

NEWS FROM AREA SCHOOLS

St. Mary's School News

Principal Rohwer announced the honor roll for the third nine-week period of the school.

Making the exceptionally high honor roll were: seventh grader Angie Leopold; sixth grader Chrissy Leopold; fourth graders Lana Engstrom, Kinsey Hoffman, Travis Konarik, Jaed Korenek, Trent Korenek, Jessica Spanihel, Megan Staff; third grade, Erin Gold; second, Todd Korenek, Danielle Spanihel, Ashley Waligura, Margie Leopold; first, Kaylyn Boenisch, Laura Engstrom, Ashley Konarik, Jake Staff, Mandy Staff, Pam Sykes, Scot Westermann.

Those making the high honor roll were: eighth grade, Christie Crane and Valerie Korenek; seventh grade, Scott Bittner; sixth grade, Brett Boenisch, Cody Crane, Clint Korenek and Brandon Shanks; and in fifth grade, Chriss Schiurring and Stacy Schneider.

On the high honor roll for fourth grade were Lance Bittner, Shelley Boenisch, Garrett Crane, Faina Hernandez, Mathew Shimek, Brittany Waligura and De Edra Westermann; third grade, Lacey Lehrer and Jeffrey Leopold; second grade, Russell Crane, Haleigh Jurica, Chad Mahalic, Kevin Shimek and Camille Staff; and first grade, Cody Bittner.

PTC federation meeting was Jan. 25. Members were reminded that the President's dinner will be May 12 in Victoria. They were to begin selecting up to four individuals to honor. The potential honorees names and an introduction for each nominee should be sent to Byron Cumberland at Our Lady of Victoria by May 1.

Two meetings will be held next year; one in fall with officer training and one in spring to regroup.

Inhalant awareness week emphasized by CCY&FS

March 20-26 is being emphasized by the Colorado County Youth and Family Services Inc. as inhalant awareness week.

The week-long campaign theme is "Inhalants and Poisons; They're Right Under Your Nose".

Both national and Texas surveys show inhalants are widely abused substances among junior high aged students, third to alcohol and tobacco. The abuse outranks marijuana as the

drug of choice for 12 to 14 year olds. More than 1,000 common products that are legal and easily obtained can be misused to "get high." What many don't realize is, when sniffed, inhalants can cause brain, liver and lung damage as well as heart stoppage. Inhalants kill!

For more information, call the Youth Family Services at 1-800-256-7321 or Texas Prevention Partnership at 1-800-269-4237.



Police talk to children

Eagle Lake Police Chief A.E. "Buck" Hall and Officer Lance Segler visit with first graders at Eagle Lake Primary School. The officers told the students about the dangers of drugs, talking to strangers and the use of the emergency 911 phone number.

In photo below, Sergeant Clem Johnson demonstrates karate to third graders at Eagle Lake Primary School. Sgt. Johnson holds a third degree black belt in karate. He and other officers were at the school as part of the "Just Say No" drug awareness program sponsored by the Eagle Lake Pilot Club. Pictured with Johnson are Javier Lopez and Maria Vasquez.

Police Chief Buck Hall and officers were also at the school as part of the community based policing philosophy that was begun by Hall. They emphasized the importance of maintaining a drug free body and showing respect for parents, teachers, officers and other adults. ELPS Photos



Garrett, Poor to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett of Eagle Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Anne, to Joel Preston Poor. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Pete Poor of San Angelo.

The bride elect graduated from Texas A&M University in Dec. with a bachelor of science in interdisciplinary studies. The groom is employed with Big Tex Trailer Mfg. of Odessa as manager of the parts division. The couple plan to wed Aug. 6 at First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake.

Xi Pi Psi to sponsor window painting contest

The Xi Pi Psi sorority met March 1 at the Recreation Center clubhouse with President Ernie Sommerlatte in charge of the meeting.

Committee reports were given and Treasurer Connie Lange reviewed the successful western dance cohosted by the chapter and Alpha Delta Phi.

Connie was elected chapter sweetheart. She was introduced at the dance and presented with flowers by Kay Thomas, a former sweetheart.

Kay Clipson a former member, was a visitor at the meeting. Glenda Blair, assisted by Lori Grigar, gave a program about This Old House. They gave a room by room description of the craft business that evolved and is managed by Judy Cooper in the historic Eagle Lake house on N. McCarty St.

on the state project for Beta Sigma Phi sorority and unanimously chose the Children's Dialysis Center.

The chapter also voted to donate to the Revitalize Eagle Lake committee for the swimming pool fund.

They will again sponsor the window painting contest in the downtown area for the Springtime Celebration. The contest will feature a wildflower theme.

New officers were elected for the coming year. Ernie Sommerlatte was

reelected president with Connie Lange as vice president, Jan Harrell as recording secretary, Jean Williams as treasurer, and Jo Ann Gertson as corresponding secretary.

Connie presented the program on Love, South Africa. She passed out news sheets and read a personal letter from her missionary daughter, Brenda, telling of her life at an orphanage in Mozambique. The program included a video showing the work done by only a few having far reaching results.

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New laws affect your 1993 taxes

Congress has passed new laws that affect the 1993 tax returns according to Internal Revenue Service officials.

Among changes are two higher tax rates in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. These rates apply retroactively to Jan. 1, 1993.

However, fewer than 2% of all taxpayers are affected.

IRS welcomes the new procedure allowing married couples filing jointly with taxable income under \$50,000 and with no dependents, to file the 1040EZ form, their simplest form.

Other changes include: increased Earned Income Credit amounts; self employed health insurance deduction retroactively extended through Dec. 31, 1993; certain business travel expenses no longer deductible; increased standard deduction amounts; and increased person/dependent exemption amount.

For information about these and other tax laws, order Publication 553, *Highlights of 1993 Tax Changes*, by calling 1-800-829-FORM or pick up the publication at a local IRS office.

Colorado Valley Drug Council names officers

The new officers and directors for the Colorado Valley Council on Drugs and Alcohol Abuse were elected at the annual meeting recently.

Bill Curley of Hallettsville is the president with Rev. Eddie Winkler of Eagle Lake as vice president. Treasurer is Larry Wessels of La Grange and secretary is Rev. Skip Simic of Weimar for a second term.

Elected as new directors are Beverly Williams and Larry Wessels of Fayette County, Johnny Jahn Jr.,

Marty Malony and Rev. Westerfield from Lavaca County.

Chris Arthur, sent a letter giving a favorable audit report. The board discussed a number of proposed amendments to the by-laws. The president then appointed Alice Ball Strunk to head a review committee. Simic and Curley are to serve on the committee.

The directors voted to hold regular noon luncheon meetings in each county. The annual banquet will be March 24 at the Schulenburg Civic Center.

Executive Director Betty Bauer thanked the outgoing officers for their (See Drug Council, Page 10)

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Katlyn Brown honored on first birthday

Katlyn Brown of Garwood celebrated her first birthday with a party at the home of her grandparents.

She is the daughter of Tony and Sheryl Brown.

The party had an Easter theme with balloons and streamers for decoration.

Special guests were her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smidovet Sr., her Godparents, her sister, Melanie Brown, and other relatives.



Katlyn Brown

SPORTS



Raiders powerlift to place

The Rice Raiders powerlifting team had two members place in the top six at the regional meet in Rio Grande City last week. Jared Vawter, pictured lifting above left, finished in third place in the 132 lb. division.

Marcus Dogins, in photo above right, placed fourth in the super-heavy weight division. Dogins also had a meet best lift of 475 lbs. in the dead lift. Photos Courtesy of Coach Jerry Young

Rice Junior High track girls compete in Sealy Relays

The combined junior high girls from Rice competed in the Sealy Relays Mar. 11 in Sealy.

The seventh grade girls had six first place finishes in their track meet. Rochelle Teague came in first in the 2400 meter run and the 1600 meter

run; Tierra Wright finished first in 100 meter hurdles and Jennifer Christ took first in 300 meter hurdles.

Wright also placed first in triple jump with Briana Bedford only inches behind for second. Jennifer Christ got first in the long jump to give the team

a total of 136 points.

Other seventh grade results:
2400m run: first, Teague, 10:26;
1600m run: Teague, first, 6:24.31;
800m run: Gonzales, sixth.

3:04.20.
200m run: Arlisha Lemons, sixth, 32.60.
300m hurdles: Christ, first, 53.49;
Briana Bedford, third, 55.72; Rebal Canaris, fourth, 56.96.
100m hurdles: Wright, first,

17.11; Christ, third, 18.03; Canaris, fifth, 19.22.
1600m relay: Lori Grigar, Wright, Teague, Christ, fourth, 5:04.22.
800m relay: Lemons, Holli Shindler, Bedford, Grigar, fourth, 2:04.99.
400m relay: Bedford, Grigar, Canaris, Wright, third, 57.78.
Shot put: Lemons, fourth, 24' 5".
Discus: Lemons, fifth, 67' 9".
High jump: Canaris, second, 4' 2".
Shindler, fifth, 3' 10".
Long jump: Christ, first, 15' 2".
Bedford, fifth, 13' 6.5".
Triple jump: Wright, first, 31' 1".
Bedford, second, 30' 1".

1600m run: Stevens, fifth, 7:39.90; Olga Sosa, sixth, 7:56.07.
800m run: Amanda Dusek, sixth, 3:19.40.
200m run: Sha Sewell, fifth, 30.51.
100m run: LaShawna Thomas, second, 14.24.
300m hurdles: Amy Obenhaus, fourth, 56.00; DeeAnn Meehan, sixth, 57.31.
100m hurdles: Obenhaus, second, 18.41; DeeAnn Meehan, third, 18.70.
800m relay: Sewell, Meehan, Chazara Scott, Thomas, third, 2:01.70.

Shot put: Misty Tesh, fourth, 25' 8"; Obenhaus, fifth, 25' 7".
Discus: Obenhaus, second, 77' 11".
Long jump: Thomas, third, 13' 3".
Scott, fourth, 13'.
Triple jump: Meehan, sixth, 27' 4".

Colorado Canoe Challenge coming in April

The second annual Great Colorado River Canoe Challenge has been set for April 15-17 from Bastrop to Wharton.

The three day, 115 mile race celebrates Texas' Colorado River which is an important part of the central Texas economy and recreation.

This year as part of the challenge, there will be a separate, one day, professional race from La Grange to

Columbus on April 16.

This race will start at 9 a.m. and cover a 41 mile distance on the river.

Some of the best professional canoe racers in the south will compete for prize money in two classes.

Experienced canoeists from state agencies and other groups are invited to compete for trophies and bragging rights in the three day challenge. Deadline for teams to enter is April 8.

The event is sponsored by the Adopt-the-Colorado River Foundation, Inc. and the Lower Colorado River Authority.

Those interested in taking part in the race should call Joe Kendall at the Adopt-the-Colorado River Foundation, 1-800-776-5272, ext. 7826 or, in Austin, 512-473-3200, ext. 7826.

The challenge category of race is for teams from state and other agencies with the same type of canoe and equipment.

The open category is for a variety of competitors from four person canoes to one person kayaks. Winners will be declared for the overall race in each category. Daily winners will also be awarded.

Local communities and LCRA are planning various riverside events along the race route. These will include local celebrity races, evening Chautauquas at Bastrop, La Grange and Columbus and other entertainment.

The 1994 race will begin at 8 a.m. Friday, April 15, at Fisherman's Park in Bastrop with the first night ending at the boat ramp park off Business 71 in La Grange.

The second leg on Saturday will run from La Grange to Beason's Park in Columbus and the third day's race will begin at Garwood and finish at Riverfront Park in Wharton.

Raiders at 2-8 with win, two losses

The Rice Raiders moved to a team record of 2-8 in baseball with a win over Stafford and two losses to Rockdale and La Grange in the Weimar Baseball Tournament, March 17-19.

Raider pitcher Heath Heindol picked up the win for his first of the season by beating Stafford 13-11.

Leading the Raider offensively was Jerome Haynes who hit three homers and an RBI (run batted in) single.

The Rice boys lost to Rockdale 9-8 and then let La Grange carry off the next game 13-6.

Ernest Sims was named to the all tournament team with a hitting average of .580 for the tournament.

Sheridan to have field dedication, games

The Sheridan Little League will have two special games Saturday, March 26, as part of the dedication activities for their new field.

Everyone in the area is invited to the ceremony and to the activities throughout the afternoon.

Ceremonies for the field located in the Sheridan Park and Recreation Committee park will begin at 3 p.m. with a short program.

A baseball game between the Raiders and Astros, T-ball teams, will follow.

A coed scrimmage is scheduled between the Little League parents and coaches and the SPARC members to really break in the field.

The day's activities will conclude with a hamburger supper at 6 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

TDH volunteers needed to adopt a clinic

The Texas Department of Health is looking for volunteers to participate in the Adopt-A-Clinic program for the Columbus Health Clinic, 514 Washington St.

This public health clinic provides services in prenatal care, well baby, adult health, immunizations for adults and children, family planning, health

education and the Women, Infants and Children program.

Volunteers can help in variety of ways such as serving as a client hostess, reading and entertaining children in the waiting room, providing clerical assistance and assisting with transportation for clients to and from the clinic.

The Baby Bundle volunteer sewing project is also needing willing hands. Volunteers who prefer to work at home are needed to sew baby items for the maternity patients. Items such as blankets, quilts, bibs, toys, gowns, pillows and other baby items are used as incentive gifts for the new mothers to do everything they can to have

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