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Edwards selected pre-teen finalist

Ella Shondra Edwards, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Isiah Edwards of Garwood, has been selected as a finalist in the 1996 Pre-Teen Texas Scholarship and Recognition Program.

The competition will be held Nov. 28-30 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Houston.

Pre-Teen Texas is a by-invitation only Scholarship and Recognition event involving young ladies seven to 12 years of age based on their school

academic records, awards and honors won and/or their participation in outside activities.

Additionally, young ladies are invited who have been recognized publicly for their outstanding personal achievements, volunteer services, school involvement, leadership abilities or creative talents.

State finalists will be judged on (1) academic achievement; (2) volunteer service to church and community;

(3) school honors and activities; (4) development of personal skills and abilities;

(5) general knowledgeability; (6) communicative ability; and, (7) on stage review and acknowledgement of accomplishments.

Pre-Teen Texas will award over \$5,000 in educational bonds, prizes and awards.

Ella S. is very grateful to the following persons who have enabled her to attend this very prestigious event:

Mrs. Gwen Knight, a friend; Rev. Obie Rhodes, cousin; Rev. and Mrs. Lemmie McGrew Jr., grandparents;

Caryl McGrew, aunt; and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lanier.

Pre-Teen America was founded in 1990.

The National Headquarters for the Scholarship and Recognition Program is located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Patricia Daniel is the Founder and National Director.



Ella Shondra Edwards



Julia Petty

Military

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amphibious assault ship USS Guam, the amphibious transport dock USS Shreveport and the dock landing ships USS Oakhill and USS Ashland.

Equipped with the 24th MEU landing force, helicopters, Harrier attack jets, high-speed assault Hovercraft, landing craft, tanks, and armored and amphibious assault vehicles, the USS Guam ARG provides theater commanders in the Mediterranean with a wide range of capabilities.

The 24th MEU can evacuate civil-

ians, rescue downed pilots, conduct reconnaissance and serve as an initial landing force ashore.

Korenek and his fellow Marines and Sailors spent the past year training for the wide range of conventional and special operations they might be tasked with during the deployment. As part of the naval and ground operations, the exercises also included surveillance, rescue, humanitarian assistance, maritime interdiction, embassy support and non-combat evacuations.

Seaman Recruit Rossi J. Lujan

...son of Rick and Martha Bagley of Eagle Lake, recently reported for duty aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Mobile Bay, forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan.

Lujan's new assignment is an example of how Navy and Marine Corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons and shore commands around the world.

Whether serving in the Persian Gulf near Iraq or in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia, people like Lujan are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

The 1996 graduate of Rice High School joined the Navy in July 1996.

Lance Cpl. Damon D. McClain

...son of Felice Dismuke of Eagle Lake, recently received a Letter of Appreciation while assigned with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 16, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station Tustin, Santa Ana, Calif.

McClain was recognized for his superior performance of duty. Displaying remarkable dedication and initiative, McClain consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner.

McClain is an essential part of today's naval forces as they shift focus away from long-distance war at sea to

handling the challenges of regional conflicts affecting U.S. interests.

Whether helping provide humanitarian assistance and disaster-relief or projecting power ashore and providing forward presence, Marines like McClain are making a difference as they work assigned to squadrons, battalions, ships or shore commands around the world. McClain is not only improving his knowledge and skill, but is serving as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

The 1995 graduate of Rice High School joined the Marine Corps in Oct. 1995.

Leon D. Taylor-Davis

...son of Lillie Taylor of Eagle Lake, recently completed training in fundamental military skills at the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Camp Challenge at Fort Knox, Ky.

Camp Challenge is a two-year program designed to give college freshmen who have not taken ROTC courses the chance to enter the program. Cadets receive training in basic rifle marksmanship, drill and ceremonies, small arms tactics and communications.

The cadet is a student at Marion Military Institute, Alabama.

He is a 1997 graduate of Rice High School.

Cadet Leon Taylor-Davis has been named to the Commandant's List at Marion Military Institute for achieving a citizenship grade of excellent for the first grading period of the winter semester. Cadet Taylor-Davis is a member of the freshman college class MMI.

Marion Military Institute offers classes from the 8th grade through junior college and is the nation's oldest military junior college. It is one of six institutions of higher learning in the entire nation where cadets can earn a commission in the U.S. Army in two years.

Sgt. Clarence R. Weeks

...a 1988 graduate of Rice High School, recently graduated from Instructor Training School.

During the course, conducted at Marine Corps Service Support Schools, Camp Lejeune, N.C., students are taught lesson plan preparation, oral delivery techniques, use of training aids and personnel guidance and counseling skills. Studies also included the duties and responsibilities of counselors and instructors at Marine Corps schools.

He joined the Marine Corps in July 1988.

Police

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complainant and the juvenile, the problem was resolved.

At 8:04 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to W. Main in reference to criminal mischief. The complainant did not wish to file charges, and no other action was taken.

On Nov. 25 at 7:26 a.m., Officer Ochoa was dispatched to FM 3013 in reference to a theft. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

Petty named senior manager

Eagle Lake native Julia Petty has been promoted to audit senior manager in the Dallas office of Deloitte & Touche LLP, according to Mark T. Layton, managing partner of the Dallas-Ft. Worth-Little Rock practice.

Petty, who specializes in the public sector, joined Deloitte & Touche in 1989 after graduating magna cum laude from Texas A&M University with a BBA degree in 1988.

Deloitte & Touche LLP, one of the nation's leading professional services

firms, provides accounting and auditing, tax and management consulting services in more than 100 U.S. cities through 20,000 people, including more than 600 in Dallas-Ft. Worth.

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Julia is the daughter of Willie and Carolyn Noska of Eagle Lake and the late Lewis Rosprim.



Natalie Dupre's name was placed on the Sheridan Library plaque as the 1997 "Volunteer of the Year". Zelda Walker made the presentation.

Photo Courtesy of Sheridan Library

Commissioners

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Construction and \$4,141.98 to Golem Architects for work on the juvenile boot camp in Eagle Lake;

• Approved a request by the Live Oak Art Center to use the Courthouse Square May 16 and 17, 1998;

• Tabled a decision to increase hangar fees at Robert R. Wells Jr. Airport to \$450 per year, plus inflation rate;

• Adopted an interlocal agreement between Precinct 1 and Rice Consolidated Independent School District for the district to purchase premiss;

• Received notice that the Colorado County Detention Center averaged 88 inmates at a cost of 98¢ per meal for Oct.;

• Supported a grant application for the 25th Judicial District Narcotics Task Force in which the County will be responsible for a one-third match based on its population; and

• Were scheduled to open and award bids for carpet replacement at the courthouse, but received no bids.

Cosper

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positive attitude example of the symphony of our operations that test every aspect of naval warfare."

Although the deployment extends a hectic work pace for sailors and requires them to be away from family and friends for six months, Cosper intends to use the time at sea to accomplish some personal and professional goals.

"I hope to gain additional college credits toward my degree," said Cosper, a seven-year Navy veteran.

In order to defend and protect the interests of America and its allies, Cosper and the crew members of the Juneau must stand guard overseas.

The commanding presence of their mighty ship in hostile areas serves as a deterrent to adversaries.

Did You Know...

The fine lace for which Paraguay is justly famous is called *nanduti*, the Guarani Indian word for "spider web".

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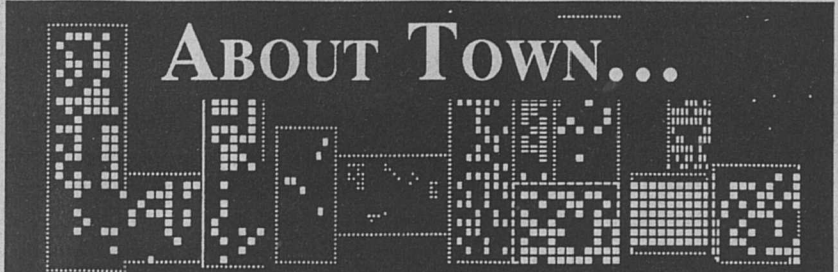
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•With all the hustle and bustle of planning a wedding and then doing the write-up sometimes names can slip one's mind. In last week's write-up of the Vargas, Garza wedding the names of groomsmen Richard Garza and bridesmaid Miranda Supelveda were left out by the writer.

•The scoop around town is that Lydia Cardenas is back on her feet after suffering a heart attack Wednesday, Nov. 12. She was treated at Columbus Community Hospital for a

week and then released. Our prayers are with her for a speedy recovery.

•In the back of my mind I think I talked to mother of one of the Rice High School athletes about the varsity basketball team members being incorrect in a story recently.

If I did, here are the names given in the first writeup we've gotten on the team:

Josh Godley, Pete Rangel, Warren Scott, Kenny Pipkins, Clint Gertson, Eric Johnson, Jonathan Godley, Kevin Godley and Jamarious Brooks.

•If you're traveling over the coming weekend, please be careful and make sure you come back to your home in Eagle Lake.

Newsbriefs

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light to make sure that they are in working order before the Lighted Christmas Parade on Dec. 6.

'Small Town Christmas' set for Dec. 14

The Sheridan Lions Club is holding meetings each Sunday at 4 p.m. in preparation for the "Small Town Christmas" program slated for 6 p.m. Dec. 14 at Logan Park in Sheridan. Zelda Walker and Brent Pittman encourage all to attend.

Pink Ladies need you

The Rice Medical Center Ladies Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) needs volunteers. Talk to any Pink Lady or come by the Hospital auxiliary room for more information.

Toys

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Last year, the Post and citizens of the area gave toys to nearly 200 youngsters.

Contributions of toys (preferably new) and/or cash with which to buy new toys may be left at Struss Auto Supply, B&B Food or Laker Printing.

You may leave contributions any time from now until the distribution date of Dec. 23.

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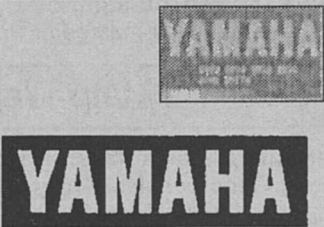


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