



Homecoming Queen, King nominees

This year's nominees for Rice High School Homecoming King and Queen are, in front, from left, Odyssey Johnson, Corissa Mathis, Imelda Posada, Tiffany Moore, Kinsey Hoffman and Trineca Sewell. In back, Trent Konek, Eric Guthrie, Jessie Upson, Jerry Cleveland and Hub Weller.

Photo Courtesy of Melody Grigar

Texana MHMR receives grant

Quality, direct client care has always been important to Texana Mental Health Mental Retardation Center (MHMR). Texana now has the opportunity to enhance its telemedicine capabilities due to a \$643,000 Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board grant.

This grant money will assist Texana in improving the effectiveness and efficiency of health care delivery.

The funding will pay for equipment that will allow Texana to do things such as access off-site databases, link clinics or physicians' offices to central hospitals, or transmit x-rays or other diagnostic images for examination at another site.

This was a non-competitive grant initiative that encouraged collaboration among clinics and patient care facilities throughout the state.

Telemedicine has been looked at as a possible care for the current physician shortage. The equipment and applications can be used to transcend travel boundaries and time to diagnose patients, to educate patients, to teach other physicians at a distance, and to share information among sites.

Texana will specifically be using TIF funds to replace computers, increase access to its database, and to

purchase video conferencing equipment.

"The TIF funding came at an opportune time," said Dave Mathis, Information Services Manager for Texana. "Increasing our telemedicine resources will provide positive potential for our clinics. This funding can assist with transmitting both information and expertise to patients in our community and beyond our city limits. We are looking forward to providing patient education, sharing clinical information among facilities, and practicing cutting-edge medicine."

Since its creation by the 74th Legislature in 1995, TIF has awarded approximately \$700 million in telecommunications grants to school districts and charter schools, two and four-year colleges and universities, public libraries and branches, public and not-for-profit healthcare facilities, innovative Discovery collaborations, and community network collaborations. TIF receives in excess of \$150 million per year in revenues from telecommunications assessments to disburse over a 10-year period.

Texana MHMR Center serves Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Matagorda, Waller and Wharton County.

Marsalia Reunion held Sept. 29 at Mentz Hall

The 7th Annual Marsalia Reunion was held Saturday, Sept. 29, at Mentz Hall.

Everyone enjoyed a barbecue lunch and an evening of horseshoe tournament.

Attending were Wayne & Thelma Marsalia, Brian & Shanna Nesvadba, Mary Lou & Gene Spalek, James & Boots Jewell, Lloyd Jewell, Bill & Shirley Wilkerson, Belita Hoffman, Wanda Henry, Roy Crane, Edie Henry, Mark Sifuentes Jr., Howard, Gretchen and Kayce Wilkerson, Bobby Joe & Becky Marsalia, Jeanie & Jean Marsalia;

Also, Dwayne, Monica and Nick Pagel, Kevin & Valarie Spalek, Rebecca, Deanna and Lil Michael Hernandez, Neal Marsalia, Debbie Taylor, Kim & Megan Bone, Paul, Sharon

& Cameron Marsalia, Gretchen, Rafael, Sierra and Mya Ruiz, Dee Marsalia, Bobbie, Melanie, Alyssa and Joseph Marsalia, Bryan & Tonya Spalek and Terri and Nihla Perry.

Seaholm reunion held Oct. 6

Saturday, Oct. 6, 82 descendants of Per and Catherina Olsson Seaholm met at the Eagle Lake Community Center for a reunion.

The reunion resulted from an idea of Jim Seaholm of Fargo, North Dakota, for the Louisiana descendants of Oscar Seaholm to meet their Texas Seaholm cousins.

This plan expanded to include other branches of the Seaholm family

including the Axel Seaholms, the Carl Emanuel Seaholms, the Julius Seaholms, the Gus O. Seaholms and the Annette Seaholm Lundgrens.

After lunch, Gardner A. Seaholm Jr. and Don Spalinger awarded prizes to Fred Lundgren Jr. of Lund, Texas, the oldest male descendant present; and Alvina Seaholm Sassman of Austin, the oldest female descendant present. (See Seaholms, Page 10)

Seifert presented "Rodeo Tales and Cattle Trails", an oral history of rodeo and cattle driver in Colorado County from Sonny Bahner with Linda Bahner Duncan. Her delightful interpretation of Bahner's recollections from the 1920s, 30s and 40s was well received by the group.

Prior to adjournment, Nov. 15 was set as the date for the next meeting in Columbus with Verna Nell & Leon Dittmar, Pamela & Henry Potter, Kathryn & Jerry Haluska, Lillian Brune, Sally Weeks, Dorothy Lain and Millycent Crane as hosts.

family served at 5.

Members of the commission will provide homemade desserts. Donations will be accepted for the Zimmer-scheidt School Endowment Fund to be used for the on-going maintenance of the historical school.

Simmons also noted that personalized paver bricks to be placed in the Colorado County Great Walk on the Courthouse square are being sold to benefit the school's endowment fund. Bricks are \$50 each and may be purchased at Judge Al Jamison's office.

Following the business meeting,

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Main Street Board members

The Main Street Eagle Lake Advisory Board members for 2001-02 are, from left, Mary Ann Kaluza, Tony Tyler, vice president; Lesley Matthews-Carey, president; Louis Schorlemmer, Jean Wiese, Becky Anderson, John Gertson and Main Street Program Manager Venetta Seals.

Not pictured is Secretary Sandy Bendy and member Sharon Adams. The Main Street Advisory Board meets the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in City Council Chambers with the Friends of Main Street meeting immediately following, approximately 7.

Photo Courtesy of Venetta Seals

WINTERMANN LIBRARY LINES

Newbery award books. Something for every taste.

We are so lucky to have such a well equipped library in Eagle Lake, but I want to bring up some unpleasant business... we have 95 items overdue resulting in 800 fines totaling \$2,044.89!

Now our small library cannot afford this and we have patrons waiting to check out some of these items, so please be a responsible patron and come in, pay your fines and return your overdue items. We will all appreciate this.

The Wintermann Library gratefully acknowledges the following memorials: in memory of Carl Seaholm III: Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Hadley, Lynda Appelt Evans, Betty Wegenhoft; in memory of Jan Harrell: Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Hadley, Lynda Appelt Evans, Mr. & Mrs. Clark Powers, Betty Wegenhoft; in memory of Katherine (Kitty) Kell: Lynda Appelt Evans, Betty Wegenhoft;

Also, in memory of Jeff Rodriguez: Lynda Appelt Evans; in memory of Viola (Granny) Marsalia: Lynda Appelt Evans; in memory of

Baby Shane Riley Glaizer: Lynda Appelt Evans, Mr. & Mrs. Clark Powers; in memory of Dr. R.R. Thomas: Mr. & Mrs. Clark Powers; in memory of R.H. Reese: Virginia F. Wells, Louise Spalinger; in memory of Mary Ballew: Louise Spalinger; in memory of Lizzie Westmoreland: Bill Hanly.

Be sure to keep Oct. 27 open for the Study Club Auction and the Fireman's Stew Supper.

The Study Club will also have a bake sale. You can enjoy all of this Saturday, Oct. 27, from 5 to 10 p.m.

CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

Nada/Garwood TEEA Gadabouts

By Betty Leopold and LaJuan Braden

The Nada/Garwood TEEA Gadabouts met Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. in the Nada Community Center.

President Betty Leopold led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, followed by the club prayer. County Agent Sally Garrett and 15 members answered the roll with "What I Did This Summer" and sharing anything they knew about the terrorist attacks on America. There was a very interesting group discussion.

Each member pinned on a miniature flag ribbon in remembrance of the tragedy Sept. 11 in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

Happy Birthday was sung to Millie Faykus, Lorine Bubela and Leopold.

Perfect attendance awards of Guardian Angel Pins were presented to Minnie Lee Conner, Faykus, Leona Wesselski and La Juan Braden. They attended nine meetings for the year 2000-01.

Hospitality Chairman Regina Scheffler reported sending get well cards to Edna and Lawrence Shimek and Margaret Bunge.

A sympathy card was sent to the Pauline Popp Family.

Thank you notes were read from Christina Scheffler and the Clara Gold Family.

Thank you to the ladies who donated and worked at the Festival Bazaar.

And a big thank you to the ladies who so generously donated 12 home canned goods to put in our bucket of goodies for the Dec. Raffle. Other items in the buckets were cup towels, macaroni and flowers.

Secret ballots were taken for "2001 Woman of the Year". Garrett will announce the winner at the Dec. luncheon.

Wesselski, Tillie Janish and Bubela of the Green Thumb Committee reported they have planted potatoes, cabbage, tomatoes, cucumbers and squash. The rains helped our gardens grow.



County Extension Agent Sally Garrett recently met with the Nada Garwood TEEA Gadabouts. Seated, from left, are Clara Gold, Tillie Janish, Betty Leopold, Lucille Till, Leona Wesselski and Garrett. Standing are Minnie Lee Conner, Edna Shimek, Ella Buzek, Irene Skuca, Regina Scheffler, Lorine Bubela, Millie Faykus, Anita Meisner and Helen Noteboom. Photo Courtesy of Gadabouts

TWONC to meet Oct. 18

The Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club (TWONC) members and guests will be treated to a twin bill of entertainment at the Oct. meeting in the home of Eunice and Fred Frnka, 618 Melody Lane in Eagle Lake.

The meeting will be begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18.

Brandy, nine-year old daughter of Terry and Geneva Rossignol, is a very talented gymnast and has won numerous outstanding awards. Her father is manager of the National Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge.

Brandy competed with 120 other contestants in Houston July 6-7 and won the title of Miss Texas American Coed Sweetheart, qualifying her to represent Texas in the 2001 National American Coed Sweetheart Pageant in Orlando, Florida, Nov. 18-25.

In the Houston Pageant she won \$1,000 cash, a \$300 scholarship, official crown, banner, trophy and bouquet of roses. She also will receive free transportation to the National pageant and a VIP trip for two to Disneyworld.

Rossignol also won first runner-up in photogenic competition; first runner-up Most Promising Model; the Community Service Award; and Most Promising Artist.

This was Brandy's third vie for the crown, placing first runner-up and third runner-up in talent out of 54 contestants in 1999 and second runner-up and photogenic out of 57 contestants in the 2000 competition. She has also won many other awards in local and state events.

She will perform gymnastics live (See TWONC, Page 10)

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wardrobe which was made by Betty, is on display at the hospital Gift Shop.

Come by, see her and purchase a few tickets. They're \$1 each. A great gift to win, just in time for Christmas.