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## Council

earned on the money market account) is presently \$76,697. A total of \$3,800 will be earned during the 1997-98 fiscal year.

The Budget Committee was chaired by Councilwoman René Cooper-Scott. Alderman J.W. Shavers and Michael Cooper, along with ex-officio member Mayor David Mann, served with Cooper-Scott.

Council unanimously approved a public bond issue by ordinance rather than by vote in the amount of \$1 million for street improvements and authorized Fetzer & Associates to prepare the necessary documents.

Under the ordinance process, the

public has an opportunity to express its views at the City office or by petition.

In other business, Council:

- Approved a request by the Eagle Lake Housing Finance Corporation to vacate all alleys in Block 16 of the Highland Park Addition that are in the City for the construction of the housing duplexes, as site plan calls for some buildings to be located on the alleys that have never been opened, but are platted;
- Ordered the May 3 City election canceled as provided in the Election Code since there was no opposition; and declared candidates Cooper-

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Scott, Shavers and William Kell elected to the open positions;

- Voted to submit another application for funds under the Texas Community Development Program for sewer replacement;
- Adopted a resolution authorizing the submission of a Home Investment Partnership Program for owner occupied housing assistance with program paying for the renovation of low-income housing with some \$25,000 spent on each house; and
- Issued a proclamation in support of the Attwater's Prairie Chicken Endangered Species Festival on April 11-12.

## Action planned to revitalize Texas rice industry

Facing unprecedented challenges to its viability, the Texas rice industry used February's Texas Agricultural and Natural Resources Rice Summit to adopt an action plan for dealing with its most critical issues.

The Feb. 21 summit in Houston began with calls for unity and concerted action from several speakers, but quickly focused on setting up plans for that action.

"We have a choice: to back off or to step forward and face these problems together," said Bob Stallman, Texas Farm Bureau President, at the opening of the discussion to set action plans.

The key to solving those problems is to carry out the plans developed, said Dr. Edward A. Hiler, vice chancellor and dean of agriculture and life sciences at Texas A&M University. The tasks before the industry are difficult, but can be accomplished, he told the gathering.

"Often the opportunity for the

greatest advance is in the time when we have the greatest challenge," Hiler said.

Leadoff speakers detailed several of those challenges, including declining rice acreage in Texas, potential loss of milling and refining infrastructure, limited future water supplies and legislation that encourages some landowners to take rice land out of production.

Texas had 249,000 acres of rice land in 1996, down from more than 500,000 acres in the 1980s, said Steve Balas, a member of the Texas Rice Producers Board and the summit's co-chair.

After the morning's speakers, four breakout groups focused on prioritizing key issues, then identifying actions to address those issues and assigning responsibility for the actions. Individuals or groups responsible for those actions were also named, and planning for implementing those actions was to begin immediately after the summit.

The breakout groups focused on markets and marketing; production efficiency; tenant, landlord and infrastructure issues; and water, wildlife and environmental issues.

The markets and marketing groups identified two top issues: improving producers' marketing abilities through education and communication with millers, as well as expanding markets for Texas rice.

Among that group's suggested action were developing a Texas rice office to aid in market information and education dissemination, as well as identifying needs and acquiring funding for genetically engineered rice with patents controlled by Texas producers.

The production efficiency group's main issues were increasing Texas rice yields while maintaining high quality, reducing production costs, improving communications among parties dealing with production effi-

ciency, improving producer understanding of research progress, and improving accountability for research and education programs.

Among the suggested actions for that group were simplification of funding proposal processes, development of instructional videos for producers, and reduction of the need for pesticide applications.

The tenant, landlord and infrastructure group identified three key issues. They were maintaining production levels to sustain an effective Texas rice industry infrastructure, sustaining rice acreage despite incentives for landlords to idle rice land, and improving education on tenant-landlord issues.

Among the action items suggested were more research on alternative crops in rotation with rice, increasing producer checkoff funds for programs, and develop strategies for affecting legislation or rules related to tenant-landlord issues.

Two key issues were identified by the water, wildlife and environment breakout group. They were maximizing the benefits of water, wildlife and the environment to the rice industry and determining the impacts of rice production on the environment.

Among the actions suggested were development of a Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve, exploring state fee mechanisms to fund habitat development, and studying the effects of decreased rice acreage on migratory birds.

The Texas Agricultural and Natural Resources Rice Summit Initiative was founded to identify and resolve the critical issues facing Texas agriculture by bringing together representatives from every sector.

## ELPS to hold Headstart, pre-k, kindergarten registration

The Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) will hold pre-registration for Headstart, pre-k and kindergarten for the 1997-98 school year on Thursday, April 10, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the ELPS library.

- Headstart application forms will be available.
- Pre-k students must be four years old by Sept. 1, 1997, and either qualify for free/reduced lunches or have a limited English proficiency. This will be a half-day program.
- Kindergarten students must be five years old by Sept. 1, 1997. This

will be an all-day program.

- All students should bring their birth certificates, shot record and Social Security card with them when they register.

If you are unable to be at the school on April 10, please call the school office to make other arrangements.

If your child is in pre-k or kindergarten, they do not have to reenroll.

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HOUSES...

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LAUGHLIN RD.: 4BR, 2BA, den; brick; recently renovated; corner lot.

E. MAIN: 3BR, 2BA, den, formal dining room, frame.

CHURCH STREET: 2BR, 1BA, frame with formal dining room. Will owner finance.

TATE AVE.: 3BR, 1BA, formal dining room, frame.

N. LAKE: 2BR, 1BA, formal dining, frame w/siding; large lot w/shed and small bldgs.

S. MCCARTY: 3BR, 2-1/2BA, large den w/fireplace, formal dining room; brick; 0.76 acres.

AUSTIN RD.: 2BR, 1BA frame; 1/2 Acre.

CLARK STREET: 2BR, 1BA, frame with CA/CH; corner lot w/fence.

N. LAKE: 2BR, 1BA, frame.

NORRIS: 3BR, 2BA, formal living & dining room, den, frame Victorian on large lot w/pole barn.

W. MAIN: 3BR, 2BA, Sunroom; brick with large lot.

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4.4 ACRES: corner of FM 3013 & Hwy. 90-A.

2.7 ACRES: corner of Hwy. 90-A & Glen Flora Road.

E. MAIN STREET: 1.67 Acres commercial frontage.

HWY. 90A & FLEN FLORA ROAD: 1.87 Acres commercial frontage.

W. DAVITT: Four one-bedroom apartments with CA/CH; brick.

ICE STREET: Historic LEASED 50'x86' bldg. with 0.406 ac.

W. PRAIRIE: West Prairie Apts. (Former Methodist Church); 8 units; approx. 1 acre.

GLEN FLORA ROAD: 1.3 Acres with shop and mobile home.

Alamo Trailer Park: Including 2 rent houses and 2 mobile homes.

E. MAIN ST.: 330 Foot frontage; some improvements.

E. MAIN: Former Santa Fe Depot; renovated into office space and two apts. Owner finance. Make an offer!

E. MAIN: Former "Snack Center"; 1,800 sq. ft; fully equipped.

6.8 ACRES: Choice commercial property, 1,100 Ft. FM 3013 North frontage.

THREE BUSINESS BLDGS. on Main St. Good location. Price reduced!

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LOTS...

DONOVAN ST.: 75'x188'

BALUSEK DR.: 2.85 Acres; Owner finance. Make an offer!

LAND...

120 ACRES: CR 48-1/2 near the A&M Experiment Station.

137 ACRES: corner of Hwy. 90A & County Road 14.

PECAN VALLEY: 1.20 Acres.

FM 3013 & Glen Flora Rd.: frontage; 2,180 acre industrial site.

LAVACA COUNTY: Wilderness Oaks; 5 acres & 11 acres, adjoining.

Price Reduced. Will owner finance or trade with equal value.

FOSTER/CRANZ Rice Land: 37.9 acres, 608.75 acres, 434.267 acres, 154.43 acres and 129.505 acres. All near Eagle Lake.

E. WAVERLY: 5-1/2 Acres across from airport; recently cleared.

Owner finance; \$24,000.

38 Acres inside city, facing FM 3013.

90 Acres rice land inside city, 25'x50' steel bldg., FM 3013 frontage, will divide into two tracts.

67 Acres south of Rock Island. Wooded with tank, good hunting.

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## UIL

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Friday, extemporaneous informative speaking: Caleche Crane, Amy Moore; extemporaneous persuasive speaking: Sara Mann, J.P. Pope, Valerie Galvan. Sara placed second in district and advances to regional competition.

Poetry interpretation: Angela Leopold, Amalie Kucherka, Namita Verma. Angela placed fifth and will be second alternate at regional.

Prose interpretation: Sara Mann, Valerie Galvan, Chrissy Leopold. Valerie placed fourth and is alternate to regional. Sara placed first and advances to regional.

Accounting: Marcie Till, Shara Glaiser; calculator applications: Robyn Rucka, Stephanie Thompson, Rissa Waddell, Marcie Till; current issues & events: Jessica Brisco, David Houser, Brian Janish, Vanessa Rodgers; literary criticism: Jessica Brisco, Nerissa Brisco, Brian Janish, David Houser; mathematics: Jonathan Burrow, Robyn Rucka, Marcie Till, Doug Volkmer. The math team finished second and advances to regionals. Individuals in math were Rucka second and Till fourth.

Number sense: Jonathan Burrow, Ralph Gertson, Jenny Hajovsky; ready writing: Jennifer Hajovsky, Valerie Galvan, Nerissa Brisco, Bo Vavrusa was alternate; spelling & vocabulary: Thomas Pittman; science: Amanda Weishuhn, Delana Smith, Doug Volkmer, Robyn Rucka, Amalie Kucherka, and Jonathan Burrow.

## Rice is tops

The Rice High School One-Act Play Company will travel to Caldwell Thursday, April 3, as they advance beyond the district level.

Sara Mann seized the top recognition for a female performer by being chosen Best Actress; Valerie Galvan and Nerissa Brisco took two of eight All-Star Cast slots.

The company stages a sober, yet dignified and touching, performance of C. Rasputi's "I Never Saw Another Butterfly", about a family in the Holocaust and the memories of its sole survivor, Raja, played by Sara Mann.

Four schools will compete Thursday with performances beginning at 1 p.m. and running back to back.

"If you enjoy good theatre, you will be very proud of the way these courageous students represent our area. It's worth an afternoon in Caldwell," says director Robbin Clipson.

Caldwell is northwest of Brenham on Hwy. 36.

## Harvested acres of rice declines

The number of acres of rice harvested annually in Texas has been declining for the last fifteen years. The trend is projected to continue through 1997.

Year	Acres (in thousands)
1950	500
'60	400
'70	500
'80	500
'90	350
'95	300
'97	250

Source: Texas Agricultural Experiment Station  
Graphic: Agricultural Communications, The Texas A&M University System

## Give blood, give life

By Stephanie Thompson, Raider Review Staff

The Rice High School (RHS) Student Council is sponsoring a blood drive given by the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center.

The blood drive will be open to the public.

On April 16, anyone over the age of 17 who weighs over 110 pounds is encouraged to attend. The blood drive will be held in the RHS gym.

A sign up sheet is in the high school office.

The basic requirements a person must meet in order to give blood is to have no contagious diseases or any

form of cancer. Prospective donors should be reminded to eat prior to their donation. Any donors who would be exempt from further donations will receive notification by mail informing them of their permanent deferral.

If there are any other questions regarding donor requirements, call the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center at 713-791-6654 and ask to be referred to the quality assurance section of the donors collections department.

Giving blood could not only save other people lives, it could also save your own.

## Newsbriefs

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### Head Start starts recruiting program

Cen-Tex Family Services Inc. will begin recruiting three- and four-year-olds for the 1997-98 school year Head Start program. To select the children with the greatest need for the services, the staff will attempt to inform families with eligible children and encourage them to apply for admission by performing door-to-door interviews and posting flyers throughout Bastrop, Colorado, Fayette and Lee Counties. Children to begin the first day of school will be selected in May; therefore, interested families are encouraged to mail the required age and income verification as soon as possible. For more information or an enrollment application, contact Andrea Ledesma at 512-303-7737 or 1-800-484-6634, code 7737.