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### Students honored

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#### Grahmann to receive \$2,500 Go Texan scholarship

Dignitaries, officials and the selected scholarship recipient from Colorado County, Joshua Grahmann, will be honored during Go Texan activities of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Friday, Feb. 26, prior to the evening performance. A one-year, \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to Grahmann, a senior student at Rice Consolidated High School, as part of the Show's 58-county Go Texan Scholarship program. These scholarships are just a part of the annual funds the Show gives to education and research, including 100 four-year, \$10,000 4-H and FFA scholarships, 72 metropolitan scholarships, 26 graduate assistantships and two doctoral fellows. Currently, more than 1,000 students receive financial assistance through the Show's scholarship program. County youth also will be participating in livestock show competition during the Junior Livestock Show classes at the Houston Livestock Show, the world's largest, with more than 27,000 livestock entries recorded annually. Tickets are only \$10 and available at all Ticketmaster outlets as well as the Astrodome box office.

### Sheriff's Department reports theft, burglary

Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported a theft and burglary in the area last week. The theft occurred between 8:45 p.m., Jan. 30 and 10 a.m., Jan. 31 on P.M. 102 in Matthews. Deputy T. Neisner received the report from Rev. T.J. Cunningham that his tool box had been taken from his pickup during the night. He stated that he saw the tool box on the truck the previous night and it was missing when he wanted to use his tools the next morning. It is a 3 ft. long, black tool box valued at \$80 containing tools valued at approximately \$300. There is a possible suspect and the case is under investigation. A burglary of a habitation was reported to Deputy Neisner Jan. 29. The deputy met with the complainant, Raymond Heine, who stated the burglary took place on County Road 217 between 3 p.m., Jan. 26 and 2 p.m., Jan. 28. The only item reported missing was a microwave oven. The property, Construction Supervisors Inc., is used on weekends by Heine's son-in-law. Heine checked on it during the week to find the item missing. There are no suspects at this time.

### Rice Council to discuss market development Feb. 9

A report on market development programs conducted with rice growers, investments and a talk by an international expert on agriculture and the environment are on the agenda for the Texas Rice Council's annual meeting Feb. 9 in Houston. The meeting will be in the Harris County Extension Center. "The purpose of this meeting is to help us all become better informed on some of the issues affecting our industry," said Raymond Franz of Katy, Texas Council president. Dennis T. Avery, director of Global Food Issues for the Hudson Institute and a widely published expert on the world's ability to feed itself and to overcome environmental problems, is the featured speaker. The state board of directors also will be announced at the meeting. The board is elected by grower ballots from nominations in the rice-growing counties. International and domestic market development programs will be discussed by representatives from the USA Rice Council, the rice industry's market development organization with member councils in the six major rice-growing states. The Rice Council's programs are funded in part by grower checkoff investments. State annual meetings are sponsored by Ciba-Geigy Agricultural Division through a grant to The Rice Foundation. The meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. with a luncheon to follow. To reach the Center, take Highway 6 north from 1-10 and turn right on Patterson Road. The Center is located at Patterson Road and Abernethy Drive, next to the Farm and Ranch Club. Both the meeting and the luncheon are open to everyone involved in the Texas rice industry.

### Gulf Coast Hereford Spring sale next weekend

The Gulf Coast Hereford Association 43rd Annual Spring Sale will be held Saturday, Feb. 13. Sale time is 1 p.m. in the indoor auction arena at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Brenham. Lunch will be available in the sale barn. Selling will be 57 head of registered Hereford bulls including 49 horned and 8 polled; fertility tested, herd sires, herd sire prospects and range bulls. Consignors are: Anderson's Herefords, Rock Island; Bar S Herefords, Giddings; Robert E. Bishop, Hearne; Allen W. Cecil, Flatonia; Boyd A. Cecil, Flatonia; Anne & Charles W. Duncan Jr., Hempstead; Henneke's Hereford Ranch, New Ulm; J Bar F Ranch, Norange; Gregory Kaase, Taylor; Herman G. Kaase, Taylor; L.A. Kainer, New Ulm; McClain Farms, Gonzales; Tom A. McQuillin, Industry; Mill Creek Farms, Bleiberville; Darlene M. Schatte, Giddings; Schatte Herefords, Giddings; and Scull Ranch, Martindale. Auctioneer will be Randolph Hoffer. For a catalog and/or information call L.A. Kainer, 713-641-2345, or 713-468-6207 (residence); P.O. Box 330088, Houston, TX 77233-0088.

### Helicon concert promises Valentine's Day treat in Wharton

The exciting instrumental trio, Helicon, will present a performance in Wharton on Sunday, Feb. 14, at 3 p.m. as the second concert in the Wharton County Community Concert Association season. Helicon combines the diverse musical backgrounds of three men into a high energy performance of folk and classical music. Chris Norman who plays wooden flutes and penny whistle, Ken Kolodner on hammer dulcimer and fiddle, and Robin Bullock on guitar, cittern and fiddle make up this eclectic musical repertoire. Helicon has performed for a wide variety of audiences nationally including a Christmas concert on National Public Radio, the National Flute convention and performances with the Delaware Symphony. They have currently released three albums, Daybreak, Helicon and The Titan, under different labels. Their performance in Wharton is an afternoon of entertainment to look forward to. The concert will be held in the Wharton High School auditorium and admittance is by membership in the Community Concert Association. Contact Sally Soderquist at 532-4936 for additional information. The third and final concert for the season is to be harpist Carole McLaughlin, scheduled for Thursday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m.

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### Pancakes top the Rotary menu for supper

Eagle Lake Rotary Club members are busy preparing for their annual Benefit Pancake Supper to be held Tuesday, Feb. 23. The Shrove Tuesday event will be from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Community Center. The pancakes and trimmings will be offered for \$3 a person, all you can eat. Serving will be in the center with entertainment during the serving hours. Take out plates will be available in the pavilion area. Tickets are available from all Rotarians or may be purchased at the door. Proceeds from the supper will go to a scholarship for a Rice High School graduating senior to attend Wharton County Junior College.

# Eagle Lake Headlight

## Tricil waste site expansion halted by judge

A state district judge has denied Tricil, a Houston hazardous waste facility in Colorado County under its interim status while waiting for a state permit. Following a three-hour hearing Feb. 4, Judge John Dietz of Austin upheld a ruling made last July by the three-member Texas Water Commission against Tricil Environmental Response, Inc. The court's action means Tricil, a subsidiary of Laidlaw Environmental Services, cannot begin building a new waste facility at its site near Altair until it gets a permit from the commission. The permit process is expected to take at least 18 months. Laidlaw, based in Canada, is one of the nation's largest waste disposal firms. The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) has joined citizens and local governments in the area in opposing the proposed hazardous waste facility, which would be located in and around gravel pits. The LCRA has expressed concern about possible contamination of ground water and the Colorado River, which is less than two miles from the site. "The court ruling should make it obvious to Tricil that it has to stop trying to take shortcuts and go through the public process to get a permit," said LCRA General Manager Mark Rose. Tricil sued the commission in July after it ruled that Tricil must limit disposal of hazardous wastes to an existing 156-acre site while the application to build a hazardous waste facility on adjacent land is pending before the commission. The site is along U.S. Highway 71, near Altair, eight miles south of Columbus. In late July, District Judge Jerry Dellana denied Tricil's request for a stay of the commission ruling in order to continue construction of the new hazardous waste facility pending the final outcome of the lawsuit. Tricil has been operating the commercial municipal landfill on the 156-acre site under a Texas Department of Health permit. Some of the wastes dumped at the tract were reclassified as hazardous following a change in federal rules in 1990. Tricil sought to use "grandfather" provisions of a new state hazardous waste law to begin dumping hazardous waste at a site it owns adjacent to the 156 acres. (See related story below.)

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### Farm Bureau membership week proclaimed Feb. 8-12

Feb. 8-12 has been proclaimed Farm Bureau Membership Week in Colorado County in a signed proclamation by County Judge H.O. Strunk. It is part of a statewide observance during which time the Colorado County Farm Bureau (CCFB) will make a special effort of enroll new members. Perry Kloesel of Weimar is president of CCBB and chairman of the membership committee. He and committee members, Kenneth Koehl of Columbus, Gayle Thomas and Al Mahalich of Eagle Lake, are in charge of acquiring and keeping members. "The farm bureau is a grass roots organization. Its foundation is the county unit. There are 211 organized county farm bureaus in Texas including Colorado County," states the proclamation. Kloesel noted that the CCBB has 2100 member families and is seeking to exceed that number in 1993.

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### 1983 Rice graduates wanted

The Rice High School class of 1983 has begun plans to hold their 10 year reunion Saturday, May 22 at Eagle Lake Community Center. Anyone who graduated in '83 and has not been contacted is asked to send in their address to Class of 1983, 701 S. McCarty, Eagle Lake, TX 77434; or call 409-234-5189 after 6 p.m. The addresses are needed before Feb. 26.

### 'Dare to Share' weekend set

Saint John's Episcopal Church in Columbus will conduct a "Dare to Share" weekend featuring Lee A. Buck March 5-7. The conference will be at the church located at 915 Travis St. and advance registration is requested. The cost is \$15 per person and includes Saturday lunch.

### Pink Ladies' dues are due

Mrs. Jimmie Scott, membership chairman for the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary, reminds members that their annual membership dues should be paid by the end of Feb. so that an accurate list of active members can be printed in the yearbook.

### Bake sale raises funds for hospital

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital employee trust fund committee will have a bake sale Friday, Feb. 12, in front of Wilcox Minimex beginning at 9 a.m. A great selection of baked goods will be available.

### Parents discuss responsibility, tutoring

The Feb. 11 program at the parent center at Eagle Lake Middle School on Thursday morning from 9 to 10:30 will be "giving children responsibility for themselves." Feb. 18 they will discuss parents as teachers and home tutors. Contact Maria Vargas at the school, 234-3501, for more information.

### Child as individual is topic for ELPS parents

The parent center at Eagle Lake Primary School has a study program for parents on Wednesday at 12:30 and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 17 and 18, the topic will be "knowing the child as an individual." Contact Kathy Kovar at the school, 234-3587, for more information, or Claudia Mann at 234-3501.

### WCJC to teach social dancing

Social dancing will be taught at Wharton County Junior College beginning March 23 on Tuesday evenings. This course will teach the Texas 2-step, waltz, polka and other popular dances. Anyone 16 or over is welcome to register. The cost is \$21 per person. Call 409-532-6324 for registration or information.

### GCMC offers cholesterol screening

Cholesterol-triglyceride screening is offered Feb. 17 from 7 to 9 a.m. at the Gulf Coast Medical Center lab. The cost is \$8 and you must preregister. Call 409-532-2500 ext. 1300.

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