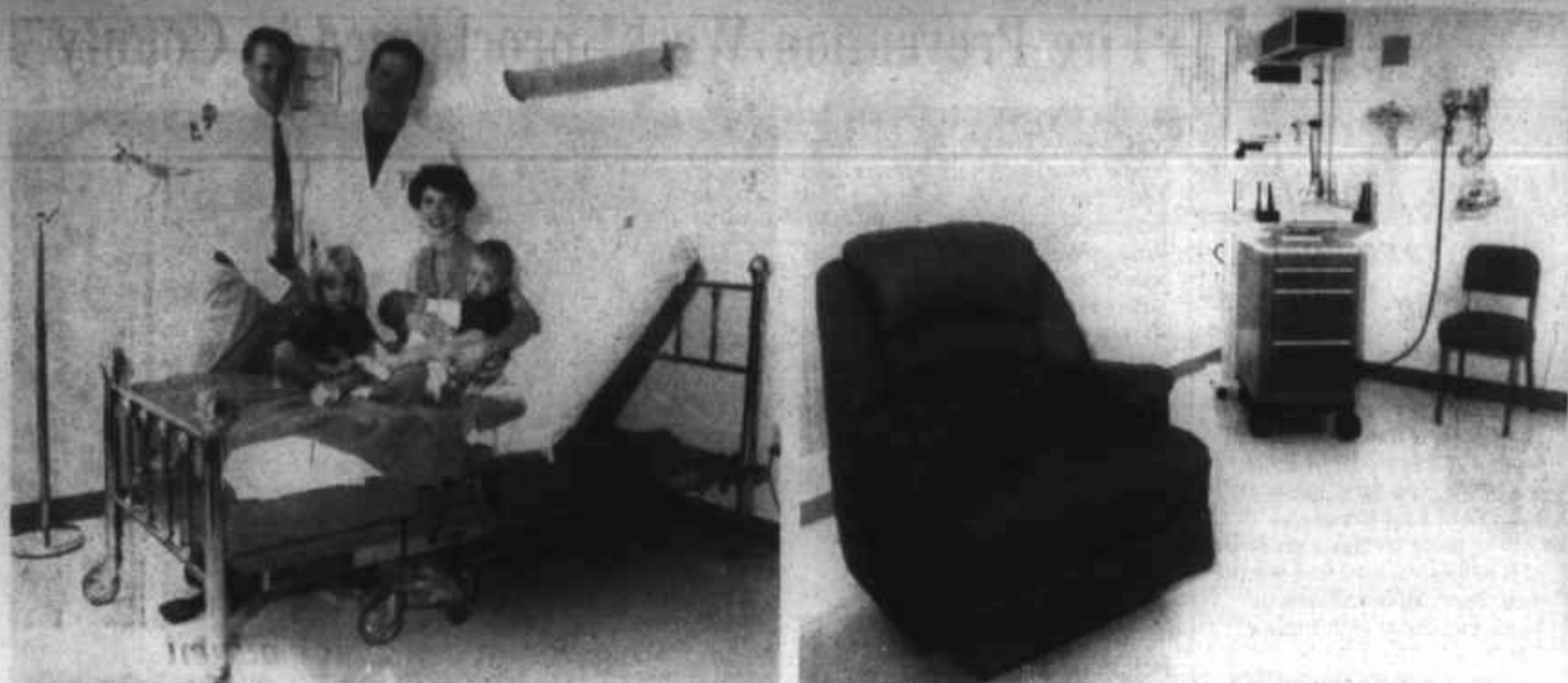




Jon and Beverly Wunderlich and their three daughters pose in RDCH's new "Birthing Center" with Dr. Russell Thomas.

From another angle, one can see that the "Birthing Center" is not only more pleasant, but equipped for the immediate care of mother and baby. Photos Courtesy of RDCH

A new look at Rice District Hospital

Rice District Community Hospital (RDCH) is pleased to announce the opening of a new service to its patients. A brand new Labor-Delivery-Recovery Unit, or "Birthing Center," has been added to the obstetrical wing of the hospital.

The room is fully equipped for the immediate care of the mother and baby, but decorated and furnished to provide tranquility and comfort for the rest of the family during this joyous, but sometimes stressful time.

After the bundle of joy arrives, Mom and baby enjoy bonding with one another in the same room, while both are continuously monitored by trained nursing personnel throughout the recovery phase.

The Birthing Center was "christened" on May 23, 1996, as our hospi-

tal pharmacist, Beverly Wunderlich, and her husband, Jon, welcomed their third daughter, Shelby Eliece, who arrived at 10 a.m. Dr. Russell Thomas was the attending physician.

Thanks to the efforts of RDCH and your contributions to the Employee Volunteers for Hospital Improvement, RDCH is able to provide its patients with this new and more pleasant birthing experience.

The doctors and nurses at RDCH are always available to answer any questions you may have about this new service.

Sheridan PTO sends update

The Sheridan Parents and Teachers (PTO) monthly business meeting was postponed in Sept. due to illness in the president's family. But Open House was attended by a large group of parents and visitors.

Mr. Varley made several announcements before the classrooms were opened. He was very pleased to announce that because of the results of last year's TAAS scores, Sheridan Jr.

High/Elementary School is a Recognized School.

After recognizing Dr. Gott and the school board members present, he introduced the Student Council.

Representing the fifth grade are Marshall Peterson and Lauren Kasper; sixth grade, Patrick Milentz and Reggie Ford; seventh grade, Kimberly Denley and Colt Miller; eighth grade, Isam Brisco, Robyn Alleyway

and Josh Spangenburg.

The Student Council presented each staff member with a beautiful long stemmed red rosebud as they were introduced.

Before moving on to the classrooms, Mr. Varley announced that the next PTO meeting will be Oct. 15.

Sheridan Library news

Library calendar sales will end shortly. The deadline is Oct. 15.

The community birthday calendar sells for \$5 with as many birthday listings as one chooses. Businesses may purchase an ad for \$20 and receive a free calendar.

Clubs and organizational meetings may be listed for \$10 and these groups receive a free calendar. Support your library with a calendar purchase.

The library received book donations from Agnes Porter, Marshall Peterson, Janet Otto, Janet Garrett, Carol Morisak, Betty Varley, and Barbara Jacob. Agnes Porter also donated 10 videos.

The library received a memorial of Clara Belle Rabel by Charles and Mary DeShazo.

Fifty-nine patrons have registered as "Friends of the Library".

In order to be recognized on the 1997 community birthday calendar, registration must be completed by Oct. 15. The goal is to get 100 members this year. Let us hear from you! (See Library, Page 12)

ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Brenda Elizabeth Betancourt

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Betancourt Jr. of Jacksonville, North Carolina, proudly announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born August 21, 1996, at 2:26 p.m. at Onslow Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville.

Brenda Elizabeth weighed six pounds, 11 ounces and measured 19-1/2 inches at birth. She was welcomed home by her aunts, Stacy, Dora and Kimberly. Maternal grandparents are Joseph and Brenda Femiani. Maternal great-grandmother is Katherine Sherwood, all of Arlington, Virginia.

Paternal grandparents are Roberto and Elizabeth Rodriguez. Paternal great-grandparents are Pauline Lira and the late Margarito Lira. Great-great-grandparents are Mr. Valentine Corona and the late Irene Corona and Mrs. Martha Lira, all of Eagle Lake.

Martin Marquez

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Marquez of Eagle Lake announce the birth of their third child, a son, born September 9, 1996, at 9:03 a.m. at Rice District Community Hospital.

Martin weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces and measured 21 inches at birth. The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

He was welcomed home by Elizabeth, five years; and Victor Manuel, 16 months.

Maternal grandparents are Augustina Longoria and Tiburcio Vasquez of Zacatecas, Mexico.

Paternal grandparents are Jesus Marquez and Aurelia Torres of Chihuahua, Mexico.

Dominic Payne Martin

Mr. and Mrs. Ditino Martin Jr. of El Campo, announce the birth of their second child, a son, born September 14, 1996, at 2:59 p.m. at Rice District Community Hospital.

Dominic Payne weighed eight pounds, six ounces, and measured 21 inches at birth.

He was welcomed home by his brother, Sergio Ray, two years old.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alejos Escamilla of El Campo.

Paternal grandparents are Ditino Martin Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Arrambide of El Campo.

Great grandparents are Maria Martin, Anita Sanchez and Inez Arrambide.

Austin Michael Young

Joe Mike and Theresa Young of Frydek announce the birth of their second child, a son, born August 26, 1996, at Memorial Hospital-Memorial City in Houston.

Austin Michael weighed seven pounds, nine ounces and measured 19-3/4 inches at birth. The attending physician Dr. William J. Estrada.

Austin's big brother is Christopher Ryan, age 3.

The little fellow's grandparents are Fred and Mary Young of Eagle Lake and Andrew and Charlene Sowa of Sealy.

Telesfor and Sophie Sowa and Charles and Gladys Bolten, all of Sealy, are his great-grandparents.

Bobby Joe Zapalac Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby J. Zapalac of Eagle Lake announce the birth of their first child together, a son, born at 3:50 p.m. September 9, 1996 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton.

Bobby Joe weighed eight pounds, three ounces. The attending physician was John M. Fink.

He was welcomed home by his brother, Brian K. Cardenas, 15 years old. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Torres of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Zapalac Sr. of Sealy.

Great grandparents are Sylvester Pomikall and the late Oradell Pomikall and Mrs. Willie Zapalac Sr., and the late Willie Zapalac Sr. all of Sealy.

The mother is the former Theresa A. Torres of Eagle Lake.

Rice students in first academic rodeo at Fair

RCISD students had a chance to participate in the First Academic Rodeo Sunday afternoon, Sept. 15, at the Colorado County Fair.

Spelling
Grades 3 & 4: 1st place, Kelly Konesheck, 4th grade, ELMS; 2nd place, Vanessa Villafuerte, 4th grade, ELMS;

Grades 5 & 6: 1st place, Sarah Foster, 6th grade, ELMS; 2nd place, Erica Trojock, 6th grade, Columbus; 3rd place, Kimberly Peard, 6th grade, Columbus;

Grades 7 & 8: 1st place, Christopher Rodriguez, 8th grade, ELMS; 2nd place, Johanna Lopez, 8th grade, ELMS; and Barbara Cooper, 8th grade, ELMS; 3rd place, Stevie Reynolds, 7th grade, ELMS;

Others participating were Ashley Seal, Kimberly Rodriguez, Shoni Cassandra Pina and Andrea Contreras.

Math
Grades 3 & 4: 1st place, Austin Dittmer, 3rd grade, St. Anthony; 2nd place, Miguel Arellano, 4th grade, ELMS; 3rd place, Amber Lancaster, 4th grade, ELMS;

Grades 5 & 6: 1st place, Matt Hentzell, 6th grade, LMS; 2nd place, Felicia Galvan, 6th grade, ELMS; 3rd place, Jenny Hassin, 5th grade, ELMS;

Grades 7 & 8: 1st place, Lori Smith, 8th grade, Garwood; 2nd place, Stephanie Sommerlatte, 7th grade, Garwood.

(See Academic, Page 9)



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For your early shopping

Don't forget Christmas is just around the corner and kids of all ages would love some of these items under the Christmas tree in the photo above. From left are, the Prairie Edge Museum Thrift Shop's donation of a glass divided candy dish; Rhonda Anderson of Lissie, a consultant with "The Pampered Chef", donated an apple peeler/corer/slicer stand.

The kids will love these Kubota lawn and garden tractor donated by Jeff Virmaw of W.A. Virmaw and Sons of Sealy, and the Axial Flow Combine donated by Boettcher Hlavinka of East Bernard.

With the cooler weather we've been having lately, the quilt pictured below would be a great addition to anyone's bed or couch. Alice Sunderman and Fair Wells try to stretch the quilt so everyone can see how beautiful it really is. It was donated by Henry and Alice Sunderman and Eddie and Ann Paviska and made by some grannies from Fort Worth.



Keep time with the Study Club Auction

Orson Hess is quite the craftsman around his house. Here he shows off the two handmade clocks he is donating for the Auction on Oct. 26. One is oblong and made from Mesquite and the other is round and made of Oak. Be on time everywhere you go with these great looking clocks.

Headlight Photos by Carol Cardenas

Academic

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grade, ELMS; 3rd place, Rebecca Lopez, 7th grade, ELMS.

Other participants were Lindsay Thomas, David Ramirez, Shelley Greak, Amanda Labay, John Michael Rucka, Amy Mendoza, Rhonda Peroni and Blake Rosenbaum.

COLUMBUS LIVESTOCK AUCTION REPORT

Columbus Livestock Auction Inc.

Sale Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

We will be on the air at KULM, Columbus, Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:45 a.m. and Thursday, live at our side from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.

The market was active in all areas. Better quality calves and yearlings are selling with a lot of demand.

Light weights are particularly strong. Please type names slow. Packer cows and bulls sold steady on approximately 200 head. We had a lot of buyers on hand.

If we can help you with marketing your livestock, please call George Hagen or Art Mosler, 409-732-2452.

If you need a truck or trailer or man to work your cattle, we're as near as your telephone.

Out of town, call collect; your calls are welcome. Try us on your next shipment.

Call George Hagen, residence 409-732-2533, Art Mosler, 409-732-2452, Ray Burger, 409-865-5062 or Kenneth Brown, 409-732-5813.

"We are a year service 24 hours a day, seven days a week," says George, Art, Ken, Ray, Mike and Charley.

"We appreciate your business."

Market Report for September 26, 1996

Ambush on hand: 1996, 4 horses, 10 sheep and goats.

Packer cows: higher dressing utility and culler cows, 35-50¢ per lb.; lower dressing utility and culler cows, 28-32¢ per lb.; weight culler cows, 21-24¢.

Packer bulls: heavyweights, 40-45¢ per lb.; utility culler bulls, 35-40¢; light culler bulls, 31-35¢.

Stockers/Feeders: Calves/Vealings

Heifers: 1: 150-200 lbs., 75-85¢; 2: 200-250 lbs., 68-78¢; 3: 250-300 lbs., 68-78¢; 4: 300-350 lbs., 68-78¢; 5: 350-400 lbs., 68-78¢; 6: 400-450 lbs., 68-78¢; 7: 450-500 lbs., 68-78¢; 8: 500-550 lbs., 68-78¢; 9: 550-600 lbs., 68-78¢.

Heifers: 1: 150-200 lbs., 72-82¢; 2: 200-250 lbs., 65-80¢; 3: 250-300 lbs., 65-75¢; 4: 300-350 lbs., 71-77¢; 5: 350-400 lbs., 60-74¢; 6: 400-450 lbs., 68-78¢; 7: 450-500 lbs., 68-78¢; 8: 500-550 lbs., 68-78¢; 9: 550-600 lbs., 68-78¢.

Stockers: good stockers cows & heifers, 48-49¢ per lb.; medium stockers cows & heifers, 38-44¢ per lb.; good cow & calf pairs, 5475-525 pair; medium cow & calf pairs, 5175-472 pair; culler cow & calf pairs, 3250-350 pair.

Have a nice day, say George, Art, Ray, Ken, Mike & Charley.

Raider Jr. High football reported

8TH GRADE

The 8th Rice Raiders took a loss at the home of the East Bernard Brahmas 34-14.

The first score for the Raiders came on a long run by Lonnie Sims around end blocking by Anthony Salinas, Danny Buitrago and B.J. Ross.

The second score was on a long run by Kyle Kincheloe around end blocking by Travis Bujnoch, Paul

Valles and Abe Diaz.

The extra point was on a run by Sims behind Danny Sykes and Justin Johnson.

Rushing yardage: Sims, 67; Kincheloe, 63; DeShaun Ashton, 12; Ben Ortiz, six; and Isam Brisco, four.

On defense, leading tacklers were: Buitrago with nine; Jacob Little, eight; Ashton and John Rucka, four each; Valles, three; Bujnoch and Adam Baird, two; and Ortiz and Brisco had one each.

7TH GRADE

The Rice Raider 7th grade shut down the Sacred Heart Indian reservation by the score of 22-0.

Bennie Glover scored two touchdowns; Ricky Perez had one touchdown; and Jason Barrow had one interception.

Cross Country takes 3rd place

On Saturday, Sept. 28, the Raider Cross Country teams competed at Brookshire-Royal.

The JV boys finished third overall with 53, outscored by Magnolia (41) and Tomball (36).

Competing were Jose Ruiz, 6th, 18.56; Emmanuel Zarate, 19th, 20.11; Joey Sommerlatte, 20th, 20.27; Dale Hentzell, 24th, 20.40; Thomas Pittman, 27th, 20.54; D.J. Sosa, 28th, 21.01; Jimmy Hassin, 38th, 23.12; and Bill Ishee, 40th, 23.50.

Varsity girls: Rebal Canaris, 35th, 14.21; Nikki Chamberlain, 41st, 14.34.

Varsity boys: Pete Rangel, 18th, 17.18.

Jr. High boys: Mark Contreras, 5th, 13.20.

Coach Jim Crews is trying to get a meet together for Saturday, Oct. 5, in Shiner.

Game party a huge success

The annual Rice District Community Hospital Auxiliary's Game party held at the United Methodist Church Tuesday of last week was a fine place to be on a rainy afternoon. Tables of bridge, dominoes, "42", Canasta and "just visiting" proved to be enjoyable diversions to an otherwise gray day.

The hospital's kitchen provided delicious refreshments of tuna and chicken salad sandwiches, cookies, vegetable relishes and dips and fresh fruits served in a uniquely carved watermelon basket.

The centerpiece on the table, a flower arrangement, was a door prize (See Games, Page 12)



Sheridan Student Council

Representing the fifth grade are Marshall Peterson and Lauren Kasper; sixth grade, Patrick Milentz and Reggie Ford; seventh grade, Kimberly Denley and Colt Miller; eighth grade, Isam Brisco, Robyn Alleyway and Josh Spangenburg.

Photo Courtesy of Sheridan School

Locals learning vocational nursing

Zelda L. Allen Memorial School of Vocational Nursing proudly presents the Class of 1996-97.

The students are looking forward to their capping ceremony in Jan. 1997 and graduation in Aug. 1997.

Please call the school at 512-798-2289 for any information regarding enrollment or come by the Lavaca Medical Center, 1410 N. Texana in Hallettsville.

Also, all the students are currently taking classes to be Certified CPR Instructors. You may get in touch with

the above number or contact any student in your town if any individual group or organization would like to be certified in CPR. The students will be able to issue Heartsaver, Pediatric or Healthcare Provider CPR cards.

The students enrolled are Donald Caswell, Lisa Kulhanek, Margaret Manning, Raquel Mitchell, Margarita Rodriguez, April Rose and Sarah Sommerlatte of Hallettsville; Shantelle Vavra of Shulenburg; Rona Conring, Michelle Hill, Arvie Hunt, Jenna Miller and Nellie Nitscheville.

The director is Marianne Muehr, R.N., of Weimar, Judy Rothbauer, R.N., is the instructor and the school's secretary is Ann Birchner of Hallettsville.



Pictured above standing left side Judy Rothbauer R.N., Shantelle Vavra, Michelle Hill, Arvie Hunt, Nellie Nitsche, Rona Conring, Jenna Miller, Kneeling, Diane Bartek, Chandra Valla, Joy Caddell, Sheila Eilers, Robert Brown, Eloiza Rangel and Marina Cavazos, Donald Caswell, Sarah Sommerlatte, April Rose, Margarita Rodriguez. Standing right side, Raquel Mitchell, Lisa Kulhanek, Carolyn Sims, Margaret Manning, Barbara Pencil, Ruby Gutierrez, Valerie King, Ann Birchner and Marianne Muehr R.N.

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