

EL Ladies Golf Association holds annual

The Eagle Lake Ladies Golf Association held its annual two woman scramble on June 21.

Winners were: First Flight, 1st Gross: Sharon Schlauch and Belinda Leatherwood, 70; 2nd Gross: Patricia

Walters and Butch Wittenburg, 73. 1st Net: Donna Duncan and Sandy Reese, 62.3; 2nd Net: Margaret Hore-

lica and Anita Kubes, 65.2. Second Flight, 1st Gross: Glenda Houston and Catherine Couey, 75; 2nd Gross: Carolyn Keaton and Michele Townsend, 76.

1st Net: Jamie and Kassie Mikulik, 62.5; 2nd Net: Diana Alderman and Linda Johnston, 65.5. Third Flight, 1st Gross: Kathy Hamilton and Rhonda Johnstone, 80;

2nd Gross: Lachelle Short and Shirley Collinsworth, 80. 1st Net: Nancy Dishman and Deborah Ogle, 67.2; 2nd Net: Rusty Reeves and Helen Roddam, 74.

Closest to the pin on No. 4 was Nancy Dishman, 4 feet, 10 inches. The Ladies would like to thank everyone who worked with the tournament to make it a success. They

would especially like to thank the members for the use of their personal carts. Last, but not least, they would like to thank Annie Broesche for the delicious meal and pigs-in-a-blanket served in the morning before the tournament.

Thanks to all who were involved and a big thank you to the ladies who participated.

KCs hold two-man scramble

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus held their 16th Annual Two-Man Scramble on June 4.

Winner were: First Flight: first place: R. Benert and R. Michalik; second place: R. Spalinger and M. Duarte; third place: L. Broesche and T. Gindt.

Second Flight: first place: R. Cook and W. Bowen; second place: J. Zahradnik and T. Kovar; third place: K. Pesnell and J. Pesnell.

Third Flight: first place: B. Cook and R. Cook; second place: D. Dequeant and L. Krancher; third place: B. Wiese and M. Wiese.

Fourth Flight: first place: C. Guthman and D. Schorlemmer; second place: T. Barnett and B. Pilcik; third place: D. Nitsch Jr. and C. Cox. Closest to the Hole: Hole #4, Tommy Guthman; Hole #7, Larry Broesche.

The Eagle Lake KCs would like to thank to all the sponsors: Johnny Garza, TrafCo, K of C Insurance, J&K's, Lake Lumber, Austin's BBQ, Austin's Grocery, Lissie Flying Service, E.B. Air Conditioning, Cook Farms, S&W Parts, Eagle Lake General Store, Winco, Canaris Nursery, Eagle Lake Barber Shop, Patchonli Candle, Area Rice Marketing and Shoppa's Farm Supply.

4th Annual genealogy conference is July 27-29

A three-day genealogy conference, hosted by the Brazos Valley Counties Chapter of the Czech Heritage Society, will celebrate 150 years of Czechs in Texas.

The conference will be held at the Brazos Center, 3232 Briarcrest Drive in Bryan, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 27-29.

A total of 23 speakers, including Dr. Mirek Koudelka and Dr. Karel Kysilka of the Czech Republic, Karen Hobbs of Colorado, Leo Baca, Dr. Robert Skrabanek, Dr. Clinton Machann, Dr. Gary Kocurek, Rev. John Gantt and many others from the state of Texas, will conduct 35 speaker sessions, including the History of Czechs in Europe, Military Records, Czech Immigrant Records, Early Life of Czechs in Texas, Researching the Czech Republic, etc.

The genealogy conference will be held in conjunction with the State Czech Heritage Society Summer meeting, which is Saturday, July 29.

For those attending only the State meeting, there will be exhibits, research, vendors, etc. Saturday morning, beginning a with registration at 8 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon at a cost of \$6.

The State meeting will begin at 1 p.m.

Registration fee for the three-day conference is \$60 and includes two meals. Single day registration is \$30. Registration at the door for three days is \$75. Registration deadline is July 13.

For more information or to order a registration brochure, call 979-799-2313; write to CHS of Texas Genealogy Conference of Texas, P.O. Box 10812, College Station, Texas 77824 or visit www.czechheritage.org.

Booster Club elects officers

The Rice Athletic Booster Club held its monthly meeting June 19.

Minutes were read and approved; and the treasurer's report was given.

New business was the election of officers. New officers are: President, Denis Hentzell; Vice-President, Melody Grigar; Secretary, Sandy Schneider; and Treasurer, Lisa Hoffman.

A request was made for softball netting, large poster board for display of Raider pride and an ice machine to be used for athletes and the Club's fundraisers.

A garage sale is being planned to offset the cost of the ice machine.

If you would like to donate any-

thing for the garage sale, contact Kitty Hentzell. The time and place will be announced at a later date.

If you would like make a donation towards the ice machine, contact Denis Hentzell.

The cheerleaders are planning a "Meet the Raider" get together some time in Aug. At that time, the Club will have a membership drive. Watch *The Headlight* for more details later.

The Club still needs a chair person for different fundraisers. If any of you were once a Raider, please come out and join, as you know how great it made you feel to have the fan support. Now it's your turn to be the Raider fan!

LIBRARY LINES

The Eula and David Wintermann Library has been very busy with the Summer Reading Program. There are 53 children registered this year plus the children from My Friend's House.

The library appreciates donations from B&B Foods, Dairy Delite, Austin's Grocery, Whataburger, Simple Simon's and LCRA to help make the program a success.

Librarian Laura Finney attended a meeting in Hempstead concerning the Summer Reading Program. She came back with plans for next year.

Hopefully, the library will be able to recruit enough help to divide the children to two groups next year. That way, there would not be such a wide difference in ages.

Library hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturdays.

Controlling armadillo damage

By Benard Mitchell-County Extension Agent-Agri

Although armadillos are beneficial because they eat insects and other invertebrates, they sometimes become a nuisance by digging in lawns, golf courses, gardens and flower beds. Some damage has been caused by their burrowing under foundations, driveways and other structures. When they cause damage, they may need to be controlled.

Live trapping is an effective way to capture armadillos, although they can sometimes be difficult to catch because they are so unpredictable. Traps should be placed in trails near fences or beside buildings.

Since armadillos normally dig burrows in areas that have cover, the removal of brush, rock piles and tall grass will sometimes discourage them from becoming established. Although armadillos can climb over small fences or burrow under them, fencing or barriers may be effective under the right conditions. A fence slanted outward at a 40 degree angle with at least 18 inches buried usually will deter them. This works best for a small area.

Remember, armadillos are beneficial, so in rural areas use shooting as a (See Armadillos, Page 10)

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Keeping an Eye on Texas

Little league, not so little anymore

Since its inception in 1951, Little League baseball in Texas has grown from 6 leagues, 24 teams with 260 total players, to 521 leagues, 15,000 teams and 225,000 total players in 1999. In fact, Texas has the third largest Little League organization in the country.

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New York	530	16,300	244,500
Texas	521	15,000	225,000
Pennsylvania	436	11,600	174,000
New Jersey	330	9,400	141,000

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and Little League Baseball, Inc.

El bienestar de Texas

Ligas Infantiles ya no tan infantiles

Desde su creación en 1951, el béisbol de las Ligas Infantiles en Texas ha crecido de 6 ligas con 24 equipos y un total de 260 jugadores hasta 521 ligas con 15,000 equipos y un total de 225,000 jugadores en 1999. De hecho, Texas cuenta con la tercera mayor organización de Ligas Infantiles en el país.

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STB No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 156)
NOTICE OF INTENT TO
ABANDON OR TO DISCONTINUE RAIL SERVICE

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") gives notice that on or after July 7, 2000, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, D.C. 20423, an application for permission for abandonment of and discontinuance of service on a line of railroad known as the Bellaire Subdivision extending from railroad milepost 3.84 near Bellaire Junction in Houston to milepost 52.9 near Chesterville, a distance of 49.42 miles in Harris, Fort Bend, Austin, Wharton and Colorado Counties, Texas (the "Line").

The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service ZIP Codes 77002, 77024, 77027, 77031, 77042, 77055, 77056, 77057, 77063, 77074, 77082, 77411, 77434, 77435, 77441, 77454, 77476, and 77098.

The Line includes the stations of Bellaire Junction (milepost 6.2), Bellaire Team (milepost 7.3), Jeannetta (milepost 10.9), West Park (milepost 13.4), Alief (milepost 15.0), Quality (milepost 17.0), Codine (21.6), Fulshear (milepost 33.4), Simonton (milepost 38.4) and Wallis (milepost 44.8). No agencies exist at any of these stations.

The reasons for the proposed abandonment and discontinuance are (1) freight revenues on the line are insufficient to justify the costs of operation, maintenance and rehabilitation and (2) there is no reasonable prospect that traffic and revenues will increase sufficiently in the foreseeable future to justify continued operation of the line. Based on information in UP's possession, the line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession regarding this issue will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

This line of railroad has appeared on the system diagram map or included in the narrative in category 1 since April 1, 2000, filed May 8, 2000.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected as required by 49 U.S.C. 10903(b)(2).

The application will include the applicant's entire case for abandonment and discontinuance (case in chief). Any interested person, after the application is filed on or after July 7, 2000, may file with the Surface Transportation Board written comments concerning the proposed abandonment and discontinuance or protests to it. These filings are due 45 days from the date of filing of the application. All interested persons should be aware that following any abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 U.S.C. 10905 (\$1152.28 of the Board's rules) and any request for a trail use condition under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) (\$1152.29 of the Board's rules) must also be filed within 45 days from the date of filing of the application. Persons who may oppose the abandonment or discontinuance but who do not wish to participate fully in the process by appearing at any oral hearings or by submitting verified statements of witnesses, containing detailed evidence, should file comments. Persons interested only in seeking public use or trail use conditions should also file comments. Persons opposing the proposed abandonment or discontinuance that do wish to participate actively and fully in the process should file a protest.

Protests must contain that party's entire case in opposition (case in chief) including the following:

- (1) Protestant's name, address and business.
- (2) A statement describing protestant's interest in the proceeding including:
 - (i) a description of protestant's use of the line;
 - (ii) if protestant does not use the line, information concerning the group or public interest it represents; and
 - (iii) if protestant's interest is limited to the retention of service over a portion of the line, a description of the portion of the line subject to protestant's interest (with milepost designations if available) and evidence showing that the applicant can operate the portion of the line profitably, including an appropriate return on its investment for those operations.
- (3) Specific reasons why protestant opposes the application including information regarding protestant's reliance on the involved service (this information must be supported by affidavits of persons with personal knowledge of the facts).
- (4) Any rebuttal of material submitted by applicant.

In addition, a commenting party or protestant may provide a statement of position and evidence regarding:

- (i) Intent to offer financial assistance pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10904;
- (ii) Environmental impact;
- (iii) Impact on rural and community development;
- (iv) Recommended provisions for protection of the interests of employees;
- (v) Suitability of the properties for other public purposes pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10905; and
- (vi) Prospective use of the right-of-way for interim trail use and rail banking under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) and \$1152.29.

A protest may demonstrate that: (1) the protestant filed a feeder line application under 49 U.S.C. 10907; (2) the feeder line application involves any portion of the rail line involved in the abandonment or discontinuance application; (3) the feeder line application was filed prior to the date the abandonment or discontinuance application was filed; and (4) the feeder line application is pending before the Board.

Written comments and protests will be considered by the Board in determining what disposition to make of the application. The commenting party or protestant may participate in the proceeding as its interests may appear. If an oral hearing is desired, the requester must make a request for an oral hearing and provide reasons why an oral hearing is necessary. Oral hearing requests must be filed with the Board no later than 10 days after the application is filed.

Those parties filing protests to the proposed abandonment and discontinuance should be prepared to participate actively either in an oral hearing or through the submission of their entire opposition case in the form of verified statements and arguments at the time they file a protest. Parties seeking information concerning the filing of protests should refer to \$1152.25.

Written comments and protests, including all requests for public use and trail use conditions, should indicate the proceeding designation STB No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 156) and must be filed with the Secretary, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, D.C. 20423, no later than August 21, 2000. Interested persons may file a written comment or protest with the Board to become a party to this abandonment and discontinuance proceeding. A copy of each written comment or protest shall be served upon the representative of the applicant, James P. Gatlin, General Attorney, 1416 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68179, Telephone (402) 271-2158. The original and 10 copies of all comments or protests shall be filed with the Board with a certificate of service. Except as otherwise set forth in part 1152, each document filed with the Board must be served on all parties to the abandonment proceeding. 49 CFR 1104.12(a).

The line sought to be abandoned and discontinued will be available for subsidy or sale for continued rail use, if the Board decides to permit the abandonment and discontinuance, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations (49 U.S.C. 10904 and 49 CFR 1152.27). No subsidy arrangement approved under 49 U.S.C. 10904 shall remain in effect for more than 1 year unless otherwise mutually agreed by the parties (49 U.S.C. 10904(f)(4)(B)). Applicant will promptly provide upon request to each interested party an estimate of the subsidy and minimum purchase price required to keep the line in operation. The carrier's representative to whom inquiries may be made concerning sale or subsidy terms is James P. Gatlin, General Attorney, 1416 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68179.

Persons seeking further information concerning abandonment procedures may contact the Surface Transportation Board or refer to the full abandonment or discontinuance regulations at 49 CFR part 1152. Questions concerning environmental issues may be directed to the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection on or after July 7, 2000 at each agency station or terminal on the line proposed to be abandoned or discontinued. If there is no agency station on the line (and there is none) the application shall be deposited at any agency station through which business for the line is received or forwarded, which is Union Pacific's National Customer Service Center, 210 N. 13th Street, St. Louis, MO 63103. The toll free telephone number is 1-800-877-5130, select option 2. Business hours are Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The carrier shall furnish a copy of the application to any interested person proposing to file a protest or comment, upon request.

An environmental assessment (EA) (or environmental impact statement (EIS), if necessary) prepared by the Section of Environmental Analysis will be served upon all parties of record and upon any agencies or other persons who commented during its preparation. Any other persons who would like to obtain a copy of the EA (or EIS) may contact the Section of Environmental Analysis. EAs in these abandonment proceedings normally will be made available within 33 days of the filing of the application. The deadline for submission of comments on the EA will generally be within 30 days of its service. The comments received will be addressed in the Board's decision. A supplemental EA or EIS may be issued where appropriate.

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