Friday.

Tuesday night's freeze was aided by the cloudless skies that allow the heat of the day to quickly escape into the atmosphere. Special protection taken for poultry and livestock can be relaxed a little Wednesday and Thursday, but herds should be watched for lice infestations where animals are huddled together in cold weather. Muddy areas also should be watched as that could lead to foot rot.

The Tuesday cold was projected to damage early gardens since the day's sunshine was insufficient to provide help in making hot caps more effective for protecting vegetable sets. These cold nights and recent rains have chilled the average soil temperature as much as five to eight degrees.

Managers across the Coastal Bend could face an extra delay of first corn and sorghum plantings while seed beds re-warm following suitable topsoil drying. Evaporation may peak briefly with warm breezes and good sunshine on Thursday.

More rain delays are possible as soon as Friday. Any rush to plant could have too much risk of improper seed germination and extra seedling disease.

Here are the weather observations from the Texas A&M Research Site, Eagle Lake; in cooperation with the National Weather Service and the Texas Water Development Board. Air temperatures listed are sheltered air temperatures.

Date	Air Temp.	Soil Temp.	Evap.	Rain
Feb. 4	74-82	68-81	0.74	0.96
5	75-85	68-81	1.04	0.96
6	63-44	64-54	1.28	0.96
7	48-44	56-51	0.63	0.96
8	42-39	54-47	0.59	0.96
9	41-37	52-48	0.04	0.17
10	42-37	48-47	0.00	0.00

Lang earns diploma

Jeffrey Earl Lang, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lang, graduated from Universal Technical Institute in Houston on Friday, Feb. 7.

Jeff majored in diesel mechanics and received his Diesel Technician diploma, finishing his finals with an A average. He currently lives in Houston and plans to work there. Attending the graduation were his parents, T and Nancy Lang, grandmother, Mrs. Patsy Dangler, and Rev. George Welch.

RHS bandsmen win 20 awards

Members of the Rice Raider high school band are proud of their accomplishments last Friday in the UIL district Solo and Ensemble contest held in Cuero.

The 50 band members competing brought home 11 first place awards, seven second place awards and two third place awards. Band director Bill Waggoner said that represents 33 first place medals.

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