

RAIDER REVIEW

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The 1998 Rice FFA Show and Sale was held at the Rice High School FFA Showbarn on Jan. 17.

The show began at 8 a.m. with the lightweight hog division, followed by the heavyweight division.

Cliff Cerny raised the grand champion hog, and Travis Bujnoch showed the reserve champion hog. The lightweight division was placed as follows: 1st, Nathan Munoz; 2nd, Josh Godley; 3rd, Chris Machart; 4th, David Rangel; 5th, Pete Rangel.

Heavyweight hogs were ranked: 3rd, Kyle Korenek; 4th, Clint Gertson; 5th, Jeffrey Kazmir; 6th, Warren Scott; 7th, Bo Vavrusa. Bo also won top showmanship honors.

Stephanie Braden won grand champion lamb, and reserve cham-

pion went to Amy Obenhaus.

The rest of the class was placed as follows: 3rd, Lauren Sublett; 4th, Jenny Hajovsky; 5th, Nicole Owers. Amy won showmanship honors.

Heifer exhibitors were grand champion Brett Boenisch and reserve champion Brooke Crane; 3rd, Kevin Hoffman; 4th, Vavrusa; 5th, Chris Schurring; 6th, Justin Schneider; 7th, Cody Thompson.

Scott Bittner showed the grand champion steer, Brandon Shanks won reserve champion, and Stephanie Thompson was third. Beef showmanship honors went to Shanks.

The meal, a barbecue dinner catered by Staff's Catering Service of El Campo, began at 11 a.m. and the sale started at 1 p.m.

Overall, the show and sale was a

success and even the weather cooperated for a change. The kids put months of work into preparing for this event and their efforts paid off.

The Rice FFA would like to thank several people who supported and helped make the show and sale possible. Coca Cola of El Campo donated the soda water; Modern Fuels of Garwood donated butane; and Cardell Cabinets donated wood shavings.

The Sheridan Lions Club helped with the meal; the Garwood Lions Club helped with the sale; and Mr. Bunge Holla was the auctioneer.

A special thank you goes out to all the buyers and United Buyers for their continued support, and to Mr. Graham and Mrs. Williams for bringing the United Buyers together.

By Jenny Hajovsky



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RHS Profiles

By Lisa Valigura

Featured in this week's Rice High School Profiles is Jenny Hajovsky, who serves as FFA President of the RHS Chapter.

Jenny says her responsibilities as president are organizing and conducting meetings and organizing the local show, awards banquet, and any other FFA activities. "I also try to represent the chapter to the best of my ability and help the members and advisor in any way possible," Jenny commented. When asked what inspires her to

be a part of FFA, Jenny said, "I have always believed that the FFA is a wonderful organization that teaches its members leadership, responsibility and how to have fun - all important things in life." Her goal as president is to make FFA something that people and their families want to be a part of. "For the past two years, I've organized a hamburger supper to welcome new members and give them the opportunity to get acquainted with the FFA and its members," Jenny added.

Besides being president of FFA, she is also president of 4-H, the National Honor Society, and the Colorado County Junior Fair Board. Jenny is also the treasurer of the Colorado County 4-H Council, a member the RHS band, 2nd lieutenant of the Flag Corps, corresponding secretary of Student Council, yearbook editor and Colorado County Fair Queen.

On the weekends, Jenny enjoys working at Schobels', going out with friends and visiting colleges.

Her proud parents are Jerry and Fran Hajovsky of Sheridan.

Who's Zat?

By Valerie Galvan

Just look at this cutie with her kitty! What an adorable little pair. Little did her parents know that this cuddly little girl would grow up to be an ambitious high school student.

This photograph was shown around to the student body. The students were asked to guess her identity. The only clue they were given is that she is a senior.

Who could have known that such an adorable little girl could stump so many people. Angie Leopold timidly guessed Jenny Hajovsky.

Kelli Mathis could have sworn it was Laine Labay, close, but no cigar! Tiffany Wilkerson guessed that it was Stephanie Thompson, while Stephanie Thompson guessed Kelli Mathis. Well girls we have just about completed a circle. Ready to find out the identity of this mysterious little girl?

Some students were not the least bit surprised to find out that they guessed correctly. Thomas Pittman, Jenny Hajovsky, Ben Turner, Lisa Valigura, Brandon Besch, Laine Labay and Edmee Molina all guessed it

was Delana Smith.

Delana is the daughter of Mitchel and Patsy Smith. She actively participates in band, FTA (treasurer and district historian), Drama Club, UIL and One Act Play.

Her favorite childhood memory is one that she carries as a precious treasure in her heart. "When I was little, I loved riding horses in competition. I liked paint horses the best!"

After graduation, Delana plans to attend Wharton County Junior College for two years then transfer to SW Texas State University for a degree in Dental Hygiene.

Delana Smith



Raider Band members excel

By Lisa Valigura

Several members of the Rice High School Mighty Raider Band attended an all-region clinic and concert in Edna Jan. 23-24.

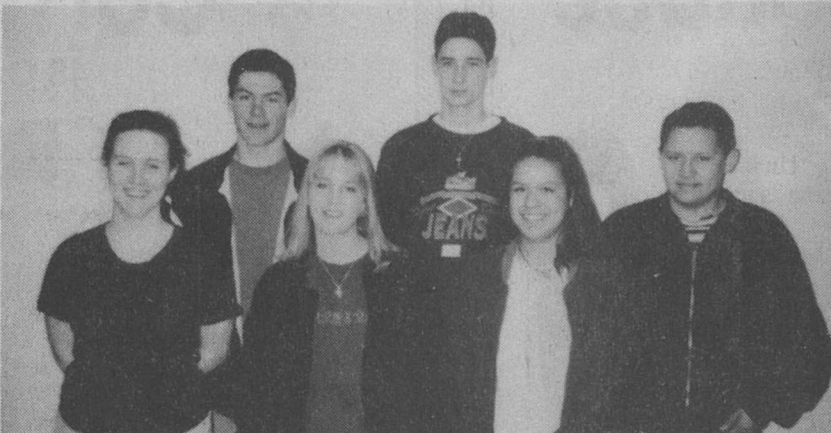
Chosen for the Symphonic Band were Thomas Pittman, 2nd chair trombone; and Chris Rodriguez, 8th chair trombone.

Thomas also advanced to area and was awarded 13th chair.

Chosen for the Concert Band were



Risa Waddell



From left to right, Amy Fearing, Thomas Pittman, Robyn Alleyway, Dustin Brisco, Betty Gutierrez and Chris Rodriguez.

Robyn Alleyway, 6th chair French horn; Betty Gutierrez, 12th chair clarinet; Amy Fearing, 9th chair flute; and Dustin Brisco, 8th chair trumpet.

These students competed against

students from other schools from our region and were chosen on how well they played their music and scales.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Meet the Lady Raider

By Amalie Kucherka

Risa Waddell is our Lady Raider of the week. She is a senior and currently participating in powerlifting.

Risa said, "I enjoy lifting weights because I get more energy and I feel better throughout the day. I feel like it

is making me a much healthier person." She also commented, "This sport definitely takes determination."

According to Risa, her short-term goal in life is to make it through Texas A&M and... enjoy it!!

Chamber

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the corner that so many of us have been waiting to turn. Let's work together with a common vision."

Thomson told the group, "The next five years may be meaningful for this community. It's our challenge."

Thomson spoke of plans to mail questionnaires to enhance the Chamber's efforts on behalf of the citizens and businesses. "We need your input and support," stated Thomson.

State Representative Robby Cook, who acted as Master of Ceremony for the evening, told the group that in a small community volunteers must wear several hats, but with more volunteers and less negativity, a few would not have to wear so many hats. "It's tough trying to run a retail business in Eagle Lake. We all have to work! We've all been working a long time on all the exciting things that are happening now in Eagle Lake and we didn't give up, we just kept getting more people involved," stated Cook.

Retiring Directors, Brenda Besch, Jonna Bowen, Connie Lange and Leslie Matthews were recognized.

Newly-elected Directors, Sandy Bendy, Phil Ramsey, Sam Thomson and Susan Wilkerson, were introduced.

Officers, in addition to Thomson, are Vice President Ron Holland; Treasurer, Betsy Glaizer; and Secretary, Lana Dulany.

Dulany was given a standing ovation for her hard work and dedication in fulfilling her job.

Other directors are: 1996-1998, Kenneth Abel, Donald Bendy, Mary Ann Kaluza and Jean Wiese; 1997-1999: Connie Gertson, Betsy Glaizer, Ron Holland and J.W. Shavers.

Eagle Lake 1997 Royalty, Britni Wood, Miss Eagle Lake; Jessica Thomas, Jr. Miss Eagle Lake; Kaylan Helm, Little Miss Eagle Lake; and Garrett Schindler, Little Mr. Eagle Lake, were recognized.

Wood and Thomas assisted with gift presentation and registration.

The Banquet Committee consisted of Betsy Glaizer, Connie Gertson and Mary Ann Kaluza.

Shara Glaizer designed the table decorations for the committee. Appreciation was expressed to Wildseed Inc. who donated seed packets at each placemat.

The Savings Bond donated by the First National Bank was won by Robert Griffith.

Bob Cook won the uncirculated coin set donated by Wallis State Bank and Bertha Montemayor won the table arrangement donated by the Chamber.

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'Fat Sunday' celebration in Nada

A "Fat Sunday" Mardi Gras fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings will be served Sunday, Feb. 22, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary's School in Nada. All tickets must be purchased in advance. The plates will be to go only at \$5.50 each. Deliveries will be made to the square in Eagle Lake at 12 noon. Contact the school at 758-3267 or Grace at 758-3642 for tickets and details. The last day to buy tickets is Feb. 15. The dinner will benefit St. Mary's School.

Farmer's market invites members

The Colorado County Farmer's Market Association (CCFMA) invites you to become a member and is open to citizens of Colorado and surrounding counties. Members may sell vegetables, farm products, baked and canned goods, handicrafts and potted plants. The CCFMA is a paid membership association, and fees are \$30 a year. The market is open on Wednesday and Saturday with most activity occurring during the vegetable production season. For more information call 409-732-2082.

GED, ABE program in progress

There is a GED and ABE program in progress at Eagle Lake Middle School every Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. If you are in need of either program, come join us.

Colorado County makes the Internet!

Internet surfers get ready... Colorado County is now at your fingertips. Compliments of the Colorado County Economic Development Organization (CCEDO) and Real Time Internet Services, web sites on the internet have officially been created for the City of Weimar and Colorado County. Extensive information on the communities of Colorado County, economic development and tourism data are up and linked to professional home pages developed by the City of Eagle Lake, Columbus Chamber of Commerce and Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCVB). Web sites may be found at:

Colorado County: <http://www.rtis.com/reg/colorado-cty>

Weimar: <http://www.rtis.com/reg/colorado-cty/weimar>

Eagle Lake: <http://www.elc.net/city.of.eagle.lake>

Columbus C of C: <http://users.intertex.net/ccvb/cofc.htm>

Columbus CVB: <http://www.users.intertex.net/users/ccvb>

Real Time Internet Services of Bryan provided the design and layout as a complimentary, free service to the communities of Colorado County. To design a web site of your own or develop software applications, please call Shari Popp, formerly of Garwood, at 409-822-2828.

Weimar ISD, CCEC offer services

Every child has the ability to learn. And every child needs to be given the opportunity to learn in the way that is best for him or her. It is the goal of Weimar ISD and the Colorado County Education Cooperative (CCEC) to provide the tools for learning.

Services are available for students with special needs: counseling, occupational, speech and physical therapy, orientation and mobility services, assistive technology and devices, psychological services, teachers for the visually impaired, teachers for the auditorily impaired as well as a continuum of child-centered classroom services.

If you have a child ages birth through 21 years old that may have a special need, please contact CCEC at 409-732-6478 or one of the Weimar schools. Let's work together toward your child's future.

Scholarship established at UT Austin

The College of Education at The University at Austin has created the Elizabeth Shatto Massey Scholarship in Education as a permanent endowment for scholarships to undergraduate students from Colorado County seeking teaching certification for careers in education.

Scholarships funded by the endowment, established through a donation from Columbus natives John H. and Elizabeth Shatto Massey, will cover annual expenses of tuition, fees and books said College of Education Dean Manuel J. Justiz. Preference will be given to elementary education majors. Recipients will be selected by the College of Education scholarship committee.

Information may be obtained for eligible graduates of Rice CISD, Weimar and Columbus High Schools by writing William Kirschke, Assistant Dean for Development, Office of the Dean, SZB 210, College of Education, Univ. of Texas, Austin, Texas, 78712.

Museum open daily for visitors

Remember, the Prairie Edge Museum is open for visitors every day, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 2 to 5. Come visit your heritage!

EPA answers questions with hotline

To better serve the public's growing interest in up-to-date and accurate information about the environment, the Environmental Protection Agency's office in Dallas has expanded its public information services to include a toll-free hotline. Weekdays from 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (CST), an EPA representative will refer callers to the correct agency and person, making it easier to get information. After hours and on weekends and holidays, callers may leave a message to receive a reply during hotline hours. For citizens calling from Texas, EPA's hotline number is 1-800-887-6063. Sé habla Español.

To the 80 million of you who volunteered time and money last year, thanks for all you've given. Imagine what more could do. Call 1-800-55-GIVE 5. It's what in the world you can do.

