

Rice Cross Country teams improving

The Runnin' Rice Raiders boys cross country teams traveled to Needville Saturday and came away with an eighth place team finish among the 19 teams competing at the varsity level. Confidence continues to grow as each of the varsity Raiders ran the 3.2-mile course in just over 20 minutes. Coming in with the best time for the Raiders was Oscar Hercules (20:06). James Salinas, Lance Morales, Francisco Najera (personal best) and Joe Lee Perez all ran between 20:11 and 20:38. Jimmy Navarro was slightly off the pace at 22 minutes. Coach Ryan Roark said, "We have young men who work hard, and they continue to get in better shape. A 3.2-

mile course is tough. I'm excited about the progress this team is making, heading towards district. The attitudes are great every day and they're a pleasure to work with." The JV team ran as well. Jacob Engstrom ran a personal best to finish tops for the JV squad. Closely behind Engstrom was Tony Vasquez, followed by Miguel Arellano and T.J. Danklefs. The varsity and JV teams travel to Roundtop-Carmine this Saturday for the Hilltop Festival Fun Run. They will be in Gonzales Oct. 18, then compete in the district 28AAA meet in Needville Friday, Oct. 31. Go, Runnin' Raiders!

Upcoming Raider Action!



Date	Team, Place, Time
Friday, Oct. 10 ...	Raiders vs. Palacios*, Here, 7:30 p.m.**
.....	Lady Raider volleyball vs. Palacios*, Here, 4:30 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 14 ...	Lady Raider volleyball vs. Wharton*, Here, 5 p.m.
	*District competition **Band Parents' Night

CLUB/ORGANIZATION NEWS

Historical Commission

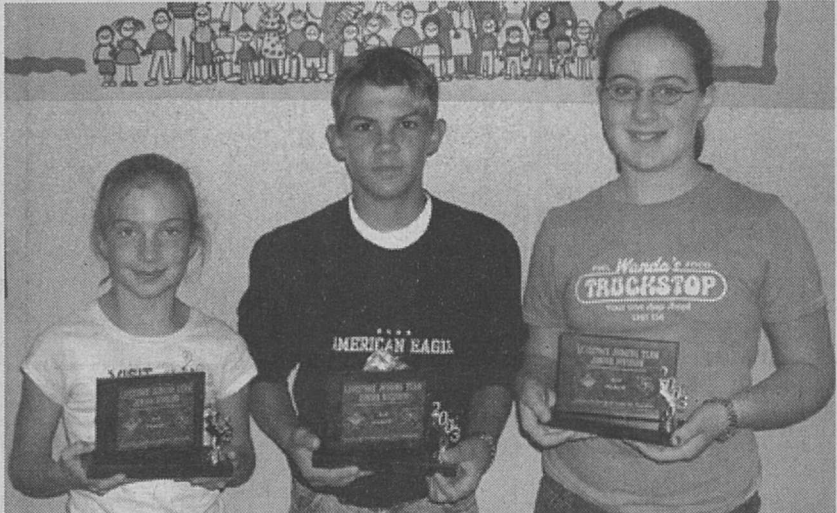
Reported by Pam Potter

Members of the Colorado County Historical Commission (CCHC) conducted a meeting Thursday, Sept. 18, at the historic one-room Zimmerscheidt School on FM 109 near Frelsburg. Some of the evening's activities served to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Texas Historical Commission (THC) in the fall of 1953.

Past CCHC Chairman Joe Fling of Eagle Lake offered grace before a covered dish supper was enjoyed. Tables were covered with white cloths overlaid with red and centered with paper medallions imprinted with a lone star and the words "50 years preserving our Texas heritage".

Hosts for the evening were Joyce and Otto Loessin, Colleen Willrodt, Georgia Hrachovy, Willie Mae Smahlik and Janice and Fred Allen.

Prior to the business meeting, everyone gathered at the new flag pole in front of the school for a dedication ceremony. The Paul Perry Hastedt VFW Post 6113 of Columbus donated the pole and flag to the school in recognition of the state commission's 50 years of historic preservation. Members of the post and ladies auxiliary who took part in the ceremony included Clyde Lyons, Leona Lyons, Marilyn Russell, Rubine Andreas, Eunice Weinken, Esther Rhodes,



Jr. FFA team takes third overall

Rice Jr. FFA team members, from left, Kari Mahalite, Trey Staff and Jordan Mahalite, display their earned third place Overall Jr. Team plaques from the Ft. Bend County Fair Livestock Judging Contest held Saturday, Oct. 4. Kari also placed sixth overall in junior individuals.

Photo Courtesy of Rice FFA

Claude Rhodes and Susan Rogers.

CCHC Chairman William "Bill" Kell of Eagle Lake called the meeting to order. Secretary Willrodt called roll and read the minutes. Treasurer Joyce Stancik gave the financial report. Following discussions of several agenda items, Sally Rogers of Columbus presented a program entitled, "The Story Teller". Rogers shared in story format the recollections of Miss Callie, a lady born and raised in rural Texas. Rogers developed her story from the personal relationship she had as a child with Miss Callie. She incorporated events in Texas history into the story, telling them from Miss Callie's perspective.

Following Roger's program, Fling gave an overview of the 50-year history of the THC. The Texas Legislature established the precursor to the THC, the Texas State Historical Survey Commission (TSHSC) on Nov. 17, 1953. The TSHSC was to identify, preserve and record any articles or records of historical significance to "the manners, customs, thought and way of life of any period in Texas history". In 1956, county survey committees were created, and, in 1973, the agency was officially named the Texas Historical Commission. The state began the historical marker program in 1962 and currently has some 12,000 markers on historical sites across Texas.

The Colorado County Historical Survey Committee was established by the Commissioners' Court in 1970 with the late Mrs. W.G. Dick of Columbus serving as chairman until 1972. Succeeding chairpersons included the late Mary Elizabeth Hopkins of Garwood from 1973-1984, Edward Woolery-Price, Columbus, 1985-1988, Larry Uhlig, Cat Spring, 1989-1992; Doris Albright, Weimar, 1993-1996; Fling, 1997-2000; and Rollin Baker, Ph.D., Eagle Lake, 2001-2002. Current chairman Kell began his term in Jan. of this year.

Fling closed his presentation by sharing some highlights of the CCHC's accomplishments. The local commission has placed markers on 103 historical sites in the county, published the two-volume Colorado County Chronicles in 1986, and sponsored the "Great Walk" personalized paver brick project which raised \$31,000 for the renovation and restoration of the sidewalks and fountain on the Courthouse Square in the early 1990s. The CCHC has cataloged gravesites in all the county cemeteries and regularly provides funds for the microfilming of county newspapers for local archives. Most recently, the CCHC completed restoration of the historic Zimmerscheidt School.

A special cake decorated to celebrate the THC's 50th anniversary was served with coffee to close the evening's activities. Chairman Kell reminded members the next meeting of the CCHC would be Nov. 20 in the Frelsburg area.

TEEA

The Extension Education Association Clubs of Colorado County were represented at the Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) State Convention in Plano Sept. 16-18 by EEA Chairman Beverly Tuck and delegates Dorothy McKinney and Marjorie Brune.

Three different workshops were offered; 'Tis the Season, More Love than Money, and Fun with Fabric in which members learned ideas for recycling household items, gifts to make and packaging ideas for giving your gifts for the who arrive early.

Wednesday began with a general session followed by an education workshop. The workshops were Heritage-You Got it, Preparing For the Unexpected and Are You Really A Collector? Members put on their red hats to attend the Red Hat Luncheon and Style Show. Wednesday evening gave each district the chance to visit local restaurants and recognize their members for jobs well done during the past year.

Guest speakers for the conference were Pam Lincoln, Immediate Past President of the Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Agents, and Dave Tanner, who gave a history of patriotic songs.



Extension Education Association of Colorado County won the Honor Roll of Counties Award for 2002-2003. Attending the State Convention were EE Chairman Beverly Tuck, center, and delegates Dorothy McKinney and Marjorie Brune. Picture Courtesy of County Agent Sally Garrett

Bonfire

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share advice. We are always willing to listen to and Old Ag."

Matthew Maddox, a senior management major and a leader in Student Bonfire, is optimistic. "Last year's event brought out thousands of Aggies, and this year should be even larger. We

believe it will be a continuation of last year's success and encourage the Texas A&M community to join us."

Student Bonfire will be held this year on Nov. 22 at a near-campus location TBA as to avoid conflicts with university-scheduled events.

SkyBoy's maiden voyage

By Candy McCreary
Contributing Writer

Some days you're just lucky. Harold Black, Steve Whitfield, Joe and I were lucky recently when we went to the airport and caught Bill Noles' new ultralight SkyBoy on its maiden voyage!

John Wall III and Jack Kees flew in from Angleton to see the event. Wall is an instructor and examiner. He took SkyBoy up first. It was a beautiful sight to watch the red, white and blue ultralight fly through the sky.

The SkyBoy is a sports ultralight made in the Czech Republic. It's the only ultralight that's ready to fly. (You have to put the others together yourself.)

Now I don't know about you, but I don't want to be up 2,000 feet in the sky in something I assembled in my backyard!

Top speed for this SkyBoy is 97 mph.

When John returned, Bill and John both took it up and left all us "wannabes" on the ground.

It was exciting to learn that Noles may get the Southwest Distribution Center for all SkyBoys. He may also

get to carry the parts for all the dealers. He would fly the parts from the Eagle Lake Airport, which would be a great plus for our airport. The City would receive a part of the sales tax on the sale of parts and ultralights.

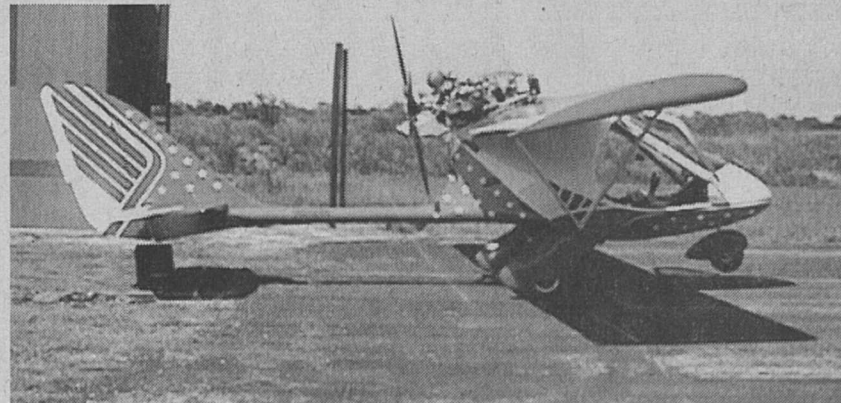
Kees, a member of The Flying Disciplines, talked with us about having a fly in Eagle Lake one Sunday morning during which everyone would be welcome.

Mike Serr flew in from Houston and asked if the airport could possibly get a new wind sock. He said it was hard to see coming in.

He toured the new terminal and was impressed with all the activity going on and the changes made.

Noles said more people are flying into Eagle Lake since they heard the airport has fuel. His logbook showed, between Aug. 16 and 30, that 34 planes had flown into the airport. It will be interesting to see the log for the same period in 2004.

Noles invites everyone to come out to see the SkyBoy. As soon as he gets his examiner's license, he'll be able to take people up. If you are faint of heart, it's still worth a trip just to see it sail into the blue yonder.



Bill Noles' new ultralight SkyBoy.

Photo by Candy McCreary

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