

Youth barrel race slated for Fair kick-off

One of the highlights of the First Annual Kick-Off Day for the 2001 Colorado County Fair, Saturday, Aug. 25, will be a youth barrel race held at the Colorado County Ag Complex on the Hwy. 71 Bypass near Columbus.

Sign up will begin that day at 12 noon. Competition will begin at 1 p.m. The entry fee is \$15.

Racers will be classified in age groups to include eight year olds and under, nine through 12 year olds, and a 13 through 19 age group.

For more information, contact Mark Robinson at 979-732-6413.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Raider yearbooks have arrived!

The 2001 Raider yearbooks have arrived!! Distribution will be held in the commons from 7:40 to 8 a.m., during all lunch periods and after school from 3 to 3:20 p.m. There are extra books available for sale on a first-come, first-serve basis for \$30 each. Book are not available for pick up in Mrs. Grigar's room.

Free movie at the Lighthouse Saturday

Free movies will be shown at the Lighthouse starting Saturday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m. The feature presentation will be "The Cross and the Switch Blade". All are welcome to attend.

No crash collection for Sept. 3

The City of Eagle Lake offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, for Labor Day. The Monday garbage route will be collected Tuesday, Sept. 4, and the Tuesday route will be collected Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Evolution Center now open

The Evolution Center is open from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Tac Kwon Do classes are held Tuesday and Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 979-758-4972.

Women's Conference is this weekend

To all women! You're cordially invited to attend the Women's Circle Conference at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Alleyton Saturday, Aug. 25, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 26, 4-6 p.m. Come and join us in celebrating our First Women's Conference and have a dynamic, spirit filled time in the Lord. Conference leaders will be Saturday: Min. Vanessa Taylor of Houston, ages 12-18; Min. Janice Gibson of Houston, ages 19 and over; and Sunday, Min. JoAnn Reed of Olive Branch Baptist Church. Conference fees are \$15 for adults; \$5 ages 12-18; RSVP by calling 979-733-0055 or 281-342-7557. Williams Catering will be providing lunch. Dress casual on Saturday; church attire on Sunday.

2001 Kolache Bake Show is Sept. 8

The 2001 State of Texas Kolache Bake Show will be held Saturday, Sept. 8, in Caldwell. Persons throughout Texas are invited to share their talents and enter the contest. There are four divisions: state-non-professional, Burleson County non-professional, professional and youth. Registration will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Sept. 8. For more information on the contest, call 979-732-2530.

Defensive driving course is Sept. 4, 5

A six hour defensive driving course has been scheduled by Retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel for Sept. 4 and 5 at the Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake. To register call 979-234-5411 or arrive a few minutes early the first evening. Completion of the course can be used for a dismissal of a traffic violation and/or discount on auto insurance for a three year period.

RHS volleyball fundraiser scheduled for Aug. 31

The Rice High School (RHS) volleyball players are holding a fundraiser Friday, Aug. 31, before the Rice football game against Hallettsville. The dinner includes brisket, potatoes, green beans and bread. Plates are \$6 each. There will be many pick up places to help accommodate your needs: Eagle Lake Middle School, Garwood School and Sheridan School from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; and, some available at the RHS gym from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets will be sold by all RHS volleyball players. Thank you for your support for the Lady Raiders!

Study Club needs auction donations

The Eagle Lake Study Club is gearing up for the Annual Study Club Auction scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 27. The Club asks you get your donations to them as soon as possible. For more information, contact Study Club President Fair Wells or any committee member. You may even take your donations to the library. Thank you in advance for your support.

Senior Friends to view Debra Duncan Show

How would you like to view the Debra Duncan Show from a seat at the Channel 13 studio? Senior Friends members will be going to the Debra Duncan Show Aug. 30, have lunch afterwards and possibly catch a movie at the AMC Theatre in First Colony (lunch and movie on your own). Cost is \$20. Let us know if you're interested in going by calling Carol at 979-282-6090 or Robin at 282-6808. Seating is limited!

St. Rose, Schulenburg picnic is Aug. 26

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Schulenburg will hold its annual parish picnic Sunday, Aug. 26, at Wolters Park. Masses will be held at 7:30 and 10 a.m. A meal featuring fried chicken and stew with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the American Legion Hall for \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Hamburgers and other refreshments will be available in the afternoon and evening. Music will be provided by the Shiner Hobo Band, Vernon Drozd & The Boys and the Red Ravens. For more information, call 979-743-3450.

4th Annual Outdoor Gospel Fest is Sept. 1

The Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Alleyton invites the public to their 4th Annual Outdoor Gospel Fest and Health Fair on Saturday, Sept. 1 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The church is located at 1205 Alleyton Rd. off FM 102 and I-10. Eighteen gospel groups and choirs will sing from the live gospel stage. There will also be drill teams and praise dancers and much, much more. Enjoy the food, and clothes and jewelry vendors along with two big auctions and attractions for youth and adults, free eye and blood pressure checks and much more. Come to the big yard sale beginning at 8 a.m. Booth space is still available by calling 979-234-7083 or the Pastor Davies at 281-342-7557. "It's on at the little church in the country".

St. Mary's Festival, Homecoming is Sept. 2

St. Mary's Parish in Nada will hold its 100th Annual Festival and Homecoming Sunday, Sept. 2 starting with Holy Mass at 9:45 a.m. A BBQ beef and sausage dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. along with polka music in the Nada Community Center. A Country Fair Auction is set for 1 p.m. and a dance from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. with music provided by Family Tradition. There are lots of prizes to be given away and entertainment for young and old alike, along with BBQ sandwiches from 1 to 7 and sausage-in-a-boat and nachoes from 4 to 10.

Senior Friends bake sale is Aug. 31

A bake sale will be held Friday, Aug. 31, at the Gazebo on the Wharton Courthouse Square by Senior Friends of Gulf Coast Medical Center and A.A.L. (Aid for the Association of Lutherans). Call Carol at 979-282-6090 or Robin at 282-6808 if you would like to participate.

Crescent Country Jamboree is Sept. 4

The Crescent Country Jamboree, sponsored by the Wharton County Youth Fair (See Newsbriefs, Page 8)

Raiders shine in opening scrimmage

The Rice Raiders defense, led by a barrage, created nine turnovers in Rice's opening scrimmage against Bellville and Brookshire-Royal Saturday night at Raider Stadium.

According to fifth-year Head Coach Russell Roark, the Raiders looked very sharp at times, but fairly

sluggish at others.

"We had great effort tonight, but made far too many mistakes on both sides of the ball. We're a long way from being a top-10 3A school, but I feel very confident that we will be before too long."

The Raiders scored five times,

using 50 plays.

Leading the way for the Raiders offensively were fullback Conrad Digg and tailbacks Michael Spears and Gerald Williams.

Diggs garnered 90 yards on only 10 carries.

Spears netted 72 yards on just

seven carries and Williams slashed for 62 yards on five carries.

Overall, the Raider offense, known as "Soldiers of the Swamp", tallied 308 yards rushing on 39 carries.

Quarterbacks Patrick Milentz and Nick Sharp also had good games, tallying 50 yards passing, including a 25-yard touchdown connection from Sharp to flanker Michael Cooper.

Defensively, senior standout defensive back Jessie Upson picked off two passes. He returned one for a touchdown and the other to the Bellville five.

After a successful outing, the Raiders will take their talents to Gobbler's Stadium in Cuero Thursday night for a 7:30 p.m. varsity scrimmage.

The Raiders' freshmen team play at 5, followed by the JV at 6:15.

Come support the Raiders as they have their final tune-up before the season opener against Hallettsville Aug. 31 at Raider Stadium.

Conic, Texas' oldest resident, celebrates 113th in Wharton

By Carol Nelson

When Maude Conic came into this world 113 years ago, it may not have been with a bang, but let me tell you, the celebration of her 113th birthday was fantastic!

Standing room was the only thing you'd find at Avalon Place Nursing Home last Wednesday, Aug. 15, from 2 to 3 p.m. in the dining room.

Some folks had to stand in the hallway and peek through the glass windows.

The birthday girl was a few minutes late for her party, so said a camera man from Channel 11 in Houston, but hey, it was her day, and at the age of 113, we should all be so lucky to be around.

The festivities started with a prayer, followed by a welcome from Charlotte Cranek, Administrator of Avalon Place.

Conic not only made local news, but also the Victoria and Houston television and radio stations.

Corman Brown, daughter of Cheryl Brown, a CNA at Avalon, wowed the crowd with her acapella rendition of "The Battle Is The Lord's."

Next up was Shelley Lott, Wharton librarian, who was to read a poem, but instead, read the words to the gospel hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness". She also presented Conic with her first library card.

Other presentations were made by Priscilla Sliva, District Director of the Wharton County Republican Women for Senatorial District 18 TFRW, who gave Conic her first voter registration card. She is the oldest living registered Republican.

A staff person from the office of Congressman Ron Paul presented her

with the U.S. flag which had flown over the nation's Capital; and Tim Duyka, Grand Knight of Council 3262, presented Conic with a certificate.

The youth choir of Macedonia Baptist Church entertained the crowd as well.

At 3:30 p.m., Conic was scheduled to take a drive around Monterey Square in a Model-T Ford driven by

Larry Sitka. The route had to be cut short due to mechanical difficulties but, she did ride a short distance and was bought back to the nursing home by a patrol car.

Frito Lay presented Conic with a lifetime supply of her favorite snack... Fritos.

H.E.B. in Wharton provided two birthday cakes for the celebration. (See Conic, Page 8)



All eyes were on Maude Conic who celebrated her 113th birthday at Avalon Nursing Home on Wednesday, Aug. 15. Pictured is Conic with some of her family. In the background is Charlotte Cranek, Administrator of Avalon Nursing Home. Headlight Photo by Carol Nelson

Chamber welcomes new member

By Chamber Directors Lesley Carey and Carol Nelson

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce met Monday, Aug. 20, at Rice Medical Center.

After the minutes of the last meeting were approved, a new member, True Image Technologies Inc. owned by Daniel Jackson, was welcomed.

It was also noted that County Attorney Ken Sparks will host a program on Hot Checks in the Council Room Sept. 26 at 6 p.m.

Refreshments will be served (coffee and cookies).

The name for the goose tournament which is expected to take place Nov.-Jan. was changed from the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Goose Tournament to the Grande Goose

Contest.

Preliminary rules were distributed.

The tentative rules include having a 1) valid Texas Hunting License; 2) contest is open to all ages; 3) largest wing span of snow goose; 4) no frozen or previously frozen birds will be accepted (fresh kill only); 5) dates (opening day of snow goose season until the last day of regular snow goose season); 6) all birds will be judged at B&S Taxidermy; 7) in the event of a tie, a drawing will be held; 8) judges' decision is final; 9) notification of winner will be five working days after the close of the contest; and, 10) entry fee of \$10 should be purchased before tag-in.

Committee members Denice Jan-

ow, Denis Hentzell, Ronnie Segwick and David Waddell hope to have Remington or Browning sponsor a banner to promote the contest.

Also discussed was the possibility of a Browning shotgun being given away.

Sign up for the contest will take place at Johnny's Sport Shop.

The Headlight will report further details as they become available.

Mark your calendars now to take part in the Christmas Parade which is

scheduled for Dec. 1 at 6:45 p.m.

It's never too early to get started on the details for decorating a float to enter in the parade.

Discussions also held were on the Chamber Banquet which will be held in Jan. of 2002; Chamber membership; newspaper articles; and, promotions.

Segwick gave a report on the property tax appraisals. A note from Chief Appraiser Billy Youens said most ju-

(See Chamber, Page 8)

Youth Commission unit to be named for Dalton Sherrill

Thursday, Aug. 30, at 10 a.m., the new Texas Youth Commission expansion unit will be dedicated as the Dalton Sherrill Unit at the Colorado County Juvenile Facility operated by Correctional Services Corporation/Youth Services International.

The public is invited to attend the dedication and an open house immediately following.

Mr. Sherrill, who died suddenly earlier this year, was the first administrator of the facility.

The current administrator, Ron King, comes to the Eagle Lake facility with 21 years of progressive experience in the Criminal Justice Field. He has been warden of facilities from minimum security to a 1600-bed maximum-security institution for violent offenders.

Of special interest to this area is his experience as administrator of a 320-bed Community Corrections Center for young offenders where he structured and regimented a program with an emphasis on changing behavior and providing treatment for chemical dependency. That program was successful in obtaining 100% compliance with the American Correctional Association accreditation process for three consecutive years.

King, whose career has taken him to Juvenile Justice Centers in Maryland, Florida, Arizona and Texas, believes in individual treatment based on the offender's needs and has proceeded to train his staff to that end.

Joining King in this innovative approach is Colorado County Youth (See Sherrill, Page 8)