

Summer reading program closes

The Eula and David Wintermann Library held its closing program for the 1997 Texas Reading Club Wednesday, July 16.

Eighty children registered with 47 participating. Of those 47 children, 33 completed the program by reading 10 or more books.

Top readers this summer (pictured at right) were Candace Romo, reading 52 books; Jennifer McDonald, 48 books; and Hillary Johnson, 41 books. Congratulations girls!

At the closing program, certificates and prizes were awarded to each child who read ten or more books to complete the program. These children were also eligible for more prizes through a drawing in which books, videos and posters were given away. Lemonade and cookies were served to all the children. Upon departing, each child was also given a favor



for participating in the program.

The Library staff would like to thank everyone who made the program a success: Eva Vazquez for donating cookies; all the ladies who

gave a program on a Wednesday; all the mothers who brought the children to the Library; and a special thank you to all the children who participated in the reading program this summer.

All Rice employees to receive raises

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees approved state-mandated raises for its teachers and local raises for all other district employees at its Monday night meeting, July 14.

The Board backed the recommendation of the Salary and Benefit Committee with the understanding that each employee be held accountable for exemplary performance.

The committee had made its recommendation to the Board at a special meeting July 3.

The 75th Legislature mandated school districts that pay state minimum teacher salaries to adopt the Texas Education Agency's new minimum salary schedule for 1997-98.

According to legislators, school districts will be reimbursed to the extent that teacher salaries must be increased to meet the new state base. The base allotment will increase by \$9 per student.

Approval of the teachers' salary scale will result in a 5.5% increase for each of the 20 steps on the minimum salary schedule, according to the state.

As a result, salaries for teachers will range from \$21,050 for a beginning teacher to a maximum of \$37,460 for 20+ years. The median salary will be \$30,460, as assigned to the 10th step on the scale.

All other employee raises, including \$1,950 per year for counselors and \$5,000 for campus principals, will be funded locally.

The breakdown for principals includes \$55,380 for Rice High School; \$52,556, Sheridan; \$49,300, Eagle Lake Middle School; \$47,000, Eagle Lake Primary; and \$45,000, Garwood. The ELMS assistant principal's salary is listed at \$45,000.

The Board also approved 100% payment of employees' health insurance.

Following a lengthy executive session, the Board approved raises of \$5,000 for the superintendent and assistant superintendent who had not been included in the committee's original recommendations.

The raises bring the superintendent's salary to \$72,000 with the assistant superintendent making \$65,000.

The Salary and Benefit Committee, consisting of Trustees Madison Smith, Laurel Milentz and Clark Powers, set three goals.

They included new salaries and benefits which make it possible for the district to recruit and retain quality staff; reward quality performance; and, accomplish these goals with no burden on its taxpayers.

The committee made its recom-

mendation without any need for a tax increase as confirmed by Asst. Superintendent in Charge of Finance Fred Grahmann.

The Board, in a 5-1 vote, adopted a resolution of support for the Colorado County Central Appraisal District's (CAD) plans for a new facility to be constructed at the corner of FM 806 and U.S. Hwy. 90 in Columbus. The Board's only request was a written contract indicating how the property would be divided if the CAD was ever dissolved.

Chief Appraiser Billy Youens has made the verbal statement that division would be accomplished by the percentage of contribution by each of the 10 contributing entities.

Smith strongly pursued a written request before the final vote was taken. The Board agreed. Powers and Glen Wesselski, both members of the CAD board, agreed that "they had no problem with the request."

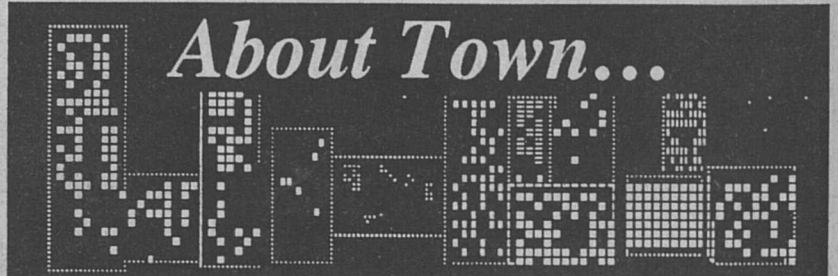
Milentz cast the dissenting vote. Trustee Jim Wiese was not in attendance.

Field Appraiser Billy Mitchell said that the CAD has been told by the County to be out of its offices in the Courthouse by April 1, 1998.

The CAD has a 30-day window to get approval of six of the seven voting governments in order to be able to proceed with its plans to build a 5,300 square foot metallic, brick front building with 1,000 square foot of storage on the second floor. It would be complete with a 20-space parking lot, landscaping, irrigation system and sign for a maximum cost of \$370,000.

The CAD will obtain a 15-year loan at the New Ulm Branch of Industry State Bank due to the fact it is the only financial institution in the area which allows early repayment without penalty. CAD officials are expecting an early payoff of the loan.

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•Confusion reigns supreme around the office, once again. Unfortunately, this time, it affects a new business just starting out.

The "copy" received for the Little Taqueria ad last week left us confused about whether the eating establishment was open or going to open since there was no date noted for the "grand opening".

We apologize for any problems this caused Becky, the owner. We know it was a pain and embarrassment, but at least now she knows people saw her ad!

•The current issue of *Good Housekeeping* magazine in stores (Aug. 1997) contains a story about two ladies with extremely long hair who had decided enough was enough and

had their long tresses sheared.

One of the brave ladies featured in the article and pictures is none other than Eagle Lake's own Sophia Morales Sosa, wife of Charlie and sister of Janie Schwemm who accompanied Sophia to New York City for the hair cut and transformation.

Sophia's son, Carlos, was just glad to have his mom home, short hair or long.

•Also, in last week's *Headlight*, the following names were left out of the Thank You ad from Heritage House Administrator Tammy Valles: Melody Morgan, Jean McGrew and Demetria Dancy.

Somehow they were left off the list sent over to this office.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT



DIVORCES FILED

Amanda Elaine Camp Supak and James Charles Supak Jr.; filed 7-18-97.
Sharon M. Layton-Beyette and Michael Joe Beyette; 7-18-97.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Teodosio V. Vasquez and Patricia Diaz Vasquez; filed 7-18-97.
Robert Maldonado and Misty Ann Lujan; 7-21-97.

COUNTY COURT DISPOSITIONS July 1, 1997

Alan Rollins, motion to revoke probation. Defendant previously placed on probation for driving while intoxicated (DWI), 3-6-96, IH-10, investigated by Colorado County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Deputy D.C. Peikert. Defendant's probation extended six months; assessed an additional 40 hours of community service, ordered to spend three weekends in the county jail as a condition of probation.

Shelley Jo Irving Sanchez, Rosenberg, DWI, 5-30-97, Hwy. 71, investigated by CCSO Deputy Doug Peterson. Defendant pled guilty; placed on one year probation, fined \$750, court costs, community service.

DISPOSITIONS July 15, 1997

A jury was summoned on July 15, 1997, in County Court; was released after the entry of pleas of guilty on the following charge; plea resulted in a sentence of two years in state jail.

Ramiro Rico Jr., burglary of a motor vehicle, 9-6-95, City of Eagle Lake, investigated by Eagle Lake Police Department (ELPD) Officer H.C. Risk, Lt. Clem Johnson and Chief Keith Webb. Defendant pled guilty; sentenced to one year in the county jail (to be served concurrent with a State Jail Felony sentence in District Court); fined \$500 and court costs (to be served by jail time; credit for time served).

Ramiro Rico Jr., unlawfully carrying a weapon, 3-9-95, City of Eagle Lake, investigated by CCSO Deputy Gene Rebel and Sgt. Richard Lacourse. Defendant pled guilty; sentenced to 22 days in the county jail, fined \$500 and court costs (to be served by jail time; credit for time served).

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Ramiro Rico Jr., terroristic threat, 12-10-96, City of Eagle Lake, investigated by ELPD Sgt. Jack Knox. Defendant pled guilty; sentenced to 22 days in county jail; fined \$500 and court costs (all served by jail time; credit for time served).

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Ramiro Rico Jr., resisting arrest, 11-23-96, U.S. 90A, outside City of Eagle Lake, investigated by Alcoholic Beverage Commission Agent D.D. Darnell. Defendant pled guilty; sentenced to 22 days in county jail; fined \$500 and court costs (to be served by jail time; credit for time served).

COUNTY COURT CASES FILED July 16, 1997

Verna Johnson, motion to revoke probation filed and capias for arrest requested. Defendant placed on probation 1-17-95 for DWI. Motion alleges defendant failed to obey conditions of probation by being arrested for assault, failing to report to probation officer and failing to pay fine, court costs and supervision fees.

DISTRICT COURT CASES FILED July 15, 1997

Richard Lee Dancy vs Colorado County Sheriff's Department for \$18 million.

Richard Lee Dancy vs Peggy Joyce Ashton.

Richard Lee Dancy vs Minnie C. Kuy-

kendall.
Richard Lee Dancy vs Harold T. Boone.

Richard Lee Dancy vs Charles Chapman.

Richard Lee Dancy vs Ida Kuykendall.

Bernice Warschak vs Brookshire Brothers Holding Inc. d/b/a Brookshire Bros.

DISTRICT COURT DISPOSITIONS July 16, 1997

Jessie Scott; 180 days in jail for non-payment of child support.

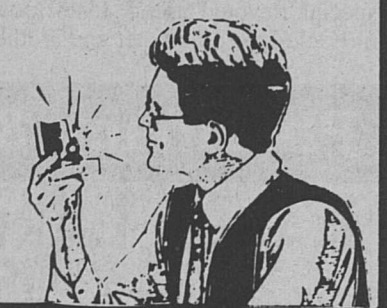
James Thomas; 180 days in jail for non-payment of child support.

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Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

THIS LITTLE PIGGY GETS SUNBURNED

Do the sunscreen ads ever show a handsome hunk slathering lotion on a beautiful babe's feet? Backs, arms, and legs, sure — but toes? Forget about it. Unfortunately, too many people do forget the feet when it comes to protection from the sun. Such neglect can have especially painful consequences, because the skin on the toes and tops of the feet is among the body's most tender. As with any skin exposed to direct sunlight, exposed skin on the feet should be covered thoroughly in a sunscreen with a sun-protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher. A common mistake is to assume that if a person is wearing some type of sandals, the feet are covered. Reality can then strike painfully, sometimes hours later, when burning red stripes appear on the feet, clearly marking where the footwear did or did not shield the sun.

They say an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Applying sunscreen to your feet takes only a little time but it certainly has big results. Protect your feet from hazards of all kinds by calling on us for complete family foot care. Preventive care, management of chronic problems, and treatment for acute conditions are services we offer here at Rice Medical Center. Call 234-5571. I am there every Tuesday.

P. S. A foot with a severe sunburn, such as one with large blisters, should get professional medical attention.

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