



Rachelle Kallina was honored by the Rice High School coaching staff as the Outstanding Senior Girl Athlete during last week's annual Athletic Banquet. Lance Grigar was chosen the Outstanding Senior Boy Athlete for the 1996-97 school year.

There were two new awards at this year's Athletic Banquet... the Kyle Fink Scholarship and the Kyle Fink Heart Award, sponsored by Kyle's parents, Cindy and Jerry Fink.

Andrea Machac and George Weller were presented with the \$1,000 scholarships; see photo, below right. Weller was also the recipient the Kyle Fink Heart Award.

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SPORTS

Student athletes recognized at annual banquet

The Rice High School All Sports Banquet was held on May 8 in the commons area of the school. The welcome was given by Rachelle Kallina. After the introduction given by Robyn Rucka and the invocation by Tim Powers, a delicious meal of turkey and dressing with trimmings was served by Annie's Catering.

Named 1997-97 Outstanding senior athletes were Lance Grigar and Rachelle Kallina.

The majority of the athletes were present to accept awards for the past year in the sports in which they had participated.

Along with awards, the Booster Club presented scholarships to two deserving athletes. President Carolyn Baird presented them to Andrea Machac and Brian Ford.

New this year, were the Kyle Fink Scholarship Award and the Kyle Fink Heart Award.

Kyle's mom and dad, Cindy and Jerry Fink, were present for the presentations.

Joe Wendel delivered the speech before the awards were handed out. Wendel taught both Cindy and Jerry when they were in high school, and said it was an honor to be chosen to give the speech.

The scholarship award was given to a girl and boy. Andrea Machac and George Weller were presented with \$1,000 scholarships; Weller was also presented with the Heart Award.

Also new at this year's banquet

was an award given by Ginny Young for cheerleading. Tabitha Connor won the JV cheerleading award; Carrie Engstrom won the varsity award.

For the 1996 varsity football season, Leon Taylor-Davis was chosen lineman of the year; defensive most improved player was Masion Pratt and Pete Rangel and Josh Godley shared MVP honors.

The 1996-97 cross country MVP awards went to Pete Rangel and Nikki Chamberlain.

In varsity girl's basketball, Coach Jane Laws "poetically" presented the D-D award to Amy Obenhaus and named Naketra "Coco" Johnson and Rachelle Kallina MVPs.

The Fighting Heart Award went to Kendrick Pipkins for varsity boy's basketball, while Josh Godley received the MVP.

Girls' powerlifting team did well during their season. Rachelle Kallina and Lori Grigar shared MVP honors.

In boys' powerlifting, Brian Ford was named MVP.

The Special Olympics team and its volunteers were recognized for their accomplishments and dedication.

Named varsity girls' tennis MVP was Andrea Machac, while the boys' MVP was shared by Matt Milentz and Barrett Thomas.

The girls' golf MVP was Bridget Baird; Coy Sunderman was named MVP among the boys.

Tierra Wright received the varsity girls' track field event award and Rebal Canaris was named MVP. Brian Ford was named MVP for the boys.

New to athletics was the girls' softball team. With all the rain, the program never didn't get off to a very good start, but Nikki Chamberlain was chosen their MVP.

The varsity baseball most improved was shared by Brian Ford and Neal Mahalic. MVP honors went to Lance Grigar and Tim Powers.

Frazar sets record

Harrison Frazar set a new tournament record of 271 at the Nike S. Carolina Classic, held at the Country Club in Florence May 1-4.

Harrison, the son of Dick and Cookie Frazar of McKinney, is the grandson of Brig. General and Mrs. Joe N. Frazar Jr. of Eagle Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kuykendall of Dallas.

The N. Carolina Classic is the oldest 72-hole event on the Nike Tour and boasts such winners as Tom Lehman, Lee Jantzen and John Flannery.

Flannery held the previous record of 272. Flannery and Lehman both won player of the year honors in the year in which they won at Florence.

The Club is the third toughest course on the Nike Tour and is one of only two courses with two holes listed in the toughest 10 holes on the Nike.

Harrison and his wife, Allison, live in Dallas. Both are graduates of Highland Park High School and Univ. of Texas at Austin, where he was captain of the golf team as a senior.

A rookie on the Nike Tour, this is the first tournament he's placed first since turning pro. He will be playing in the PGA Bryon Nelson Tournament in Dallas later this month.



'Jaws' put to work

Members of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department, using the Jaws of Life, are hard at work freeing the driver of an 18-wheeler, as Eagle Lake EMS wait their "turn". After the driver was removed from the totally destroyed cab, firemen remained at the scene to assist with traffic control while wreckers removed the tractor-trailer from the Frnka's yard.

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Commissioners award jail demolition bid

Despite more objections from a small contingent of citizens, Colorado County Commissioners awarded the bid to begin demolition of the old county jail during Monday morning's regular monthly meeting.

The bid, totaling \$33,852, was awarded to Recovery Contractors Inc. of Pearland, one of six bidders on the project. Demolition will likely begin next week, immediately after the Springtime Festival this weekend.

"I don't see a parking problem at the Courthouse; therefore, I don't see why you would want to tear down the strongest building in Columbus without any public input," said Crockett Leyendecker during the public comment session.

"I asked (at the last meeting) that this be put on the election ballot, but I read where someone said that this would be an excessive cost," said Buddy Prause. "It needs to be placed on the ballot to let the people decide... not just a few hand-chosen people."

Despite those objections, the Court awarded the bid to Recovery

Contractors. The bid calls for the entire demolition of the structure with the company being responsible for removal of antenna, asbestos and any other waste involved.

The Court also approved the closing of a new County Road off Connors, leading to the Eagle Lake Airport runway, for 90 days while the

airport is under construction.

The closure was scheduled to begin Wednesday of this week.

Closing the road will allow Farm & Ranch Aerial Service Inc. to use it for a temporary runway while changes are made on the existing runway.

However, it was pointed out by the Court and Eagle Lake Mayor David Mann that the County road was, by no means, to be used by the public.

Immunizations

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blood can come into direct contact with yours, like getting a transfusion, or blood getting into a fresh cut, or by sharing drug needles.

You can also get infected having sex with someone who has it. You don't get it kissing or hugging someone, or sharing their drinks or food.

You may think that you or your children are not at risk for developing this serious and sometimes fatal disease. However, every year in the U.S., more than 240,000 people become infected with this virus. It's estimated that over one million people carry the virus in their blood. Hepatitis B is even more common in other parts of the world!

Right now, the vaccination is not required to attend school. However, it is only a matter of time. The Texas Department of Health is recommending that all 11 year olds, regardless of their risk to exposure, be vaccinated. The vaccination is a series of three shots given one month and then six months apart. Most insurance companies now pay for the hepatitis B vaccine, including Medicaid.

If your insurance does not pay for the vaccine, or you have a deductible that you must meet first and you can't afford at is time, you can sign up for

the Texas Vaccine For Children program. This program, of which the Thomas Clinic is a participant, provides these and other vaccines to children who have no insurance or are underinsured.

Speaking of other vaccinations, the Chicken Pox vaccine is now available! As with the Hepatitis vaccine, this one is now being offered to all 11-year-olds who are at risk (if you've never had chicken pox, you're at risk!).

Again, being vaccinated against chicken pox is not a school requirement now, but it probably will be soon. Although chicken pox does not usually cause a life threatening illness (it can sometimes), it can make life really miserable for those that get infected and causes more parents to miss work days because of sick children than any other illness. Think about it - chicken pox can be contagious for up to two weeks and your kid can't go to school during that time. So who gets to stay home with "Spotty"? - you guessed it - Mom and Dad.

So take advantage of these new vaccines and protect your children! Please call to make an appointment or for more information, please contact Lois Quenneville, PA-C, at Thomas Clinic, 234-2551.

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A chicken barbecue at Mose Thomas' place Wednesday evening, March 30, was the occasion of a reunion of the Kohleffel family and celebrated the first leave at home of James Treybig of Bay City who is in the Navy. The following members of the Kohleffel family were present for the celebration: Messers. and Mesdames W.G. Kohleffel, A.W. Kohleffel, O.L. Mill, all of Eagle Lake; L.T. Arnette of South Houston and Milton Treybig of Bay City.

Other members of the family attending were Miss Kathryn James and Harry Treybig and Mrs. Bill Martin and daughter of Bay City; Mr. & Mrs. Dale Cassidy and Raymond Lee Kohleffel of Eagle Lake. Miss Dorothy Mahalic was a guest at the dinner.