

OBITUARIES

L.A. Botard Sr.

May 23, 1918 - February 24, 1995

L.A. Botard Sr., 76, of Sheridan passed away on Friday, February 24, 1995, at his residence following a lengthy illness. He was born on May 23, 1918, in Sheridan to Lewis B. and Daisy Townsend Botard.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Colorado County and Sheridan and attended local schools. Botard entered the service in April of 1942 and served his country honorably for four years in the U.S. Army in WW II. Assigned to the 23rd Chemical Decontamination unit. He was awarded the WW II Victory Medal, American Theater Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and Good Conduct Medal.

Following the war, he and Clara Haegelin of Bandera were united in marriage on March 23, 1947. He spent most of his life in farming and ranching, and managed a hunting club for 48 years. He also served as postmaster in Sheridan for 14 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Lois Vawter. Survivors include his wife, sons, Lewis Jr. and Charles, both of Sheridan; sisters, Blanche Johnson and Maudie Townsend, both of Sheridan; brothers, Guy of Shiner and Albert of Sheridan; nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Graveside services and interment were held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 25, from the Cheatem Cemetery in Sheridan with Rev. Brent Pittman, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Sheridan, officiating.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake.

Palbearers were Bobby Sims, Jack Vawter, Billy Sanders, Mike Beyette, Neil Shaffer, Albert and Lewis Botard Jr. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Joseph A. Schoellmann

July 30, 1914 - February 23, 1995

Joseph A. Schoellmann, 80, of Garwood died February 23, 1995, at Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

He was born July 30, 1914, in Nada, the son of John William and Mary Boenisch Schoellmann.

Schoellmann was a lifelong resident of Colorado County. He was united in marriage with Julia Marie Sanctetta on January 30, 1955. Schoellmann was a retired laborer for Aluminum Plant.

He was a member of the Nada Knight of Columbus and affiliated with St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Schoellmann was preceded in death by his wife in October 1993. Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Reynaldo Rodriguez of Columbus; a brother, Charles Schoellmann of Nada; and four grandchildren.

A parish rosary was held Saturday, February 25, at St. Mary's. The Knights of Columbus held a rosary Sunday, February 26, prior to the funeral.

Funeral services were held February 26 at St. Mary's in Nada with Monsignor Victor Schmidtzinsky and the Rev. Eddie Schoellmann officiating. Burial followed at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Nada.

Palbearers were Franklin Addicks, Kenneth Baumgarten, Edward Wied and James, John and Walter Schoellmann. Henneke Funeral Home Inc., Columbus, was in charge of arrangements. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Constructed realities exhibit at Live Oak

Beginning with an opening reception on March 3, the Live Oak Art Center will host an exhibit of oil paintings, art furniture, and socially-conscious constructions with a humorous bent by John Mitchell Linden II.

Linden was reared in Paris and London, traces his interest in art to his childhood in France.

After studying art at Rice University, he began his career with exhibits at art shows and festivals in the mid-1970s, including the Westheimer Colony Arts Festival.

Since then, his work has been displayed in one person, three person, and group shows at several Houston galleries, including Dreamland Gallery, October Gallery, Minds Edge Gallery and the Lavendale Arts Performance Center.

Linden has pieces in private and public collections in the United States, Europe and Asia. Locally, he was one of the artists who was commissioned in the mid-1980s by Hill Bank and Trust in Weimar to do a painting for their new building.

His artistic vision was expanded about 15 years ago when he worked in the display department at Palais Royal, designing, building and setting up exhibits for that company's more than 20 stores.

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Jeffery W. Simmons

June 3, 1963 - February 19, 1995

Jeffery W. Simmons, 31, of San Jose, Calif., died February 19, 1995, in San Francisco. He was born June 3, 1963, in Houston, the son of Warren R. and Doris Ann Socha Simmons.

Simmons had lived in California since 1988 and was a member of First United Methodist Church.

He was a nuclear engineer for General Electric Corp. Simmons was preceded in death by his grandfather, Pryor Simmons; and grandparents, John and Agnes Socha.

Survivors include his father and step-mother, Warren and Vickie Simmons of Houston; mother and step-father, Doris and Jim Hill of Seguin; grandmother, Becky Simmons of Austin; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Greg of College Station, Doug of Odessa and Craig and Kim Simmons of McQueeney; and three sisters, Anne of Abilene, Dana of Dallas and Karen Hill of Houston.

Funeral services were held February 23 at Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with the Rev. Robert L. Renfro officiating.

Burial followed in Lakeside Cemetery, Eagle Lake. Serving as pallbearers were Jim Coleman, Mark Hill, Rich Esler, Shawn Wasilewski, Rob James, Bryan Holbert, Khalid Farag and Allen Maples.

Henneke Funeral Home Inc., Columbus, was in charge of arrangements. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Sheridan News

A pat on the back for DeWight Dopslauf for his hard work at South-west Texas State University!

DeWight, enrolled in the School of Business, was one of only five percent of students named to the Dean's List for Fall of 1994.

A \$2500 grant to the Sheridan Memorial Library from the Raymond Dickson Foundation will be used to subscribe to a monthly audio-book service. Each month, twelve current best-selling audio releases will be received for circulation.

Exciting mystery, drama, science-fiction, biography, and self-help titles will be available by the end of February to help make the most of those times when you can't keep your eyes on a written page.

Among the library's best friends for February: Eldon and Joyce Ohm, Harvey and Connie Laake, Lavo and Ruth Brisco, Jenavve Peterson, Dean and Betty Varley, and Wayne and Natalie Dupre' who made book donations.

Dollie Botard made memorial donations in memory of C.J. and Anetta Snow and L.B. and Daisy Board.

Contrary to popular belief, friends can be bought. For a \$5 membership fee your name will be added to the Friends of the Library along with Loreta McCloud and Martha Polach, the most recent members.

All membership money goes directly to the library for its needs—probably a larger card catalog since 6,500 books now call our library home.

Sheridan Park and Recreation Center Inc. and the Sheridan Go-Getters, Texas Association for Family and Community Education Club (formerly the Extension Homemakers) hosted Dr. Carson Watt's class of senior Recreation and Park Planning students from Texas A&M University

for Fall of 1994. The service is there for everyone in the community so we should all share the cost.

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Rice CISD school board visits Austin

Rice Consolidated Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott hosted the Rice Consolidated ISD Board of Trustees on a trip to Austin recently in honor of National School Board Recognition Month.

Board members visited with Senator Ken Armbrister and Representative Robert Saunders. Educational legislation and school finance were major topics of discussion.

Pictured above in the capitol building, from left, are Representative Robert Saunders, Board President Melody Grigar and board members Jim Weisse and Laurel Milentz. In the back are Gott and board members Jack Vawter, Fritz Leopold and Madison Smith.

Photo Courtesy of Rice CISD

By Nerrisa and Carolyn Brisco at the Community Center and the Park on Friday, Feb. 17.

Sixty of A&M's finest toured Beason's Crossing in Columbus and Sheridan Park, preparing for their latest assignment: A recreation and park master plan for Colorado County.

A telephone survey of recreational needs for all Colorado County area citizens will be carried out next week. High School economics students from Columbus, Weimar and Rice will be making the calls that require about ten minutes to complete.

Please take this time to complete a form if you are called. This survey is important to Dr. Watt's class and to Colorado County.

Activity at the park Saturday, Feb. 18, including a crew of Little League coaches getting the field ready for the season.

Daryl Hinz, Chuck and Dawn Moore, Leah Ross, Carolyn Brisco, Nerrisa Brisco, Billy Hearn and Monte Peck were also working on installing playground equipment.

Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department recently sent letters to members of the community asking for donations to offset the cost of insurance for the organization.

Take a minute to write out a check and send it to P.O. Box 263 or call Bruce Tesch, Fire Chief, at 234-5897 to find out about becoming an active member.

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RAIDER REVIEW

Band members compete at solo and ensemble

By Rebecca Burrow The Mighty Raider Band proudly took 43 entrants to the Solo and Ensemble contest on Saturday, Feb. 18, in Victoria. The students had been preparing their selected pieces for months and were eager to show their judge just what the Rice Band is made of.

In selecting music, students chose from a list of eligible tunes! The music is rated from Class I to Class III, with Class I being the greatest level of difficulty. Musicians who earned a first division on a Class I are eligible for State Solo and Ensemble Contest in San Marcos in May.

Several Rice musicians earned a first division rating on a Class I solo or ensemble. Among these were Beth Buckner on trumpet, Sarah Buckner on multiple percussion, Jill Satsky on bass clarinet, Kristie Vargas and Crystal Atkins on alto saxophone and Jill Stephens, Shea McClanahan and

Kristen Stienke on flute. The saxophone quartet of Atkins, Cortney Parker, Vargas and Delana Smith and the trumpet quartet of Regina Valdez, Elizabeth Martinez, Rita Waddell and Rebecca Burrow also rated first division.

Earning a second division rating on a Class I solo was Breana Wood. Numerous students also earned a top rating on a Class II solo. Jamarcus Brooks and Josh Godley, both on tuba, each earned a first division. Jackie Schmitt, on flute, Smith on alto sax, Ericka Fields on bass clarinet, and Valerie Korenek on oboe also left with a first division. Leah Brisco, Rachel Mathys, Satsky and Jennifer Krenek took home the top rating on a mixed clarinet quartet.

Earning a first division rating on a Class III solo were V. Korenek on piano and Robin Shavers on trumpet.

Although everyone did not come away with a victory, they are equally commended for their hard work and dedication. These musicians are Olga Sosa, Stephanie Labay, Angie Sanders, Natalie Cardenas, Breana Moreida, Laine Labay, Paula Burrow, Joy Hengst, Chazara Scott, Jonathan Burrow, Shelly Cunningham, Kelli Mathys and Jennifer Miller.

There will be a district meet on March 3 with the state meet following March 30 and April 1.

We wish all these contestants the best of luck!

VICA holds local contest

By Mari Valles The Vocational Industrial Club of America held a local contest on Feb. 16. There were five judges who judged according to two categories, fantasy and nails.

In fantasy, the competitors and their placings are as follows: Shannon Marel, first place; Alesia Aldridge, first place; Roslyn Johnson, third place; Christina Rodriguez, first place; Juanita Tillman, first place and Tiffany Evans, second place.

Also placing in fantasy were La Frieda Stovall, second place; Annette McTear, second and third place; Carla Johnson, first place; Valerie Moreno, second place; Amanda Hopkins, third place; Andrea Scherer, first and second place; and Janet Santowhite received first place and overall first.

In nails, Melinda Kazmir and La Shondra Tillman received first and overall first. Ula Thompson and Regina Upton received second place.

The judges were looking for creativity, imagination and neatness.

Who's Zat?

Wow! This little girl is so cute that her picture could only fool one person. Of course, the only clue given was that she is a junior, but that was more than enough for most people.

Kelly Thomson missed by guessing Robin Donner. But Ashley Crane, Meredith Anderson, Sara Mann, and Leah Brisco all knew that this adorable face could belong to no other than Cortney Parker.

No matter where you see Cortney, she's always smiling, which is one of the reasons she was the freshmen class favorite for the 1991-92 school year.

Cortney is a member of the flag corps, serves as junior class secretary, is a member of the one-act play, NHS, and student council. She is also the vice-president of the band council and plays the saxophone in the Mighty Raider Band.

Raiders start with a win

By Ashley Cranek It's baseball season again and the Raiders began their season with a win! The Rice Raiders Varsity baseball team played Tidehaven Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Rice and took a victory win with a score of 12-5.

Pitching for the Raiders was Brandon Mathis, Kyle Fink and Charlyan Thomas. Mathis pitched four innings, Fink one, and pitching two innings was Thomas. Tidehaven only had three hits with these athletes pitching.

On Friday, March 3, the Raiders will travel to Needville to attempt another win. Also, the junior varsity baseball team will be playing Tidehaven at 2:30 on Thursday, March 2, in the Rice Tournament.

The Raiders are coached by Coach Carrera and Greg Murrill. Coach Murrill commented, "We looked good for our first game of the year, we hit the ball well and our defense was very solid!"

Good luck on the rest of the season, Raiders!

We are all very excited and eager to get the program underway, but I don't think any of us dared to hope that it would be as successful as it has been so far. There are so many people involved in this project. I have to credit the children who are out there on the road sides picking up cans and hauling them to their classrooms, and the

many businesses who have started saving cans for us.

The community support has been overwhelming. As the project chairman, I have seen interest in this gymnasium come from all over - not just from within the school or parish. I feel that most people do see a need for Saint Anthony School to have its own gymnasium for a variety of reasons. Some of the more urgent reasons for building a gym are:

Like the public schools, we too have seen an increase in student population, and the public schools more than ever are in a "crunch" for facilities usage. It's getting harder and harder for Saint Anthony to continue to ask the public school for use of their gym when they themselves need it to meet their own demands. Certainly, Mrs. McAlister and Mr. Hoyer have been gracious and accommodating to Saint Anthony in every way, but we must look to the future and plan for it now.

Also, as active as our choir is, and as many theatrical productions as we like to perform for the community, a gymnasium could serve as an auditorium as well.

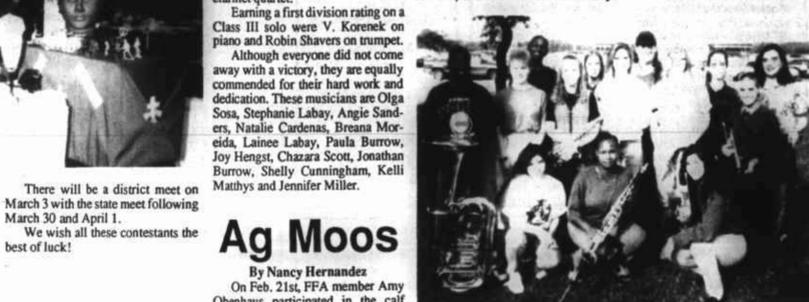
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These band students entered the soloists contest, (kneeling) Sarah Buckner, Ericka Fields, Beth Buckner, (standing) Jamarcus Brooks, Valerie Korenek, Josh Godley, Kristie Vargas, Shea McClanahan, Crystal Atkins, Kristen Stienke, Jill Stephens, Robin Shavers and Jill Satsky.

"There is no other door to knowledge than the door nature opens; there is no truth except the truths we discover in nature." — Luther Burbank

Ag Moos

By Nancy Hernandez On Feb. 21st, FFA member Amy Obenhaus participated in the calf scramble at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Amy was accompanied by FFA advisor Lory Stavinoha.

Out of 28 participants who competed, Amy attempted to catch one of 14 calves before a crowd of over 60,000.

After quite a tussle, Amy caught a calf and received a \$1,000 check toward the purchase of a calf to be shown next year. Bruce Gray and Anne Shoemaker of Alltech Associates South Inc. will sponsor her calf.

Congratulations, Amy!

Of course, our athletic program would realize the biggest boom in the scramble at a gymnasium, but we would be able to host our own tournaments, have extensive practices, and the kids would even have a place to go when it rains.

In the long run, I see the gymnasium serving as a center for academic fairs and competitions. It would be (See St. Anthony, Page 7)

St. Anthony School recycles for gym

By Tracey Wegenhoft, Project Coordinator/Science Teacher

What began as conversation on the way back from a teacher conference has evolved into a major program both financially and environmentally for Saint Anthony School in Columbus.

The teachers were brain-storming and chatting fervently in the school van last Aug. about what might be accomplished if we had a gymnasium on campus, and all the things that couldn't for lack of one. Then, the conversation changed to a new idea I had about collecting aluminum cans as part of an environmental effort for the classes.

Well, it didn't take long until one of the teachers put the two ideas together and we knew we had a winner! I would love to take credit for the original thought, but actually it was Jenny Tait who put the two concepts into concert.