

## Knight takes 3rd at HLS&R

Tiffany Leigh Knight of Wallis won third place in the elementary-jr. high division of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo black and white animal photography competition. Her photograph is hanging in the north lobby, east wing of the Astroarena.

Tiffany also own first place in the Austin County 4-H competition and went on to the state 4-H competition where she scored 91% with her photograph.

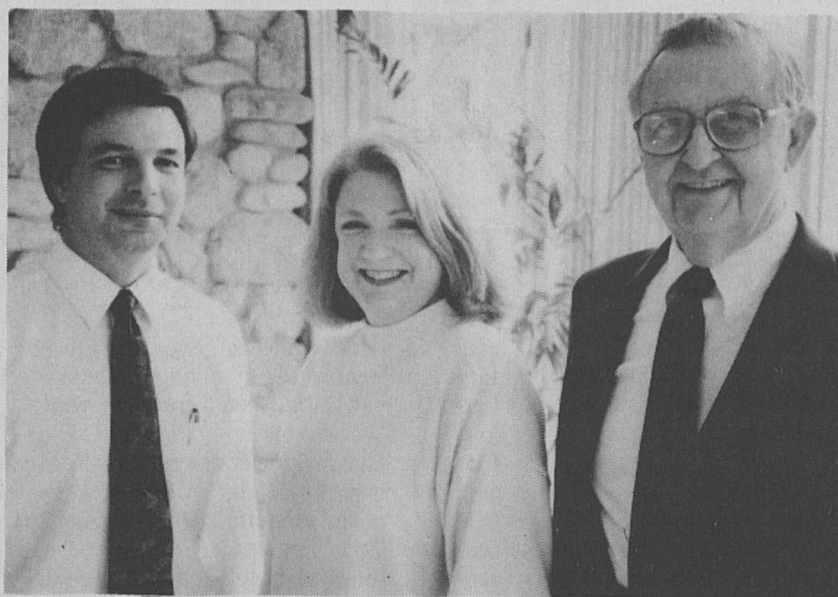
Tiffany is the 10-year-old daughter of David and Liz Knight of Wallis. She has a three-year-old brother, Seth.

Her maternal grandparents are Margie & J.W. Schuenemann of Eagle Lake and Jerry & Jeane Gallia of Wallis.

Her paternal grandmother is Arleen Knight, Deming, N.M. and great-grandmother is Mary Kucera of Sealy.



We are all very proud of Tiffany. Congratulations!!!



Riceland Regional Mental Health Authority's new officers of the board of trustees are Chairman Mark Mitchell, Vice Chairman Vince Slominski and Secretary Melissa Abshier.

Photo Courtesy of Vince Slominski

## Riceland MHA Board elects new officers

Riceland Regional Mental Health Authority has announced the election of new officers to their board of trustees.

Mark Mitchell was selected as chairman, Vince Slominski as vice chairman, and Melissa Abshier as secretary.

Mitchell, longtime advocate of mental health issues in Fort Bend County, also serves as president of the Fort Bend Chapter of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a support group for people with mental illness, their families and friends.

In 1996, the Mental Health Assoc. of Fort Bend County presented their Frank Womack Award to Mitchell, recognizing him for his immeasurable contribution to the progress of mental health support in Fort Bend County.

Colorado County Judge Slominski brings his degree in sociology and economics from Texas A&M to Riceland.

Slominski taught as a substitute teacher for grades seven through 12 and later worked as a probation officer with both juveniles and adults.

Abshier recently returned to private practice after serving a term as county attorney in Matagorda County.

Her work there provided much experience in the legal activities associated with treatment of people with mental illness.

The County Commissioners of Colorado, Fort Bend, Matagorda and Wharton Counties formed Riceland Regional Mental Health Authority in 1988 to provide community-based psychiatric services for people diagnosed with mental illness and their families.

Riceland Regional MHA is governed by a board of nine trustees and treats patients according to the diagnoses defined by the Texas Dept. of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

## Conservation Reserve program sign-up until March 28

"The 15th Conservation Reserve program sign-up will be held through March 28," announced County Executive Director Mary Parr of the Farm Service Agency (formerly the ASCS Office) in Colorado County.

"FSA will be sending out a newsletter with details about eligibility requirements. FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are working together to provide assistance to interested individuals," Parr added.

Connie Fair, district conservationist with the NRCS, explained, "The eligibility requirements are site specific for every farm."

"Rental rates are based on soil productivity, land value and cropping history. Bid caps will be made for each county, but are unknown at this time," continued Fair.

According to both agencies, priority areas have been designated at the national level and with each state to better address conservation and environmental issues in a planned and coordinated manner.

Priority areas in Texas include all of Bexar, Callahan, Deaf Smith, Randall, Scurry, Stonewall, Swisher, Taylor and Uvalde Counties.

Texas priority areas also include portions of Dickens, Gary, Hale, Hutchinson, Lubbock, Motley, Oldham, Parmer, Potter and Roberts Counties.

Another important priority area in Texas is a 1,000-foot strip along the Rio Grande in Cameron, Hidalgo and Starr Counties.

Land enrolled into a CRP eligibility area, however, does not mean a producer will automatically be accepted into this program," cautioned Parr and Fair. "Other requirements must be met before acceptance."

"The 15th CRP also considers environmental benefits such as the protection of wildlife habitat, wet-

lands and streams," explained Fair. "Locations are site specific and must meet specific criteria to be approved," Fair concluded.

Both Parr and Fair stated they were working closely to make the 15th CRP sign-up as easy as possible for producers in Colorado County.

Interested persons should call the FSA office for an appointment at 409-732-8306; NRCS office in Columbus, 732-2773.

## D.A.R. reports on recent meeting

The John Everett Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution met on Monday, Feb. 10, at 2 p.m. in the home of Fair Wells.

Other hostesses were Mary Clare and Kate Spalinger. Attending were 22 members and guests.

Delegates and alternates were reminded of the State Conference in San Antonio, March 13-17.

History essay awards, the DAR Scholarship and Community Service Award were discussed.

The chapter voted that Elizabeth Massey's membership be transferred back to the chapter here.

"Mary Todd Lincoln: Tragic First Lady" was the topic of a very interesting program given by Merle R. Hudg-

ins of Hungerford. The recipe for Mrs. Lincoln's election cake were passed out.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 10, in Lissie at the home of Anna Gertson.

## Scholarships offered by Shell

This year, Shell Continental Companies will offer a \$500 scholarship to a Rice High School graduating senior.

The scholarship will be given to an outstanding senior who plans to attend a four-year college, two-year school or trade school with the intention of pursuing a petroleum-related curriculum, which may include environmental conservation or computer science.

Graduating seniors interested in applying for this scholarship should

contact the school counselor for more detailed criteria and an application.

The scholarship committee will make its selection based on academic achievements, participation in community and school activities and a written statement of why he or she would like to receive the scholarship.

Sons and daughters of Shell Western employees are not eligible as Shell has a national scholarship program for employees' children.

## Plans for free Easter egg hunt underway

Plans for Sealy Assembly's 6th Annual Easter Egg Hunt have been well underway for quite sometime.

The event, which drew 2,000 last year, will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 22, on the Sealy High School football field.

This year promises to be even more exciting with more eggs, more prizes and more fun than ever before!

Jerry Pustejovsky reported that over 50 bikes will be given away.

The bikes have been donated by various generous church members and local businesses.

Over 150 prize baskets, graciously donated by Wal-Mart, Eckerd's and

church families, filled with candy and toys will also be given away.

Other prizes are 50 baby chicks, Pizza Hut coupons, sunglasses, movie coupons, food coupons and more!

Free face painting, clowns, puppet skits, children's follow-long dance songs are just some of the activities that are being planned.

The Sealy Assembly Drama Ministry will also perform the illustrated sermon, "Whip, Hammer and Cross".

This compelling illustration of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ is always enjoyed by the thousands that have attended every year.

Once again this year, as the crowd

counts down, special effects will blow the stone from the tomb and Jesus will emerge from the grave!

In the upcoming weeks, Sealy Assembly will update all their final activities of the egg hunt. For information, please call 409-885-3113.

## Newsbriefs

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### Make-up, early release dates for Rice schools

Make-up day for Rice CISD will be March 31 due to the bad weather in Jan. Regular hours will be followed. Also, Thursday, March 20, will be an early-release day with school being dismissed at 1 p.m. for the U.I.L. meet.

### Nada KC's fish fry offered during Lent

The Nada Knights of Columbus are holding their annual fish fry every Friday through March 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Nada Community Center. The all-you-can-eat meal comes with catfish, French fries, slaw, tea and all the trimmings. Homemade desserts will be available. Prices are \$6.75 for adults, \$3.75 for children 6-11 and under six eat free. Plates to go are \$5.50.

### Fitness program for 55+ underway

Rice Medical Center is holding registration for the 55 and over fitness classes on Tuesday, March 11, and Thursday, March 13, from 9 to 10 a.m. Anyone interested is asked to come by and register in the Physical Therapy Department at the hospital.

**Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday**  
**Cha-Cha**  
**You're My**  
**"Little Magic"**

Love, Aunt Co Co

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son of Mr. & Mrs. John Hoelscher of Nada...

Mr. & Mrs. Johnnie Swanner announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lois Marie, to Herbert L. Scott on Aug. 5 at Providence Baptist Church. Herbert is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Scott of Wharton...

Funeral services were held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Monday morning for Mrs. Carolina Pena. Survivors from Eagle Lake included Mrs. Lupe Saucedo, Mrs. Cecelia Sosa and Mrs. Angie Yanez...

New officers for the Eagle Lake Garden Club are President Mrs. Geraldine Cason, Vice-president Mrs. Esther Sunderman, Secretary Mrs. Elora Rutledge, Treasurer Mrs. Violet Mooney and Reporter Mrs. Edith Duty...

Army Pvt. Carl W. Seaholm III, whose parents Mr. & Mrs. Carl Seaholm Jr. live in Eagle Lake, recently completed an administrative course at Fort Jackson, South Carolina...

Mr. & Mrs. Johnnie M. Beene of Fort Stockton proudly announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Vicki Lynn, to Gary Clark Powers, son of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Powers of Eagle Lake. Aug. 12 is the date for the wedding in Fort Stockton...

James Moreno has been selected to attend the 12th Annual Nuclear Science Symposium for high school students to be held on the campus of the University of Texas June 5-9, 1972. James is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Juan Moreno of this city...

Ronald Zboril of Garwood was one of 96 candidates receiving Doctor of Dental Surgery degrees at commencement exercises of the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston on May 15. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. W.R. Zboril.

Jan. 21, 1949  
 Mrs. Hargrove Smith has joined the staff at the Headlight this week as editor to replace Mrs. John Kearney who is leaving shortly with her husband to reside in Galveston...

The Service Shop, owned and operated by Ralph Halvorsen, has this

week moved into the building next door to the Headlight office, formerly a part of the Eagle Lake Furniture Company...

A very large attendance greeted Mrs. Justin Smith when she reviewed the book "Gardening On Nothing A Year" for the Eagle Lake Garden Club at the home of Mrs. Preston Haley Thursday afternoon...

The Weimar Mercury of last Friday carried a picture of Jim Hluchanek, brother of Mrs. Chester Kone-sheek of Eagle Lake, who is reported to have the first television set in that city...

A hospitality at the home of Mrs. Oscar Miller Wednesday afternoon honored Mrs. Arnold Payne. Members of the Catholic Altar Society were guests of the afternoon...

Mr. & Mrs. C.E. Eboritt Jr. and son, Gerald, and Mrs. Waldo Terrell left Saturday for a two week visit in the state of Florida...

A telephone call brought the good news to Mr. & Mrs. B.H. Tolliver Sr. Thursday morning that they had acquired a new granddaughter, Dorothy Elaine, at two that morning...

Dr. & Mrs. Lewis Kopecky and

children moved into their lovely new home on Hwy. 200 on Wednesday...

Miss Vera Semora, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. F.O. Semora of Eagle Lake, became the bride of Jack M. Obenhaus, son of Mrs. L.H. Obenhaus of Bonus, in a quiet ceremony in the rectory home of Rev. L.W. Crouch in El Campo last Saturday morning.

Jan. 2nd, Millard Brisbois received a wonderful gift, a horse. Last Saturday, the horse pitched him, resulting in a broken shoulder...

Dave Berry of Savoy, Texas, visited his brother-in-law, B.C. Birdwell, and the families of his nephews, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Birdwell and sons, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Birdwell and son and Mr. & Mrs. N.L. Birdwell and family the first of the week. He left Thursday to visit the family of another nephew, Mr. & Mrs. Hughy Birdwell at Jeanette...

Mrs. Alyne Wink, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. E.J. Wink, and Chas. Morgan, son of G.T. Morgan, will be married Saturday, Feb. 5, in a quiet ceremony at the home of the bride-elect's parents.

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**Bridge & Domino Fun Day!**

**Saturday, March 15**

Prairie Edge Museum  
 408 E. Main • Eagle Lake

**Just \$10 Is What You Pay, So Come & Play...**

**For the United Way!**

Light Luncheon at 11:30 a.m.  
**Play begins at 12:30 sharp!**

Bring Your Partner, Bring Your Group or Just Bring Yourself!  
**Have Fun with Your Friends and Contribute to Eagle Lake... The United Way!**

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**409-234-2572**