

## CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

### Alpha Delta Phi opens fall season

Beginning Day for Alpha Delta Phi was held in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Thomas with President Robin Thomas presiding. Yearbooks were presented and reviewed by Denise Cook. A note was read from Jennifer Obenhaus regarding member-at-large status. Robin served a delicious luncheon as members visited after the summer break. Guests attending were Rhonda Anderson, Karen Epps, Charlot Janow, Deborah Reed, Sherry Thomas and Tanya Wiese. The Sept. 6 meeting was held in the home of Vicki Powers. President Thomas announced the chapter received our Three Star rating from International. Mary Kay Cook reported hospital tray favors were made for Labor Day. A social to "The Butterflies & Friends" exhibit at the Houston Museum was held Sept. 24. Members and children enjoyed a picnic lunch at Hermann Park following the tour. Shelia Mathis will be taking a leave of absence. Members unanimously voted Mary Kay to fill the office of corresponding secretary.

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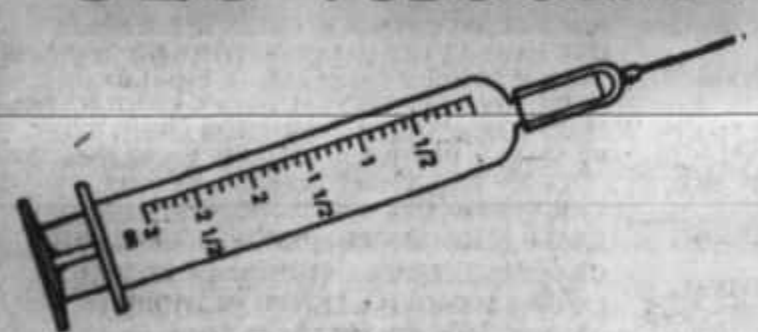
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### Nada Catholic Daughters plan fall

The Nada Catholic Daughters of America held their monthly meeting Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall. Regent Ernestine Schneider presided.

Regent Schneider read highlights from the State and National Newsletters. Upcoming events include the Senior Citizens Domino Party to be held Sept. 28 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall; rosary for Life at St. Mary's Church in Nada at 7 p.m. before the Oct. 11 meeting; National CDA Mass in Nada at 9:30 a.m., Oct. 16. All CDA members are encouraged to participate in the processional and sit as a united group during mass.

Also planned is the CDA Diocesan Workshop on Nov. 6 at St. Joseph Church and Parish Center in Moulton. Door prizes were won by Jo Ann Swaboda, Bernice Popp, Magr. Victor Schmidtzinsky, Janet Mahalic, and Mable Beard. The next meeting will be Oct. 11.

### Garwood Lions hear game warden

The Garwood Lions Club heard Game Warden David Perry, guest speaker for their regular meeting this week. He was introduced by Lawrence Berger.

Perry told about the new hunting and fishing laws being enforced during the coming hunting season. He also reviewed some of the old laws, and informed the club about what citizens could do to help enforce the laws.

Last week the Wharton Veterinary Clinic gave the program. The ranchers were told some of the things they could do to keep their cattle healthy during the winter. Lion Stephen Spaniel introduced the program.

### Xi Pi Psi begins new year

The Beginning Day Celebration was held for Xi Pi Psi members at the home of Ernie Sommerlatte on Aug. 30.

Yearbooks were passed out and plans were announced by the chairman for service, cultural and social activities. The theme for this year is Light the Way.

The birthday calendar lists were due and most of them have been turned in to President Ernie.

Mary Lou Szymanski presented the Presidents Collage. She made a huge array of pictures of members and spouses taken at activities during Ernie's two terms of office from '92-'94.

Connie Lange and Linda Balas helped Ernie with refreshments to the delight of all. Kay Thomas was hostess for the meeting at her home on Sept. 20.

Xi Pi Psi members voted to help sponsor the Red Ribbon Program that will be held the week of Oct. 23-30. This deals with substance abuse with positive goals for our community.

A donation will be made to the Study Club Auction by the group and the Colorado County Opportunity Center will receive help for their annual Halloween Party.

After the business meeting, a Christmas Ornament Shower honored Christ Snow. She is the bride-elect of Richard Wiese, son of member Anna Mae Wiese.

Christi and Richard received many lovely ornaments for their first Christmas tree.

A tasty array of taquitos, beans and chili, snacks and cookies were served by hostess Kay Thomas.



Thomas, Mahalic engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Thomas of Raymondville announce the engagement of their daughter, Tomyre, to Thomas Mahalic, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Mahalic of Eagle Lake. An afternoon wedding is planned in Raymondville, Oct. 22.

### Shorter, McTear to wed Saturday

Rev. and Mrs. Earl Shorter Jr. invite everyone to share in the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Nickhole Olivia, to Curt Wayne McTear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo McTear Sr.

The wedding ceremony is planned for Friendship Baptist Church on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 6 p.m. The reception will follow at Eagle Lake Community Center.

### County Fair announces sheep, dairy results

The winners of the sheep and dairy divisions were announced for the 1994 Colorado County Fair recently. Junior open breeding sheep show Grand champion ewe, Darrell Peal of Schulenburg; reserve champion ewe, Saxon Diller.

These two youths also won the same honors for the grand champion ram and reserve champion ram.

Junior open dairy show Junior champion holstein, Paul Zapalac, of Schulenburg; reserve champion holstein, Kyle Lochter, New Ulm. Reserve champion jersey, Gregory Berger, Schulenburg; junior reserve champion jersey, Cody Sultenfuss, San Antonio. Junior champion brown Swiss, Deidrea Harris, Pearland; junior reserve champion brown Swiss, Paul Zapalac, Schulenburg; junior reserve champion guernsey, Abbie Ferguson, Rockdale.

Senior division open dairy show Senior champion holstein, Paula Zapalac, Schulenburg; senior reserve champion, Sultenfuss, San Antonio; senior champion jersey, Stacie Mueller, El Campo; senior reserve champion jersey, Lacy Stryker, Schulenburg; senior champion brown Swiss, Paula Zapalac, Schulenburg; senior champion guernsey, Matt Ferguson, Rockdale; grand champion holstein, Paula Zapalac, Schulenburg; reserve champion holstein, Sultenfuss, San Antonio; grand champion jersey, Mueller, El Campo; reserve champion jersey, Berger, Schulenburg; grand champion brown Swiss, Paula Zapalac, Schulenburg; reserve champion brown Swiss, Harris, Pearland; grand champion guernsey, Ferguson, Rockdale; reserve champion guernsey, Mutina, Pearland; junior dairy showmanship, Harris, Pearland; senior dairy showmanship, Sultenfuss, San Antonio.

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Long-Acting Inhaler Medicine May Help Asthma Sufferers

A new inhaler medicine was recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The good news for some asthma sufferers is that this new medicine may be of help to asthmatics who have special breathing problems at night, a condition referred to as nocturnal asthma. The new medicine is salmeterol xinafoate (Serevent), a long-acting beta agonist - a medicine that dilates the breathing passages leading to the lungs. While other beta agonists such as albuterol are already being used, salmeterol is the first one that is long-acting. Its effects last about 12 hours. This medicine is not intended to be used to treat an acute asthma attack because it has a slow onset of action.

A big advantage of salmeterol over existing beta agonist inhaler medicines is that it may solve some of the breathing problems that occur while sleeping. According to Dr. Gilbert D'Alonzo, in a recent issue of Drug Topics, "most cases of nocturnal asthma occur between 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning. A dose of salmeterol taken at 10 PM will provide protection throughout the night and well into the next morning." The other beta agonists must be given every 4 to 6 hours. An additional potential benefit is better compliance on the part of asthma sufferers, if they only need two doses a day.

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Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge

## Grazing... a wildlife management tool

By Terry A. Resignol  
Assistant Refuge Manager  
(Editor's note: This ongoing series is written by the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge assistant manager to help area readers become familiar with the refuge and its purpose. The refuge is located about six miles north of Eagle Lake on FM 3013.)

### Get ready... Study Club Auction time is near

The Study Club is once again gearing up for their Auction to be held Oct. 22.

Here are just a few more items that you will be able to take home with the right bid.



Barbara Davidson made and donated this cloth doll dressed in calico and lace edged bloomers with her hand embroidered face. It will be auctioned in the Study Club's annual fundraiser, Oct. 22. Also donated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wells for the auction is this colorful, hand made baby quilt.

Headlight Photos by Susie Jackson and Carol Cardenas



The mammogram being donated by Eagle Lake Community Hospital goes right along with Oct. being Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Radiology Director Mary Ann Owen M.R.T. poses with the instrument used for the procedure.



Dr. John B. Myres D.D.S. is donating an exam, cleaning, and x-rays for this year's auction. In the chair, getting ready to be examined, is Giovanni Melendez. (You can tell by his smile it's before the actual check-up).

Over-grazing and under-grazing, however, are very detrimental to not only the prairie ecosystem as a whole, but to Attwater's prairie chickens as well. These birds require native prairie habitat which natural contains clumps of grasses in open areas to allow for movement from one area to another, especially for young birds.

Cattle trails provide excellent "roadways" for young APC chicks to use. If prairie lands are under-grazed, grasses and plants will become too dense and thick to be of value for the APC. If over-grazed, grasslands will become too open for prairie chickens to use.

Constant monitoring is necessary to insure that the proper grazing pressure is being used at all times. Finding the correct grazing pressure can be difficult since rainfalls one of those acts of Mother Nature that cannot be controlled, yet has a major impact on any grazing program. Periodically resting pastures also allows recovery of plants preferentially selected by cattle.

At the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), just northeast of Eagle Lake, personnel manage a grazing program to maintain good-excellent range conditions (50% climax grass species), thus benefiting the Attwater's prairie chicken and gulf coastal prairie ecosystem.

Currently, cattle are grazed in a year-long cow-calf operation with stocking rates ranging from 10.2-18.1 acres/animal-unit-year, depending on rainfall and individual pastures.

The use of grazing with buffalo on portions of the refuge may become a reality in the future, bringing the Attwater's prairie chicken and buffalo back together in their natural setting. Although proper grazing is a bene-

fit for the APC and coastal prairie ecosystem by itself, one cannot overlook the benefits of using several wildlife/habitat management techniques in concert with each other (such as fire and grazing), stimulating historic natural events that took place before the settling of this area.

Only with this kind of innovative management style can species and whole ecosystems be preserved for all generations to enjoy and appreciate.

### ELMS announces first six-weeks honor roll

The first six-weeks honor roll has been announced for Eagle Lake Middle School for 1994-95.

Fourth grade honor students are Amanda Burrow, Andrea Contreras, Sandra Rodriguez, Sandra Villalobos. Fifth grade: Rebecca Lopez, Corissa Mathis, Kayce Wilkerson.

Sixth grade: John Baros, Samantha Bluntson, Danny Buitrago, Kurt Coldevey, Barbara Cooper, Erica Dunmore, Stephanie Jackson, Johana Lopez, Misty Morales, Rhonda Peron, Andrew Powers, Christopher Rodriguez, Leslie Waddell, Cynthia Webb.

Seventh grade: Stephanie Braden, Melissa Buckner, Tabitha Conner, David Dromgoole, Amelia Fear-

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