

Hospice hosts 'Hello Lunch'

Hospice Support Care hosted their bi-monthly "Hello Luncheon" recently at the Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in El Campo.

Guests enjoyed a catered meal prepared and served by the "Hello Luncheon" Volunteer Committee.

Decorations in autumn colors were used throughout the hall and dining area.

Ethel Meek, a member of the Wharton County Czech Heritage Society, presented a program and slide show of her travels throughout the Czech Republic.

"Hello Luncheon", a service pro-

vided by hospice volunteers, is an opportunity for hospice bereaved families and friends to socialize.

The next "Hello Luncheon" is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 12 noon at the El Campo Civic Center.

The Dec. event is held in conjunction with Hospice Support Inc.'s Annual Celebration of Life Luncheon and Tree-Lighting Ceremony.

For more on "Hello Luncheon", call Margaret Dixon, Volunteer Coordinator, or Kathy Jones, Social Worker at the Hospice Support Care Office at 979-578-0314.

Farm Security Act passes House

The president of the largest farm organization in Texas enthusiastically endorsed "The Farm Security Act of 2001," passed by the U.S. House of Representatives.

Donald Patman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau, said the House version of the 2001 Farm Bill would provide badly needed relief for Texas' struggling farmers and ranchers. The bill passed the House on Friday, Oct. 5 by a vote of 291-120.

"The farm bill passed by the House follows a proven path that has assured ample food and fiber in America," Patman said. "Like previous farm bills, this version will continue policy that provides food security for America, and it will increase the likelihood that farm families can afford to stay on the land."

Patman, a grain, cotton and cattle

producer from Waxahachie, praised the two Texans in leadership roles on the House Agriculture Committee, which drafted the bill.

"Chairman Larry Combest (R-Lubbock) and ranking Minority Member Charlie Stenholm (D-Stamford) showed great leadership in getting this bill to the floor and passed," he said.

The bill allows agricultural producers the voluntary choice of updating their base acres and adds a counter-cyclical support program based on target prices. Farmers would be compensated when prices fall below targets. This support would be reduced as commodity prices rise.

Chairman Combest said the Farm Security Act provides the "flexibility and security" that most producers, (See Bill, Page 7)

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College day

By Kinsey Hoffman

Last Thursday, juniors and seniors had the opportunity to attend "College Day" in Columbus.

Students were excused from their sixth and seventh period classes and were able to visit with various colleges throughout Texas.

Students were able to talk to individuals representing major colleges,

junior colleges, technical schools and the military.

Area employees and state agencies, such as Texas Parks and Wildlife, were also in attendance to talk with students about careers.

This is a great opportunity for students to get help on making decisions about their future.

Rainy game

By Amanda Burrow

If you were one of the many die-hard fans that came out Friday to watch our Raider football team battle against the Needville Bluejays, you were drenched by the almost continuous rain.

As the Raiders warmed up on the field before the game, spectators saw the rain clouds building up.

By kick-off it was sprinkling, but by the second quarter the rain picked up.

Although the rain seemed to stop as the Raiders jogged to the locker room for halftime, the bands had already decided not to attempt to perform.

It seemed as if it only wanted to rain when the game was in action because as the second half got underway, it started up again.

But when the fourth quarter started, the rain came pouring down.

It was great for the Rice fans because we were winning, and almost everyone stayed.

But things didn't look as good for the home-team! Half-way through the fourth quarter the Needville stands looked practically deserted. But as for the Rice fans, they stayed until the end.

The cheerleaders tried to keep their spirits up, but they all said enough was enough and do not look forward to another game like that.

A few dedicated student fans said they had a blast and would be there through anything.

As for the coaches, their comment was, it only gave Needville a chance to slow down the game and give themselves a chance.

The Mighty Raiders came out with a 27-7 victory, inching them closer to the play-offs.

RHS Homecoming activities

By Kayce Wilkerson

As usual, Rice High School (RHS) students were in a frenzy preparing for and participating in homecoming week activities.

The cheerleaders and student council decorated the school using a 50s "Rockin' with the Raiders" theme. A 50s diner was created in the commons area to set the stage for the theme of the week.

Each day of the week was a designated dress up day.

On Tuesday, Jason Ishee won the award for backwards Day, wearing his shoes, shirt and pants backwards.

Kinsey Hoffman, Wednesday, won the award for best hat on Hat Day. Her hat represented true Raider spirit and was glittered with blue and white.

Thursday, Leslie Woolard and Tiffany Moore captured the spotlight on Famous Couples Day. They were dressed as Mickey and Minnie Mouse.

Friday was 50s day. Consuelo Montemayor was dressed in a poodle skirt and captured the 50s look through her cool leather jacket.

The Bonfire was held on Thursday, Oct. 11. A red wagon parade started the homecoming activities and led the crowd to the burning bonfire.

Students participated in a tug-of-war contest between classes. The senior class dominated this event winning both rounds of the war.

A karaoke contest was held in the course of the events. Quentin Whitfield, Ricky Cunningham and Michael Cooper won the contest with an original rap song about the winning Rice Raiders.

Homecoming king and queen is a big event and tradition at Rice. The nominees for king consisted of Jerry Cleveland, Eric Guthrie, Jessie Upson, Trent Korenek and Hub Weller.

The queen nominees were Corissa Mathis, Kinsey Hoffman, Tiffany Moore, Trineka Sewell, Odyssey Johnson and Imelda Posada.

The king nominee votes ended in a tie with Eric Guthrie and Jessie Upson both representing Rice as kings.

Escorted on the field by her father, Imelda Posada was voted as the 2001-02 Homecoming queen.

Our Homecoming night was ended with an outstanding victory over the Wharton Tigers. Rice destroyed Wharton with a final score of 61-17!!

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congratulates these Rice CISD students for their hard work and dedication to academic achievement in making the honor roll for

THE FIRST SIX-WEEK GRADING PERIOD

Eagle Lake Primary School

FIRST GRADE

Noe Belmares
Miracle Black
Joe Castillo
Brinnee Flowers
Najae Glover
Harley Hodde
Danielle Lopez
Kimberly Luna
Jody Rowe
Jason Samaniego
Jeremy Stevenson
Demetrie Tone

Kelly Al-obaidi
Leslie Cavazos
DeShannae Cotton
Michael Hernandez
Kurslyn McTear
Cathryn Myres
ShaKora Norris
Kestie Perez
Gisselle Polanco
Cullen Wiese
Ruth Belman
Jeslyn Cantu
James Garner

Aaron Kucherka
Raul Garcia
Nancy Llanos
Hannah Magninat
Sasha Molina
Krystal Moore
Alma Olivares
Joland Rodriguez
Jennifer Rodriguez
Nikia Johnson
Roberto Alonso Jr.
Megan Contreras

Robert Davis Jr.
Courtney Lopez
DeMarcus Ray
Brittany Romo
Cairo Ruvalcaba
Lizeth Samaniego

SECOND GRADE
Dustin Buchanan
John Hodde
John Reed
Cristian Samaniego

Nick Tristan
Sandra Vega
Dominic Castillo
Elizabeth Castillo
Veronica Mendoza
Johnavonne Smith
Takeshia Hodge
Michael Navarro
Jose Segovia
Alexander Toloza
Albert Vasquez
Simon Barrios

Ashley Cooper
Jonathan Fore
Chelsey McGrew
Brandon Nunez

THIRD GRADE
Kirstin Roper
Katerrian Huffman
Magdalena Mendoza
Hunter Myres
Candace Romo
MaChelsea Thomas
Mason Miller

Eagle Lake Middle School

FOURTH GRADE

Falin Braden
Marneikwa Woods
Holly Berger
Shaina Bowen
Caleb Gould
Aerial Hoelscher
Memorie Hoffman
Timothy Morales
Amber Tristan
Jonathan Tristan
Jonathan Contreras
Erin Hartman
Carlos Sosa
Joe Quintana

FIFTH GRADE

Pedro Lujan
Fernando Cano
Alexander Cano
La Trea Lowe
Jeremy Samora
LaRoy Spears
Domingue Tillman

SIXTH GRADE

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Daniel Goodwin
Robert Hernandez
Eddie Losoya

SEVENTH GRADE

Alex Morgan
Dustin Soto
Clayton Bowen
Jonathan Galvan
Jimmy Kieborz
Marco Lopez
Diana Posada
Maria Rico
Ashley Stovall
John Supak

EIGHTH GRADE
Trent Kucherka
Grecia Molina

MICHAEL MORALES

Misty Posada
Elizabeth Gonzales
Lance Kucherka
Tyler Al-obaidi
Irving Molina
La'Dalrus Miller
Matthew Navarro
Kelcey Zickhur
Kevin Earls

FIFTH GRADE
Efrain Mendoza

Ana Castillo
Jesse Rodriguez
Lakeisha Johnson
Phillip Castillo
Jessie Castillo
Bruno Flores
Samuel Lugo
Matt Sosa

SIXTH GRADE
Ashley Donnelly
Carrie Gobert
Amy Metzger
Gary Scott
Macesly Thomas

SEVENTH GRADE
Sabrina Cavazos
Yuri Morales
Kiara Roy
Pablo Suarez
Matt Supak
Melinda Vargas

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Ruth Austin
Ashley Banks
Amber Cunningham
Derrick Frazier
Sabrina White

Garwood School

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Trevor Jones
Clayton Little
Cole Macek
Emily Mahalitic
Aubrey Pavlu

SECOND GRADE

Kelsey Danklefs
Dylan Drlik
Alyssa Krpec
Kaycie Rathburn

THIRD GRADE

Lance Howard
Gregory Wesselski
Nicholas Pagel
Michael Waligura

FOURTH GRADE

Rachel Korenek
Kristyna Lobpries
Kari Mahalitic
Tanner Wishert
Matt Hoffman
Kayli Kallina
Kenny Kretschmer
Jordan Mahalitic
Lauren Shimek
Kaydi Gold

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Trent Popp
Sarah Saenz
Jessica Walzer

SIXTH GRADE

Megan Bartlett
Kourtney Korenek

APRIL PAGEL

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Adam Shimek
Katlyn Thomas
Shelly Walker
Taylor Cook
Hillary Johnson
Shelly Myres
Kacie Smith
Trey Staff
Daniela Tellez

SEVENTH GRADE

Jacob Engstrom
Farah Ellenbogen
Keith Kallina
Karl Vasut
Tony Vasquez
Chloe Sedley

EIGHTH GRADE

Kristen Danklefs
Kali Hammermiller
Bridget Kaiser
Dane Krenek
Sasha Sharp
Luke Shimek
Hunter Smith
Audrey Drlik
Katie Hoffman
Bernadette Jurica

MERIT ROLL

FIRST GRADE
Joseph Rutledge
Cierra Ehrhardt
Merry Miller
Katie Pagel
Chris Wesselski

SECOND GRADE

Tina Till
Dylon Valchar
Destinea Williams

THIRD GRADE

Brooke Popp
Joshua Jurica
Elyssa Labay
Adrian Shimek
Michelle Smidovec

FOURTH GRADE

Brian Kallina
J.J. Reggins
Dylan Sanford

FIFTH GRADE

Chelsea Korenek
Shawanna Pettus

TORI RATHBURN

SIXTH GRADE
Shameka Clayton
Eunice Hernandez
Micha Schoellmann
Clayton Watz
Marcus Hernandez

SEVENTH GRADE

Nelson Dabney
T.J. Danklefs
Mark Guthrie
Noelle Jurica
Ross Lobpries
Jose Zepeda

EIGHTH GRADE

Jessica Engstrom
Clayton Gold
Kayla Wishert

Sheridan School

FIRST GRADE

Kelsey Andrejczak
Haley Benton
David Esquivel
Mikayla Gabler
Ty Laake
Brittany Machart
Kayla Machart
Angel Denison
Shawn McDonald

Hugo Morales
Leightin Pilat
Shyanne Schlauch
Hunter Wild

SECOND GRADE

Tesla Alderman
Samantha Bryant
Angel Denison
Brooklyn Ellis

Andie Hubenak
Hannah Jones
Anna McConnell
Kristen Neubauer
Jordyn Pausewang

THIRD GRADE

Brandy Brewer
Myles Dumont
Erica McConnell

Cynthia Quinney
Spence Spencer
Tara Tesch
Paige Vandermark

FOURTH GRADE

Thomas Benton
Kevin Ellis
Haley Jones
Jennifer McDonald

ADRIAN RANGEL

FIFTH GRADE
Chelsea Hill

SIXTH GRADE

Courtney Andrejczak
Drew Quinney
Kaci Kazmir

SEVENTH GRADE

Kristi Sepulveda
Courtney Moccaabee
Megan Hinze
Morgan Dumont

EIGHTH GRADE

Chelsea Ray
Krystal Sepulveda

Rice High School

FRESHMEN

Cody Bitner
Kaylyn Boenisch
Stephanie Botard
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Karla Cortez
Emerson Dawson
Keith Drlik
Laura Engstrom
Jessica Escobar
Oscar Hercules
Quinnora Jones
Michael Juarez
Cliffon Kazmir
Daylon Knott
Kelly Konesheck
Aaron Labay
Ashley Labay

Alyson Lanier
Julie Meisner
Norma Morales
Erica Olvera
Arthur Perales
Rachel Peterson
Laci Raybon
Arizabeta Ruvalcaba
Guadalupe Saenz
Maria Saenz
Jake Staff
Mandy Staff
Jamie Till
Tiffany Varley

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Jessica Allmond

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Allen Greak Jr.
Kristi Johnson
Dora Juarez
Zachary Kloss
Margie Leopold
Jess Little
David Marquez
Audra Marsalia
Shani Pena
Marshall Peterson
Lindsey Ruiz
Kevin Shimek
Valeen Soliz
Danielle Spanihel
Angel Stricklan
Fabiola Vazquez

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JUNIORS

Aimee Bubela
Amanda Burrow
George Castillo
Heidi Hammermiller
Matthew Hentzell
Rosa Hercules
Amanda Kaiser
Sandra Rodriguez
Ada Ruvalcaba
Belen Samaniego
Andrew Varley
Leslie Woolard

SENIORS

Jakki Alleyway

LANCE BITNER

Shelley Boenisch
Olivia Cardenas
Garrett Cranek
Tekisha Dabney
Amy Donnelley
Sarah Fearing
Chris Galvan
Erica Garcia
Robert Hassin
Amanda Henry
Kinsey Hoffman
Janna Janish
Marques Johnson
Jordan Konesheck
Jared Korenek
Amanda Labay

NATALIE LENARD

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Brandy Meitzen
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