

Richardson to release first album...

Local talent begins climbing success ladder

On Nov. 7 at 7 p.m., Paula Barrow-Richardson will be releasing her first Gospel album. The title of the album is Paula Richardson Live "Jesus Is All I Need." Everyone is invited to come out and help make this project a success. "Come ready to praise the Lord," says Paula.

The event will be held at the First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or patron, call 234-3057. CDs and cassettes will go on sale that night.

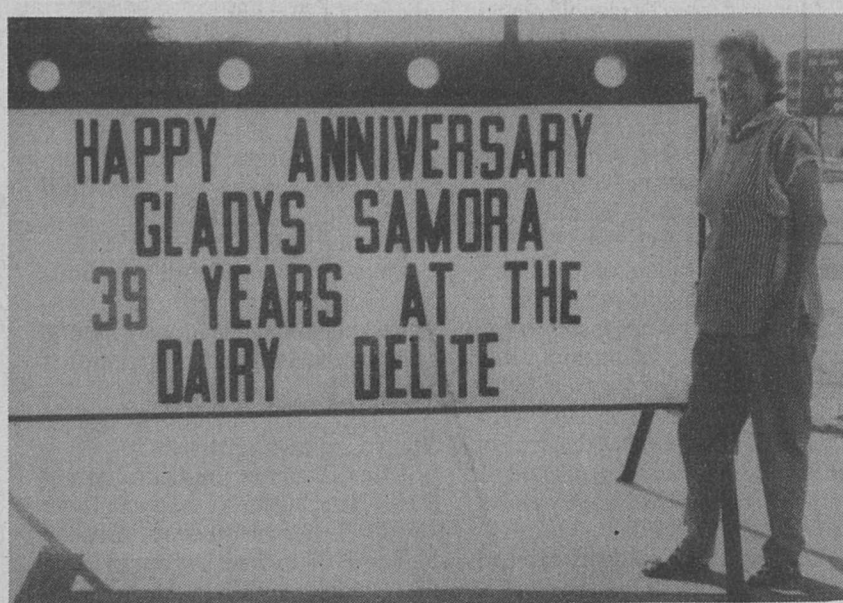
The concert will also feature the Rock of Salvation Choir of Houston. Come out and be blessed.

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39 Years

Gladys Samora recently celebrated her 39th anniversary as an employee of the Eagle Lake Dairy Delite. She took time to pose next to the marquee in front of the Dairy Delite which tells everyone who passes by what a devoted employee she is.

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NEWSBRIEFS

'The Collaboration' scheduled for Oct. 24

Local sculptor artist Tony Tyler and realistic artist Melva Hemphill will hold a show and sale on Saturday, Oct. 24, starting at 4 p.m. The theme for this event is "The Collaboration". Stop by the Tyler Studio at 123 Main St. to get that special gift for that special someone.

Study Club Auction, Stew Supper are Saturday

This year's Study Club Auction to benefit the Eula and David Wintermann Library will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. This year's auctioneer will once again be Joe Herbert McCreary.

The Fire Department plans to hold its annual stew supper from 5 to 7 p.m. The Silent Auction will run from 4:30 until 6:45 p.m. with the Main Auction beginning at 7 p.m.

If you plan to donate an item for either auction, please contact Fair Wells at 234-3105 or Betty Wilcox at 234-3554 as soon as possible.

Josef Miculka Family Reunion is Oct. 25

The 19th annual Josef Miculka Family Reunion will be held Sunday, Oct. 25, at the American Legion Hall in East Bernard. The day begins at 10 a.m. with a covered dish dinner, short meeting, auction and dance music with various other activities for young and old.

Everyone is asked to bring a pastry, cake for the cake walk, or an auction item, in addition to a covered dish. Plates, utensils, drinks etc. will be furnished by the reunion committee.

Any and all descendants of this family are cordially invited to attend for a get-acquainted visit and meeting.

NPSOT meeting set for Oct. 21

The Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) is proud to announce a special program featuring Andy Wasowski, freelance writer and photographer specializing in gardening and environmental issues on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 419 Washington in Columbus. The public is invited to attend.

Second 'Project Graduation' plans underway

The Second Annual "Rice Project Graduation" for the graduating seniors is in the planning process. There were at least 40% of 1998 Seniors present last year and had a blast. Well now it's your turn. Please join us in a meeting Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. to be held at Rice High School. Parents and students by being present at the meetings it is a chance for you to earn points toward "Project Graduation" night. If you have any questions/and or suggestions please contact a board member listed: Susan Wilkerson, 234-5880; Sarah Perry, 234-5944; Jennifer Korenek, 758-3334; or Lisa Hoffman, 758-3933.

CCCAD representative to be here Friday

A representative of the Colorado County Central Appraisal District (CCCAD) will be in Eagle Lake on Friday, Oct. 30 at City Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to collect 1998 taxes for Colorado County, Rice CISD, Eagle Lake City, Rice Hospital District, Colorado County Water Control & Improvement, District #2, Weimar ISD and Weimar City. They will also collect for Weimar ISD, property that is located in Fayette County and Lavaca County.

Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23-31

National Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23-31 is celebrated each year by over 100,000 schools and organizations nationwide in order to get out the message "Be Healthy and Drug Free."

Students caught wearing red ribbons off campus will be given "Say No to Drugs" and "Say No" lollipops (compliments of Crimestoppers) by the Eagle Lake Police Department.

Show your intolerance for drugs in our schools, our work places and our community by wearing a red ribbon, Oct. 23-31.

Invitational archery meet set for Oct. 31

The Colorado County 4-H shooting sports - Archery project group is sponsoring a 4-H archery invitational meet on Saturday, Oct. 31. The meet will be held at the National Guard Armory building in Columbus with competition shooting beginning at 9 a.m.

The event is open to 4-H archery project members in Colorado County as well as 4-H archery project members in other counties throughout our district. Contestants will be divided by age groups for competition. The public is invited to observe 4-H archery project members in action, exhibiting skills learned through project participation.

CCA meeting tonight

Combined Community Action Inc., will hold its Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 7 p.m. at the CCA Nutrition Center on 275 Ellinger Road in La Grange. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Transfer Day at WCJC is Oct. 30

Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) is sponsoring Transfer Day on Friday, Oct. 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. WCJC and its Counseling Department are

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Rice Schools to use drug dog inspections

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

The use of drug dog inspections will once again be instituted in the Rice Consolidated School District with the procedure for the use of the animals being approved by the Board of Trustees at its Oct. 12 meeting.

The District will use specially trained non-aggressive dogs to sniff out and alert officials to the presence of concealed prohibited items, illicit substances and alcohol on school premises.

The Board also adopted a policy prohibiting students from possessing paging devices while on school prop-

erty, or attending school-sponsored or school-related activities on or off school property.

A paging device is defined as any item that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to its possessor.

The Board stressed that cellular phones are included in the definition of paging device.

Students who violate the policy shall be subject to established disciplinary measures.

District employees shall confiscate any paging devices found on school property or found while at-

tending school-sponsored or school-related activities on or off school property.

Parents shall be notified within two school days after the device is confiscated. Notification also shall be made to the paging company whose name and address appears on the device.

Confiscated devices may be held by the District for a period of 30 days after the notification has been made.

After the 30-day period has expired, the device may be returned to the parent or company, not the student, upon request; otherwise, the District shall dispose of the device.

The Board approved a budget amendment of \$11,000 to set up a special education room at Rice High School to accommodate those special education behavioral problem students who cannot legally be assigned to the Vox Populi Learning Center or Alternative Center at the juvenile boot camp facility in Eagle Lake for discipline purposes.

Fred Grahmann, assistant superintendent in charge of finance, recommended a budget amendment to move \$1 million from a money market account to the district's capital project account.

The state sent the district \$1.5 million more than it earned this year, which, with the complicated formula of school finance, must be returned in the coming year.

"At least, we can warehouse it for now and use the interest on the \$1.5 million to operate with next year" said superintendent Dr. Richard Gott.

Gott presented the district's 1997-98 TAAS report to the board.

"I look at our test scores from the standpoint of a product evaluation and ask are we producing the product you as a board expect?" he asked.

The Texas Education Agency's (TEA) scores reflect a comparison of students in last year's grade to a different group of students in that same grade this year. "That's like comparing apples and oranges," said Gott.

Gott's 70-page comprehensive report tracks the same group of students in the graduating classes of 2000 through 2006. The 1997 attendance at RHS, 92.4% was below the state acceptable figure of 95%.

Gott told the Board he was pleased overall with the scores. The report shows scores in the Rice district are climbing every year.

"These scores are the result of honesty and hard work," said Gott.

"We have identified our weaknesses and lots of hard work and cre-

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Council hears about CSC's ISF facility

By Lynda Appelt
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City Manager Ron Holland presented Eagle Lake City Council a report on the 500-bed intermediate sanction facility which is being considered by Correctional Services Corp. (CSC) during its Oct. 13 meeting.

CSC plans to construct the facility instead of the 1,000-bed prison it had previously announced.

According to Holland, CSC has already purchased the acreage, located on the right side of FM 3013 North between the two railroad tracks, for some type of facility to be constructed.

A public hearing on the facility was conducted Monday night.

Mayor Michael Cooper emphasized that "it must be understood this facility will not be a halfway house."

The facility will house parole violators and have two purposes: to house parole violators who have little time left on their parole; and house those awaiting a trip back to lockup.

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Cooper pointed out that prisoners are always released in the town where they resided at the time of their incarceration.

"The only way a prisoner would ever be released in Eagle Lake upon completion of their time served would

be if he were from Eagle Lake," Cooper said.

Council also learned that CSC has received state approval to proceed with the female juvenile facility to be constructed behind the present juvenile boot camp facility for males.

Colorado River setting new highs

With the Colorado River expected to crest above the historic high in Columbus, area residents and businesses braced for what could be the worst flooding this area has seen.

As of Tuesday afternoon, according to the Lower Colorado River Authority, the river was at 43.29 feet in Columbus with a flow rate of 84,000 cubic feet per second (CFS).

The crest was, at that time, estimated to be 44 feet (or more) Wednesday morning.

The historic high for the Colorado River in Columbus was set in 1991 at 41 feet.

In Wharton, the Colorado was expected to crest Thursday morning

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National Red Ribbon Week is Oct. 23-31

National Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Week Oct. 23-31 is dedicated to Federal drug enforcement agent Enrique Camarena who was killed by drug traffickers in Mexico in 1985.

On Thursday, Feb. 7, 1985, Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, 37, stashed his badge and his service revolver in his desk drawer and headed for lunch with his wife, Mika.

Kiki, a U.S. Drug Enforcement

Administration agent, had been on the trail of Mexico's marijuana and cocaine barons. He was due to be reassigned in three weeks, having come dangerously close to unlocking a multi-billion dollar drug pipeline, which he suspected extended into the highest reaches of the Mexican army, police and government.

According to the DEA's reconstruction of events, as he headed to lunch five men appeared at the agent's side and shoved him into a car. That was the last time anyone but his kidnappers would see him alive.

Kiki Camarena's body was found one month later in a shallow grave, 70 miles from Michoacan, Mexico. He had been tortured, beaten, and brutally murdered. Mika would have to tell her three sons that their daddy would not

be coming home again.

In response to his death angered parents across the country began wearing Red Ribbons to symbolize their commitment toward the creation of a drug free America.

In 1988, with Nancy Reagan as Honorary Chairperson, Congress officially proclaimed the first National Red Ribbon Week.

The Red Ribbon has now become a symbol for the drug free movement.

National Red Ribbon is celebrated by over 100,000 schools and organizations nationwide, making it the most successful drug prevention event ever held.

Local government, business, education, community leaders, as well as all citizens need to work together to

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Bulldogs 'pound' Raiders 28-15

The Hitchcock Bulldogs put together a successful opening drive that was plagued with penalties.

Hitchcock's Jeffrey Bond caught a 22-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Kelvin Davis capping a ten play drive. An extra point kick was added putting Hitchcock up 7-0.

Hitchcock scooped up a Rice fumble but the Raiders defense responded and forced the Bulldogs to punt.

A failed punt gave Rice the ball in Bulldog territory.

Raider fullback Warren Scott had a 32-yard run which set up a two-yard touchdown run from Scott with 4:04 left in the first quarter.

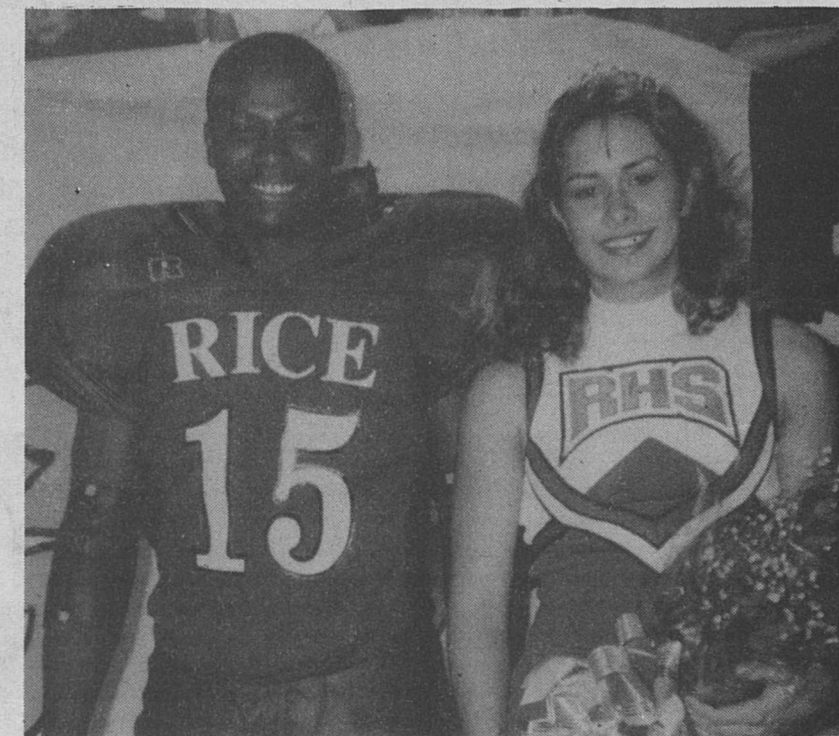
Kevin Hoffman's extra point try was good to tie the game 7-7.

Defense marked the second quarter as the game stayed tied until the last minutes of the half.

Hitchcock's go-ahead touchdown came off a 54-yard pass reception by Davon Rogers.

The two point conversion was no good but Hitchcock took a 13-7 lead into the half.

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This year's Rice High School Homecoming King and Queen were announced during half-time of last Friday's football game against Hitchcock. Selected by the student body were Warren Scott and Rebal Canaris.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing