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Society News

Xi Pi Psi, Alpha Delta Phi chapters celebrate Founder's Day April 30

Government officials across the world are recognizing April 30, 1983 as the start of "Beta Sigma Phi Year" in their cities, states and provinces.

This women's social, service and cultural organization celebrates its anniversary on this date, with "Founder's Day" activities ranging from small gatherings to huge banquets for its many members. Beta Sigma Phi is the largest Greek letter sorority in the world, and has grown in its 52-year history from one chapter of seven women to a sorority of 250,000 members active in 12,500 chapters in countries throughout the world.

The upcoming Founder's Day celebration will be held on April 30, 1983 at the Sportsman's Restaurant. The anniversary will be observed by the Xi Pi Psi and Alpha Delta Phi chapters here in Eagle Lake and by all other chapters around the world. Cherry Corman and Mary Ann Wood will be serving as chairpersons of the Founder's Day activities.

Jo Ann Gertson has been selected for the honor of presenting a special message from the International Executive Council of Beta Sigma Phi. Awards will be presented to local members and outstanding members.

The monthly meeting of St. Anthony's P.T.C. in Columbus was held Tuesday, April 12, with the new president, Christine Graf, presiding.

Before the business meeting was held, students in grades one through eight, under the direction of Mrs. Leah King, presented a delightful musical program.

The first presentation was by the seventh and eighth grade students who sang "The Gaudeamus Hodie." Next was a musical play by grades one through six. It was based on the Genesis Creation Story and entitled "What A Wonderment." Jeannie Heffley served as narrator and Wade Schindler sang a solo.

The entire group then sang "Love Is A Song" to end the program. Mrs. King and Mrs. Betty Anthony accompanied the students on the piano and Miss Cindy Wall on the flute. As a token of appreciation for all the work Mrs. King does

St. Anthony's PTC met April 12

with the students, President Graf presented her with a silk rose corsage.

After the minutes were read and treasurer's report given, members were reminded of the Magnolia Homes Tour Family Night on Tuesday, May 10, at the new Square to be held May 20. As in the past, the P.T.C. will sell hamburgers, coffee, tea, chips, and baked goods.

There will be a Softball Tournament in Columbus sponsored by St. Anthony's on Saturday, May 7, at the Little League Field, with several area Catholic schools participating. The P.T.C. will handle the concessions at the tournament.

The fourth annual Parent-Student Sports Banquet will be held later this month at the K.C. Hall. This is to recognize those students who participated in sports this year at St. Anthony's.

Graduation of St. Anthony's eighth grade students will be held on Sunday, May 22, at the 10

work for sorority and the community this year.

Some local Beta Sigma Phi projects include college scholarships, Rice High School art show, Lady of the Year Tea, and services at the Eagle Lake Hospital and Heritage House.

Beta Sigma Phi members have this year formed new chapters in such faraway places as England, Indonesia, Norway and Australia. More chapters will soon be formed in the West Indies and American and Western Samoa. This effort to spread Beta Sigma Phi and form new chapters is symbolic of two goals shared by all members of the organization, that is, to extend the hand of friendship to community women; and to enjoy, to the fullest extent, the opportunities for personal growth that Beta Sigma Phi offers every member.

Life, learning and friendship are the bywords of Beta Sigma Phi. Begun in the midst of the Depression by Walter W. Ross, Beta Sigma Phi was originally designed to provide an outlet for women who, in those hard financial times, could not attend college and were obliged to remain home and support their families. Walter Ross provided these women with a program of cultural study

so they could have a chance at intellectual and social growth.

From the first chapter formed in Abilene, Kansas, Beta Sigma Phi has grown from a small social and cultural group into an international sorority that devotes much time to service efforts as well. Hardly a charitable, health or cultural group exists today that has not been helped in some way by Beta Sigma Phi. Internationally, the chapters have created several special funds to which they contribute: the International Loan Fund, through which members help each other; the International Endowment Fund, which has donated over a million dollars to health research groups, homes for underprivileged children and many other causes; the Exemplary Fund, which helps support Literacy Village in India; and a college scholarship fund for members or their sons or daughters.

Of course, cultural and social activities still continue among the chapters. Each year, members are provided with a different outline of study in the liberal arts. Members also plan socials throughout the year, including traditional events like Founder's Day.

Robbie Stauffer and Billy Breithaupt plan May wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stauffer of Rockdale announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Robbie Gail, to Billy Carl Breithaupt of Rockdale, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Breithaupt of Eagle Lake.

The bride-elect will graduate at Rockdale High School in commencement exercises on May 27. She is presently employed part-time at IGC in Rockdale.

Billy is a 1975 graduate of Rice High School in Altair and has been working in the

DRT chapter met April 23

The Dilute Rose Harris Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas met at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23 in the Nesbitt Memorial Library in Columbus.

The meeting opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the U.S. and Texas Flags respectively. After the business portion of the meeting was conducted, the meeting proceeded with the installation of officers for the year 1983-84. They are: Jeanie Mahon, president; Millycent Crane, vice president; Susan Rogers, secretary; Nonie Ehleridge, treasurer; Florence Zajicek, registrar.

Blood drive set for May 5 at Sheridan Community Center

On Thursday, May 5, you can improve the quality of life in the Texas Gulf Coast region by participating in the blood drive sponsored by the Sheridan Community Center (Lions Club and Emergency Corps).

Personnel from the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will screen and draw donors from 1 to 4:30 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Community Center located in Sheridan.

There is a chronic need for person with O positive and O negative blood types to donate. If you live in the Sheridan area and have an "O" blood type, the Sheridan Community's blood drive would provide a convenient location for you to donate a unit of your blood.

Donors must be between the ages of 18 (17 with signed parental consent card) and 65 and weigh at least 110 pounds. They must never have had a history of hepatitis or yellow jaundice, internal cancer requiring surgery or coronary artery (heart) disease.

Donations may be made for individual and group Life Plan coverage. Donors also may replace blood used by patients in any hospital in the Texas Gulf Coast region or in any hospital in the United States which belongs to the National Clearinghouse Program of the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB).

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Upon adjournment of the meeting, the program was presented by our guest, Mrs. Florence Essig of Galveston. It was entitled "Traveling of Early Galveston Homes" which included a beautiful slide presentation of these homes also.

Afterwards, delicious refreshments were served to the hostesses, Mrs. Marguerite Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Bernice Clayton and Mrs. Susan Rogers.

The next meeting will be held in September.

UDC hosted annual district meeting

Shropshire-Upton chapter No. 361, United Daughters of the Confederacy was the hostess chapter of the annual District III meeting in the dining room of Schobel's Restaurant Saturday, April 9. The host chapter served coffee and sweet rolls at 9 a.m. and the meeting began at 9:30 a.m.

The District III chairman, Mrs. E. M. Addison, J. B. Gordon No. 339 chapter, Huntsville, called the meeting to order. The ritual was recited by Mrs. S. C. Bell, Texas Division vice president. UDC of Katy followed by the pledges to the United States and Salute to the Texas and Confederate flag. The group was welcomed to Columbus by Shropshire-Upton chapter president, Mrs. Oscar Schade. Mrs. W. R. Lynch, president of J. B. Gordon chapter No. 339, Huntsville, gave the response.

The district minutes of 1982 were read by Mrs. J. R. Grubbs of Columbus in absent of District secretary Mrs. J. M. Rutta. Reports of the chapters in the district were read by Mrs.

Regina Brisco is displaying art at WCJC exhibition

Regina Brisco of Sheridan is among other WCJC students displaying their art at the Third Annual WCJC Art Students' Exhibition currently at the J. M. Hodges Learning Center on the Wharton County Junior College campus.

All WCJC studio art courses are represented in the exhibition. Included are examples of two and three-dimensional design, drawing, ceramics, painting, sculpture and various crafts from the 1982-83 academic year.

The student art exhibit will be on display until May 9 at the WCJC Learning Center during regular library hours Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday to 4 p.m. There is no admission charged and everyone is encouraged to see the exhibit.

Becky Bengie is WCJC cheerleader

Becky Bengie, ex-Rice High School head cheerleader, has been chosen to the Pioneer cheerleading squad for 1983-84 at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton. She is a former WCJC cheerleader. Phyllis Parma, Applling and Donna Alvarado Stavino, both of El Campo.

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W. X. Priesmeyer retires from post office

Dickie (W. X.) Priesmeyer started his postal career in 1908, spent 35 years in the Air Force during World War II, resumed postal service in 1946 and will retire April 29, 1983. He was appointed postmaster in Garwood in 1952 upon his father's retirement from 24 years as postmaster. Dickie resigned as postmaster in 1960 and replaced retiring rural carrier M. L. Heiman. In 1960 he was elected to transfer from Route 1, Garwood, to Route 1, Columbus, Texas.

Mr. Priesmeyer states, "I have been most fortunate to have had a vocation that has been so interesting that it also served as a hobby. This was basically because of the good attitude of the people I served. I also loved the bookwork...except for the time Papa (then postmaster) was one cent off on his quarterly report and asked me to find it. It took 35 feet of adding machine paper to find the error."

Retirement is a time for reflection. In 1924 the Garwood Post Office was moved from Pinchback's Drug Store to a corner of Papa's store. Mantle lamps hung from ceiling hooks and were supplemented by smaller wick lamps which were moved from place to place as the light was needed. Later I watched CP&I install utility poles and string heavy copper

Revival at Mission Bautista Getsmani April 29-May 1

A revival will be held at the Mission Bautista Getsmani Friday, April 29 through Sunday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. each night.

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