

Pink Ladies hold luncheon, install officers

Rice Medical Center Auxiliary held its annual salad luncheon and installation of officers Tuesday, April 24, in the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church.

The new officers installed were: Charlene Konesheck, president; Barbara Pidgeon, first vice president; Minnie Lee Connors, second vice president; Margie Cason, secretary; and Janie Crane, treasurer.

Installation was done by Laura Mathys, who presented each officer with a pin.

Each member brought their favorite salad; desserts were supplied by the employees at the hospital in recognition of Volunteer Week.

During this past fiscal year, the "Pink Ladies" have donated \$16,300

to the hospital for equipment, nurse's workshops, a call system and funds for a grant.

Since 1988, the Auxiliary has provided the hospital with a total of \$258,706.

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CCJDC second annual carwash and bake sale

Saturday, June 9, the Colorado County Juvenile Detention Center (CCJDC) Advisory Council will sponsor its second annual carwash and bake sale at the CCJDC, 600 FM 3013. Starting at 8 a.m., bring your dusty car, van or truck and for \$5 the cadets will wash and vacuum your vehicle and have you on your way in a matter of minutes. While you wait, browse the assortment of home baked goodies that will also be available for purchase. For more information or if you would like to donate baked goods, contact Margo Harrison at 234-5054.

Evolution to closed until June 1

The Evolution Center will be closed until June 1 for clean-up. For more information, call 979-234-4972.

Lissie UMC to host ice cream social

Lissie United Methodist Church (UMC) will host its annual Ice Cream Social and Sing-a-long at the church June 3 starting at 5 p.m. There will be fun and games along with homemade ice cream and other gastronomic delights. They will then proceed to the air-conditioned sanctuary for a great time of singing old time gospel songs. Come and enjoy the great food and fellowship and make a joyful noise in song! If you need directions or have questions, call Rev. William M. Ramsey at 979-234-2112 or 234-3779.

July 4th celebration set

Mark your calendar now to attend the "Old Time July 4th Celebration" in the Eagle Lake Municipal Park, sponsored by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce. For information, call 979-234-2780.

Farm, ranch management shortcourse set for June 2

The second annual Small Farm and Ranch Management Shortcourse will be held Saturday, June 2, in the auditorium of the Carden-Waller Cooperative Extension Building on the campus of Prairie View A&M University.

Texas A&M and Prairie View A&M Universities have cooperated to conduct this shortcourse with major focus on beef cattle and current issues impacting the beef cattle industry.

Topics to be covered will include: new product development and marketing, hay storage to reduce losses, Bermuda grass cultivars for maximum production, rotational or deferred grazing systems, herbicides and pesticides for forage production, nutritional requirements and management considerations matched with various forage programs.

Program presenters include Dr. Ernie Davis, professor and extension economist-livestock marketing; Dr. Larry Boleman, professor and extension beef cattle specialist; Dr. David Bade, professor and extension forage specialist and Dr. Dennis Herd, professor and extension beef cattle specialist, associate professor for agriculture-Prairie View A&M University; Nelson Daniels, program specialist, Prairie View A&M University Cooperative Extension Program; David McGregor, Waller County Extension agent and Mike McCravy with the Texas Beef Industry Council.

This event is being sponsored by

"The humblest citizen of all the land, when clad in the armor of a righteous cause, is stronger than all the hosts of Error."

— William Jennings Bryan

"The wisest thing to do with a fool is to encourage him to hire a hall and discourse to his fellow citizens. Nothing chills nonsense like exposure to the air."

— President Woodrow Wilson

County TEEA May meeting held

The Colorado County Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) met for May at the Agriculture Meeting room in Columbus.

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Prause, vice-chairman.

A moment of silence in memory of Dessie Hoppe was followed by the Association prayer.

Sheridan Go-Getters had the opening exercise.

Roll call and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was by Kathryn DeGeorge, secretary.

The treasurer's report followed by Dorothy McKinney.

Business taken included plans for a county-wide membership "Get Together" to be held July 9. A salad luncheon and an afternoon of games and visiting are planned at the St. Paul Lutheran Fellowship Hall in Columbus.

A Memorial Scholarship in memory of the Association's deceased president, Dessie Hoppe, will be given from club and personal donations.

A nominating committee, comprised of Jo Knox, Alvina Poenitzsch and McKinney, will report at the next meeting, July 5.

Club nominees for delegates to the State Convention in Sept. will be voted on at the meeting along with election of officers.

Letters of Invitation were passed out to club presidents for each member. These letters will be given to members' neighbors, friends and relatives as a means to increase membership.

Anyone wishing more information about TEEA can contact any member or call the county agent's office at 979-732-2530.

There are six clubs in the county:

Weimar Caring Hearts, Sheridan Go-Getters, Frelsburg Club, Shaws Bend Club, Nada/Garwood Gadabouts and the Happy Homemakers of Columbus.

Visitors are always welcome at the meetings, which consist of educational programs, business sessions and social time.

The 2001 TEEA fund raiser was discussed and plans will be finalized in July. Each club and some members

will donate gifts, and tickets will be sold in the area for this fund raiser.

TEEA members do volunteer work all over the county, donating their time, labor and financial help.

To date this year county members have volunteered 7,368 hours.

The fund raiser helps the association represent Colorado County at District meetings and the State Convention plus award a Scholarship to a deserving 4-H member each year.



Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist
PREVENT FOOT PROBLEMS



Of the more than 300 possible foot ailments a person can develop, most would be prevented if people stopped abusing and neglecting their feet. Proper foot care increases comfort and helps prevent painful conditions. It limits the potential for related medical problems that can occur with foot disorders, including arthritis and circulatory disease. Foot care reduces the possibility of infection and helps people stay mobile as they age, which helps keep them out of nursing homes and other institutions. To keep feet healthy, wear properly fitted shoes with a firm sole and soft upper. Bathe feet in warm water with a mild soap, then moisturize. Trim toenails straight across.

Because your feet are the foundation of your entire body, keeping them strong and healthy is fundamental to your well-being. When foot problems occur, correcting them early on often leads to the correction of aches, pains, and problems in other parts of the body. If foot problems point to trouble elsewhere in the body, or result from other conditions, we will work with the members of your health care team to ensure your good health. Keep your body's foundation in the best health - call us at 234-5571, at Rice Medical Center. I am there every Tuesday.

P.S. Inspect feet regularly, and see a podiatrist if you notice any problems.

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Myths. Rumors. Misinformation. The fact is, if you are sick or injured and admitted to the hospital, the absolute number one priority is to save your life. Organ and tissue donation can be considered only if you die and after your family has been consulted. Don't let bad information keep you from making a great decision. Call 1-800-355-SHARE or visit www.shareyourlife.org for honest information on organ donation.

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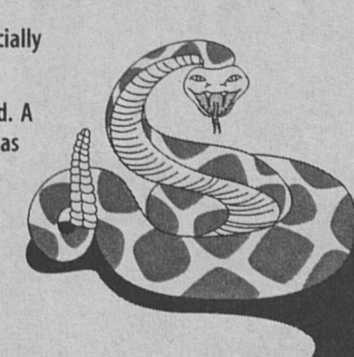
Keeping an Eye on Texas

Caution... Camouflaged Critters on the Slither

Texas is home to four categories of poisonous snakes, including coral snakes, copperheads, cottonmouths (water moccasins) and rattlesnakes. In Texas, you are four times more likely to be killed by lightning than a poisonous snakebite, but taking precautions is key to snakebite prevention.

Snakebite precautions:

- Walk heavily; snakes may sense ground vibrations and slither away before you approach them.
- Wear boots and long pants outdoors, especially when walking in tall grass.
- Do not handle snakes, even if they are dead. A reflex strike from a dead snake can be just as dangerous as a bite by a live one.
- Do not thrust hands or feet into dark areas or areas where snakes may be resting — under rocks, woodpiles, logs or brush.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us), the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and www.gorp.com.



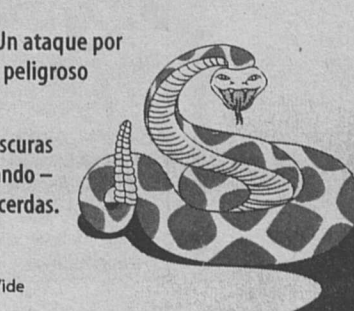
Observando a Texas

Cuidado... Bichos Enmascarados Rodando en el Suelo

Texas es el hogar de cuatro categorías de víboras venenosas, incluyendo el coralillo, copperhead, cottonmouth (mocasin de agua) y cascabel. En Texas, es cuatro veces más posibilidad de que alguien muera a causa de un rayo que por la picadura de una víbora venenosa, pero para prevenir una picadura de víbora lo principal es tomar precauciones.

Precauciones para evitar las picaduras:

- Caminar con firmeza; las víboras pueden sentir las vibraciones del suelo y escurrirse antes de que uno se acerque.
- Usar botas y pantalones largos cuando se sale afuera, especialmente cuando se camina en áreas de yuyos altos.
- No tocar las víboras, aún si están muertas. Un ataque por reflejo de una víbora muerta puede ser tan peligroso como la picadura de una que está viva.
- No arriesgue sus manos o sus pies en áreas oscuras en las que las víboras pueden estar descansando — debajo de rocas, pilas de maderas, troncos o cerdas.



Origenes: Carole Keeton Rylander, Contralora de Texas (www.window.state.tx.us), el Departamento de Parques y Vida Silvestre de Texas y www.gorp.com.

President's Luncheon is success

The Eagle Lake Study Club's recent President's Luncheon was a huge success. The meal which was catered by Austin's Catering was wonderful.

Bill Ramsey, pastor of the Lissie United Methodist Church, gave the blessing.

A great program by two women from the Skylarks out of the Katy/Houston area on the many Women of Texas who made it to the top in music was presented.

The singing and information on the women was just beautiful and the decorative background was just so special... all in red, white and blue.

A beautiful book on "The Century" was presented to the out-going President Barbara Pidgeon for appreciation of her service to the club.

The new slate of officers were presented: Fair Wells, president; Mary Lou Anderson, first vice-president; Pidgeon, second vice-president; Betty Wilcox, secretary; and Ernie Sommerlatte, treasurer.

Cherry Corman and Patty Holloway provided the special table decorations in keeping with the Texas theme.

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Market Report for May 24, 2001
Animals on hand: cattle, 1685; one horse.

Number of sellers: 288.

Packer cows: higher dressing utility and cutter cows, 43-48¢ per lb.; lower dressing utility & cutter cows, 38-42¢ per lb.; thin cows, 32-37¢.

Packer bulls: heavy weight bulls, 55-59¢; utility cutter bulls, 49-54¢.

Cows tested: 277

Stock/Feeder- Calves/Yearlings

Steers #1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.40-1.65; 300-400 lbs., \$1.20-1.33; 400-500 lbs., \$1.07-1.17; 500-600 lbs., 95¢-1.05; 600-700 lbs., 87-94¢; 700-800 lbs., 79-86¢.

Steers #2: 200-300 lbs., \$1.20-1.30; 300-400 lbs., \$1.10-1.20; 400-500 lbs., 97¢-1.05; 500-600 lbs., 85-92¢; 600-700 lbs., 81-86¢; 700-800 lbs., 72-78¢.

Heifers #1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.30-1.40; 300-400 lbs., \$1.09-1.12; 400-500 lbs., 95¢-1.05; 500-600 lbs., 86-92¢; 600-700 lbs., 80-85¢; 700-800 lbs., 75-79¢.

Heifers #2: 200-300 lbs., \$1.15-1.25; 300-400 lbs., \$1.00-1.08; 400-500 lbs., 85-92¢; 500-600 lbs., 80-85¢; 600-700 lbs., 75-79¢; 700-800 lbs., 68-74¢.

Good stocker cow/calf pairs, \$750-875 by the head; med. cow/calf pairs, \$625-725 by the head; common cow/calf pairs, \$575-620; good stocker cows & heifers, \$575-675; medium stocker cows & heifers, \$475-560.

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If so, you won't want to miss this presentation by David Kraemer and Riana Jamison.

David and Riana are members of the Columbus Chapter who together bring to this meeting a tremendous and experienced knowledge of edible native plants.

For more information on the Columbus Chapter of the NPOST or on the June meeting, call K. Burris at 979-732-6188.

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Rucka, Rice, senior; **First Base:** Derek Muniz, Sealy, junior, U; **Second Base:** Vincent Pena, Wharton, senior, U;

Also, **Third Base:** David Calbert, Stafford, senior; **Shortstop:** Chris Cantu, Sealy, senior; **Outfielders:** Mario Martinez, Stafford, senior, U; Eric Hubbard, Sweeny, senior; Heath Konesheck, Sealy, freshmen, U; Thomas Wehring, Sealy, senior; **Utility:** Damien DuFour, Sealy, junior; **Designated Hitter:** Thomas Ellis, Sealy, junior; **Coach of the Year:** Jay Janiczak, Sealy.

Did You Know...

The mail box was invented in 1810 by Thomas Brown. He later became Governor of Florida in 1849.