

Rice High School students learn poetry writing

Some of Mrs. Kasper's English III and Mrs. Holden's English II classes recently turned in poetry books. There were four categories of original works — haiku, limericks, rhyming and free verse poems. The students did such a fine job that they would like to share some of their poems with the public. (The haiku is a three line Japanese with a 5, 7, 5 syllable pattern to three lines. Limericks are 5 line poems and the other two categories fit their names.)

Mrs. Holden's class
People stay at home.
All the day long on the phone.
Then the bill is filled.

Doug Tillman
If you like the school
You are very cool.
If you make your grade
You will have a trade.
When you go to school
You are not a fool.
You are really smart.
That's right from the heart.

Billie King
The water reflects the trees like a mirror
Making the grass look like misty.
And time is falling behind.
So quickly the weather changes
Making the sun go down quickly -
Looking at the daylight go down.
The sky is turning dark.
Making the trees turn blue
And the people are sleeping in peace.

Curt McTeer
I hate to go to school.
I hate to wash my hair.
Although I am a fool
Cause people watch and stare.
I hate to go to bed.
I hate to wash the car.
Although I read around
I wish I was at a bar.

Sheryl McGrew
Lions are running
Through the forest with tigers -
With the animals.

Noe Belmares
Life is like a flower.
In time we bloom.
Flowers seem to tell us something.
And life answers back.
Without flowers there wouldn't be life.
And without life, there's nothing.

Gary Sosa
The morning sun rose
With a gentle wind blowing
And the grass glowing.

Willis Johnson
The evening was cool.
As the wind blew, the trees moved
As the evening died.

Ben Gonzales
I didn't go to school
Because I was a fool.
And now I go to work
As a restaurant clerk.
Because I hate my school
I skip to go play pool.
When I lost my money
Then I wasn't funny.

Daniel Romo
On the first day
Of the first month
In some distant
Year, the whole sky
Froze gold.
Some say it was the
Afterlife of the radium mark.
While others told that it
Was a final retribution, a
Terrible revenge of the Gods.

Jackie Smith
Love is like a flower.
It comes through May showers.
Love is to care and share.
Love is being there.
Love is faithful.
It is delightful.
Love is very bold.
Love is growing old.

Philip Reggins
The jungle is very wild.
I want you to know it is not mild.
If you go you are very bold.
And it will never get cold.
So don't ever take a child.

Kevin Long
A baseball just flies.
A soccer ball is kicked high.
A basketball rolls.

Felicia Frazier
My pig's name is Lead.
He eats almost anything.
He sleeps in the mud.

Projedes Jaramillo
I'm taking automobile's class
Where we are very fast fixing cars.
And we do not think of ourselves as trash -
Where we even install chrome-plated bars.
I'm good at fixing cars and working very hard.
When I supply people always deny.
They say "I don't know" and send me a card.
But I think they just want to make me cry.

Katrina Carson
In the days of summer
I sit and stammer.
I eat all I say
Doing some kind of number.

Arthur Foster
We have a wonderful high school.
Our high school colors are white and blue.
We have very nice classes, but our rules!
Make me feel like I have the flu.
Our high school is very large and pretty.
I believe in some of the rules.
A friend had been thrown out of school.
After school he feeds his black males.

Irving Williams Jr.
The green bill of hate and love.
It brings you friends.
It brings you enemies.
It makes you happy.
And it also makes you sad.
But there's a heart waiting to attack you.
It will get your heart and soul.
It will also put you out in the cold.

Sue Ramos
The hand of a leaf
Splitting and lifting the air -
The blueness of breath.

Linda Leal
Hate is not liking each other.
People fighting all of the time.
Which will not bring us together.
Fighting from eleven to nine.
Some people who fight night and day
Hate others' cause they cause trouble -
Cause hate is not a game you play.
It's like living in a bubble.

Mario Pope
My pet tiger is very cool.
He eats frosted flakes with a spoon.
He runs and plays with other pets.
When they come over I say get.
He's not going to make me a fool.

Chris Gundelach
In the jungle there are lots of giraffes.
When I see them I start to laugh.
They eat all the leaves off of the trees.
When they sleep they have to get on their knees.
There is also the slimy, vicious snake.
I always see them swimming in the lake.
When you camp you should always have a light
Or else a snake might break and take a bite.

Terri Clayton
The neighbors pet
Gets me upset.
That day barks and howls.
Sometimes he crawls.
Won't they send him to a vet!

Denise Amador
There is a hope to help us live.
There is a love to help us give.
There is a faith to help us die.
There is a joy to help us try.
There is a God to help us live.

Jackie Smith
I go to the most famous school.
Those who drop out are such big fools.
When I go into the classroom
I start realizing I'm doomed.
Some teachers make you write long notes.
We even get to cast some votes.
Some girls are wearing short mini-skirts
While most boys wear big collar shirts.

Philip Reggins
When we saw the clown
He had a frown.
He turned around to have fun.
And he saw the sun
And fell down.

Marilyn Santiago
It was a beautiful day.
The rainbow in the sky was like a dream.
The sun was flaming like a fire.
The sunbeams come and go.
Like love in the summer air.

Johnny Barker
The mountain looks as if it has a face.
It looks like a big rock.
The streams give it plenty to drink.
In the winter it is white and
In the summer it is dry.

James Williams
Faith builds a
bridge across
The gulf of death.
Faith is the subject
of things hoped for.
Work without faith
is like a fish without water.

Anthony Milligan
There are wild hogs in the jungle
Hogs in the jungle have raucous
Hogs in the jungle have rough skin
Those big black wild hogs like to loose.
We can't eat hogs in the jungle.
Because they can have a disease.
The wild hogs like to swim in lakes.
The wild hogs run around with fleas.

Olga Polanco
The apple tree in
The garden is beautiful -
Sweet big red apples.

Danny Railiff
Saint Patrick's Day is the time to look
For little Robin Hoods of March.
They march through our lives
Each year at this time
Giving away the Irish luck.
In the lucky fields of clover
Is where the luck is that you seek.

Beverly Hobbs
The sun was warm but the wind was chilled
But when the sun is out and the wind is still
You know how it is with a sunny day -
Especially in the middle of May -
And it is really nice on a hill.

Adam Hubenak
The meadow is green.
It's filled with flowers and grass.
It is beautiful.

Kevin Earls
Jaguars are about six feet long
But they are not found in Hong Kong.
Jaguars are larger than leopards
And meaner than German Shepherds.
Jaguars go out and have their food.
That is, when they are in the mood.
They have some of the sharpest teeth
That cut through the elephant's feet.

Anthony Labay
There was a steer at the show
That was brown and gold.
He won a medal
That was gold and yellow.
And the steer was ready to be sold.

Jose de la Garza
Love is in the beautiful air
Like a diamond on a finger.
It is not like an old time fair.
Can't buy love like you can a fur.
I love my mother and father.
It is like the same kind of feeling.
I love my brothers and sisters.
When they die your heart's sure to bleed.

Kim Aldridge
Flowers are pretty
And I like the way they smell.
Cause they smell so sweet.

Wendy Herman
Going to the camphouse
Is a lot of fun.
So I can ride my go-kart
And run in the sun.

Rebecca Roberts
Christian living with
Values I will not deny
Jesus love my soul.

Odessa Thomas
Love is something we all share
In love we always shed tears
Love is not always fair
There are all kinds of fears.

Jay Otto
Winter is a beautiful time of the year
The animals go into homes to hibernate
The snow bunnies run and play
The birds puff up to stay warm.
White fluffy snow comes from the sky
Children play in the snow and become ill
Then they inside to get over it
And back out they go.

Valerie Yanez
The birds are flying high
They love to fly in the sky
They have pretty feathers
They do not fly in bad weather
We just love to see them fly.

Vance Pence
Ponds are real great fun
Fishing in the warming sun
Catching some big fish.

Linda Spates
The sun brightens the day
And sometimes the boy
But at night
It's not right
For the sun to be bright and gay.

Maria Lizcano
I have an apple.
It's very red and shiny
And also yummy.

Barbara Kuykendall
Garden's are hard to grow
It takes a lot to know
Just soften the ground
And spread seeds around
And up will sprout a row.

Vantrese Tillman
I saw a rabbit
That was soft, white and cuddly
And his eyes were brown.

Carrie Perry
Mother's have their own special day
It comes in the month of May
Just for them being so kind
That's why we give them Mother's Day

Hilda Trevino
My old lazy dog
Had the mumps and started home
To eat the good bone.

Yolanda Stevens
Friends are very nice
When you need them, they are there
Smiling all the time.

John Morales
Valentine's Day was here
It was a time for two people
That are special to one another
To show and express their feelings
For one another
But, it went away until next year.

Ernest Lemons
The Hawaiian beach
Makes me shiver as the wind
blows and the waves move.

Connie Sims
I am getting sick
I'm going home to my brick
See you later on.

Richard Williams
My favorite time
The month of January
A new year comes in.

Bar-De la Cruz
The pale winter sun
Is shining between the clouds
To warm up the day.

Danny Railiff
Today is a rainy day
And the water of the rain
As all the children say
Will bring us happiness again.

Sesquicentennial Community Service: Celebrating the legacy of our faith

Plans for the Eagle Lake Sesquicentennial Community Service are beginning to materialize as time of the service nears. Charlene Spaniel has agreed to lead the singing for the occasion along with Rev. Neil Mills who will bring the message and Rev. Charles Miller playing the music, thus completing the leadership team for the service.

Plans for the service have also included a special emphasis on music, but with the participation of Mrs. Spaniel comes the possibility of a

community choir. There will be a meeting this Friday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Diddier Hall at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church for the ministers of the Ministerial Alliance and for those persons interested in participating in the choir.

Still needed is more special music for the day. We have several groups already on the schedule for the evening, but there is still room for you. To get on the program, please contact Rev. E.B. Beasley (234-2112), president of the alliance or any of

the other ministers or Mrs. Spaniel.

The schedule for the day (April 27) will be to meet at the Little League field at 6 p.m. for an informal time of gathering, with "dinner on the grounds" at 6:30. Singing will start at 7 p.m.

This should be a great time of singing, celebrating and worshipping. Members of the Ministerial Alliance hope that the public makes plans to attend. The shipping God was one of the great emphasis of our forefathers and is still important to many of us.

Featured artist
Wildlife artist and sculptor Ron Wells will be honored as the featured artist of the festival. Mr. Wells, a noted Texas wildlife artist has indicated his plans for the 1986 Waterfowl Festival painting, from which the posters for this year will be printed, will be indicative of our prairie area with snow and blue geese forming the focal point.

Wells' most recent honors have included being named 1985 Texas Duck Unlimited Artist of the Year and 1985 Ducks Unlimited Central Flyway Artist of the Year. It is indeed an honor and privilege for the Eagle Lake festival to have an artist of Mr. Wells' prominence creating the poster print.

At the time of his death, Mr. Sowell was employed as a teacher by the Bremont school system. Mrs. Sowell continues to teach there.

Dr. Russell Thomas, Rocket Robert Reid will speak at youth benefit April 15

The Greater Rising Star Baptist Church once again is having their second annual youth benefit, sponsored by Miss Wilma Tillman, on Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. A barbecue dinner will be served. Admission is \$5 per person.

Miss Tillman has her greatest interest at heart — the youth of today. She said she'll do anything she can to try and prevent the youth of today from going through unnecessary heart aches and pain tomorrow. The Rev. Ollie Scott Sr., pastor of the Greater Rising Star Baptist Church, said he'll back Miss Tillman all the way when there's something being done for a good cause.

The Houston Rockets has confirmed that veteran player Robert Reid will be one of the

guest speakers. Mr. Reid will be on play-off break. It is hoped that some of the Houston Rockets' team members, especially Hank McDowell and Ralph Sampson, will come along with Reid.

Also speaking on the subject of the youth will be Dr. Russell Thomas, of Eagle Lake. John Allan, Miss Tillman's supervisor from Richmond State School where they are both employed, will be there. Mr. Allan is the only person to go from aide to supervisor in less than four years.

The public is invited to attend and support the youth by hearing what these fine men have to offer.

Former students, friends and colleagues of O.D. Sowell were saddened to hear of his sudden death on February 4 in Hearne, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Loreta, and one daughter, Penny (Mrs. John) Stelling, both of Calvert. At the time of his death, he was 54.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Sowell were longtime teachers in the local school systems. They first taught in Sheridan from 1960 to 1962 and then in Eagle Lake from 1962 until the formation of the Rice CISD. They remained with the Rice system until May of 1975 when they moved to Calvert.

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CITY OR SPECIAL DISTRICT: City of Eagle Lake, Texas

NOTICE OF CALCULATION OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE, ESTIMATED UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES, AND DEBT SCHEDULE

I, Robert Klockman, City Manager for the City of Eagle Lake, in accordance with Sec. 26.04, Property Tax Code, have calculated \$0.287 per \$100 of value as the tax rate which may not be exceeded by more than three percent by the governing body of the City of Eagle Lake without holding a public hearing as required by code.

The estimated unencumbered fund balance for

Maintenance & Operation fund: \$199,119.

The estimated unencumbered fund balance for Interest & Sinking fund: \$0.

The following schedule lists debt obligations that 1986 property taxes will pay:

	Principal	Interest	TOTAL
1981 General Obligation Bonds	\$25,000.00	\$19,250.00	\$44,250.00

Robert Klockman
City Manager
March 18, 1986

I. DATA

1. 1985 Total tax levy from the 1985 tax roll.....	\$174,078.00	2. (A) 1986 Total Taxable value of all property (Data 8).....	\$60,600,000.00
2. 1985 Tax rate (80.1955 M&O + 30.08 I&S).....	\$0.2798/\$100	(B) Subtract 1986 value of new improvements (Data 9).....	\$1,000,000.00
3. 1985 Debt service (I&S) levy \$46,500.00		(C) Subtract 1986 value of annexed property (Data 10).....	\$0
4. 1985 Maintenance & operation (M&O).....	\$127,578.00	(D) Adjusted 1986 taxable value for M&O.....	\$59,600,000.00
5. 1985 M&O taxes on property in territory that has ceased to be a part of unit in 1985.....	\$0	3. (A) Divide the adjusted 1985 M&O levy (1-C above) by the adjusted 1986 taxable value for M&O (2-D above) (\$127,578.00 / \$59,600,000.00).....	\$0.002140
6. 1985 M&O taxes on property becoming exempt in 1986.....	\$0	(B) Multiply by \$100 valuation.....	\$0.2140
7. 1985 M&O taxes on taxable value lost because property is appraised at less than market value in 1986.....	\$0	(C) Effective M&O rate for 1986 \$0.2140/\$100	
8. 1986 Total taxable value of all property.....	\$60,600,000.00	INTEREST AND SINKING (I&S) TAX RATE	
9. 1986 Taxable value of improvements added since Jan. 1, 1985.....	\$1,000,000.00	4. (A) 1985 I&S levy needed to satisfy debt (Data 11).....	\$44,250.00
10. 1986 Taxable value of property annexed since Jan. 1, 1985.....	\$0	(B) 1986 Total taxable value of all property (Data 8).....	\$60,600,000.00
11. 1986 Tax levy needed to satisfy debt service (I&S).....	\$44,250.00	(C) Divide the 1985 I&S levy (4-A above) by the 1986 total taxable value (4-B above) (\$44,250.00 / \$60,600,000.00).....	\$0.0007301
12. Rate to regain taxes lost in 1985 due to appraisal roll errors (lost dollars divided by 1985 taxable values).....	\$0/\$100	(D) Multiply by \$100 valuation.....	\$0.07301
13. Rate to regain taxes lost in 1985 due to appraisal roll errors (lost dollars divided by 1986 taxable values).....	\$0/\$100	(E) Effective I&S rate for 1986 \$0.07301/\$100	
14. 1985 M&O Taxes used to regain lost 1984 levy.....	\$0	APPRAISAL ROLL ERROR RATE	

II. CALCULATION		TOTAL EFFECTIVE TAX RATE FOR 1986	
1. (A) 1985 Total tax levy (Data 1).....	\$174,078.00	6. (A) Effective M&O rate (3-C above).....	\$0.2140/\$100
(B) Subtract 1985 debt service levy (Data 3).....	\$46,500.00	(B) Add effective I&S rate (4-E above).....	\$0.07301/\$100
(C) Subtract 1985 taxes on property no longer in unit (Data 5).....	\$0	(C) Add rate to adjust for appraisal roll errors (5-C above).....	\$0.0007301
(D) Subtract 1985 taxes on exemptions (Data 6).....	\$0	(D) 1986 Effective Tax Rate.....	\$0.287/\$100
(E) Subtract 1985 taxes on productivity valuation (Data 7).....	\$0		
(F) Subtract 1984 taxes used to regain lost 1984 levy (Data 14).....	\$0		
(G) Adjusted 1985 M&O levy.....	\$127,578.00		

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