

Elementary 'Best of Show' art award

Robert Ramirez, a first grade pupil in Mrs. Roy's room is pictured with his "Best of Show Elementary" trophy awarded him at the Houston Livestock Show art award ceremony February 24th. Robert had the best picture in the elementary division in the Rice District. *ELPS Photo*



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Eagle Lake Community Hospital News

Week ending 3-2-91
Admissions
Eagle Lake: Fred Owens; Hallettsville: Beverly High; Columbus: Jessie James Kovar.
Discharges
Eagle Lake: Julius Richardson, Sarah Flores, Ernestine Gonzales.

Garwood/Nada News

By Georgia Michalka

Lions
The Garwood Lions had a fish fry last Wednesday at the fire station. Lion President Kenny Dankieff led our local service club in preparing a delicious meal and providing the community with the opportunity for a pleasant evening of conversation. Marvin Tyler deserves a special pat on the back for providing the fish. Thanks to his generosity and angling skill, we all had a great time.

Track
Our local track and fielders combined with their fellow Raiders from Eagle Lake and Sheridan to compete in the El Campo Relays last Saturday.

March Birthdays
10: Ed Lee Schneider, Samantha Schuetz and Michael Korenek.
12: Vic Hyek, Howard Smith.
13: Leslie Woolard, Madeline Popp.

March Anniversaries
8: Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Korenek.



First grade learns about horses, longhorns

First grade students at Eagle Lake Primary School were able to learn a few things about horses and longhorn cattle on Friday, March 1st. Scooter Pletsch, husband of first grade teacher Sherry Pletsch, took time out of his busy schedule to bring his horse and

longhorn to the school for the students to see. The Terrific Kids of the month got a ride on the horse and then the entire first grade gathered around the trailer for a picture.

Headlight Photo by Linda Waddell

Prairie Edge Museum News

By Elizabeth Boothe, Reporter

In just a little over two weeks the activities of Wildflower Tours are scheduled to begin. The hours that Prairie Edge will be serving as headquarters will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Vic Scott will be glad for you to call him at 234-2792 to let him know that you want to be one of the workers at the museum. There will be three shifts this year instead of two like last year.

This Wednesday, March 6, Prairie Edge should be a very happy place to be, for Margaret Henry is bringing her two third grade classes for a tour. Curator Rollin Baker will share the privilege with me of introducing these young minds to many exhibits of our heritage. Next week there should be an account of their visit in my report.

Principals and teachers need to make reservations soon if they expect to bring their students here before the end of school. Of course, the time for school visits will not be appropriate during the Wildflower Tours.

Someone wrote an interesting article recently published in *The Herald* concerning the directors, cast

and ticket information about the drama *Antonic and Old Lace*. Reserved seats are \$6.50 and regular priced ones are \$4.50. The play is to be presented Friday and Saturday evenings, March 15 and 16 at 7 p.m. Saturday evening will be the final date to purchase the \$10 ticket that will enable you to visit different features of the Wildflower Tour time after time.

The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Good furniture and household appliances are very saleable. Bed linens and draperies are also good sellers.

Brochures are available at Prairie Edge and the Chamber of Commerce office for you to mail to relatives and friends. There was an interesting article recently in the *Luling News* and *Signal* concerning the tours.

The museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. Call Bill Harrison at 234-2662 if you care to arrange for a special tour.

"Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever." Psalm 106:1.

Wildflower Celebration update

The Wildflower Celebration is now selling the Official "T"-shirts at the Chamber of Commerce Office and Johnny's Sport Shop. The \$14 (including tax) shirts are available in all sizes, including children's. Children's sizes and optional colored shirts are only available at Johnny's Sport Shop.

Don't forget the \$10 Season Passes for Wildflower Farm's tour, benefiting the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce. As a special incentive, the purchase of a Season Pass, entitles one to buy a "T"-shirt for \$10.78 (tax included/limit of 2 shirts per pass) at the Chamber Office. These passes and this special price are only available until Saturday, March 23.

A deadline for organizations signing up for wagons and running the refreshment booth has been set for March 16. If your organization is interested in participating in these fund raising projects, please call the Chamber of Commerce Office at 234-2780 (Monday-Friday) between 8 a.m. and 12 noon to sign up. A second booth is available for bake sales. Any organization wishing to participate needs to sign up for a date at the Chamber of Commerce Office. The bake sales booth will be rented for \$10 per week day and \$25 for Saturday and Sunday.

Next week the Official Wildflower Cups should be available at participating food establishments. The plastic, dishwasher safe, cups are \$1 (tax included). They are also available during the Celebration at the Wildflower Celebration refreshment booth and at Wildflower Farm's Tours refreshment booths. These are wonderful souvenirs and great cups to use for travel and picnics.

We look forward to working with everyone and are anticipating a most successful season. Happy Wildflowering!

Worship is essential to Missions

The North Lake Missionary Baptist Church had the following mission lessons for the month of February with this theme: "Worship Essential to Missions."

February 5, 1st week: "Understanding Christian Worship." John 4:24. "Being in full knowledge of what to do, then do it. By the order of the third person in the God-Head."

February 12, 2nd week: "The role of music in a Missionary church." Mk. 14:22-26. "God" instituted music and singing before creation. "For Christ and Lucifer sang together and Heaven shouted."

February 19, 3rd week: "Fellowship in a Missionary Church." Acts 2:42. Fellowship means companionship with the "Holy Spirit." For a special duty, walk together in Christ's Love. "For greater is 'He' that's in me."

February 26, 4th week: "Activities in a Missionary Church." Matt. 28:19-20. "The Great Commission" of Christ Jesus to the eleven apostles. Matt. 4:19. Jesus said "Follow me." And I will make you fishers of men."

Rev. J.H. James, Minister
Sis. Inola Johnson, Teacher

Mother's Day quilt drawing

Mrs. Sam Marsalia has donated a beautiful double wedding ring quilt and two matching throw pillows to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. It was decided by members of the parish to hold a special drawing with this quilt as the drawing item. Tickets may be purchased from parishioners of Perpetual Help. The quilt is on display at JoAnn's. Tickets will sell for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held on Mother's Day after the 9 a.m. Mass.

Headlight Photo by Linda Waddell

Sheridan News

By Velma Kutzer

March 8th (Friday) is the very last day to order the school annuals. If you have not ordered, do so before Friday. The minimum order the school can place is 50. If 75 can be ordered the purchasing price will be less.

Marvin Bauer spent last Thursday and Friday in Austin attending a seminar sponsored by H.U.D. Marvin is the newly appointed coordinator for Colorado County.

Betty Varley is at home doing better after being hospitalized in Eagle Lake for several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Sveick and Colleen along with Angie and Eric Sanders recently enjoyed a day in Houston. They enjoyed a picnic lunch at Miller Outdoor Theater and visited the Natural Museum of Science and Herman Park Zoo.

Cheryl and Paul Orchard of Old Ocean visited with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hinz Saturday. Alice, Tammy and Cheryl spent the afternoon shopping in Victoria.

Dalaine Pittman spent last Thursday and Friday in Texas City to be with her mother, who underwent surgery early Friday morning.

Dorothy Gold, resident of Sheridan, has become a resident of Sweetbriar Nursing Home in Columbus.

Another reminder to make your reservations for the meal or meals if

you plan to attend the Second Sheridan Reunion March 29, 30 and 31.

A special thank you is extended to a dear friend Nancy Chabreck who took over as "Grandma" to my grandchildren last week to make it possible for me to drive to Olympia, Washington with Rebecca.

The long trip consisted of 2,680

miles (one way) and was very interesting. The flight home (my first) was layed at Las Vegas due to severe weather.

Peter and Renae Kallina along with Hannah and Buren met me in Austin early Saturday morning. The week was most enjoyable, but there is definitely no place like home.

Soil Conservation Service news

District coordinator Jim Reiker of the Weimar area is constructing a pond with a pipe drop structure to control erosion and is also shaping eroded areas which will be established to bermuda grass.

John Dubiel, a district coordinator of the Weimar area, is planning to shape eroded areas which will be established to bermuda grass to control erosion.

Lillian Wanjia of the Weimar area is planning to shape and establish eroded areas to bermuda grass.

E.J. Banse, a district coordinator of the Weimar area is planning to construct a pond.

Sylvester Vacek, a district coordinator of the Oakland area, is in the process of shaping eroded areas to be established to grass for erosion control.

WCJC calendar of events

Thurs., March 14: Phi Theta Kappa Meeting, Activity Period, \$225, Art and Music Showcase, 7:30 p.m., Pioneer Student Center.

Sun., March 17: Spring Piano Festival, 2:00 p.m., Horton Foote Theater.

Sun., March 19: Last Day for dropping courses with grade of "WP" or "WF". Student Government Meeting, Activity Period, student Government office, Phi Beta Lambda Meeting, Activity Period, P-101, Spring Vacation begins after classes, cafeteria and Dormitories close (March 19-31).

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Athletic Director

tremendous coach. I think that is quite obvious by the athletes he has coached," said McGaughey.

"We also did an intensive background check and did not have one person who had anything negative to say about him. I think that speaks highly of him not only as a coach, but also as a person.

"In our interview with him, he continually put the students first and stressed an overall athletic program as it relates to the students' needs. He wants to build a program the students can be proud of," said McGaughey.

While Johnson welcomes the challenge ahead, he quickly wanted to express his appreciation to those in Schulenburg who helped boost his career.

"I certainly want to thank the people of Schulenburg for my three years here. The kids have been enjoyable to coach, the other coaches have been a pleasure to work with and the people of Schulenburg have made me feel like I was a vital part of the community," said Johnson.

"I'm anxious to get to work at Rice. I know there are some things that we need to get done to be successful and once we get those things done, I know we will have a great program."

Although it remains a question on when Johnson will make the move to Rice, McGaughey hoped it can be in the near future.

"He is under contract and we certainly want to work with the Schulenburg administration. We also have an athletic director here until possibly the end of the school year and we want to make it work for everyone concerned," said McGaughey.

"I also realize how important it is for Mark to get over here and, hopefully, we can have him aboard by mid-April. I have emphasized that he will have full control of the athletic department."

McGaughey said Johnson will have the opportunity to evaluate the current coaching staff and everyone is subject to reassignment. In addition, she added that he will have the opportunity to bring in at least one assistant coach.

Johnson said he did not know what offense or defense he would use at Rice. "I will have to sit down with the coaches, assess the talent and then we'll go from there."

"Right now, I just want our kids to understand that we will have a fair program whether it is for the boys or girls. We want to get as many kids out as possible and develop pride in our school," said Johnson. "I think athletics is one of the best ways to instill pride. Basically, I want to achieve an all-around program."

Johnson also said he plans to keep a tighter rein on the kids as far as academic progress. "I really emphasize the classroom. I will monitor the kids on a weekly basis. There is simply no reason to have those kids, and it doesn't matter who they are, academically ineligible."

He describes himself as a personable man and a strong disciplinarian who works well with the community and parents as well as student athletes.

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Johnson graduated from Corpus Christi High School where he was a three-year letterman in football and basketball and also lettered one year in track. He received his BBA in accounting from Texas Tech University where he lettered three years in football, quarterbacking the Red Raiders to the 1977 Tangerine Bowl.

At Schulenburg, Johnson handled a defense that was considered one of the state's best. The Shortorns compiled a 34-7 record in his three years, reaching the state semifinals in 1989 and 1990 before losing to eventual state champion Groveton.

His basketball teams also have had great success, reaching the playoffs three straight years en route to a 59-22 record. The Shortorns were eliminated in the Region IV championship game the last two years just missing a trip to the UIL Final Four. Johnson was the *Banner Press* Newspaper's tri-county coach of the year in 1989.

Johnson also coached in the Corpus Christi Independent School District for four years before moving to A.C. Jones High School in Beeville for four years. He joined the Schulenburg staff for the 1988-89 school year.

"I've always wanted to be a head coach. I guess I'm greedy, but I wanted to achieve that goal before I was 30 and I gave myself 10 years to get there. It took me a little longer, but I am happy with where I finally ended up. I think I can have a great relationship with everyone associated with the Rice school district," said Johnson.

Johnson says he and his wife, Nina, along with their daughter, Ashley, 3, are eager to become an active part of the Rice community and hope to relocate there as soon as possible.

Games This Week!

March 7-9 Weimar JV Baseball Tournament, There, TBA
March 8 Rice Baseball vs. Hempstead, Here, 5 p.m.
March 9 ELMS Track Teams at Brookshire Royal Relays
March 12 Rice Baseball at Schulenburg, 5 & 7 p.m.
March 14-16 Weimar Baseball Tournament
March 16 ELMS Track Teams at Brazos Relays

ELMS girls compete in El Campo meet

The ELMS girls teams both came in 5th place in the El Campo track meet. The 8th graders scored a total of 56 and 3/5 points and the 7th grade scored 53 points.

RUNNING EVENTS
75m hurdles (8th grade): 2nd place, Shea McClanahan; 3rd, Breana Wood (7th grade); 6th, Kristie Gerson.

100m dash (7th): 2nd, Jessica Amos.

200m dash (7th): 5th, Amos.

400m relay (7th): 5th, Stephanie Rivera, B.J. Salazar, Tiffany Crane and Kristie Gerson.

400m dash (7th): 5th, Jody Heard (Sheridan).

800m run (8th): 3rd, Janil Amos.

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8th grade boys take 1st in El Campo track meet

The Eagle Lake Middle School boys traveled to El Campo and came up against very tough competition. These were 5A, 4A and 3A schools entered. Twelve teams total competed in each division. The 8th grade boys scored 35 points and came in 8th place. The 8th grade scored 127 points and came in 1st place.

FIELD EVENTS
High jump (7th grade): 4th place, Brandon Mathis, 4'10".

Triple jump (7th): 6th place, Blake Canaris, 28'9".

Pole vault (8th grade): 1st place, Anthony Barrios, 10'.

High jump (8th): 2nd place, Charan Thomas, 5'6".

Long jump (8th): 1st place, Charles Chapman, 18'11"; 2nd place, David Godley (Sheridan), 18'9-3/4".

Triple jump (8th): 1st place, Chapman, with a school record jump of 38'4-1/4"; 2nd place, Thomas, 37'1-1/2".

RUNNING EVENTS
100m hurdles (7th grade): 1st place, Mathis, 18.24 sec.; 4th place, Canaris, 19.27 sec.

400m relay (7th): 6th place, Mathis, Jessie Bishop, Garrett Hagedorn and Larry Henderson.

300m low hurdles (7th): 1st place, Mathis with a meet record time of 47.87 sec.

800m relay (7th): 6th place, Michael Wiese, Henderson, Hagedorn and Andre Hutton, 2:03.75 sec.

400m relay (8th grade): 2nd place, Barrios, Trinity Parker, Chapman, Shawn Hurd, 48.55 sec.

110m hurdles (8th): 1st place, Chapman, meet and school record time of 15.98 sec.; 3rd place, Tim Jones, 17.94 sec.

100m dash (8th): 4th place, Parker with a school record time of 11.80 sec.; 5th place, Godley, 11.89 sec.

400m dash (8th): 3rd place, Barrios, 59.59 sec.

300m hurdles (8th): 1st place, Chapman with a meet and school record of 41.96 sec.; 6th place, Thomas, 46.52 sec.

200m dash: 3rd place, Godley with a school record time of 24.75 sec.

800m relay: Godley, Parker, Jones and Kevin Middleton, 1:45.87 sec.

Congratulations to the boys for their efforts, especially the 8th grade for their 1st place finish. It was a remarkable effort considering who we were competing against. Brookshire relays are up next on Saturday, March 9. Starting time is 9 a.m. Come watch some exciting track action.

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