

## FFA reports summer activities

Several members of the Rice FFA were busy this summer going to educational field trips and attending the State FFA Convention in Amarillo. The first trip in June was to the high plans of the Texas panhandle where the commercial steer feeders along with several adult leaders from area communities were given first-hand experience in the feed lot industry.

The group toured the Swisher County Feed Yard where several local ranchers are currently feeding cattle under Friona Industry's careful management.

The privilege and access to this state of the art facility was organized by Joe Mike Spanihel of Cashatta

Ranch. Next, the group toured the Excell Packing Plant in Plainview, where a 4,400 head of cattle a day processing capacity was visually inspected.

The industry discussed examples of how modern-day beef processing takes place. This extremely rare opportunity was the work of Dr. Mark Miller of Texas Tech University.

The last day of the tours included a very informative discussion and tour of the Texas Tech meat science department. The groups learned many industry related issues. The trip was very informative and a good time was had by all.

The State FFA Convention trip to Amarillo, began with a tour of the Palo

Duro Canyon in Canyon, Texas. The students learned of geographic differences within our state with a bit of Texas History included.

Next, a quick return to the Swisher County feed yard was taken.

Then the group toured the Texas Cattle Feeders Association. While attending the State FFA Convention the students also visited the American Quarter Horse Association. After touring the Beef Carcass Fabricating Plant owned by Texas Tebone, the students learned of advanced or industry-leading technology on carcass fabrication enhancement.

Students also had the opportunity to tour Friona Industry's headquarters where they learned about marketing cattle. The overall trip was very informative, educational and enjoyable.

Students attending either trip were Jess and Jacob Little, Brandon and Heather Shanks, Ryan Henske, Lauren Spanihel, Camille Staff, Chad Mahalitic, Stephanie Braden, Amy Donnelly and Brett Boensch.

Monte Williams is the FFA sponsor.



Rice FFA members tour Swisher County Feed Yard.

FFA Photos



FFA members stop for a group photo at Palo Duro Canyon.



These members attended the State FFA Convention in Amarillo.

## County 4-H archery project to get underway

The Colorado County 4-H archery project will get underway Tuesday, Sept. 14, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Columbus Elementary School cafeteria. The archery project is open to boys and girls, ages third grade through 19 years, throughout Colorado County.

Interested individuals may stop by the County Extension Office at 316 Spring Street, Columbus to secure

enrollment forms. Forms must be completed and turned in at the meeting on Sept. 14.

Instead of charging a fee, as has been done in the past, each participant is asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to a Shooting Sports Project community service activity.

Attendance at the first meeting is mandatory. Both the participant and parents should attend. The aspects of archery safety will be discussed along with equipment and targets. A shooting schedule will be determined as well.

Live archery instruction and participant shooting will start the following week and will last for five weeks. Participants will shoot once each week under the supervision and instruction of certified archery coaches serving as volunteer 4-H leaders.

For additional information, contact the County Extension Office at 409-732-2082 or 732-2530.

## About Town...

•The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Roy and Anna Belle Marshall invite everyone to a reception Sunday, Sept. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on the occasion of the couple's 60th wedding anniversary.

The Church is located the corner of Lake Ave. and Prairie. No gifts please; your friendship and presence is the nicest gift of all.

## SHERIDAN LIBRARY NEWS

Library board members and volunteers are now taking orders for the "community birthday calendar" for the year 2000.

The cost for individuals is \$5, a business is \$20, and clubs, organizations and churches is \$10. With a business ad or a support ad, a free calendar is provided.

To order a calendar, call Zeldia Walker, Ed Parham, Natalie Dupre, Joyce Ohm, Mary Lou Criswell, or Lillian Gohlke. Your support is appreciated.

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The Sheridan Friends of the Library continues to grow. Nine new memberships were added during the summer. Membership dues are \$5 per person. With these funds, the library is able to purchase items not included in the annual budget.

Friends for 1999 include Charles & Mary DeShazo, Marguerite McCoy, Wayne & Natalie Dupre, Harry & Grace Brisco, Rosalie Brocker, Evelyn Holt, Willard & Irene Hagendorf, Everett & Minnie Spittler,

Martha Polach, Jenavee Peterson, Jim & Carolyn Brisco, Bill & Lillian Gohlke, Bill & Gail O'Neill, Phil & Elaine Mailloux, Ed & Kay Parham, Gordon & Beverly Mercer, Jean & Zeldia Walker, Franklin & Trish Walker;

Also, Mark, Leah, Courtney, and Jesse Ross, Eldon & Joyce Ohm, Mary Lou Criswell, Duane & Kathy Ricks, Omi Kincheloe, Eddie Ray & Lois Taylor, McDowell & LaVerne Criswell and Bobby Haines, Pat & Louise Brandenburg, Shirley Moore, Dean & Betty Varley, Dot Warham, Bessie Dorhauer, Lloyd & Ora Spittler, Gary Spittler, Charles Schirmer, Larry & Darnell Varley, Andrew Varley, Tiffany Varley and Kimberly Varley.

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The library received book donations from Susan Watson, Audrey Richards, Betty & Dean Varley, Shirley Moore, Eddie Ray & Lois

Taylor and Tammy Bourne.

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The library received the following memorials during the past two months: in memory of Ruth Grubert: Bill & Lillian Gohlke, Willard & Irene Hagendorf, Wayne & Natalie Dupre, James & Lara D. Sudik, Vernita Dopslauf, Fran, Jerry and Jenny Hajovsky; in memory of J.B. Ross: Lavo & Ruth Brisco, Ray Lee & Carmen Jackson, Wayne & Natalie Dupre, Vernita Dopslauf, Larry & Darnell Varley;

Also, in memory of Jack Richardson: Lavo & Ruth Brisco; in memory of Henry J. Hajovsky: Bill & Lillian Gohlke; in memory of Herbert Stern: Rice Consolidated School Food Service Association;

And, in memory of Tom Tesch: Dub & Liz Fuller; in honor of Albert & Earlene Botard's 50th wedding anniversary: Wayne & Natalie Dupre.

## Garwood School celebrates Exemplary rating

On Friday Aug. 27, Garwood School celebrated their Exemplary rating from the Texas Education Agency. The school had been notified earlier in the month that the highest rating had been awarded to Garwood for 1998-99 school year.

The students and staff enjoyed pizza and sodas. El Campo Coca-Cola donated the drinks and parents furnished the pizza.

The 200 students and 26 staff members send out a huge Thank You to: Pagel Trucking (Monica & Dwayne Pagel), Tom & Diane Churchwell, Madison & Charlotte Smith, Mary & Stephen Mahalitic, Susan & Kirk Engstrom, Pintail Hunting Club (Al & Martha Shimek), James & Mary Till, Kim & Edward Gold, Elaine Dromgoole, Mandy & Tony Hurst; Becky & Greg Lobpries, Larry's Super Serve, Kallina Oil, Triska Funeral Home, Janice & Kenny Danklefs, David & Betty Shuirring, Fredda & Robert Abell, Delmar Krenek, Janice & Gale Thompson, Kenneth & Renee Staff, Frank & Monica Staff, Darby & Sherry Hoffman.

From the Office of Representative Robby Cook...

## New Texas laws

Three months after the end of the 1999 Legislative session, over 1000 laws will take effect. Lawmakers passed 1,622 bills. Gov. George W. Bush vetoed 31 of them, allowing 1,591 to become law.

Some measures, such as one to boost prize money in the state lottery, were deemed emergencies and became effective immediately while others, including tougher standardized tests and promotion standards for schoolchildren, will take years to put in place.

The majority of new laws took effect Sept. 1 and touch the lives of every Texan. Here's a look at some notable new laws:

### Youths

•Minors must get written permission from their parents before getting their bodies pierced, except when having an ear pierced.

•All children younger than 16 must wear seat belts when riding in a motor vehicle. Previously, children 4 to 15 years old weren't required to wear seat belts if they were in the back seat. (Children two and younger still must be in safety seats, and 3-year-olds must wear seat belts or be in safety seats).

•Employers must obtain parents' written consent before hiring children to sell goods and services door-to-door. Employers also must provide parents with the name of an adult who will supervise the child and a map of the route the child will follow. Children may not solicit door-to-door after 7 p.m.

•Doctors must notify parents of unmarried girls younger than 18 seeking an abortion and must wait 48 hours before performing the procedure. Girls who don't want their parents notified can appeal to a judge. The law took effect Wednesday, Sept. 1 but will apply to abortions performed after Jan. 1.

### Education

•Every schoolteacher in Texas will get a \$3,000-a-year pay raise. At the same time, Texas taxpayers will get \$1.35 billion of school property tax relief over the next two years.

•School districts can create as many as six new advanced placement courses per high school with money from the Texas Advanced Placement Incentive Program.

### Criminal Justice

•A number of new laws aim to protect victims of family violence and dole out harsher punishment to abusers. One law extends the duration of protective orders from one year to two years. Another makes a second assault on a family member a third degree felony, instead of a Class A misdemeanor.

•Drivers will be considered intoxicated when their blood-alcohol level reaches 0.08. The old limit was 0.10. An average 170-pound man could consume four drinks an hour on an empty stomach before becoming intoxicated.

•Juveniles arrested for delinquent conduct automatically will be placed in a detention facility if they had a gun with them. A judge must review the case within 48 hours to determine whether it is safe to release the child.

### Traffic: Rules of the Road

•Trucks may travel up to 70 mph the same posted speed limit for cars on Texas highways and interstates, ending lower speed limits for trucks.

•The speed limit on beaches will be lowered to 15 mph at all times. The current limit is 25 mph during the day and 20 mph at night.

•Penalties will increase for selling, making or trying to use fake proof of car insurance. Offenders can be charged with a second-degree felony if they intended to defraud or harm someone.

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# Beauty Shots.



Pictured left to right: Ludmila Malakhova and Anthony, Melissa McKnight and Jacquelyn, Maggie Giotta and Talen, Kara Young and Nick.

Your baby is beautiful. And may be the picture of health. But there's also a one in four chance he or she isn't up-to-date with immunizations. *One in four.*

Your child needs more than 12 shots over the course of five visits, before the age of two.

So never assume your baby is on schedule. Ask your doctor at every visit.

That way, you'll be certain you're giving your child a fair shot. And that's the most beautiful thing of all.

For more information, please call the National Immunization Information Hotline at 1-800-232-2522.



## CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

### Civic Garden Club

Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club members are reminded to submit dues now for the 1999-2000 club year.

The yearbook is being prepared and it is important to include all supporters' names.

Membership fee is \$25 per year and is open to any person or business

who wants to contribute to the beautification and maintenance of the public area of our town.

The entire amount of the membership goes toward landscaping and upkeep of the City Hall Square, Harrison Park (Dairy Queen intersection), the traffic light intersection as well as the numerous live oak and crepe myrtle trees the Club has planted along the major streets over the past 10 years.

Please mail membership fees to Helyn Farris, Vice president-membership, 312 E.Main, Eagle Lake.

Telephone inquiries concerning membership may be directed to Farris at 234-2598.

### Nada Catholic Daughters

The Nada Catholic Daughters (NCD) Court was adjourned for the summer. The next meeting will be Sept. 14.

Winners of the local high school scholarship given by the Catholic Daughters of America were Justin Schneider and Chad Kallina.

At the last meeting, the installation of new officers was held. They are: Bernita Korenek, Regent; Ernestine Schneider, Vice Regent; Linda Bubela, Recording Secretary; Brenda Bittner, Treasurer; and Clara Gold, Financial Secretary.

### Bible Verse of the Week

"Create in me a clean heart, O God. And renew a right spirit within me." — Psalms 51:10

Submitted by Neddy Phillips