

Garwood Irrigation Co. gives annual awards

The 11th annual Garwood Irrigation Company Water Conservation Awards were presented Tuesday, Dec. 16, in the meeting room of Lehrer Interest facilities in Garwood.

Awards of \$250 and \$750 are presented each year to the top water conserving farmers on each canal rider's system.

Two winners are selected each year for each canal rider based on a point system that includes the rice watering season from beginning to end on the Garwood Irrigation Company canal system.

There is a winner for fields under 150 acres and one for fields that are over 150 acres. These farmers earn their award by their performance based on the point system.

The winners on Paul Lehrer's canal system are: under 150 acres, H.F. Rice Inc. (62.00 acres); and over 150 acres, Frank and Marilyn Popp and Mark and Cynthia Boenisch (206.85).

For canal rider Todd Krenke;

under 150 acres, Raymond Korenek 116.85; and over 150 acres, Wied Farms Inc. (249.67).

Canal rider Jeff Wied's winners were: under 150 acres, Danklefs-Williams Farm Inc. (91.19); and for over 150 acres, James Schiurring (269.38).

William N. Lehrer, President of Garwood Irrigation, congratulated the winners and praised their award winning efforts. Lehrer also said he wished all the farmers on the system could win an award for their efforts in conserving water.

Water is a very precious commodity and these awards are an acknowledgement of the farmers' hard work in conservation, which is greatly appreciated.



Recipients of Garwood Irrigation's annual awards were, from left, George Williams, Frank Popp, Dale Hunt, Mark Wied and Raymond Korenek. Not pictured was James Schiurring.

Morgan Causey selected for national conference

Morgan Causey, daughter of Paul and Sue Causey of College Station and granddaughter of George and Ida Causey of Eagle Lake, was selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference Dec. 9 to 14 in Washington, D.C.

The National Young Leaders Conference is a unique leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit.

Morgan will be among 350 outstanding National Scholars attending the conference from across America.

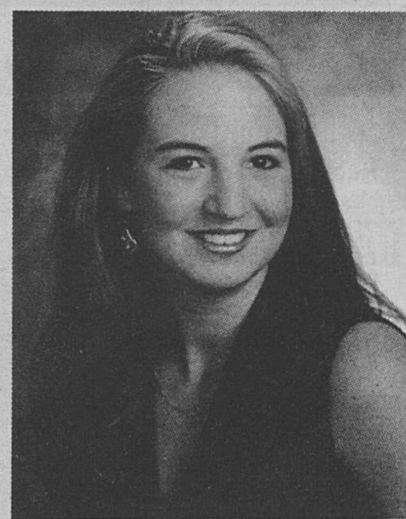
The National Young Leaders Conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization.

Founded in 1985, the Council is committed to "fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential".

Each year, only 7,000 outstanding youth nationwide may participate in the 20 sessions of the Conference.

Over 400 U.S. Congressmen join this commitment as members of the Council's Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors.

"The Conference provides the opportunity for students to distinguish themselves as tomorrow's leaders," said Michael Lasday, Council Executive Director. "Scholars not only gain knowledge and experience in the nation's capital, they leave with a sense of accomplishment and an increased ability to face future challenges."



COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DISTRICT COURT DISPOSITIONS

Frankie Jobe, theft of service, 6-7-96. Defendant was sentenced to two years deferred adjudication, \$500 fine, restitution and court costs.

CASES FILED

Dorothy Tobola vs Edwin Joe Fojtik, partition suit; filed 12-19-97.
First National Bank of Eagle Lake, Texas, vs Prairie International Ltd. and Milton Jay Anderson Sr., suit on note; 12-22-97.

DIVORCES GRANTED

Dawn Michelle Brown and Anthony Ray Brown; granted 12-18-97.
Linda Faye Waddell and Larry Dean Waddell; 12-18-97.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Antonio Martinez Tamez and Stefanie Ann Johnson; filed 12-18-97.
Roy Dale Conrad Jr. and Elizabeth Powell Newman; 12-22-97.
Reynaldo Garza and Stephanie Dawn Kuester; 12-22-97.

FB delegates participate in 64th convention

Ten voting delegates participated in the 64th annual Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) convention Nov. 30-Dec. 3 in Arlington.

They were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stall-

man, Columbus; Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Brunner, Eagle Lake; Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Dittich, Weimar; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Venghaus, Frelsburg; Leon Hattermann, Weimar; and Charles Harbich of Bernardo.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,300 delegates from 211 organized farm bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held in Jan. in Charlotte, N.C.

Speakers featured at the convention included Gov. George W. Bush and Ron Wilson, Kansas farm boy and former staff member of the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee. Also addressing the delegates were Bob Stallman of Columbus, TFB president; David R. Krebs, Portland, TFB secretary-treasurer; and Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director.

A statewide candidate forum for the offices of lieutenant governor, agriculture commissioner, state comp-

troller and land commissioner was held Monday afternoon. Each candidate was given the opportunity to express his views on specific agricultural issues and the role of government.

The business session covered the final two days of the meeting.

The last order of business was the election of the president, Bob Stallman, of Columbus.

This year's youth winners were Brenda Schumann of Bellville, Miss Farm Bureau; Cheyenne Rushing of Lampasas, Talent Find winner; and Lucas Price of Burnet County, Free Enterprise Speech winner.

Named "Outstanding Young Farmer/Rancher of 1996" was Tim Addison of Plains in Yoakum County.

Chamber elects new board

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce held its monthly meeting Monday, Dec. 15, at Eagle Hill.

President Don Bendy thanked outgoing Board Members Brenda Besch, Jonna Bowen, Leslie Matthews and Connie Lange and welcomed newly-elected Members Sandy Bendy (Truly Properties), Phil Ramsey (The Farris 1912), Sam Thomson (First National Bank) and Susan Wilkerson (Central Power & Light).

The outcome of the election of 1998 officers was: Sam Thomson, president; Eagle Lake City Manager Ron Holland, vice president; and Betty Glaisher (Entex), treasurer.

The Board discussed how the Chamber could better serve its membership and the City.

If anyone has any ideas they would like to share with the Board, please call or write the Chamber Office at 234-2780; 408 E. Main Street, Eagle Lake.

The Annual Chamber Banquet will be held Jan. 26 at the Eagle Lake Community Center starting at 7 p.m.

Scheduled guest speaker is Jim McIngvale (Mattress Mac).

Tickets are available from any Board Member, at Laker Printing or the Chamber Office.

Chamber member Austin's BBQ & Catering will be preparing the meal. The Chamber's meetings are open to the public and held the third Monday of each month.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Contact Lana Dulany at the Chamber office for place, time and/or reservations.



Delegates representing Colorado County Farm Bureau at the Texas Farm Bureau Convention recently were, front, from left, Ann Stallman, Louise Brunner, Hermasella Dittich and Peggy Venghaus. In back were Leon Hattermann, Roy Stallman, Ted Brunner, County FB President Dean Venghaus, Charles Harbich and A.R. Dittich. Farm Bureau Photo



ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Yessenia Gonzalez

Arturo and Lilia Gonzalez of Eagle Lake are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born at 10:30 p.m. December 15, 1997, at Rice Medical Center.

Yessenia Gonzalez, weighed six pounds, 15 ounces, and measured 21

inches at birth.

Her maternal grandparents are Cecilio and Antonia Vasquez of Eagle Lake.

Yessenia's paternal grandparents are Arturo and Francisca Gonzalez, also of Eagle Lake.

Her great grandparents are Ma Guadalupe and Maria Rangel and Lorenzo Gonzalez, all of Guanajuato, Mexico.

Her mother is the former Lilia Vasquez.

Candace Haily Griffith

Allen and Spring Griffith of Sheridan are proud to announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, born at 9:20 p.m. December 12, 1997 at Rice Medical Center.

Candace Haily weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces at birth.

She was welcomed home by her big brother, Joseph Valentine, 4 years

old.

Her maternal grandparents are Diana Wilganowski of Sheridan and Norman Wilganowski of Houston.

Paternal grandmother is Doris Griffith of Houston.

Her mother is the former Spring Wilganowski.

Alyssa Anne Taylor

Rueben and Judith Taylor of Rock Island are proud to announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, born at 7:11 a.m. December 11, 1997 at Rice Medical Center.

Alyssa Anne weighed eight pounds, four ounces, and measured 20 inches at birth.

She was welcomed home by her big sister, Laura Corene Taylor, 16 months old.

Her maternal grandparents are

Cathy Bradham and Allen Pierce of Savannah, Georgia.

Paternal grandparents Barbara Taylor of Rock Island and Phillip Taylor of Sheridan.

Her great grandparents are Annie Pierce and Blanche Clemens of Savannah, Georgia, and Lois and Eddie Ray Taylor of Sheridan.

Her mother is the former Judith Pierce.

Highlights

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at the University of Texas is organizing a campaign for better staff pay after a consultant's study earlier found that 94% of the 6,281 employees surveyed were paid below the Austin market average. Association President Peg Kramer said she thinks "existing money can be used to bring people up to the minimum."

The Texas grapefruit production forecast is 5 million boxes for the 1997-98 season, 6% below last year. Texas Agriculture Statistics Service expects early and midseason oranges to account for 1.4 million boxes. The production of all oranges was 1.42 million boxes last year.

To accommodate holiday travelers from Mexico, the El Paso office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service says it will not process or issue border crossing cards between Dec. 17 and Jan. 5 at all eight of its ports of entry in Texas and New Mexico.

Ring Services, Jewelry Repair Services, Ring Sizing, Ring Repair, Chain Repair, Bracelet Repair, Diamond & Colored Stone Replacing, Repronging, Retipping, Latch & Loop Buildup, Watch Batteries Changed

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SHERIDAN LIBRARY NEWS

The children were all nestled around the tree in hopes that Santa would soon be there. As in a wink of an eye, Santa arrived with his helper, Nerissa Brisco.

Pictures were taken while the youngsters sat on Santa's lap. Excitement increased as fear grasped some of the pre-schoolers.

Each youngster received a bag of goodies from Santa and his helper, compliments of the Sheridan Parents and Teachers.

Refreshments of cookies, candy and punch were served. With the music of Christmas carols in the background, each received a gift.

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Correctional Services Corporation

Job Fair

For: Colorado County Juvenile Facility (Boot Camp) in Eagle Lake

When: Tuesday, January 13, 1998

Time: 2 to 8 p.m.

Where: Eagle Lake Community Center
100 Walnut, Eagle Lake

Applications can be picked up at Eagle Lake City Hall from 1 to 5 p.m. on Dec. 30th & 31st, Jan. 2nd, 6th, 8th and 9th

Applications will be accepted for the following positions:

Personnel/Accounting Tech.
Secretary/Receptionist
Chief of Security (Captain)
Control Center Officers (High School Diploma/GED)
Detention Center Officers (High School Diploma/GED)
Transportation Officer
Case Managers (College Degree)
Shift Supervisors (Lieutenants and Sergeants; High School Diploma/GED)
Registered Nurse/L.P.N.
Plant Manager
Food Service Supervisor
Food Service Workers
Housing Unit Officers (Drill Instructors; High School Diploma/GED)

Individual interviews will be scheduled for Jan. 14, 1998, at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 8 a.m. to noon.

Colorado County Juvenile Detention Facility is a drug-free work place.

Applicants should bring a copy of their high school diploma, GED or college degree(s).

C.S.C. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Peace in '98

We wish you a happy, peaceful New Year, filled with calm and strength.

Thomas Clinic

610 S. Austin Road

Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Thomas

Dr. & Mrs. Leonard Bornstein

Jane Booker

Ernestine Lott

Larry Morales

Jonna Bowen

Sherri Gould

Carolyn Baird

Judith Satsky

Elaine Torrez

Joyce Rhodes

Eagle Lake

Dr. & Mrs. Russell Thomas

Lois Quenneville, P.A.-C.

Elva Castro

Sandra Cordero

Grace Wick