

Hospital Board loses long-time member

After serving nearly 25 years, Mr. Steve Balas will not be seeking re-election for Position 1 of the Rice Hospital District Board. Only one person, Steve Whitfield, filed for a position, automatically putting him in office. Incumbent Board Members Billy Hefner, Joan Matthews, Joe Mike Spanihel and Betty Wegenhoft all filed for re-election to Positions 2, 3, 4 and 5. Therefore, Rice Hospital District will NOT be required to hold an election next month.

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NEWSBRIEFS

GUBC to sell chicken dinners

The Greater Union Baptist Church (GUBC) Pastors Aid Fundraising Committee will be selling baked chicken plates with all the trimmings on Saturday, April 13 at the church cafeteria. To place your order or for more information call 979-234-2581 or 234-2393. Greater Union Baptist Church thanks you in advance for your support.

RHS sports banquet is April 25

The Rice Raider Sports Banquet will be held Thursday, April 25, at the high school. The silent auction begins at 6 p.m. with the dinner and program to follow at 7. Tickets are \$7 and must be purchased by Friday, April 19. Get your tickets at: RHS front office, Coach Russell Roark, Dairy Delite in Sheridan, Nada Grocery, Garwood Co-op or Johnny's Sport Shop in Eagle Lake.

ELPS PTO meeting is April 23

The Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) PTO meeting will be held Tuesday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Agenda for the meeting will be the results of the PTO suggestion box and election of new officers 2002-03 PTO committee.

GMOBC to hold installation services

Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church (GMOBC) will be holding installation services for Rev. Thomas E. Kuykendall Saturday, April 20, at 5 p.m. Guest speaker will be Gary E. Scott. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Meditation group at CEC Saturday

A Meditation Group will begin meeting each Saturday at Christ Episcopal Church (CEC) in the parish hall on Saturday, April 13. The group will begin at 5 p.m. and refreshments will be served at 6. Please dress casually and comfortably. All are welcome to enjoy the quiet stillness afforded by meditation followed by a group discussion. Call with any questions 234-3437.

WCBC to sell BBQ plates Friday

The White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) will sponsor a barbecue plate sale Friday, April 12, at the church. Serving will start at 10 a.m. For delivery, call 979-234-3800. Donations for the plates are \$6 each. WCBC thanks you in advance for your support.

WCJC job fair is today

Wharton County Junior College will host a job fair for part-time faculty at its Ford Bend Technical Center, 5333 FM 1640 in Richmond from 6 to 8 p.m. Positions are available for summer and fall at WCJCs campuses in Wharton, Richmond and Sugar Land.

Participants in the job fair should bring copies of their transcripts, hold a Master's degree and have at least 18 credit hours in their preferred discipline. For more information, call 979-532-6591 or 1-800-561-9252, ext. 6591.

Lions Club BBQ is Sunday

The Eagle Lake Lions Club will have its annual spring chicken barbecue at the Golf Course Sunday, April 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drive thru lines will be available. Purchase your tickets from any Lions member or Sunday at the Golf Course.

Davis, Dancy reunion is May 11

The Davis and Dancy Family Reunion will be held Saturday, May 11, at 204 Beard St., Eagle Lake. The fee is \$20 per family; \$10 for singles; and includes food, drinks, and activities such as a trail and hay ride, and is a BYOB affair. For more information, contact Odessa or Lisa Dancy at 281-437-6676. Please RSVP and mail money orders or check by April 20 to Odessa Dancy, 15427 Indian Wood Dr., Missouri City, TX 77489. Reunion t-shirts are \$4 per person. The front of the shirt will read, Davis-Dancy "2002" Family Reunion and on back Eagle Lake, TX.

Fun walk is Saturday

Come join us and walk around our beautiful city Saturday, April 13. There will be a non-competitive walk starting at the Prairie Edge Museum. You can start walking any time between 8 a.m. and 12 noon. The walk is sponsored by the Houston Happy Hikers and will be an AVA sponsored walk. Two courses will be available, a 5K (3.1 miles) or 10K (6.2 miles). Come join the "Hikers" and enjoy the sights of Eagle Lake. There is no cost in participating. For more information, contact Charles Abel at 234-5239.

ELMS now has radio station

Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) is broadcasting weekly school information on the FM frequency at 91.9. Student council representatives are taking turns collecting and reading the weekly announcements. By tuning in, you can find out about the breakfast or lunch menus, extended day classes, special events, pep rallies and other happenings at ELMS. Tune in to 91.9 when you drive by and get the whole "scoop!" For more information, contact student council sponsor Karl Karvonen at 234-3501.

Babe Ruth registration underway

Wharton Babe Ruth is now accepting registrations for the Senior League, ages 16-18. All forms must be received by May 18. If you did not receive a form in the mail, call Dottie Matula at 979-532-5902. Anyone wishing to manage or coach in the league should submit a letter of intent to Wharton Babe Ruth, P.O. Box 584, Wharton, TX 77488. For additional information, call Matula.

Mt. Moriah anniversary celebration continues

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Alleyton is celebrating the fifth anniversary of Pastor and Sis. Larry Davies. Please join the congregation for a blessed worship service Saturday, April 13, at 5 p.m. for an anniversary musical at the church. Join them Sunday, April 14, at 4 p.m. for the anniversary celebration service. Guest speaker will be Pastor Greg Patrick of Southwest Community Baptist Church "The Bridge" in Houston. For more information, call Al or Sis. Nina Jones at 281-530-9528.

Community-wide health fair is April 20

A county-wide community health fair will be held Saturday, April 20, at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Numerous activities will be available such as cholesterol, PSA, pulmonary, sleep disorder and bone density screens; child car seat safety checks; a bicycle clinic (sponsored by the Eagle Lake Police Department); and much more. Call Rice Medical Center, 234-5571, for information.

Colorado Valley Transit will provide free transportation for anyone needing a ride to the health fair. Call 1-800-548-1068 for information.

GMOBC to sell chicken dinners April 13

Greater Mt. Olive Pastor Aide Committee will be selling chicken dinners with all the trimmings Saturday, April 13, starting at 11 a.m. To place your order(s), call 234-5737 or 234-7116 after 6 p.m.

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Williams breaks 22-year-old record

The Rice Raider varsity track team, behind a record-setting performance by senior Gerald Williams, took third overall at the Columbus Cardinal Relays Friday night.

The Raiders finished a close third with 70 points behind a very strong Bellville squad and Brazos. Also competing in the meet were: Yoakum, Sealy, Needville, Rosenberg, Foster, Columbus, La Grange, Weimar, Sacred Heart, Schulenburg, Smithville, Gonzales, Palacios, Luling and Flaton.

Yet it was Williams who stole the show all evening. The 5'11" senior smashed a 22-year-old school record set by Victor Davis in 1980 in the long jump. Williams leaped to a record 22'11" to take the gold medal.

He also tied a school record in the high jump with a clearance of 6'4" to capture a silver behind Sam Miller of Palacios at 6'6".

Then, Williams captured three bronze medals in the 110 hurdles (15.1), 300 hurdles (40.11) and anchored the 4x100 relay (43.15).

Gerald was also named outstanding track man at the meet with 33 individual points.

Also providing great results for the Raiders was senior Jessie Upson.

Upson placed second in the 300 hurdles, inches ahead of Williams, at 40.07. He placed fourth in the high jump at 6'0" and ran a solid leg in the third place 4x100 relay. Upson also ran a 52.4 in the 4x400 relay.

Jason Godley showed signs of

greatness as he placed second in the triple jump (42'1"), ran a strong leg in the 4x400 relay. He also ran well in the 400 dash with a 53.67.

Jermaine Williams sparked his team with a very quick third place finish in the 100 dash (11.02). He also ran very fast legs in the 4x400 relay (51.4) and on the bronze medal 4x100 team.

Jason Ishee, once again, is showing steady improvement heading towards district as he jumped 6'0" in the high jump, as well as setting a personal best of 20'6" to place fifth in the long jump.

Charles Huffman ran the lead leg in the 4x100 third place relay team (43.15), as well as running solid times in the 100 (11.26) and the 200 dash (23.47).

Bernardo Vasquez ran an all-time best in the mile with a 5:03.02 and also in the 800 (2:17.03). Look for Ber-

nardo to be well under five minutes in the district meet.

Also competing in Columbus for the Raiders were senior Eddie Glover (100, 200, long jump), Michael Cooper (110 hurdles, 300 hurdles, 4x400 relay) and Andrew Varley (pole vault).

The Varsity Raiders were to travel to Wharton Wednesday and Thursday for the District 24-3A meet.

Field events and running prelims were Wednesday, April 10, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and going all day.

Finals are Thursday, April 11, at 5 p.m.

Sweeny and Wharton appear to be the favorites for the varsity team title. But, look for the Raiders to be very competitive in many events and, hopefully, take as many boys as possible to the Region III Championships April 26 and 27 in Humble.

Good luck at district, Raiders!



Tours offered to celebrate APC Festival

Personnel at the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge (APCNWR) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) volunteers will be conducting special guided tours of the refuge during the 8th Annual Attwater Prairie Chicken Festival Saturday and Sunday, April 13 and 14.

The celebration was conceived in 1995 through cooperative efforts from the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, Houston Audubon Society, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

(TPWD), and USFWS in an effort to enhance the awareness of this imperiled bird.

The entrance to the Refuge is on FM 3013, about 6.5 miles northeast of Eagle Lake.

The first van tour leaves promptly at 7 a.m. Additional tours begin at 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

Early morning tours have a chance of possible seeing Attwater's prairie chickens on the "booming" grounds,

but there is no guarantee.

These tours will take visitors into an area that is normally closed to the public and will touch on such topics as Refuge management techniques, prairie chicken recovery efforts and coastal prairie ecosystem issues.

Tours are expected to last less than two hours, and will begin at the Refuge Visitor Center.

The Refuge is hosting additional events as well.

Bird watchers, either experienced or beginners, can enjoy a two-hour walking tour from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Immediately following the walk, hop on a van and tour the Refuge's Teal Marsh and Pintail Marsh from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. These guided tours will be lead by experienced birders Doris Laughlin and P.D. Hulce.

For native plant and wildflower enthusiasts, a special afternoon walking tour from 2 to 3:30 p.m. will bring visitors "up close and personal" with many of the native prairie grasses and flowering plants.

The Native Plant Society's Kathy Burris will lead this walk on Saturday and Sunday and give those involved a greater appreciation of the coastal

prairie ecosystem.

This year, special demonstrations or talks will also be conducted. Mark Klym (TPWD) will conduct a talk on hummingbirds; Jeff Hoff will provide an informative session on the American bison; and George Levandowski will give everyone pointers on wildlife photography.

These special talks/demonstrations will only be conducted Saturday, April 13.

Various groups will have booths with interesting nature-oriented information including the Houston Zoo, Texas Nature Conservancy, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, Scenic Galveston, the Native Prairies Association and others.

All the walking and driving events will begin at the Refuge Headquarters. Booths will be located within walking distance of the parking area at the Refuge.

Food and drinks will also be available. All events are free of charge.

Those interested in learning more about the Festival or to reserve space on one of the tours should contact the APCNWR at 979-234-3021, ext. 12.

Powder Puff game is May 2

The Powder Puff football game has been scheduled for May 7 at 7 p.m. at Rice Raider Stadium.

All girls, grades nine through 12, may participate.

A release form must be signed by a parent or guardian for each participant. Seniors who want to make posters to earn points for Project Graduation may take the posters by Mrs. Christ's classroom to be signed in. You may mount them any place with the owner's permission.

Also goodies for the concession stand must be brought to Mrs. Pavlicek's room or taken by Mrs. Sherry Thomas' house.

Items needed for the concession stand include canned sodas, small bags of chips and large candy bars.

Library Week is April 14-20

Eula and David Wintermann Library would like to announce National Library Week, April 14-20, 2002. The theme is: @your library.

There will be a short story writing contest for grades four through six and a reading contest for children in grade three or younger.

The short story writing contest will end April 19. The reading contest will end May 3. Prizes will be awarded in each age category.

In the mid-1950s, research showed that Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, television and musical instru-

ments. Concerned that Americans were reading less, the American Library Association and the American Book Publishers formed a nonprofit citizens organization called the National Book Committee in 1954.

The committee's goals were ambitious. They ranged from "encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time" to "improving incomes and health" and "developing strong and happy family life."

In 1957, the committee developed a plan for National Library Week based on the idea that once people were motivated to read, they would

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Raider golfers

The Rice Raider Boys Golf team placed second recently in the Eagle Lake Tournament. Team members pictured below are, from left, Jonathon Gobert, Nick Sharp, Patrick Milentz, Matthew Hentzell, Jamie Hutchison and Trent Korenek. Coach Frank Andreas is in back.

Members of the Rice Raider Girls Golf Team, pictured at right, are Amanda Burrow, Erin Gold, Lana Engstrom, Laci Raybon and Theresa Henry.

Photos Courtesy of Denis Hentzell

