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St. Mary's School News

Upcoming January events

11: Children's Mass, 8:05;
12: Fifths Dance.
14: School Board.
15: PTC meeting, 3:30.
18: Children's Mass, 8:05; out at noon.
25: Children's Mass, 8:05.
28-Feb. 1: Catholic School Week.

Honor Roll

Mr. & Mrs. Beatrice Schoellmann, principal of St. Mary's is pleased to announce the second nine weeks honor roll. For a student to be placed on a Superior Honor Roll, he or she must maintain an average of 94-100 with no academic grade less than 85 and no U's. To be placed on the High Honor Roll a student must maintain an average of 88-93 with no academic grade less than 80 and no U's.

Superior Honor Roll

8th grade, Ashley Crane, Kim Korenek, Nicholas Korenek; 7th grade, Dana Leopold, Chad Wesselski; 6th grade, Maria Hernandez, Marcie Till; 5th grade, Valerie Korenek; 4th grade, Angie Leopold; 3rd grade, Cody Crane, Ross Hounshell, Clint Korenek, Chrissy Leopold; 2nd grade, Jenna Hoffman, Debbie Leopold, Martha Rodriguez, Stacy Schneider, Kristin Wesselski; 1st grade, Natalie Batla, Garrett Crane, Lana Engstrom, Kinsey Hoffman, Maria Hounshell, Jared Korenek, Trent Korenek, Matthew Shimke, Meagan Staff, Ryan Staff, Fatima Hernandez, Adriana Nunez.

High Honor Roll

7th grade, Jorge Hernandez, Wesley Leopold; 6th grade, Clint Leopold, Brent Schneider; 5th grade, Christie Crane, Ryan Till; 2nd grade, Amber Mahalic; 1st grade, Lance Bittner, Melissa Drik, Amanda Rodriguez, Brittany Waligura.

The faculty and principal of St. Mary's School would like to congratulate these outstanding students for their achievements. Out of 61 students, 41 made either the High or Superior Honor Roll.

St. Mary's Endowment Fund

St. Mary's Endowment Fund gratefully acknowledges the following memorials: In memory of Frances Rose Burda: Mr. & Mrs. Lee Schneider, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Schoellmann, Corine Bubela, Mr. & Mrs. N.J. Schneider, Miss Josephine Frels, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Gold, Emelie Popp, Madeline Popp, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Janik, Mrs. Margaret Bunge, Mrs. Otto Popp, Mrs. Helen Berger, Mrs. Mary Popp, Mrs. Annie Rek, Mrs. Fred Kubesch, Mr. & Mrs. Vic Hyeck & family, Mr. & Mrs. Frank

Wesselski, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Balusek & family, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Leopold, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Pavlu; In memory of Melvin Faykus: Annie Rek, Mrs. Otto Popp & family; In memory of Daniel Streeckfuss: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Popp, Helen Berger, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Korenek & family, Mr. & Mrs. N.J. Schneider, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Leopold;

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A Christmas memorial for Alfred Paul Berger, Sr. by Helen Berger, children and grandchildren; Gift donations by Bishop Bernard F. Popp; Adela Ilse and Emelie, Bridget and Madeline Popp; Gift donation for Charlene Spaniel by Mark and Evelyn Vitek (Wedding).

St. Mary's Endowment Fund wished to thank each and everyone who made the donation for the Endowment Fund. Donations may be made by contacting the committee or calling the school.

Fun facts

Did you know that each month has a special "jewel"? If you were born in January, your "birthstone" is the garnet. It's a dark red stone and is a symbol of loyalty. Always be loyal to your family, friends and especially to God.

Did you know that if somebody asks you to "put your John Hancock on this paper," that person wants you to sign your name? That's because John Hancock, who was born in 1737, was the first one to sign his name to America's Declaration of Independence! Others signed it too, but Hancock signed with such big, bold writing that his name stands out more than any of the others!



Santa visits ELPS

Santa, Mike Ethridge, and two of his elves, Charla Lively and Lynda Appelt, visit with Edward Thomas as part of the school program prior to the Christmas parties at the Primary School. Several of the classes made a presentation before the arrival of Santa.

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Tornado rocks Columbus

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A tornado hit Columbus Monday at approximately 6 p.m., injuring 11 and taking a lot more by surprise. According to area news sources, this was the first January tornado in Texas since 1979.

At the Milentz Trailer Park four trailers were completely demolished. J.R. Colquitt and his wife were both hospitalized. Mrs. Colquitt is still in the hospital and recovering. Mr. Colquitt remains in intensive care reportedly with a punctured lung.

A second trailer belonged to Eddy Hernandez and his son. As of press time, Mr. Hernandez was still hospitalized. Allen Miel is also a resident at the trailer park, but fortunately he was not home at the time. Lange Carter, his wife and child were also injured but are out of the hospital.

A tornado (probably the same one) hit the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hopper on Reese Lane outside the Columbus city limits. Mr. Hopper's grandmother, son and daughter-in-law and their children all live on Reese Lane. Mrs. Hopper is still hospitalized. The Hoppers suffered extensive damage.

Billy Scott's house on Schutte Road was destroyed, but he sustained no injuries.

Upon inspection in the daylight hours, debris could be seen all along the south side of Interstate 10 between

Alleyton Road and Highway 71 South. Local law enforcement agencies had the immediate area of the trailer park roped off while cleanup efforts were in full swing.

A Columbus City employee said the dumpster which had been located behind the Milentz Mini-Mart was found in a field across Hwy. 71. The gas pumps looked like they had been sucked out of the concrete island. All were laying on their side with cables still connected. It was a wonder there were no explosions.

The most astounding fact about this storm, in view of the destruction it caused, is that no one was killed. According to reports, most of the residents of the trailers were out and walking around when help arrived.

Victims of Monday's tornado also included several 18-wheelers traveling west on the interstate. Witnesses reportedly stated the trucks were picked up, turned sideways and layed down on the side of the road. One was still there late Tuesday morning.

We in Eagle Lake have much to be thankful for. It was so close.

The Red Cross Foundation and helpers from Houston will be set up at City Hall beginning at 10:00 a.m. If you or someone you know is in need of help as a result of this disaster, call Connie Lange at 234-7302.



This is part of what was left of four trailer homes in Columbus after a tornado hit there early Monday evening. A large portion of the rubble had been bulldozed by Tuesday morning.

Newsbriefs

Rice FFA Show and Sale Saturday

The annual Rice FFA Show and Sale will be held this Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Ag. Barn at Rice High School. The judging will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the sale to begin at noon. A barbecue meal will be served beginning at 11.

The United Buyers has been a moving force in support of the FFA and the success of the sale. It will be organized again for this sale. It is the intent of the United Buyers to purchase one or more animals at the local sale. As in previous years, they will purchase the animal, resell it, and pay the difference between the bid price and the resale price. Last year the United Buyers assisted by purchasing four steers, and 14 hogs.

If you would like to be a part of this group, you may send your check to Rice High School, Drawer 338, Altair, Texas, 77412 or to Pat Weishuhn, Box 491, Eagle Lake, Texas, 77434. If you prefer, you may leave your check with Carol Ripper at the First National Bank in Eagle Lake or at his & Hers Hair Salon in Garwood. If you have any questions or would like any information in regard to the United Buyers, please feel free to call Fred Grahmann at Rice, 234-3555.

Chamber Banquet Monday

Mickey Reynolds will be the guest speaker at the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held Monday, Jan. 21.

Sharing humorous events from his life in story and song, he makes his audience feel refreshed, positive, and ready to face the world with a smile. He believes that a positive attitude will move mountains.

He builds his stories around songs that will make people laugh and maybe even cry. His songs and stories are realistic, clean, humorous and emotional with a message. That message is weaved throughout his presentation "Things are only as bad as your attitude."

Representatives here to collect taxes

A representative of the appraisal district will be at the Eagle Lake City Hall on Thursday, January 24 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. to collect 1990 taxes and take Rendition and Ag. and Homestead Exemption applications for 1991 for Colorado County, Rice CISD, City of Eagle Lake, Weimar ISD and Colorado County Water Control and Improvement District #2.

The District will also collect taxes and take renditions and exemption applications for WISD that is located in Fayette and Lavaca counties.

A representative will also be at the Weimar City Hall, Friday, Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

County Democratic Club meeting

The Colorado County Democratic Club meeting will be Thursday, January 24 in the Mansfield Building in Columbus at 7 p.m. The featured speaker will be Jim Carter, State Democratic Executive Committee member. He is on the City Council of Huntsville and teaches political science at Sam Houston University.

County-wide blood drive planned

A County-wide blood drive is being planned to benefit the military. A meeting with the Blood Center will be held Sunday, January 20th at the Veterans' Memorial Center in Columbus at 2:30 p.m. Representatives from VFW, American Legion or any other interested organizations are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served. (See Page 11 for more details.)

50's Plus group luncheon

The 50's Plus group will be playing dominoes at Dider Hall Wednesday, Jan. 23. Games start immediately following a luncheon starting at 11:30. Come on out and enjoy a great afternoon.

Half-price sale at Thrift Shop

There will be a half-price sale on all clothing hanging on the racks at the Thrift Shop January 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

First-of-the-year business monopolizes County Commissioners

Colorado County's recently sworn-in County Judge "Butch" Strunk got quite a bit of practice reading bids at Monday morning's meeting. The bulk of the 38 item agenda was the opening, reading and awarding of bids on annual contracts for road materials and culvert pipe. Bids on two new dump trucks (one for Precinct 1 and one for Precinct 4) and a new county barn for Precinct 2 were also opened, read and awarded.

Three bids were received by Commissioners for the dump trucks without trade-ins: Brasher Motor Company, Weimar, \$85,205; Don Morrison Ford, Columbus, \$79,711 and Hoffer Truck Company, Halsteadville, \$84,250. With trade-in the prices were \$80,705 (\$76,705 if both were purchased from Brasher).

(See Commissioners, Page 12)

Neighbors lend a hand

Answering the call for assistance was the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Shown digging through the rubble of the mobile homes at Milentz Trailer Park are Darrell Stanick, Thurston Webb, Sam Pirtle, Howard Wilkerson and Melvin Stanick as well as firemen from other departments in the county.

(See Page 11 for more pictures.)

Banner Press Photo

Superintendent McGaughey offered new 3-year contract

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

The Rice Consolidated Board of Trustees voted to tear up Superintendent Carolyn McGaughey's current two-year contract and offer her a new

three year pact through 1994 during Monday night's monthly meeting.

The board went into executive session to evaluate the superintendent's job performance and upon returning into open session elected to

void the current contract which expires in July of 1992 and offer her a three year contract in July of this year. McGaughey's salary will not be addressed until the June board meeting.

The board also recognized and presented certificates to several students in the district who have been outstanding in their area of talent. Reginald Donner and Kevin Dogins were recognized for their athletic accomplishments. Heather Abel, Wil Atkins, Leigh Jackson, Jodi Heard, Crystal Atkins and Kristen Steinke were recognized for All-Regional Honors in band.

After hearing a presentation by Mike Debitz of the Whitte Corporation concerning its Channel One Educational News Network, a daily 12 minute news and information current event program for 6th through 12th graders, the board voted to implement the satellite program at Rice High School and the Eagle Lake Middle School. Enrollment plays a major role in the program's implementation and since Garwood and Sheridan do not qualify for the program based on their

enrollment, the programs will be taped and presented daily to those campuses. The program will be implemented at no cost to the district.

"We are concerned (with the results). Our scores do not meet expectations. Strategic planning will start tomorrow (Wednesday) with our principal," said McGaughey Tuesday morning. "We also plan to involve our district-wide Education Improvement Council. We certainly have a lot of work to do!"

In other business the board:

- Authorized to bid for athletic supplies and equipment for the spring semester.
- Approved budget amendments.
- Approved extension of current property, liability and bond coverage with the Texas Association of School Boards, and
- Approved the records management program policy as recommended by the superintendent.

(See Council, Page 12)

Lujan, Hemphill winners at Wilcox Minimax

Wilcox Minimax held their bicycle drawing on December 21, 1990.

Shawn Lujan was the winner of the boy's bike and Olivia Hemphill was the winner of the girl's bike.

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The teeth may become sore and tender when the jaws are tightly closed or when a person eats, especially if the teeth are subject to temperature changes, even of only a few degrees. Fortunately, this type of pain usually subsides immediately after the excessive pressure is released.

Though the dentist makes every effort to restore all parts of the teeth so that they closely match the patient's natural teeth in form and function, occasionally there is a high spot. A patient who has recently had restorative work should not be surprised to need adjustments. What is important is that he or she relate any experience of pain or hypersensitivity to the dentist.

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