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Spelling champ

Shaundra Henderson is the 1990 Garwood School spelling champ. She will compete in the county meet in February at Rice High School. Pictured with Shaundra is Irene Mader. Good luck to Shaundra!

Garwood School photo

LCRA opens nomination period for environmental awards

Colorado County residents and businesses are invited to submit nominations for the fourth annual Lower Colorado River Authority Environmental Awards through April 1.

Each year LCRA honors outstanding projects that improve soil, water, and air quality in 43 Central Texas counties in its electric and water service areas. To qualify for recognition in 1990, the projects must have been completed in 1989.

There are five major awards: One each in the categories of individuals, government entities, organizations, and businesses; and a fifth special category for projects which significantly reduce nonpoint pollution. Past winners have included cities which upgraded their water treatment systems and sponsored extensive clean-ups, businesses which have contributed generously in time and funds to environmental campaigns, and individuals who have exhibited outstanding leadership in environmental projects.

For more information or nomination forms, persons may write Environmental Awards, LCRA, P.O. Box 220, Austin, Texas 78767.

Eagle Lake Police report for January

The Eagle Lake Police Department began the new year handling 140 calls in January. Of those calls 6 were for assaults; 12 burglaries, 13 thefts, 21 disturbances, 8 accidents; 10 criminal mischief; and 70 miscellaneous. There were eight arrests made; 4 misdemeanor and 4 felony. They issued 137 citations.

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6 Years Experience and Success

Circus

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magic, and mime. Heading up this season's program are Joe Reichlin, veteran showman, and Kevin Curd, poetic daredevil of the aerial bar. Carl Gentle returns as captain of the show's unicycle ensemble. Jenny Martin and Nick Brill will present the art of pedipulation (foot juggling). The menagerie, including trained domestic and exotic animals and birds, and featuring the miniature stallion, Dan Rice, will be under the direction of ringmaster-founder, Nick Weber.

Chili cookoff

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Dogs, Good Time Chili, Boheiman Chili, Quack Pops, Bone Head Chili and Super Bowl Chili and Chili Vice. Charlotte Broesche cooked up a delicious pot of beans taking first place honors in the bean cookoff which brought 10 cooks to the contest.

The three top winners of the chili contest will compete in the Battle of the Sexes chili cookoff on March 3 at the Duck Blind in Eagle Lake.

UIL reclassification

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Edna and Stafford replaced the two spots left open by the repositioning of Rice and Columbus in the 2B-AAA division. They will compete against Hitchcock, Needville, Palacios and Sweeney. Edna was in 27-AAA and Stafford moved from a AA division.

Head Raider Coach Tim Teykl said the tentative 1990 football schedule for Rice will include scrimmages against Hallettsville and East Bernard; and regular non-district play will be against Boling, Cuero, Tidehaven, Edna and Needville.

The district schedule will be comprised of the schools in the 20-AAA.

Elections

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who wishes to vote early. Wharton County races With numerous readers from Wharton County, the Headlight notes the Commissioner of Precinct Two in Wharton County position is being sought by Democrats Angeline Grigar (incumbent) of East Bernard, Leroy Barnes of Wharton, Joe F. Hlavinka of Hungerford, D.C. "Chris" King and Lonnie R. Beseda, both of East Bernard, and Republican George H. "Bud" Northington IV of Egypt. With Northington the lone Republican, he is guaranteed to face a Democratic opponent November 6.



Pecan tree planted at courthouse

Jack Johnson, third from left, a member of the Lower Colorado River Authority board of directors, and Colorado County Judge Lester Crane break the ground on the courthouse square in Columbus for the LCRA-sponsored "Grow For It" program Monday morning. The program is a massive campaign to plant at least 100,000 trees in the LCRA service area over the next five years and the planting ceremonies to kick off the project were held simultaneously in each of the LCRA's 10 water statutory districts. Also pictured at the ceremony were, from left, Commissioner Precinct 4 Sonny Spanihel, Commissioner Precinct 2 Rafael Veselka, Johnson, Commissioner Precinct 1 Otto Loasain, Crane, Joyce Loessin, County Clerk Darlene Hayek and County Treasurer Nita Renick.

Livestock Show Exhibitors

Colorado County 4-H Club

The following Colorado County 4-H Club members will be exhibiting a combination of market steers, beef heifers, market barrows, turkeys, broilers or breeding poultry at the following major 1990 stock shows:

Fort Worth—Sarah Fuchs of Weimar, San Antonio—Chad Fucik, Jerica and Misty Smidovec, all of Garwood, and Christine Hudec, Sarah Fuchs and Dustin Hoeninghaus, all of Garwood; Houston—Shelly and David Behlen of Columbus, Sarah Fuchs and Christine Hudec of Weimar and Todd Mascheck of Eagle Lake.

4-H contestants in the Houston Show calf scrambles are Chris Jackson of Sheridan and Kirk Hatterman of Weimar on February 21; Misty Crane of Nada on February 22; and Todd Mascheck of Eagle Lake on February 27.

Progress shows Sarah Fuchs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Fuchs of Weimar and a member of the Colorado 4-H Horse Club, is a prime example of having developed self discipline and responsibility traits.

The selection of her show steers are family activity with Brookside, Delbert and younger brother David making visits as a family to livestock producers with potential calves that may meet her needs. After the animals are selected Sarah has the responsibility to arrange for payment, getting up early each morning to feed them prior to going to school and again in the afternoon after school. She also must see they are kept healthy and in a good growth regime. Throughout all of this is the process of grooming, gentling the animal and teaching it to respond to her showmanship commands. Naturally, the entire family is involved in all these activities.

Then comes filling the necessary paper work, such as entry forms and fees to the shows selected for entry. Pre-show day activities of animal preparation, transportation coordination, overnight sleeping accommodations, stocking the showbox and ice chest with necessary food, supplies and equipment involves the entire family. Even the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Becken and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Fuchs, get involved by either attending the show or volunteering to look after the livestock at the farm while Sarah and her family are attending the shows.

The sweet euphoria of victory and the tears of a poor showing are shared by all of the family members after the show but by the time the equipment and animals are loaded on the rig for the return trip home the show results have been reviewed, evaluated and a corrective plan devised if necessary and a positive determination to make the next show with favorable placings either in the animal's breed classes or in the showmanship events.

Sarah's 1989 points earned by the Texas Club Calf Association showmanship division have her standing in seventh place in the Brahman and Simmental divisions. She will be recognized for this achievement by the TCCA with a special award during their annual awards banquet held during the 1990 Houston Livestock Show. In 1989 she entered from 1 to 3 steers and a beef heifer in a combination of 19 youth shows ranging in location from Columbus to Fort Worth (Belt Buckle Bonanza, the most prestigious of progress shows), Hondo, Robstown, George West, Georgetown, Bryan and various communities in between.

Her show animals are of the Brahman, Simmental and Charolais classes.

Rice High School FFA Chapter

Eight FFA members from Rice High School will be joining 4-H and other FFA members from throughout the state for showing competition at the upcoming Houston Livestock Show, February 17 through March 4 at the Astrodome.

Rice FFA exhibitors and their animals are: Kimberly Corman of Eagle Lake, three commercial steers; DeWight Dopslauf of Sheridan, three commercial steers and one market barrow; Joshua Grammann of Rock Island, one beef heifer; Christopher Jackson of Sheridan, one market barrow; Leigh Jackson of Sheridan, one market barrow; Louis Mahalic of Eagle Lake, three commercial steers; Chad Sunderman, of Eagle Lake, three commercial steers; Sher Sunderman of Eagle Lake, three commercial steers.

These FFA and 4-H exhibitors compete in one of two divisions of the Houston Livestock Show—the junior show division. The other division, the open show, attracts its exhibitors from the world's agricultural industry, primarily professional breeders and ranchers.

Entries in both the open and junior shows combine with horse show entries to make the Houston Livestock Show the world's largest. Representing 841 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, the junior show is expected to exceed 12,000 entries this year. A variety of animals are shown in the junior show division: market steers, market swine, market sheep, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding sheep, goats, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

The four market animal categories represent animals raised by the exhibitor as food sources. Top animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. Total money paid in 1989 at the four junior show auctions exceeded \$4.5 million.

New shows scheduled for the open show division are the Bradford Open Cattle Show and the Romagosa Open Cattle Show.

Horse show activities begin February 15 with cutting horse competition with the National Cutting Horse Association World's Championship Finals February 15-18. The barbecue contest begins February 16 at 4 p.m. with judging at 7 p.m. February 17.

The 52nd annual parade will begin following the Conoco 10K Rodeo Run on February 17. Racing pigs take to the tracks during the special pig racing event, held February 17 through 26. The Wild West Show, a series of specialty acts held in the Astrodome's main cattle arena, begins February 19 through 26 at 7 p.m. nightly.

All net proceeds from the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo provide funds for scholarships and research projects throughout the state. Currently, more than 1,000 students receive some form of show-sponsored financial assistance, with 30 research projects funded. More than 6,500 volunteers ensure the success of each year's event.

This year's event begins with the horse show February 15 followed by other livestock competition on February 17. The first rodeo performance will be February 18 with 27 star entertainers scheduled. All events conclude March 4. Saturday matinee performances begin at 11 a.m. and the Sunday, February 25 matinee performance begins at 1 p.m. The first and final Sunday performances, February 18 and March 4, will be held at 4 p.m. All evening performances begin at 7:45 p.m.

February 8 is deadline to register to vote in the Rice CISD Bond Election!

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No extensions for Rice School District administrators

By LYNDIA APPELT

In surprise action Monday night, the Rice Consolidated Board of Trustees took no action on the contracts of Principals Major Benge, Charles Abel, Fred Gramham, Larry Varley and John Mader, Band Director Glenn Wren, Athletic Director Tim Teykl, Assistant Superintendent Carolyn McGaughey, and Assistant Principal James Murrell, thus resulting in the expiration of these contracts in 1991. The board had earlier granted no extension to Superintendent Harold King's contract, which will also expire in 1991.

Compensatory Director Deborah Matthys was granted a one year contract which would carry her contract period until 1991. Thus all administrative contracts in the Rice Consolidated School District will come up for review again in February of 1991, to either expire or be extended.

As clarification for the decision to grant no extensions to administrative personnel, Board member Reggie Brisco stated "this lack of action has nothing to do with performance."

Chief of Police Lupe Villarreal was assisted by Sgt. Earl Jones and Officers Ernie Grimes and Jeff Argo. On February 10, Eagle Lake police received information that Frank Cobia had just received delivery of approximately a quarter of a pound of marijuana Wednesday and was selling it. A warrant was obtained to search Michelle Cobia's residence and police found 3 dime bags inside a suit coat pocket hanging in the master bedroom as well as a zip lock bag between the mattress and box springs making the total seized approximately 2 ounces. Cobia told police Michelle had no knowledge the marijuana was in her house. Michelle also advised police she had no knowledge of the marijuana and that Frank was staying with her because he and his father had had an argument.

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Newsbriefs

Garwood/Nada community meeting Feb. 21

The Garwood/Nada community will hold a meeting on Wednesday, February 21 at 7 p.m. in the Garwood School cafeteria. The presentation will be on the school bond. Chairperson John Matthews and his committee will give the program and will be available for questions. All Garwood/Nada residents are urged to attend.

Schools, bank, post office closed Monday

President's Day is Monday, February 19 and students in the Rice CISD will have a holiday. They will return to school at their regular time on Tuesday, February 20.

Also, closed Monday will be the First National Bank of Eagle Lake and the Post Office.

Meeting on school bond election Feb. 22

Eagle Lake Middle School PTO will sponsor a public forum on the upcoming school bond election on Thursday, February 22 at 7 p.m. in the E.L.M.S. cafeteria. School board and administration will make a slide presentation on planned improvements. All school board members, plus administration representatives will be on hand to answer questions. Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend. There will be no P.T.O. business meeting.

Friendship Baptist Church to hold car wash

The Friendship Baptist Church will hold a car wash on Saturday, February 17, beginning at 9:30 a.m. until approximately 4 p.m. If needed, they will pick up and deliver your vehicle. The car wash is being sponsored by the President of the Brotherhood, Willie Jackson and the Usher Board President B. Duncan. Prices will be \$3.50 per vehicle. The Pastor of the church is R. J. Williams. Asking Lloyd and friends to come by and give "Pops" a hand on this.

Prairie Edge Thrift Shop to be open Saturday

The Museum Thrift Shop will be open on Saturday, February 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

St. Anthony PTC Las Vegas Extravaganza

The St. Anthony PTC will sponsor their annual Las Vegas Nite on Sunday, February 25 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Columbus. Games will begin at 2 p.m. An afternoon of fun can be enjoyed by all with games and concessions being served throughout the day. The auction is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Invite a friend and come out for an evening of fun and excitement.

Diabetes support group meeting Feb. 20

The Colorado County Diabetes support group will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 1990 at 7 p.m. at the Colorado-Fayette Medical Center in Weimar, Texas. The guest speaker will be Dr. Robert "Yousens" Weimar. The topic will be "The Relationship between Diabetes and the Flu".

For further information contact Betty Bauer at 234-5922 or Nelma Strey, R.N. at 732-3010 or 234-5571.

Hospital plans basket lunch February 21

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital will hold its complimentary basket lunch on Wednesday, February 21 at noon with Dr. Ronald Mahoney as the program speaker. Reservations should be made by February 19 as seating is limited to 25 persons. Call the hospital at 234-5571.



Donate to fund raiser

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) donated \$20,000 to the equipment fund raiser at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Eunice Friska, president, and Faye Rutledge, treasurer, on behalf of the Pink Ladies presented the check to the hospital Friday. Pictured are, from left, Marcelle Henke, hospital administrator and CEO; Faye Rutledge; Dr. Jose Ugarte, chief of staff; Eunice Friska; William Harrison Sr., chairman of the executive committee, and, in front, Willard Shurt, president of hospital board. See Page 14 for total amount received on the \$175,000 goal.

School bond monies targets students' needs

"On Saturday, March 10, the citizens of Sheridan, Garwood and Eagle Lake will have the opportunity to shape the destiny of our children's education. The bond election slated for that date will finance urgently needed facilities repairs, constructions and renovations," according to John Matthews, chairman of the public awareness team charged with public information for the up-coming election.

Extensive study

The bond election set for March 10 is the result of an extensive study conducted by the facilities assessment committee of the Rice I.S.D. Board of Trustees. The committee was comprised by Rice I.S.D. Board members Fritz Leopold, Reggie Brisco and

John Matthews. The committee findings identified urgent needs on every campus and prompted the Board of Trustees to call for the March 10 Bond Election.

Campus needs

The following facility needs were identified on the different campuses.

Eagle Lake:

1. Removal of asbestos at Primary School estimated to cost \$350,000. This is required for accreditation.

2. Renovation of Primary School to remedy inadequate insulation, continuous maintenance of 40-year-old buildings, and unsafe conditions (including asbestos) estimated at near \$1 million.



The cost of repairs and renovations at the Eagle Lake Primary

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Council tables swimming pool ordinance for further research

At its regular meeting Tuesday night, Eagle Lake City Council passed the first of three readings on the dangerous building ordinance and tabled the swimming pool ordinance until further information could be gathered.

Several residents voiced their concern for dangerous buildings in the Eagle Lake area as being a nuisance and a hazard to children. Also large rodents and other pests have been seen coming out of the buildings, not to mention the smells.

One of the owners of such a building said she plans to board it up in the next couple of weeks. She also mentioned she would probably be better off deeding the land over to the city, which would put the burden onto the taxpayers.

The second reading on the ordinance will be held at the next city council meeting, February 27, and a copy is available at city hall for anyone wishing to view the building codes and ordinance.

With the need for further research on the swimming pool ordinance, council tabled the readings until such details can be gathered. Joe Frazier, a pool owner, stated he thought the ordinance was a good idea, but there are a lot of items it doesn't cover. One of these items are the six man-made ponds at the golf course where children search for golf balls as well as swim and fish.

Councilman Larry Dulaney said he contacted El Campo posing questions about their ordinance and plans to contact other cities in the same situation at Eagle Lake.

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