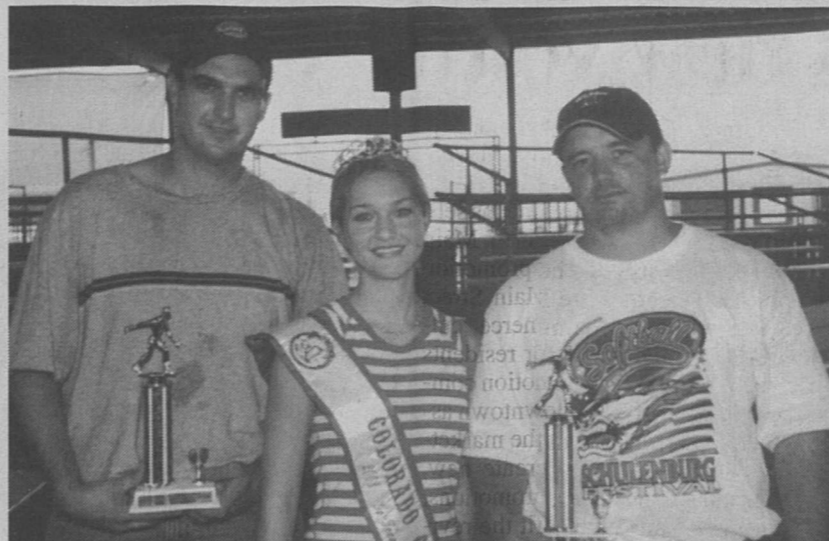


Young horseshoe champs

Girls and boys Go-Texan horseshoe pitching champions at the 2002 Colorado County Fair were recently recognized. From left are Karlie Schindler and Simone Petrosky of Columbus, Taylor Cook of Eagle Lake and Clayton Watz of Garwood.

Photos Courtesy of Henry Potter



Men's horseshoe champs

Men's Go-Texan horseshoe pitching champions at the County Fair were Brandon Wagner and Aaron Machac. Pictured above, from left, are Wagner of Columbus, 2003 Colorado County Miss Go-Texan Jaime Gerik of Columbus and Machac of Eagle Lake.

Happy Birthday
Joe W. Cooper
 Oct. 28, 2002
 Love,
 Mike Sr., Theresa, Juanisha,
 Mike Jr., Ashley, Marcus,
 Maykala and Grandma



Senior washer champs

Senior Go-Texan washer pitching champions at the 24th Annual Colorado County Fair were Stephen and Doug Bradford of Columbus. Pictured above, from left are Stephen, 2002 Miss Go-Texan Jaime Gerik and Doug. These two will represent Colorado County at competition next Feb. during the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.



Women horseshoe champs

Women's Go-Texan and open horseshoe pitching champions at the Fair were Luane Schindler and Mary Lou Spalek. Pictured above, from left, are Schindler of Alleyton, 2003 Colorado County Miss Go-Texan Jaime Gerik of Columbus and Spalek of Alleyton.

LIBRARY LINES

By Patty Holloway

I realize that each month in the calendar has some fun or memorable event to celebrate but I always feel that Oct. is the beginning of a special and long period in which there are many opportunities to celebrate, at least until the end of Dec.

In Oct. we have Columbus Day and Veteran's Day but Halloween is the day that draws the most attention. Halloween means holy and it's the night before a Christian holy day that is over a thousand years old. All Saints' Day is celebrated Nov. 1.

Even though Halloween gets its name from a Christian festival, many of the customs originated from very early Celtic beliefs. If you'd like to know more about Oct. or the other 11 months, the Wintermann Library is the place to come. We offer many interesting books on Halloween and other special times of the year.

Holiday Ring by Adeline Corrigan is just such a book. You will find 12 months of special celebrations and traditions beginning with Jan.

Another book you'd probably enjoy is *The Big Book of Fabulous Fun-Filled Celebrations and Holiday Crafts* by Jim Fobel and Jim Boleach. Each chapter gives you information about a particular holiday or celebration and very special projects, recipes or suggestions to help the special day be especially memorable.

The Wintermann Library gratefully acknowledges the following memorials. **In memory of Curtis Fitzpatrick:** Mr. & Mrs. George Causey; **in memory of Willie Hodde:** Larry Witte Family; **in memory of Aileen Glueck:** Larry Witte Family.

Be sure and mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 26, so you won't (See Library, Page 11)

Rice Belt Warehouse secures option for bulk export facility

Rice Belt Warehouse Inc. and the Calhoun County Navigation District have reached an agreement which could lead to the construction of a bulk rice export facility at the Port of Lavaca-Point Comfort.

"The only elevator that handled the export of rice ceased operations several years ago, and all the public export elevators in Texas have been leased to the major grain trading companies, leaving no practical way to export bulk rice produced in our area," said Melvin Parker, President of Rice Belt.

Parker also noted, "Area planted to rice in Texas has declined from nearly 600,000 acres in 1970, to less than 200,000 acres this year, and one of the major reasons for the drop has been the cost and difficulty of exporting."

The port director of the Port of Lavaca-Point Comfort, reported, "The Port took the lead early last year, agreeing to fund the matching portion of an 'Agriculture Commodity Export Feasibility Study' coordinated by the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission. That study concluded that farmers in the 17-county area immediately surrounding the port need a direct outlet for their production, and would benefit from higher returns if

they could export through our facilities. Our Board of Commissioners has now agreed to give Rice Belt Warehouse the exclusive to turn ideas into reality."

Rice Belt Warehouse has, over the past year, worked closely with the Port, and with the consultant who wrote the feasibility study, to ensure accurate and complete information on crops and markets in this region were included in the calculation.

"Now, we are going to the next level," Parker said. "And, over the next three months or so, we'll be putting together a business plan which takes into account the needs of the various crops, the markets we can service, the several different design proposals for the ship loading facility, and costs of construction and operations."

"We're excited about the potential of this project-for the benefits it will bring to producers in Southeast Texas and other areas, and pleased that the Port selected a local organization to spearhead the effort," concluded Parker.

Rice Belt Warehouse owns and operates five large rice storage facilities at El Campo, Bay City, Blessing, Edna and Ganado, as well as a seed rice plant in El Campo.

TDA is seeking applications for Family Land Heritage

Colorado County agriculture producers should be aware that their family farms and ranches may be eligible for recognition and honors by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA).

TDA is now seeking applications for the 2002 Family Land Heritage Program which recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural operation by the same family for 100, 150 or 200 years.

Since the program started in 1974, almost 3,700 farms and ranches have been recognized statewide.

"Colorado County has a rich heritage of agricultural production," said Colorado County Farm Bureau President Leon Hattermann. "This program shows the important role farmers and ranchers have played in the history of Colorado County and the Lone Star State."

Farms and ranches that qualify will be honored during a ceremony in Austin in March 2003. The history of the farm or ranch will be chronicled in the 2002 registry. Honorees can also obtain historic farm and ranch signage for their property.

Program applications are available through TDA, Colorado County Judge Al Jamison's office and on TDAs website at www.agr.state.tx.us.

For more information, contact Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Burns-Blair, TDA, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711; call 512-463-2631.

Band

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Both assistant directors are in their first year of teaching but bring with them an enthusiasm for teaching and a great deal of music knowledge.

If you have been to a Raider football game this year, you have already noticed a difference in the band.

If you haven't been to a game yet, then not only do you need to come out and support the Raiders but you also need to come out and be entertained by the new Raider Band.

(Since coming to RHS, the band with Mr. Cummings have competed in two marching contests and have received a 2nd Division Rating in these two competitions. That hasn't happened in a while.)

Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric Tepper, Podiatrist
TREATING HALLUX RIGIDUS

Hallux rigidus is a degenerative arthritic condition affecting the metatarsophalangeal (MTP) joint at the base of the big toe. When the cartilage covering the end of the bone becomes damaged from an injury or abnormal foot structure, it gradually wears down to the point that the two bones rub against each other. Patients experience pain and limited movement of the MTP joint, and bone spurs may contribute to painful walking. There are several surgeries available to treat hallux rigidus. A cheilectomy may be recommended to remove bone spurs at the top of the joint. An arthrodesis fuses the two bones of the MTP joint to eliminate movement. Arthroplasty is a surgery to replace the damaged joint with an artificial one.

Don't despair if surgery is the recommended course of treatment for your case of hallux rigidus. Although podiatric problems haven't changed all that much, podiatric procedures have greatly improved over even the past few years. If your feet hurt, there is no advantage to putting it off - see your podiatrist. If you don't have one at this time, we would like you to know that we are currently accepting new patients here at Rice Medical Center. For an appointment, please call 234-5571. Office hours are on Tuesdays.

P.S. Anti-inflammatory medications, rocker-soled shoes, and cortisone injections are some conservative methods of treatment for hallux rigidus.

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 ★ For Colorado County Judge

We should never forget that county government derives from the voice of all people.

We do not want a county judge who isolates himself above the people and feels lonely. We want elected officials who understand public service as an opportunity to include and involve all classes and groups in the decisions that affect their future. We long for a measure of stability and continuity in this crazy world where the ground is always shifting. We desire an atmosphere where our elected officials are able to work together to confront the challenges facing us all and move this county forward. We want opportunity for our young people, but we also desire an environment where our elderly and retired citizens can enjoy a measure of security and stability in their lives and can count on the emergency and health services they will require in time of need.

"I served my country proudly in the armed services and, if elected, I will serve my county proudly. I humbly ask for your vote during early voting, or on election day, November 5th."
 —Jim Kearney

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Jesus Celebration

John 14:6
 Jesus saith unto him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Refreshments and FREE food will be served!!! Come early on Oct 31st for games and treats!

DELIVERANCE AND HEALING FROM:
 Alcohol
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St. Matthew 11:28
 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

JOIN US OCTOBER 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st and November 1st, 2nd FOR 6-NIGHTS OUTREACH
Starting at 7:00 pm @ 200 Ice Street, Eagle Lake, Texas
 Directions: From I-10W, Exit Sealy - Make right on Hwy 36 at light - Go approx 1/4 mile and turn right towards Eagle Lake - Go approx 17 miles - Turn right on Main St - Go straight into Downtown - Turn right on Lake St - Make immediate right on Post Office St.

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