

Learning together...

Family reading, math night

Monday, March 8, 6:30-8 p.m., will be a fun-filled evening of hands-on learning activities to enjoy as a family. All participants will leave with activities and games they have made. The event will be held at Eagle Lake Primary School.

Mahalite gets calf at rodeo

At the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo last Tuesday night, an Eagle Lake student was among the contestants who scrambled for a calf.

Heath Mahalic was one of 28 determined contestants who attempted to catch a calf, halter it and bring it into the winner's square during the Feb. 23 performance of the show.

Mahalite stood in the winner's square to receive a \$1,000 certificate donated by Kroger Company to be used for the purchase of a registered beef or dairy heifer.

Next year, he will return to the Houston show with detailed records and a well groomed heifer to compete in a special livestock show competition.

H-GAC to sponsor seminar on financing small businesses

Where are the dollars to finance small business? How can a small business get access to those dollars? These are two questions important to both present and prospective small businesses in all 13 Gulf Coast counties in the region served by the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) and some of the answers to them will be presented during the Friday, March 19, seminar at Houston's Sheraton Astrodome Hotel.

The seminar will conclude with a fellowship reception at 4 p.m. A wide range of presentations and discussion of the many alternatives available for small businesses to obtain financing and how to access them will be reviewed and detailed in the course of the day.

Some programs to get very specific attention are the Small Business Administration's 7a loan program, Farmers Home Administration's Business and Industrial Loan Program, both the Houston and Harris County Economic Revolving Loan Fund Programs, Texas Capital Fund, Governor's Small and Minority Program and Rural Economic Development Program, and participating banks' lending perspective and combination loans program.

Inquiries about the "Financing Alternatives for Small Businesses in the Gulf Coast Region" seminar can be addressed to the Houston-Galveston Area Local Development Corporation's Richard Wiltz or Toni Drake by telephoning 713-627-3200.

A 1992 graduate of Rice High School, Torres followed in his father's and grandfather's footsteps. They also received basic training at Camp Pendleton; his father 20 years ago and his grandfather 50 years ago.

Belinda Garza, Torres' aunt, attended his graduation ceremony. Torres will now undergo training in Strategic Task Force.

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Military news... Marine Pvt. John R. Torres Jr. ...of Eagle Lake completed basic training in the U.S. Marine Corp. Friday, Feb. 5, at Camp Pendleton, San Diego, Ca. He was a member of graduating company K, Platoon 3089.

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CSWCD coloring contest winner. Rachel Valigura, Eagle Lake Primary School second grader, was the first place winner in the CSWCD coloring contest.

Receive free Redbud trees

Ten free American redbud trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during March 1993.

Redbuds have clusters of rosy pink flowers in spring, and dark green summer leaves turning to yellow in the fall.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Redbuds, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31.



Wilcox joins Laidlaw

Diane K. Wilcox, formerly Program Manager for Community Hazardous Waste Management for the Texas Water Commission, has joined Laidlaw Environmental Services.

Wilcox will serve as Laidlaw Environmental's regional coordinator for household hazardous waste and agricultural waste collection programs in Texas and the surrounding states.

Third graders hear about rabies

Gary Johnson with the Texas Dept. of Health speaks to the third grade at Eagle Lake Primary School. He is telling the students about the health dept. functions with emphasis on the rabies program and what procedures to follow.

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SPORTS

Entire Lady Raider team named all district

The members of the District 22 AAA girls all-district basketball teams have been announced for the 1992-93 season. Two Lady Raiders were named to the first team and one to the second team.

"Our entire team was named to all district. I'm really proud of them," commented Rice Girls Basketball Coach Mark Johnson.

Jill Janish, senior with a 10.3 points per game average, and Nekesha Tillman, senior with 7.0 average, were named to the first team.

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named to the first team. Sophronnie Anderson, senior with 7.9 average, is on the second team. Receiving honorable mention were sophomores Kaci Klien and Annette McTear, and seniors Evelyn Washington and April McMillan.

Erica Smith, a senior from Hempstead, was selected Most Valuable Player and Hempstead Coach Don Weeks was chosen Coach of the Year.

Members of the first all district team from the other schools in the district are Denise Munsch, Columbus senior; Cheryl Porter, Sealy soph.; Jill Luhn, Bellville senior; Christy Farrell, Smithville junior; Kelly Oeding, La Grange junior; and Belinda Brooks, Hempstead junior.

On the second team are Roxanne Johnson, La Grange junior; Gretchen Day, Bellville senior; Pam Deary, Smithville junior; Leigh Ann Schenborn, Sealy senior; Kristy Richer, Columbus senior; Kelly Bohaslav, Hallstevens senior; and Melissa Mathis, Hempstead junior.

Others receiving honorable mention from Columbus were Asontie Perrino and Anne Johnson; from Bellville, Tiffany Schmidt, Rachel Rudloff, Carrie Farmer; from Sealy, Lisa McNease; and from La Grange, Nikki Bayless, Windy Fery and Nette Lueker.

Brandon Cunningham of the Rice Raiders has recently been named as a unanimous choice to the District 22-AAA All-District Basketball Team. Brandon, a senior, led the district in scoring with a 17.8 average and rebounding with an 11.8 average.

Chad Sunderman received an honorable mention for this past season. Sunderman, a senior, averaged 8.4 points per game, was second in team rebounds with a 5.0 average, and was third in steals in district action.

We are proud and very happy for these individuals whom the other district coaches thought were deserving of these honors. However, these honors would not be available to these young men were it not for the total team play they exhibited with their teammates as well as the team play displayed by the entire team. These types of honors only help to solidify the idea that only through team play can one succeed and reach individual goals.

With six returning lettermen from this past year's squad that finished third in district, we feel that we can be competitive next year in the district race as well as the entire season. We also feel these players returning will better understand the effort it takes to return to the playoffs.

The following is the list of the All-District first and second teams as voted by the coaches of District 22-AAA. The list in random order, not by votes collected.

First team: Cunningham, Rice; Cyril Adkins, junior, Smithville; John Pat White, senior, Heath Wessets, senior, Matt Saunders, senior, all of La Grange; Ben Goyer, sophomore, Hempstead; Chris Pawlak, senior, Sealy; Jesse Turner, senior, Bellville; Second team: Barrow, Rice; Sims, Rice; Dietrick Griffin, junior, Smithville; Chad Ellis, junior, Columbus; Matt Fore, junior, Columbus; Curtis Fisher, senior, Bellville; Chad Rasmussen, senior, Bellville; James Glover, freshman, Hempstead; Alex Green, junior, Sealy; Clayton Smatralla, sophomore, Sealy.

Most Valuable Player was Jeff Kelly, La Grange. The Newcomer of the Year was Mike Glover of Hempstead.

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Thomas Spiker Invitational in Austin. The 17th annual Spiker Invitational Gymnastics Meet was held in Austin Feb. 21 at Crenshaw's Gym. Barrett Thomas of Eagle Lake, with the MEGA boys team of Stafford, competed and won a first place team trophy in the level six division.

Among individual honorees, Thomas earned a first place in high bars, fourth in pommel horse, seventh in floor and vault and tenth in rings. In the all around division, he placed second out of 66 boys competing in the 10-13 age group.

Feb. 28, Thomas brought home several awards from the MEGA Boys Invitational Meet in Stafford. He took second in high bar, third in pommel horse and rings, fourth in vault, eighth in parallel bars and ninth in floor. He received third place in all around. His MEGA team also received a second place trophy at the meet.

Lady Raiders defeat Alumni in unique game. In a warm up game for the district playoffs in girls varsity basketball Feb. 16, the Lady Raiders played against former Lady Raiders. The alumni team, coached by Supt. Carolyn McGaughy, put up a good fight but the Rice regulars won 55-35.

Leading the scoring for the Lady Raiders were Sophronnie Anderson with 11 points; Kesha Tillman, 10, Evelyn Washington and Jill Janish with 8 each.

The alumni team was led by LeKasha Jackson with 13 points, Wilma Tillman had 6 and Yolanda Dogins, 4. The game was played by the rules written in the X's Rule Book, which consisted of two empty pieces of paper. Referees were under the influence of Coach McGaughy until the fourth quarter when she ran out of money.

Glitter was flying and after the pie Coach Mark Johnson took in the face, the cleaning crew was called onto the floor. "No one will ever forget the first alumni game. And no one can top it... until the second one," Johnson commented.

Pittman named Rice girls coach. Susan Pittman, a coach at Eagle Lake Middle School, has been named the new girls' basketball coach at Rice High School, according to Athletic Director Mark Johnson.

"I am definitely pleased with the selection," said Johnson in making the announcement. "I coached her in high school and I know what she can do. She has done a good job for us and I continue to look for her to be a valuable asset to our athletic program."

Pittman, who became a member of the Rice athletic staff at the beginning of the current school year, is a 1986 graduate of A.C. Jones High School in Beeville.

She received her degree in elementary education from Texas A&I University in Kingsville in 1992. "I think it will be a big challenge, but I believe I can do it," said Pittman.

The Lady Raiders have been in the post-season playoffs in each of the last two seasons.

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