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Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo announces largest star line-up ever

Houston Rodeo officials have announced a 27-star line-up for the 1990 Rodeo, the largest number of entertainers in Show history.

Clint Black opens the 1990 event at 4 p.m., Sunday, February 18. The first week continues with 7:45 performances nightly: The Judds, Monday, Feb. 19; Conway Twitty and George Jones, Tuesday, Feb. 20; George Strait, Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 21 and 22; and Chicago, Friday, Feb. 23. The weekend features Rodney Crowell and Restless Heart at the 11 a.m. Saturday matinee, Feb. 24; Ricky Van Shelton, Saturday night, Feb. 24; Steve Wariner for the 1 p.m. Sunday matinee, Feb. 25; and Vicki Carr, Roberto Pulido y Los Clasicos, and Emilio y Rio Sunday night, Feb. 25.

The second week continues the award-winning line-up with Bill Cosby, Monday, Feb. 26; The Oak Ridge Boys, Tuesday, Feb. 27; Patti LaBelle and James Ingram, Wednesday, Feb. 28; Exposé and Lisa Lisa and Cult Jam, Thursday, March 1; Nitzy Gray and The Band and Tanya Tucker, Friday, March 2; Anne Murray, 11 a.m. Saturday matinee, March 3; The Highwaymen - Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings and Kris Kristofferson, Saturday night, March 3; and Alabama, 4 p.m. Sunday twilight performance, March 4.

Show president Hal Hillman announced an expanded shuttle bus schedule and more available parking and ride locations to make getting to and from the show easier. The Coors Light Rodeo METRO Express will run every day, beginning Saturday, Feb. 18, 9 a.m. to midnight Saturdays and Sundays and 5 p.m. to midnight Monday through Friday.

The shuttle also will pick up passengers at three shopping centers this year: Gulfgate, Meyerland and Northline malls, still for only \$1 per person round-trip.

Another Show highlight, the Conoco Rodeo Run, will again officially kick off the downtown rodeo parade, Saturday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m.

Conoco donated \$52,000 in entry fees from the 1989 10K Rodeo Run to the Show's scholarship fund, making them the largest single scholarship donor. They expect 4,500 to 5,000 runners again this year.

Ticket prices for the 1990 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo are still a bargain at \$5 to \$12, depending on seat location and performance date.

Colorado County to be recognized February 23

The Colorado County Go Texan Committee will play a major role in promoting the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo during its 58th annual event. The Show counts heavily on the support of its 59 Go Texan counties and their promotional efforts for the southwest's largest charitable event and entertainment extravaganza.

This year, the Colorado County Go Texan Committee is led by Henry Beken of Weimar, who's working closely with the ten-member committee to prepare for the 1990 Show.

Area Go Texan committees work well in advance of the Show, making sure that their counties are represented in Houston. Additionally, the committees are directly responsible for promotional material distribution in the area, informing the entire county about the upcoming Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Members of the Colorado County Area Go Texan Committee include Lynda Appelt, Beth Beken, Dale Heinsohn, Leslie Heinsohn, Henry Potter, H. O. "Butch" Strunk, Steve Wicke, Jim Hilscher, Bob Huetten and Billy Rae Krenke.

Colorado County will be recognized for their efforts with a special salute at the Friday, February 23 performance at the Houston Rodeo, featuring star entertainers, Chicago.

Also at this performance, the winner of the \$2,000 Colorado County Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarship recipient will be announced.

For individuals interested in purchasing tickets in the special section reserved for the Colorado County performance, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo ticket trailer will be selling those tickets plus tickets for the other performances on Saturday, February 3rd at the City Hall in Eagle Lake from 9-10 a.m. and at Potter's Western Store in Columbus from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Tickets range from \$5 to \$12 and include admission to the livestock show. Tickets also are available at all Ticketron and Rainbow Ticketmaster outlets as well as the Astrodome box office.

UDC to celebrate 90th birthday

Shropshire-Upton Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy met in the Mansfield Bldg. in Columbus.

Mrs. Millycent Ann Crane, Chapter President, called the meeting to order and led the opening ritual. The pledges and salute to the flags were led by Mrs. Mildred Kemper.

The names of Mrs. Eunice Herrington and Mrs. Pauline Herring Portz were presented and accepted for U.D.C. membership.

Mrs. Crane announced a memorial wreath will be placed on the Confederate Museum in Columbus on January 19th, in observance of Texas Confederate Heroes Day.

Mrs. Sara Uzzi, Historian, outlined the plans for the celebration of Shropshire-Upton's 90th birthday. The chapter was chartered in February of 1900 and has met for the 90 years.

The chapter will have a Luncheon and Style Show on February 10 at 11 a.m. in St. John's Parish Hall in Columbus.

The style show's theme is, "Clothes of Long Ago" and features clothes worn by former Columbus residents and ancestors or friends of Chapter members.

The program, "Flags of the Confederacy" was given by Mrs. Uzzi.

The most recognized of the 5 flags of the Confederacy are: "The Stars and Bars" which features the 13 stars of the Confederate States with red and white bars and is the emblem of the Daughters of the Confederacy; and "The Battle Flag", which was a square of red with 13 stars on a field of blue placed in the shape of an X. The Battle Flag is the insignia of the United Confederate Veterans.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Eldora Matern, Mrs. Bertha May Matern and Mrs. Margaret Litzmann.

The March 8 meeting will be in the Dan Thornton home on Lakeside Drive in Eagle Lake.

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chines, but decided to ask the Colorado County Commissioners' Court to get some form of centralized voting process equipment.

*Agreed to have the County Convention on March 31, 1990 at 1:30 p.m. in the Colorado County Courthouse courtroom.

*Announced new books will be distributed to the precinct judges when they arrive and asked the old books be thrown away.

*Encourage citizens to vote. Absentee voting is now called early voting.

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not to tax these properties, there will be a \$27,000,000 loss in tax value for the county, which means the county would have to make up \$62,200 in dollar value elsewhere.

"We may be criticized for the pay to county employees or not having a paid ambulance corps, but we don't have the huge budgets as our neighboring counties, which in some counties have increased as much as 10 times in the past 20 years," said Crane.

"Why not stop taxing those 65 years of age and over," asked one of the citizens at the meeting. Crane said, "The county can only do what the Texas Legislature allows a government entity to do and that isn't one of them."

"We can grant homestead exemptions," continued Crane, "and the county had adopted the maximum amount which can be exempted to help the elderly population of the county."

Fourth annual cookoff scheduled at Duck Blind

Super Bowl Sunday will mark the Fourth Annual Cookoff at the Duck Blind in Eagle Lake. This year, along with chili, a bean cookoff category will be added.

There is a \$10.00 per team entry fee and teams must consist of two or more individuals of the same sex (no mixed teams). Sign up will be at noon, January 28 with cooking to begin at 1 p.m. and judging to follow at 4. Teams will not be allowed to sell chili from their pots.

Each team will be assigned a 10' x 10' space and must use a Coleman-type camp stove or electric stove for cooking due to a city ordinance. Trophies will be awarded to the top three men's and ladies' teams and a \$25 cash prize to the winning bean cookoff(s).

For more detailed rules and information, contact the Duck Blind at 234-7190. Copies of the rules are also available at The Headlight office.

CPL's pending rate case settlement proposes a \$232 million rate increase

Central Power and Light Company's President and Chief Executive Officer Bob Carey spoke favorably about the Letter of Intent which may potentially lead to a settlement of CPL's pending rate case. The letter has been signed by CPL, the Office of General Counsel of the Public Utility Commission, the CPL Cities, and the Lower Colorado River Authority. Other parties to the case have been sent copies of the Letter of Intent for signature, but as yet, signed copies have not been received by CPL.

The parties signing the letter represent 90 percent of CPL's customers. "We have been negotiating various settlement options since 1987. The Letter of Intent represents a potential settlement that balances the interests of our customers and our shareholders," he said.

The settlement proposes a \$232 million rate increase consisting of a \$7 million net increase in interim rates that went into effect in September 1989, a \$105 million (13%) increase to go into effect in March, and an additional \$120 million (13%) to go into effect January 1991. Base rates then would be held stable through 1994 except for specified unusual circumstances. Changes in the fuel portion of the bill would continue to be adjusted to track fuel costs, after review and approval by the PUC.

"We are pleased that this tentative agreement has been reached. Its implementation would save millions of dollars of rate case expense over the coming years," Carey said. "If the settlement is fully implemented we can focus our undivided attention on continuing our primary business of providing electric service to our customers."

Carey noted that a number of additional steps must occur before a joint stipulation agreement would be submitted to the PUC for approval. "I think customers will be pleased with the results of the negotiations. CPL's residential rates have been among the lowest in Texas for many years. Even with the increase from the proposed settlement, CPL's electric rates will continue to be competitive with the rest of the state," Carey said. "In addition, this proposed settlement contains an Economic Service Rate for residential customers who use less than 400 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month, which would save those individuals approximately \$4 per month."

The proposed settlement also will play a part in the company's economic development efforts. "We're looking forward to the future," Carey said. "We're committed to obtaining PUC approval for the settlement. We think this would make South Texas even more attractive to new industrial and commercial ventures because we have a reliable electric supply and long-term stable electric rates."

Crime Stoppers

Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers will pay a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for any information which leads to the arrest and conviction of person(s) involved in any case of criminal activity. The caller may wish to remain anonymous. Call 234-5555 and help take a bite out of crime.

State corn referendum is topic of meeting

By LEROY J. HAJDIK, County Extension Agent

Texas corn producers will vote in March and early April to decide if they want to expand the check-off territory from the existing seven High Plains counties. The current regional program is under the jurisdiction of the Texas Corn Producers Board.

To learn more about the upcoming corn referendum, producers in Colorado and surrounding counties will want to attend an informational meeting sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Board, on Tuesday, January 30, at Wharton. The meeting will be at the Wharton County Extension office and will start at 7 p.m.

Producers will hear from an Extension economist regarding the current feed grain situation and outlook and the changing corn production trends in the state. The mechanics and timing of the referendum voting process will be presented.

Following these discussions, Texas Corn Producers Board representatives will present information on the existing corn check-off program and the potential outcome of a total statewide effort. There will be ample time for questions from producers regarding the program.

For additional information, please contact your county extension office.

Council

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In other matters, council:

- *Approved three separate insurance bids from Eagle Lake Insurance Associates as follows: electric motors, coverage valued at \$55,200, cost \$560; buildings and contents, \$895,954 coverage for \$1,567, and electronic equipment and media, \$27,000 coverage for \$196.
- *Opened the public hearing on House Bill 82 (taxation of personal property not held or used to produce income) with no one in the audience making a comment for or against it.
- *Approved a resolution to continue taxing personal property not held or used to produce income.
- *Passed on the proposal to widen the Highway 90-A and Main Street Intersection since no information has been received from the State Department of Highways.
- In the city manager's report, Jack Swanson reported:
- *The preliminary 1990-91 budget is ready for the budget committee and department heads to review and present their budget.
- *The city received the Texas Department of Aviation grant.
- *An extension of the sewer treatment plant compliance for the city was received from the Texas Water Commission.
- *Announced the idea of the city possibly purchasing the Colleyville area for back taxes owed. More details on the purchase and what it would take to clean up the area will be presented at the next city council meeting.

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School Bond Election March 10

The Rice CISD Board of Trustees has called a bond election for March 10, 1990, and at left is the new logo the district will use to kick off their effort to get the bonds passed. Look for more details in next week's Headlight.

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Commissioners approve new repeater for Sheriff's Dept.

Colorado County Commissioners Court approved an emergency amendment to the budget Tuesday to purchase a new repeater for the Sheriff's Department and adopted a resolution honoring the 57 years of service by Constable Ben Poppe.

Sheriff Bill Esterling said the 350 watt repeater on the radio is 17 years old and worn out. A representative from Motorola, Carl Wied, presented Commissioners Court with a proposal of \$15,484 for a new unit which would be a direct replacement of the type that was originally installed.

Commissioners approved the purchase of the new unit and agreed to the 84-month tax-exempt lease agreement for the remainder of the 1990 year, adding the balance of the unit to the 1991 budget at the end of the year and paying the balance in 1991. Wied said Motorola is the only company who produces a 350 watt unit that would be a direct replacement and they stand behind all their equipment for approximately 10 years. He also said it would take 4-6 weeks for delivery of the unit.

Judge Lester Crane read a resolution adopted by Commissioners to Mrs. Ben Poppe, her son and daughter-in-law and the audience commending her late husband, Ben Poppe, for his 57 years of honorable service to this community. "Poppe became a constable on January 1, 1933 and might have set a national record for being in law enforcement for so long," stated Crane.

Members of the Colorado County Historical Commission were at the meeting to ask the commissioners to have the fountain at the courthouse repaired. Buddy Rau gave a possible bid of \$38,000 to be used as a guideline and suggested possibly filling the old fountain with soil and planting flowers for the upcoming celebration in May 20 with the plan to rebuild the fountain.

Doris Albright gave a report on the Centennial Celebration. They plan to use the local high school bands, have several speakers, and unveil a marker during the program. There will be tours of the courthouse with a reception planned after the program at the Stafford House. Buddy Rau said he would provide a total of the expenses for banners, cake, invitations, advertising, programs, etc. at the next commissioners meeting.

Commissioners denied a request from Tax Assessor-Collector Evelyn Thomas for a raise for one of her employees, Claudia Richardson. Mrs. Thomas said mid-December was the end of Ms. Richardson's six month probation and was asking for a 2-1/2% pay increase.

Commissioners did not give the raise since a 5% raise was given to all employees at the first of January for the 1990 budget and Ms. Richardson had started above the beginning level of pay.

In other matters, commissioners:

- *Approved House Bill 82 authorizing the taxation of personal property.
- *Heard from Sam Burford asking for \$5,000 to help renovate the new facility for the St. Paul Community.

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Newsbriefs

Runners club membership sought

Anyone interested in joining the "Not Ready for Prime Time Runners Club" (an informal group of runners) The group will meet when there are races scheduled. The club is for people who like to run but are not on the "professional" level. Membership fee is \$10 and includes a t-shirt, newsletter, fun, and fellowship. The local group will be affiliated with a club in Houston which plans gatherings about once a month or so. For more information or to join, contact Charles Abel at Eagle Lake Middle School, 234-3501, or at home, 234-5239.

Garwood Association of Parents to meet

The Garwood Association of Parents will have a meeting on Thursday, February 8 at 7 p.m. at the Garwood School Library. Everyone is encouraged to come.

Retired Teachers Association to meet Feb. 5

Colorado County Retired Teachers Association will meet at Schobels Restaurant in Columbus at 2 p.m. Monday, February 5, with the Eagle Lake group being the host.

Thrift Shop to be open Saturday

The Museum Thrift Shop will be open from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 3.

Rodeo ticket trailer to be here February 3

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Headed for the Houston Livestock Show

Five students from the Rice CISD will exhibit their art projects during the duration of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for being chosen Best of Show and Gold Medal winners Saturday. Linda Gold, a senior, top center, was chosen as Best of Show in the High School division with her picture entitled "Nostalgia". Gold Medal winners were Rachael Hoffmann, a senior, left, for her picture entitled "Endless Time" and Russell Labay, a senior, for his picture entitled "Sun Drenched Sunday". In the bottom photo, at left, Garrett Hagendorf's picture entitled "The Cornfield" took Best of Show in the Junior High division and Cleo Johnson's picture entitled "The Desert Indian Chief" gave him the Elementary division Best of Show honors. Other ribbon winners will be published next week. Hagendorf is a sixth grader at Eagle Lake Middle School and Johnson is in kindergarten at the Eagle Lake Primary School.

Parent workshops offered at elementary campuses

A parent education workshop, "Ways to help your Child at Home and School" will be offered at each of the elementary campuses. The workshop is being offered to all parents by the Rice CISD Chapter 1 Parent Advisory Council. The council, which held its first meeting in November, 1989, has parent involvement in the schools as its primary focus.

The workshops will be held at the following dates, times and locations:

- Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria - Monday, February 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Eagle Lake Primary School gym - Thursday, February 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Sheridan Elementary cafeteria - Tuesday, February 13, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- Garwood Elementary cafeteria - Thursday, February 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Spanish

Clases de instruccion, para los padres, ofrecidas en todas las escuelas Elementarias

Clases de instruccion para los padres, "Maneras de ayudar a su hijo/ hija en la casa y la escuela" seran ofrecidas en cada escuela Elemental.

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Harris moved to private room

Gary Harris' condition has been upgraded from critical to serious at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston and has been moved to a private room.

Harris, of Eagle Lake, was seriously injured in a one-vehicle accident at 7 p.m. Friday, January 19 on County Road 267 in Wharton County near his residence. Investigating DPS trooper Michael Hubenak reported Harris, driving a Ford Supercab pickup, was travelling north on County Road 267, ran off the left side of the road, traveled 185 feet before the front left side of the truck hit a concrete culvert. The truck went airborne and overturned twice, coming to rest upright. Wharton County Sheriff's Department assisted Trooper Hubenak.

Harris was taken to Gulf Coast Medical Center by a Wharton ambulance and later transferred to John Sealy in Galveston with a fractured skull and other head injuries. He underwent a 12 hour operation Saturday and had been recovering in the Neurological ICU Unit when he was moved to a private room.

Rev. David Mann of Eagle Lake has gone to visit Gary several times and on Friday, January 26 he said Gary was doing much better. He has a broken jaw, which is wired shut, and suffered injury to his right eye among other extensive injuries. The doctors told Rev. Mann that Gary's condition is very encouraging as the swelling has gone down from the surgery and he is responding very well to commands.

Once Gary has recovered from his injuries, plastic surgery will be performed before he is released from the hospital.

Anyone wishing to send Gary a get well card may send it to: Gary Harris, John Sealy Hospital, 9th Room, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas 77550.

Rice FFA sale exceeds \$33,000

Blue skies and warm weather was the perfect setting for the annual Rice High School FFA Show and Sale Saturday at the Rice ag barn, which grossed the local chapter a total of \$33,022.37.

Whitney Doplauf's light weight steer was named the grand champion steer by Steve Dollyer, show judge, with the reserve champion title going to Joshua Grahmann's heavy weight steer.

Grand champion hog went to Shan Stovall with Kevin Jackson's hog capturing reserve champion.

In showmanship, Todd Mascheck received first place honors in the steer division with Michael Till placing second; Whitney Doplauf, third; Joshua Grahmann, fourth, and Ragen Stienke, fifth. Jerry Cano won top showmanship honors in the swine division followed by Holly Casarez in second; Julie Moore, third; Terry Carter, fourth, and Truman Scott, fifth.

Taking first place in the light weight steer division was Louis Mahalic with Rachel Weishuhn in second; Joy Moore, third, Aaron Machach, fourth, and Jason Eggemeyer, fifth.

Todd Mascheck won first place in the medium weight steer division with Sher Sunderman in second; Chad Sunderman, third; Ragen Stienke, fourth, and John Carey, fifth.

First place winner in the heavy weight steer division was Michael Till followed by Kimberly Cornman, second, and Larene Pence, third.

Other steer exhibitors participating but not placing were Jesse George and Bryant Williams.

Ag teacher Ronel Roberts said,

Taking first place honors in the light weight swine division was Julie Moore followed by Ken Henderson in second; Brian Semora, third; Brandon Cunningham, fourth, and Marshan Norris, fifth.

Holly Casarez won first place in the medium weight swine division with Joseph Godly in second; Kerry Sims, third; John Tillman, fourth, and Roland Hemphill, fifth.

First place winner in the heavy weight swine division was Jerry Cano with Truman Scott placing second; Terry Carter, third; Richard Spates, fourth; Eddie Fields, fifth, and Joe Stovall, sixth.

The showing of the animals began at 9 a.m. followed by a barbecue lunch served by Mike's Catering of El Campo and sponsored by the Lions Club of Eagle Lake, Garwood and Sheridan.

Ag teacher Ronel Roberts said,

See Show Results, Pictures on Pages 8 and 9.

Swimming pool and dangerous-building ordinances topic at next council meeting

At its next meeting, two important items on the agenda for the Eagle Lake City Council will be the first of three readings for a swimming pool ordinance and a dangerous building ordinance.

If passed, certain requirements must be carried out for each ordinance as follows:

Swimming Pool Ordinance

1. All swimming pools or spas that do not have a protective top or cover which prevents the entry of a person with a depth of one (1) foot or more shall be completely enclosed by a fence or an enclosure that will prevent the entry of a person. This shall not mean water trough for livestock or ponds or tanks which are there naturally.
2. The fence must have a height of not less than four (4) feet which is designed to keep children out and the openings in the fence shall not permit the passage of a four inch diameter sphere. The gate or enclosure shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching gates.
3. Rates for permit and inspection shall come under the building permit fee.
4. In the event that any section or portion of this ordinance should for any reason be held invalid, nevertheless, all the remaining sections and parts thereof shall not be impaired or affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.
5. Any persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or refusing to comply with this ordinance shall, at once, cause the disconnection of utility service to said residence or structure.

Dangerous Building Ordinance

1. The following codes are hereby adopted by reference as though they were copied therein fully: Standard Building Code, Standard Excavation and Grading Code, Standard Existing Building Code, Standard Fire Prevention Code, Standard Gas Code, Standard Housing Code, Standard Mechanical Code, Standard Plumbing Code, Standard Unsafe Building Abatement Code, Standard Code for the Elimination or Repair of Unsafe Buildings.

2. Any matters in said code which are contrary to existing ordinances of the City shall prevail.

3. Within said codes when reference is made to the duties of certain officials named therein, that a designated official of the City of Eagle Lake who has duties corresponding to those of the named official in said code shall be deemed to be responsible official insofar as enforcing the provisions of said code are concerned.

The adoption of these codes is done to facilitate proper inspection activities by the City of Eagle Lake relating to construction and to maintenance of buildings within the corporate limits of said town and relating to public safety, health and general welfare.

The council's meeting will be held Tuesday, February 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the council room of the Municipal Building. The public input on these two ordinances is urged.