

County Go Texan sets penning event

Colorado County Go Texan Team Penning is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Wharton County Fairgrounds in Crescent.

The day will begin at 10 a.m. with practice, \$15 (See Penning, Page 8)

Happy Thanksgiving

Since *The Headlight* will be published on its regular schedule next week, most of you won't receive it until after Thanksgiving, so we, the staff, take this space to wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Community Thanksgiving Service is Nov. 22

The Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance annual Thanksgiving Service will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake Sunday, Nov. 22, beginning at 7 p.m. Rev. Barry Bauerschlag, who is in charge of the preparations, has scheduled choir practice prior to the service.

Rev. Brent Beasley, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake, will present the Thanksgiving sermon message. Make plans to attend the community-wide event. For more information, contact any member of the Alliance.

Thrift Shop open Saturday

The Prairie Edge Museum's Thrift Shop will be open this Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for its twice-monthly sale. With cold weather on its way, check out the Shop for winter clothes or a gift to cure that "cold shoulder" you're getting at home. There's no time like the present to start your Christmas shopping, too. Support the Museum and get a head-start on the rush.

Great American Smokeout is Nov. 19

The Great American Smokeout will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19. Put the cigarettes down for a day. Did you know that you would have to gain 75 pounds for it to be as detrimental to your health as smoking?

'Spirit of Christmas' parade is drawing near!

The holiday season is just around the corner and the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce invites you to join in the 1998 "Spirit of Christmas" parade set for Saturday, Dec. 5.

You may pick up your entry form from Lynda Appelt, the Chamber Office or the *Eagle Lake Headlight*. Deadline to enter is noon Wednesday, Dec. 2.

For more information, call 234-5878 before noon or after 4:30 p.m. and on weekends, or the Chamber at 234-2780.

CCCAD may re-appraise your property

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees approved the District's request to the Comptroller of Public Accounts that will allow the Colorado County Central Appraisal District (CCCAD) to re-appraise the value of flood-damaged properties and lower the taxable values of these properties located in the Rice CISD. The re-appraisal request must be made by the property owner. Pick up re-appraisal request forms at the CCCAD office.

E.H. Henry Alunmi meeting tonight

The E.H. Henry Alunmi will meet Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. at White Cloud Baptist Church. The public is invited.

Powder Puff Football game re-scheduled

The Rice High School (RHS) senior class "Project Graduation" will be holding its first fundraiser of the year. The Powder Puff Flag Football Game has been re-scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. at RHS stadium. Tickets sold at the gate will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students (no school passes will be accepted). Please show your support and make plans to attend.

Singles dance is this Friday

The Fort Bend Singles Club will sponsor a dance Friday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m. at the Needville KC Hall. Music will be provided by Donnie Wavra. Door prizes will be given. Admission is \$5 and the public is invited.

Garden Club meeting set for Dec. 7

The Civic Garden Club of Eagle Lake will hold its next meeting at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 7, on the first Monday in Dec. instead of the second. The meeting will be held in the home of Linda Balas. Members, please bring a Christmas ornament or gift item for the silent auction. All are welcome to attend.

Sweater drive is this Friday

A sweater drive will be held this Friday, Nov. 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Eagle Lake City Hall. Volunteers of the local Food Pantry will be collecting sweaters for children and adults. The sweaters can be new or good, previously worn ones. Sweaters will also be collected at the community Thanksgiving Service, Sunday, Nov. 22, at the United Methodist Church.

ELPS PTO holding 'Penny Drive'

The Eagle Lake Primary School PTO is holding a "Penny Drive". Containers have been placed in each roomer by the PTO. Pennies will be counted at the end of each six weeks. Prizes will be given for the class collecting the most pennies. Pennies will be used to fulfill the teachers' "want list". These lists contain things teachers would like to have to enhance learning in their room, but don't have finances provided to buy the educational supplies. Containers have also been placed in local business establishments. Anyone wishing to have a container in their establishment, call Mrs. Rhodes at 234-3587.

'Project Graduation' meeting set for Nov. 30

The next Project Graduation meeting has been scheduled for Monday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. in the Rice High School meeting room. Remember, seniors receive 5,000 points for each meeting a parent attends and an additional 5,000 points if the senior attends.

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church sets muscial

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church of Alleyton invites the community to share in a pre-Thanksgiving musical Praise Fest Saturday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m. featuring recording artist Donzelle Hughes, the Voices of Deliverance Choir of Shreveport, La., Mansville Community Choir of Mansville, La., St. Elizabeth Baptist Church of St. Elizabeth, La., along with Paula Richardson and the Mt. Moriah Youth Choir. Admission is free. Come ready to praise the Lord.

'Nostalgia 98' is next weekend

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church invites everyone to "Nostalgia 98" Remembering the Past 1950s-1960s, 100th Church Homecoming and Anniversary Saturday, Nov. 28. At 10 a.m. Remembering the Sunday School and Baptist Training Department is scheduled. Remembering the Past through Song will begin at 7 p.m. Nov. 29 Sunday School starts at 9 a.m., Morning Worship at 11 a.m. and the Church Anniversary at 3 p.m. with special guest Shiloh Baptist Church of Houston, Rev. L.E. Gibbs, Pastor. Everyone is welcome.

Those wishing to submit an advertisement or greeting for the souvenir booklet should call 234-7775. Prices range from \$12.50 to \$50 and each contributor will receive a copy of the booklet.

Nominees needed for 'Rural Minister of the Year'

The Colorado County Extension Service has applications available for Rural Minister of the Year nominations. All nominees accepted by the Selection Committee will receive a certificate of Recognition. The one chosen will receive a plaque from Progressive Farmer Magazine during the closing session of the Assembly of Representatives of the Texas Conference of Churches in Austin, Feb. 16. For an application, come by the Extension Office, 316 Spring Street in Columbus. Forms must be postmarked on or before Dec. 31, 1998.



Sunday School Alliance fundraiser

Cooking up hamburgers (and smoking up the neighborhood) for the Eagle Lake Sunday School Alliance's recent fundraiser were, from left, John Myres (just observing), ?? John Gerton, Wayne Bowen, Russell Thomas and Denis Hentzell. Part of the event, a pie auction, ended on an amusing note. The last pie was purchased by John Myres and Mayor Michael Cooper on the condition that Myres put it in Russell Thomas' face. The photo at right shows the result! What fun!

Photos Courtesy of Richard Clipson



School Board wants property reappraised

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees approved the District's request to the Comptroller of Public Accounts that will allow the Colorado County Central Appraisal District to reappraise the value of flood-damaged properties and lower the taxable values of these properties located in the Rice CISD at the owner's request.

The action was taken at the meeting of the Board held Nov. 10.

The comptroller's letter, addressed to Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott, stated: "As you are aware many homeowners, businesses, farmers and ranchers in Central and South Texas suffered significant damage and property losses from recent flooding.

"I am writing today to inform you, that upon your district's request, your county appraisal district is authorized to reappraise the value of flood-damaged properties and lower the taxable values of these properties.

"Further I want to make sure that state records—and state funding—to your school district properly reflect the revised property values in the

event you request a reappraisal." An RDV form must be requested and picked up by the landowner at the CAD.

Auditor David Bloomstrom in-

formed the board, the "Rice district had a good financial year overall."

The report shows the district with a \$3 million plus in the fund balance as compared to \$1.9 million the previous

year. Cash in CDs, was up from \$5.2 million last year to \$5.7 million for the present audit report, ending on Aug. 31, 1998.

Total expenditures for the district were down from \$11,190,000 to \$11,150,000, and revenues increased from \$10.4 million to \$11.4 million.

Good news was that the health insurance fund broke even.

"All expenditures were under budget and you have a very healthy fund balance," said Bloomstrom.

He suggested bar coding of the district's fixed assets since the district could not provide his office with a final, complete inventory of all of its physical assets.

Gott expressed concern for lack of facilities in the district.

"We're out of room. It's time to think about where we're going. The Facilities Committee will meet soon," he said. "If we don't do good planning now, it's going to cost us down the road."

Garwood, and Eagle Lake Primary and Middle schools are totally out of room for any student growth or programs, according to Gott. He explained that the District would certainly not want to all of a sudden have to purchase and construct portable buildings on campuses. A Facilities Committee meeting has been set for Nov. 23.

The Board changed Local Policy EID to read, "An unsatisfactory grade in conduct or any disciplinary action administered by the principal during the report period may exclude the student from the honor roll."

The word "may" replaced the word "shall" in the original policy.

In other business, the Board: Approved Debbie Davis, William A. Hefner III, Melinda Jacobson and Glen Sunderman as substitutes;

Accepted the bid of Newmark for three concrete poles to replace the (See Rice CISD, Page 8)

Grigar, Cranek to be in Macy's Parade

Lori Grigar and Caleche Cranek, captain and assistant captain of the Rice High School Cheerleaders, will appear in the 72nd Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City next week.

They will march with a group of several hundred cheer/dance captains and co-captains from all over the U.S. plus officers from Universal Cheerleaders Association and Universal Dance Association. During the course of the parade, they will stop at Herald Square for a special televised performance. The group will be listed as Universal Cheer and Dance Association Captains of America.

NBC has exclusive rights to the televised performance. The parade begins at 8 a.m. Central Standard Time. Their performance is tentatively scheduled for 10 a.m., following a commercial break. However, this is subject to change.

Tune in to NBC (Channel 2 on the cable in this area) to hopefully catch a glimpse of Lori and Caleche.

3rd Annual Harvest Ball is great success

Saturday, Nov. 7, the Rice Medical Center (RMC) Employee Volunteers sponsored the 3rd Annual Harvest Ball at the Community Center in Eagle Lake.

This year the hospital Employee Volunteers chose to honor Mrs. Eula Wintermann and the late David Wintermann for their generous contributions toward the enrichment of our community.

Social hour began at 6 p.m. with Rene Cooper-Scott registering the guests upon their arrival. A fajita/enchilada dinner was served by Sportsman's Catering Service.

State Representative Robert "Robby" Cook served as Master of Ceremonies. Several speakers including Dr. Raymond R. Thomas Sr., Janet Schorlemmer, Dina Kohleffell and Jack Johnson paid tribute to Mrs. Wintermann for the many contributions made to our community by herself and her late husband.

Mayor Michael Cooper presented Mrs. Wintermann with a proclamation from the City of Eagle Lake. David Keith, Hospital Administrator, thanked Mrs. Wintermann for the years of generous donations and dedication to our community hospital.

Keith, Joan Matthews and Dr. Raymond Thomas presented Jessie Matthews with a retirement plaque in appreciation for her 38 years of continuous employment with RMC. The evening ended with dancing with music by Colorado The Band. The ball was rated a great success by all who attended.

The Hospital Employee Volunteers also held a silent auction in conjunction with the ball to help raise funds. The Employee Volunteers Organization was formed in 1992 to help the hospital renovate and buy needed equipment. This gave employees an opportunity to have a voice in what is purchased.

Thus far, the organization has painted the nursery, redecorated the lobby and conference room, carpeted the administration offices, purchased a birthing bed, an infant warmer, two stretchers, a pulse oximeter and a buffer.

The organization, beginning in

1998, presented a \$500 scholarship to a Rice High School senior.

The group is currently redecorating a patient room for pediatric patients, has pledged \$1,000 toward a recliner for the ambulatory surgery department and is purchasing new chairs for the dining room.

The Employee Volunteers would like to thank the community for coming out and supporting the Harvest Ball each year as well as all the other fund raising events sponsored by this organization.

Thank you from the RMC Employee Volunteers for hospital improvement.

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending Nov. 16.

On Nov. 10, Officer Michael Krenek and Sgt. Tim Crume were dispatched to the 200 block of East Main in reference to suspicious activity. No evidence was located.

Sgt. Crume and Officer Krenek were dispatched to the 600 block of S. Austin Road at 1:28 p.m. in reference to a welfare concern. The subject was located and returned to the scene.

At 10:50 p.m., Sgt. Bill Latimore and Officer Brian Lasley stood by at a residence on B Street while an inquest was conducted.

On Nov. 11, at 5:45 a.m., Officer

Krenek met with a complainant at the police department in regard to a burglary. Information was gathered and a report filed.

At 4:40 p.m., Officer Krenek was dispatched to a loud music complaint on State and Beaks Streets.

As a result of a loose dog complaint on North Lake Ave., a summons was issued at 5:34 p.m.

On Nov. 12, at 11:03 a.m., officers assisted the EMS Unit on a medical call on Westmoreland St.

Officer Russell McDougall and Sgt. Crume provided courtesy transport to a subject to S. Austin Rd. at 9:10 p.m.

On Nov. 13, at 4:03 a.m., officers

assisted the EMS Unit with a victim on A Street, who was transported to the hospital.

Officer Krenek responded to a fire call at Glen Meadows Drive, along with the fire department. The fire was extinguished before the fire department arrived.

Sgt. Crume and Officer McDougall noticed an open door at S. McCarty at 8:10 p.m. The owner was contacted and everything was okay.

Sgt. Crume and Officer McDougall were dispatched to a disturbance in the 600 block of E. Main at 10:32 p.m. Subject had left the area before the officers arrived.

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