



7th grade science classes gain laboratory skills

"It's Alive" could be the theme of the seventh grade science classes at Eagle Lake Middle School. "Life Science" is the official title of the course for seventh grade. During the year, the students have gained manipulative laboratory skills. They have used microscopes to study cells and tissues, as well as make wet and dry mount slides using staining procedures to make the specimen more visible. An extensive study of the cell and the activities carried on by cells led into the study of specialization of cells to form larger organisms. During a unit on microscopic life, the students examined several collections of pond water and attempted to identify the specimens observed.

Students have also used skills in acquiring data through their senses. Classroom animals included gerbils and an aquarium with fish. A tadpole captured in October has been kept in the classroom and the changes which occur during metamorphosis have been observed.

Classification skills have been used as the students have studied the variety of life. The five kingdoms, including monerans, protists, fungi,

plants, and animals were studied, keeping in mind the characteristics and structures which cause them to be placed into the different groups. The study of animals included dissection of an earthworm, clam, grasshopper, crayfish, perch and a frog. The life activities of the animals were studied and compared to other groups. Preserved hydra and living planaria were studied using the microscope. A unit on plants gave the students an opportunity to learn the importance of plants to the food producers of the world.

Classroom plants include mosses, ferns, algae, lichens and higher plants, gymnosperms and angiosperms, were available for the students to examine. As a part of their lab work, students examined a common wildflower and dissected it to identify the parts of the reproductive structure, the flower. At the conclusion of their study of the living kingdoms, the students studied the ecological relationships in the environment. Plants which produce the food, consumers (animals) which eat the food, and scavengers and decomposers (fungi and bacteria)

which decompose dead organisms and return their nutrients to the soil, were studied and the importance of each level was stressed. Change, the most important event in the environment, was explained and the students compared organism adaptations to environmental changes, especially the changes caused by humans.

The six week period following the Easter holidays will be spent studying the human body including a health focus on alternate courses of action when one is being pressured concerning the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other drugs during which the students will demonstrate basic knowledge of laws and describe governmental regulations related to production, distribution and use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and other drugs. The students will also investigate the causes, symptoms, prevention and treatment of communicable and noncommunicable diseases, including sexually transmitted diseases.

Science World, a current Science magazine, has been used to enrich the curriculum throughout the year.

A profile of Auto Mechanics and Cosmetology

Instructors in Auto Mechanics and Cosmetology at Rice High School agree that keeping pace with changes in hair styling and innovations in the auto industry isn't an easy job. Rather, it's viewed as an exciting challenge to both students and their instructors. Florence McShan and William Lawson. These two vocational programs emphasize hands on experience to help meet essential elements that vary from the anatomy of hair structure to viscosity effects of engine oil additives. Both courses prepare students for entry level positions in a field related to their training. Both courses are the only ones of their kind offered to high school students in this county.

Auto Mechanics and Cosmetology are two year, three hour vocational block courses open to junior and senior students at Rice High School. Currently, there are 26 students in Auto Mechanics and 25 in Cosmetology. Enrollment has remained steady over the years and at times, Mechanics has exceeded capacity. Extended follow-up studies indicate that a high percentage of students in these programs pursue careers in employment fields directly or indirectly related to the training received at Rice.

Cosmetology is a unique course in that it was initially developed and administered by the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Cosmetology Commission. Students are required to attend 1000 clock hours of class over a two year period. Upon meeting this and other requirements, students take the state operator exam and upon passing, are awarded Cosmetology licenses. This license allows them to practice Cosmetology anywhere in the state. It is a requirement that the day of the shade tree engine overhaul and the kitchen table perm is rapidly drawing to a close. Advances in technology have affected both auto mechanics and cosmetology. Computer matched hair colorings and computer tape readouts of engine condition are becoming everyday occurrences in these areas. Students in auto mechan-



ics have been familiarizing themselves with the capabilities of their new Penton Portable Diagnostic Scope with Digi-Print Analyzer. Not to be outdone, Cosmetology classes have been using their Roux Color Command F-5000 to help them match hair color, texture, condition with available hair color products. Other efforts to keep abreast with changes are found in the use of guest instructors from industry. Last week Ronnie Hughes of Standard Motor Products conducted an air conditioning clinic in auto mechanics. Melanie McShan and Marjorie Pfeiffer with Color Control of Dallas spent the day in Cosmetology demonstrating color coordination of hair, makeup and clothing; this activity was shared with VOE classes during the day.

Student opinions of both vocational courses have been excellent. A summary of their comments might be "This is my first school experience where I'm earning a grade for doing something I enjoy and learning to earn a living at the same time." Employment experts have predicted that as many as 85% of the job openings of the 1990's will not require a four year college degree. They continue by saying that a vast majority of persons entering the workforce would benefit from additional training during or after high school graduation. In Auto Mechanics and Cosmetology, Rice High School students are getting a head start on their future; they're learning to do something they enjoy while they're in high school.

OBITUARIES

Annie Margaret White

Mrs. Annie Margaret White, 89, a life long resident of Eagle Lake, died at 7 p.m. Friday, April 17 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital after a short illness. She was born in Eagle Lake on September 2, 1897, in the same house at which she resided until her death. She was born to John R. and Cora Short Thatcher, a descendant of the Montgomery and Thatcher families who came to the Eagle Lake area before and during the 1836 Texas Revolution. She married Simon S. White Sr. in 1917. She was a life long member of the Christ Episcopal Church, a charter member of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) with nearly 3600 official hours of volunteer service. She was an active member of the Women of the Episcopal Church and AARP, member of the Colorado County Historical Association, Eastern Star and the Daughters of the Texas Republic.

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning, April 20, in Eagle Lake from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend George Welch, pastor of the Christ



Episcopal Church, and Reverend Melburn Sibley, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Pink Ladies of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary, in full uniform, gave special recognition to Annie Margaret by their mass attendance. Thirty-one out of 63 total members (44 active and 19 inactive) filled almost five

reserved pews with the family designating them as honorary pallbearers. This was the first time the Pink Ladies have done something like this. Burial followed at the Masonic Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Survivors include her son, Colonel S.S. White Jr. and his wife Carolyn, granddaughter Cheryl White Schmitz and her husband, Mike Schmitz and grandson Greg White, all of Austin; an older sister, Mrs. Josephine Thatcher Volentine and nephew John Thatcher Volentine of Columbus, Georgia and Judge H. H. Volentine of Gonzales and their families; niece Dorothy D. Douglas Trainer of Dallas and her family; all relatives of the Montgomery-Thatcher family group; and a host of friends.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

John Arthur Fulton Sr.

John Arthur Fulton Sr., 56, of Lubbock, son of Mrs. Marie Renken of Eagle Lake, died on Friday, March 27. He was born October 3, 1930 in El Paso and was a former resident of Sierra Blanca before moving to Lubbock.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, March 30 in the Van Horn Cemetery with Dr. Victor L. Taylor officiating, under the direction of Showell Funeral Home.

He was preceded in death by a son, Clifford C. Fulton.

Survivors include his wife, Eula Mae Fulton of Lubbock; a son, John Arthur Fulton Jr. of Lubbock; a

daughter, John Edward Snyder of California; his mother, Mrs. Marie Renken of Eagle Lake; a sister, Dolline Burton of Dallas, and a host of relatives and friends.

Honorary pallbearers were Dody Snyder, Tom Snyder, George Snyder, Leon Snyder, Wylie Snyder, Kenneth Bolander, Jack McCutchen, Joe Snyder, Wesley Snyder, Kevin Snyder, John Allen Snyder, T.C. McCutchen, Shannon Snyder, V.J. Snyder, Rudy Olguin, Stanley Werline, Bob Burton, Don Ward, David Jones, John Erskine, Randy Brown, Lesley Snyder, Sid Landrum, D.W. Youngblood, Johnny Fulton,

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Heritage House News

By Patricia A. Horndt

We hope everyone had a happy and safe Easter holiday.

Last Thursday, residents Emma Randolph, Caroline Hlavinka, Opal Causey, Lilly Banks, Logan Haley, Ray Harper and Arthur Derigo dyed Easter Eggs for the afternoon. Easter egg hunt with the children from Gail's Day Care Center. Everyone delighted in choosing the bright colors in which to dye their eggs and then the fun began. We dyed 15 dozen eggs and enjoyed every bit of the fun.

Later in the afternoon, smiles were abundant at Heritage House thanks to all the wonderful children and staff of Gail's Day Care. Approximately 16 children participated in our annual Easter egg hunt with residents enjoying the children's vivacious energy in hunting all the Easter eggs.

After the energy was spent in the hunt, we enjoyed refreshments of delicious cupcakes and pink lemonade in the dining area of Heritage House. Favors of balloons and filled eggs were given to each child and we want to thank Gail Gertson and staff for sharing the precious smiles and love of their day care children with us.

We want to thank the Glueck Egg Farm of Cat Spring for donating the large amount of eggs for our Easter egg hunt. Your thoughtfulness and generosity will always be remembered by residents and staff of Heritage House.

Happiness is celebrating a "45th" birthday and that is what Margie Vacek, L.V.N. did last week. She was surprised by co-workers with a feast and gifts to help her bring in the number 45 right. Margie was presented a beautiful white orchid corsage by Ann Zbranek, DON, to wear for the occasion and gifts from well-wishing friends were opened during refreshments consisting of cakes, sherbert punch, sandwiches, dips, chips and deviled eggs. We do hope Margie had a nice birthday (which was April 19) and we wish her many, many more!

Bill Johnson, Lee Roy Garlick, James Garlick, Tommy Turnbow, Tom D. Ellison, Bobby Ellison, Vernon Ellison, Bobby Heard, Don Wright, Ken Bolander, James Peace, Paul Karber, Randle McCutchen, Heary Howard, Volentine of Gonzales, and Walter Lee Bauer, Gerry Cipson, Steve Taylor and Robert Wilcox, all of Eagle Lake.

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Dannels attend art seminar

Marilyn and Jack Dannels, members of the Water Color Society of Houston, recently attended a demonstration and seminar by world renowned artist Robert E. Wood, A.W.S., NA April 12 at the Fine Arts Building of the Houston Community College in Houston.

Mr. Wood is an award winning artist, who has taken honors in virtually every major exhibition/competition in the nation. The seminar consisted of a slide presentation, a demonstration and lecture of Mr. Wood's methods and techniques of figure painting.

Frnka family reunion June 6

The 49th annual Frnka family reunion is planned for Saturday, June 6 with registration from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at which time the annual meeting will be held.

At noon, a barbecue chicken and sausage lunch, with all the trimmings will be served for \$4.50 per plate for adults and children under six years old are free. Family members are asked to bring a dessert to be mutually shared. If you have any talent, please come prepared to entertain us. Games will be provided for the young and young at heart. May 15 is the deadline to register.

Hospital News

Patients (April 21)

Eagle Lake: Luisa Hernandez, Virginia Gil, Mamie White, Iva Lee Johnson, Carmen Elizondo and baby boy, Luis Coronado; from Columbus: Frances Buckemper; Kay: Elizabeth Cobb.

Dismissals: Eagle Lake: Pearl McGrew, Zephia Gillis, Monroe Briscoe, Rosalie Pettis, Cameron Newton, Mary Norris, Bertha Montemeyer, Grace Coronado and baby girl, Freida Johnson, Claudette Powers, Plaxie Butler, Sue Ann Scott, Janet Schorlemmer, Johnny Hernandez, V.J. Kana, Columbus: Patsy Gray, East Bernard: Henry Petzel, Wallis; Margaret Pastajovsky and baby girl, Nade Mary Labaj; Weimar: Joyce Johnson.

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