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# Top community chosen

Little River Academy in Bell County has been named the state's top rural community in competition in the Texas Community Improvement Program.

The announcement came from Garland Marshall, community improvement specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, after a team of judges completed their visit of the four communities that were named finalists three weeks ago.

The Austwell Community in Refugio County came in second in the state judging while Callisburg in Cooke County placed third and Gause in Milam County came in fourth.

The state judging team consisted of Extension Service specialists Dr. Ernest Davis, Charles E. Lawrence and Miss Marilyn Haggard.

"This year's competition in the state finals was the best I have seen in my six years as a judge," said Lawrence, speaking on behalf of the entire judging team. "Overall, these four communities offered the closest competition I can recall."

"I was particularly impressed with the total program that each of these four communities have in operation," Lawrence continued. "Each showed total involvement of all the people — the young and old alike. This blending of all the people and their working together is a great thing to witness."

The Texas Community Improvement Program is sponsored by the investor-owned electric utility companies in the state and is administered by the Extension Service. Cash awards are provided to the top communities at the district, regional and state levels. The state finalists also receive silver trays.

The TCIP is designed to give a helping hand to rural communities with a population of 1,000 people or less by assisting them in organizing the community leadership and in utilizing community resources more effectively and efficiently. This year's program involved 217 communities representing 83 counties.

# Driver recovery from road mishaps depends on area next to road

When an auto runs off the roadway what happens depends a great deal upon what the area next to the road is like.

If it's fairly flat with no fixed objects, the driver is normally safe from injury. However, this is not always the case.

The task of sorting out how much space the driver needs to recover after an unscheduled departure from the road, how the ditch shape affects safety and on what degree of slope can the driver still recover steering control, faces three Texas A&M engineers.

Principal Investigator Dr. Graeme D. Weaver along with Eugene L. Marquis and Robert M. Olsen, all of Texas A&M's Texas Transportation Institute, put together many of the answers just published by the National Cooperative Highway Research Program.

Computer simulations and full-scale tests were used to investigate an auto's behavior at the three critical regions of the roadside: the rollover point where the shoulder extension meets the front slope; the front slope itself; and the toe-of-

the-slope at the bottom of the front slope," explained Dr. Weaver.

The tests were run at speeds up to 80 miles per hour with the auto leaving the road at as much as 25 degrees, with and without driver steering.

"Driver steering was used when attempts to return to the road from the front slope were simulated," Weaver added. "Slopes varying from 3:1 (fairly steep) to 10:1 (almost flat), and four ditch designs were tested. Twenty-four full-scale tests were performed, with the results confirming the findings of the simulated tests."

The report, compiled by the three men, concludes that successful return maneuvers are not likely to be achieved at high speeds on slopes steeper than 3:1. Slopes steeper than 3:1 can also be expected to cause safety problems in the ditch if the vehicle is not being steered.

The researchers also prepared a series of charts to provide a design engineer with an objective basis for

selecting slope and ditch combinations for roads. The charts were developed for the effect of vehicle g-forces on seat-belt-restrained and unrestrained vehicle occupants.

# Tennis tournament June 11

This year 155 Brazos County residents entered the Seventh Annual City of Bryan Tennis Tournament and 52 of them entered Men's Singles.

All who entered Men's Singles should report to the A&M Varsity tennis courts at 6:30 p.m. on June 11th. All who entered a singles event other than Men's Singles should report to the A&M varsity courts at 8 a.m. on June 12th.

All who entered doubles events should report to the A&M varsity courts at 4 p.m. June 12th. The best courts will be assigned to those who check in first. Anyone who is thirty minutes late will be defaulted.

# Law institute to teach young legal system

Eight Bryan and College Station school teachers and administrators and a Girls Club directors are participants in a six-week institute on law-focused education at Texas A&M University.

The summer program is designed to help young people gain a better understanding of the American legal system. It is conducted by Texas A&M's Department of Educational Curriculum and Instruction.

Local participants are A&M Consolidated teachers Ellen Marquis and Charles Peterson; Bryan teachers Barbara A. Peterson, Jackie Savell and Elizabeth Gardner; Anson Jones Principal C. P. "Peck" Vass; Marilyn Connor, Bryan curriculum coordinator for crime prevention and drug education and College Station Girls Club Director Florence Caldwell.

Directed by Dr. James B. Kracht, the institute prepare teachers to help students develop awareness of the law, how the legal system operates, how it changes to meet the needs of a changing society and how to show relationships between rights and responsibilities of good citizenship.

Increased civic interest and participation among students is expected to be achieved through the institute.

It is promoted and funded by the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor and Texas State Bar Association.

Various teaching techniques will be utilized and institute participants will consult with local government officials.

Contributing to the program will be District Judge W. C. "Bill" Davis, District Attorney Tom McDonald, College Station Councilman Gary Halter, Justice of the Peace Mike Callihan and Edgar Feldman of the College Station Police Department.

The Texas A&M institute serves the Region VI Service Center. Participants acquire six hours of graduate credit.

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