

St. Mary's holds 1996-97 awards ceremony

St. Mary's students were honored with a mass and skating party on May 23, 1997.

The Religion Award went to:

First grade: Kevin Thompson; 2nd: Jacob Engstrom; 3rd: Luke Shimek; 4th: Julie Meisner; 5th: Kevin Shimek; 6th: Erin Gold; 7th: Jessica Spanihel; and, 8th: Debbie Leopold. Making the Honor Roll three out of four times were:

First grade: Micah Schoellmann, Adam Shimek, Trey Staff; 2nd: Jacob Engstrom, Cory Hooper, Noelle Jurica, Courtney Sklar; 3rd: Kali Hamermiller, Katie Hoffman, Bernadette Jurica, Laura Shimek; 4th: Kaylyn Boenisch, Laura Engstrom, Mandy Staff, Jake Staff; 5th: Russell Cra-

nek, Kevin Shimek, Danielle Spanihel; 6th: Erin Gold, Lauren Spanihel, Jeffrey Leopold, Kimberly Waligura; 7th: Garrett Cranek, Lana Engstrom, Kinsey Hoffman, Jared Korenek, Trent Korenek, Heather Shanks, Jessica Spanihel, Meagan Staff, Kristin Thompson; and 8th: Jenna Hoffman, Debbie Leopold, Martha Rodriguez, Stacy Schneider.

Highest Academic: 1st: Trey Staff; 2nd: Jacob Engstrom; 3rd: Luke Shimek; 4th: Laura Engstrom; 5th: Danielle Spanihel; 6th: Erin Gold; 7th: Jessica Spanihel; and, 8th: Debbie Leopold.

Perfect attendance: Trey Staff, Kevin Thompson, Jacob Engstrom, Noelle Jurica, Kaylyn Boenisch, Julie

Meisner, Cody Bittner, Danielle Spanihel, Jeffrey Leopold, Heidi Hamermiller, Kimberly Waligura, Shelly Boenisch, Lana Engstrom,

Kinsey Hoffman, Trent Korenek, Jessica Spanihel and Kristin Thompson. Special Award, Most Improved went to Kevin Thompson.

Kucherka attends Gulf Coast HOBY Seminar

Amalie Kucherka, daughter of Dave and Melinda Kucherka, attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Foundation Texas Gulf Coast Leadership Seminar June 6-8, 1997. Representing Rice High School, she joined more than 200 other young leaders from throughout Southeast Texas at Rice University in Houston.

HOBY Leadership Seminars bring together a select group of high school sophomores each year so they can interact with distinguished leaders in business, government, education and the professions to discuss present and future issues.

The goal is to provide the youths a stimulating and interactive forum for learning about the American incentive system and democratic process and broadening their understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self development.

"HOBY is a great experience to meet other people and learn about today's issues. It has provided me more self-confidence and the want to be a better leader in my school, as well as my community," Amalie stated.

The Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation was established by actor Hugh O'Brian following a visit to Africa in 1958 where he was inspired by a meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

It has grown over the years and now impacts more than 14,000 high school sophomores worldwide every year.

"One of the things Schweitzer said

to me was that the most important thing in education was to teach young people to think for themselves," O'Brian said. "From that inspiration, and with the support of others who believe in youth and the American Dream, I started HOBY to seek out, recognize and develop outstanding leadership potential among our nation's youth."

HOBY Texas Gulf Coast is run entirely by local volunteers. Further information about HOBY activities and sponsorship opportunities is available by calling Allison McIntyre at 281-334-2349.

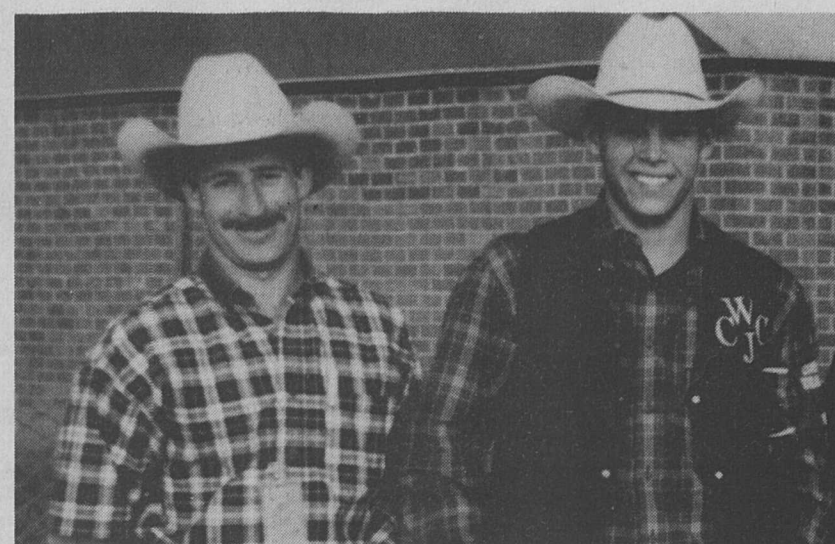
Rock Island holds annual homecoming

Sunday, May 25, was Homecoming and Memorial Day in Rock Island. Former and present residents spent the day visiting and renewing friendships of past years and making new friends.

A barbecue dinner, catered by the Rock Island Volunteer Fire Department, was enjoyed at noon followed by a short meeting.

Door prizes were won by Faye Lidberg, Larry Moss and Ashley Waligura.

Those registering from out-of-town were: from Lafayette, La.: Larry & Carolyn (Edwards) Moss; from Lake Village,



What a smile! Shown above with Clay Cerny is his rodeo coach, Chris Guay.
Photo Courtesy of Robbi Cerny

Cerny makes good show in National Finals

Clay Cerny, son of Bouncie and Robbi Cerny, recently competed in the College National Finals Rodeo,

June 1 through 8. Here's the rundown. After missing his first calf in the first round, he knew he was out of the three head average to qualify him for the short go.

All he could possibly go for was the opportunity to place in the other two go-rounds.

So, he came back strong in the second round with a 7.9 second run, taking first place in that round!

For this run, he won the Go-Round Tiedown Event Champion Ring, two Wrangler certificates and money.

Then he roped up again on the third round with a 8.0 second run, putting him in second place, taking home more prizes and money.

The competition was extremely tough with only the top contenders in NIRA in each event competing.

The Copenhagen/Skoal Awards program also presented a \$600 scholarship to Wharton County Junior College in honor of Clay Cerny for being the 1997 Southern Region Tiedown Event Champion.

They have, to date, awarded \$3.4 million to colleges in the U.S. through the NIRA rodeo program since the inception of their sponsorship.

Clay is currently traveling all over the U.S. and Canada competing in PRCA rodeos with hopes of qualifying for the PRCA National Finals scheduled to be held in Las Vegas in Dec.

Clay, our prayers and support are with you!

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McGee, Grace Lutheran Church of Eagle Lake hosted a party for the residents. Residents and staff would like to thank Grace Lutheran for their kindness.

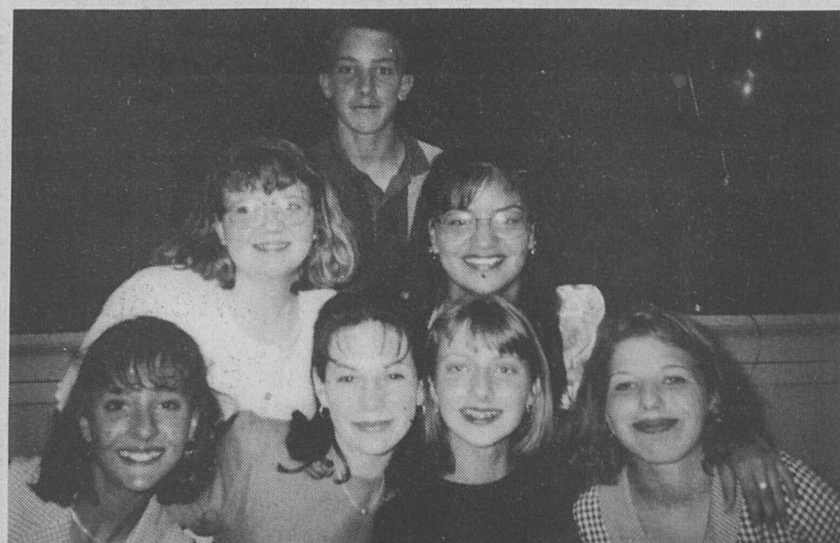
On June 4, all the Aides at Heritage House were honored with an Appreciation Luncheon at the Farris 1912 for all their hard work. The meal consisted of fajitas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad and banana pudding for

dessert.

Volunteers are needed at Heritage House. Our residents need your visits, reading, singing and someone to lend an ear!

If you can help or would like volunteer, give us a call at 234-3591.

Living Centers would like to welcome Linda Tillman as our new Activity Director.



The graduating class at St. Mary's, Nada, was honored with a mass and dinner on May 21. Pictured above are, at top, Chriss Schiurring; in the middle, Debbie Leopold and Martha Rodriguez; in front, from left, Stacy Schneider, Jenna Hoffman, Amber Mahalitic and Kristin Wesselski.

Photo Courtesy of St. Mary's School

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Chronic neck and head pain are among the most noticeable symptoms. Symptoms may also include a tenderness of the jaw muscles, dull or arching

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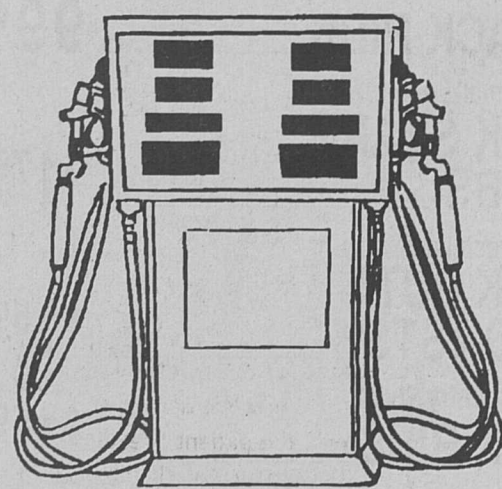
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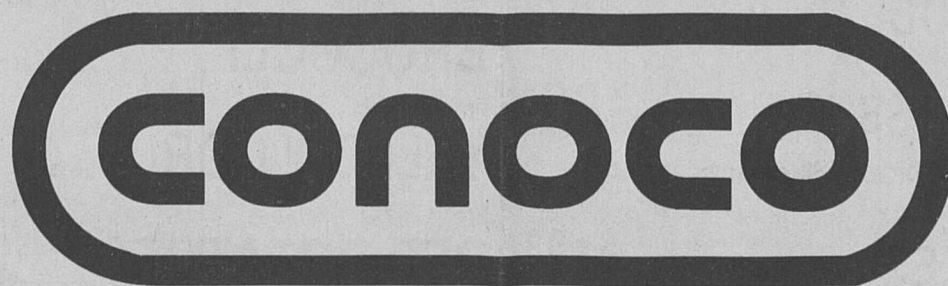
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