

CLUB/ORGANIZATION NEWS

Alpha Delta Phi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi

By Lesley Carey, Corresponding Secretary

Beta Sigma Phi is the largest women's organization of its kind in the world, with more than 200,000 members in over 20 countries. Beta Sigma Phi has been recognized internationally for its philanthropic work, but the main goal of the organization is life, learning and friendship for its members.

Locally, the Alpha Delta Phi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi recently kicked off the year Aug. 24 with a Beginning Day Ice Cream Social at the home of Becky Anderson. Officers gave a program explaining different aspects of the organization using a completed ice cream sundae as an example.

The first meeting of the year was held Sept. 2 in the home of Melanie Marsalia. Member enjoyed delicious refreshments and then had an informative program by President Anna Gertson about the club by-laws and traditions.

The next meeting was held Sept. 15 in the home of Deborah Reed with Reed giving a very interesting program on dream interpretation. Delicious snacks were served and everyone had a great time.

Rice FFA

By Trent Kucherka, FFA Reporter

The Rice FFA has revised its schedule for upcoming meetings, due to conflicts with other events.

The new dates for meetings are Nov. 3, Dec. 1, Jan. 5, Feb. 3, March 1 and May 3.

The banquet has been rescheduled for April 19.

We have just finished selling meat and cookies and would like to thank everyone who made a purchase. The delivery date for this sale will be Oct. 30. If you missed this sale, FFA will be selling again in mid-Nov. for our late-Dec. Christmas delivery.

Saturday, Oct. 11, three members of the Rice FFA chapter participated in the Austin County Fair Tractor Technician Contest in Bellville. The team of Ryan Henske, James Jurica and Cody Bittner received 8th place overall with James winning 4th individual.

The junior livestock judging team also participated in the Austin County Fair. The team, made up of Emily Mahalitic, Jordan Mahalitic, Kari Mahalitic and Trey Staff, received an overall of 2nd place and Emily won 7th place individual.

Bernadette Jurica and Noelle Jurica participated in the Heart of Texas Fair in Waco. Bernadette showed two lambs and received 3rd place and 10th place with the lambs. Noelle showed one lamb and received 12th place.

We would like to thank and congratulate everyone who participated in the events.

4-H holding fruit sale

Colorado County 4-H members are holding their annual fruit sales campaign, selling Texas Sweet oranges and grapefruit, as well as apples and pears. These are available in several sizes of boxes and fruit combinations. The fruit is coming from River Star Farms in Mercedes.

In addition to the fruit, 4-H members will be selling pecans, peanuts, cashews and walnuts again this year. Items available include raw pecan halves and pieces, flavored and frosted pecan halves, raw and flavored peanuts, cashews, walnuts and a variety of gift sets. These items will be available in 7 oz. and 1, 2, 3 and 5 pound containers. The nuts are being purchased from Durham-Ellis Pecan Company in Comanche.

All orders must be placed and prepaid by Nov. 7. To place an order, contact a local 4-Her or come by the County Extension Office at 316 Spring Street, Columbus.

The money raised is used to provide educational programs.

Xi Pi Psi

Xi Pi Psi met Oct. 7 in the home of Jo Ann Gertson with eight members present. Diane Brunner, president, opened the meeting with members reciting the Opening Ritual.

Jean Williams, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. There were no minutes to be read due to the absence of the recording secretary.

Members discussed cleaning the spot adopted for the Beautification of Eagle Lake. In Sept., Anna Mae and Donnie Wiese, Becky Anderson and Dortha Kingsley did the work. Brunner, Glenda Blair and Stancik will take care of Oct. Gertson, Williams and Ernie Sommerlatte have Nov.

Sorority members and husbands will travel to Carol's at Cat Spring for dinner. The Christmas Party has been set for Dec. 9.

Anderson reminded members of the Walk for the Cure Oct. 18. Anyone interested should be there by 7 a.m.



Welcome, Bishop Fellhauer

The Catholic Parish of the Nativity proudly welcomed the Most Reverend Bishop David Fellhauer, Sunday, Oct. 12. He is pictured with Marcella Garcia, member of the Parish of the Nativity, as they promote the Australian Jasper wall rosary she designed and handmade to be raffled off Nov. 14, during the Parish First Annual Turkey Dinner. Dinner tickets are \$6.50 per plate and available at the parish office 979-234-2842.

Also, please come out and join us on Sunday, Oct. 19, at the Parish Festival under the "big tent".

Reunion

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of Corpus Christi, Mary & Jay Mattern, Janelle & Carl Mattern of Houston, soon to be grandparents for the first time, J.B. & Liliana Johse and Helen Smith Vaughan and Homer Morris of Wharton. Mary Gertson of Eagle Lake, The Greens of Lafayette, Louisiana, Vic & Mary Margaret Litzmann Edwards of Houston and their daughter, Beth Ehrichs of Austin, were this year's hostesses.

Before lunch, Vic Edwards said a prayer with everybody making a circle holding hands.

The covered dish lunch was served buffet style with everybody bringing their special dish. There was a wide variety of meats, potatoes, salads, and desserts.

Plenty of pictures and visiting went on with families coming from other states. Gloria Hill made her first family reunion, flying in from Trinidad Tobago where she and her family have

been living for eight years. Her husband is with Bechtel International and they live at Point Fortin. She is a descendant of Augusta Kretschmar.

Mary Litzmann Leedy (92) of Alvin was the oldest present. The youngest member of the family was three-month-old Chance Bailey.

A Johse dog, Erika, a 12-year-old Lassa Apso who just had cataract surgery, entertained us all.

There were also many members of the Glueck family who live in the Lissie-Sealy area.

Information for the next family reunion was not given but will be sent with plenty of time to get ready. The family continues to look for other members and descendants of Herman and Fritz J. Sens, Stella and Ora Kveton and John Batta.

Any information may be sent to J.B. Johse, 310 Hubenak, Wharton, TX 77488.



For the Study Club...

This Folk-Art birdhouse, called "Duck Inn" and handmade by George Causey, has as a porch with a picnic table, grill, ladder-back chair, shotgun, fishing rod and reel and a dinner bell, along with a metal roof. Wouldn't it look great in your home?

Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas

Raider Review New faces at Rice

By Stephanie Botard

Don't be surprised to see quite a few unfamiliar faces when walking into the doors of Rice High School (RHS). RHS has hired six new staff members and they are:

Delbert Fuchs, who is from New Buena Vista. He has two children and 15 years of experience in the teaching field. Before coming to Rice, he was at the boot camp in Eagle Lake. His campus assignments are life skills classes and resource math. His first impression of Rice is the fact that it is a nice school and the students are very considerate.

Tracie Pierce, coming from Big

Spring, Texas, currently lives in Eagle Lake. She has three daughters and 18 years of teaching experience. Her campus assignments are sophomore English, volleyball and basketball coach, and women's athletic coordinator. She has been impressed with the dedication of all the kids.

Derick Sibley currently lives in Garwood with his wife. He is impressed with the pride Rice students have. This is his fourth year in the teaching field. Before coming to Rice, he was at Eagle Lake Middle School for two years, and before that at Boling. His campus assignments are World Geography and coaching football, powerlifting and softball.

Hollis Willis, coming from Claude, Texas, now lives in Eagle Lake. This is his sixth year as a teacher. His campus assignments are band director at the high school and 7th and 8th grade band teacher at Sheridan and Garwood. When asked what he likes about Rice so far he replied, "The support of the community and the administration."

Dean Schendel, who comes from George West, Texas, currently lives in Nada with his wife and three-year-old daughter. This is his 10th year as a teacher and coach. His campus assignments are coaching football, baseball and basketball. He teaches Algebra 1 and math models. One thing he has noticed is that it rains a lot here. He also replied, "The kids work hard in athletics."

Don Witwiski lives in Wharton. This is his sixth year as a teacher and coach. However, after his first five years of teaching and coaching, he decided to run his own business. For nearly 30 years, he has owned Texas Western Wear in Wharton. He has one son and a daughter. What he likes about Rice is the friendliness of the people and how the students seem to be interested in what's going on.

The gift of life

By Jessica Escobar

"I will do it again in a heart beat!" says Stephanie Botard, a junior. She is a first time blood donor and is happy to have provided the gift of life to those who need it.

As a custom of many years, the Gulf Coast Blood Center of Houston came once again to get the support of students, teachers, families and friends at Rice High School.

This year, the number of donors was not as big as in years before. Thirty-eight people signed up to donate but only 36 were able to give. Out of these 36, 60% were first-time blood donors like Stephanie.

The Student Council put this blood drive together to help the many people who need this essence of life. At one time, the student council got scholarship money, but now they do it as community service. They thank all of those who donated. "It is a great honor that our school has the opportunity to help in this event. We should take the advantage of this by giving the gift of life," said Cleve Scott, representative of the senior class.

Donations will be greatly appreciated at the next blood drive scheduled for April 15 of the upcoming year. Anyone who wants to help in this critical need is encouraged to donate.

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New Type of Insulin Looks Promising

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Insulin is used by the majority of diabetics. Humalog is a commercial insulin which is used immediately before meals because it is quick acting. Long acting insulin like Lantus is prescribed when long-term control is needed, such as at bedtime. New research on the safety and effectiveness of an inhaled insulin named Aerodose looks promising. Some researchers believe insulin could be administered like asthma inhaler medicines. If further testing and the approval process is positive, the new insulin medicine could be available in the next 12 months.

Parish of the Nativity

Roman Catholic Church of Victoria
545 S. Austin Road • Eagle Lake

2003 Fall Festival Sunday, Oct. 19

Eucharist: 8 a.m., Spanish; 10 a.m., English

Chicken Fried Steak, Sausage,
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