

Saenz Inducted Into Zeta Xi Honor Society

Guadalupe Saenz was inducted into the Zeta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Wharton County Junior College on February 28.

Saenz, from Garwood, majoring in Dental Health, is the daughter of David and Maria Saenz of Garwood.

Established in 1918 by two-year college presidents, Phi Theta Kappa is the oldest and most prestigious honor society serving two-year colleges around the world.

The Society serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership and service pro-

gramming.

Students must rank in the top 20% of the class to be invited to membership in Phi Theta Kappa and must maintain high academic standing during their enrollment in the two-year college.

Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.7 million members and 1,100 chapters located in 50 United States, United States territories, Canada, and Germany.

In 1929, the American Association of Community Colleges recognized Phi Theta Kappa as the official honor society for two-year colleges.

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1981 State Championship Raider Basketball Team Honored

The Rice High School Raiders 1981 Class AAA State Championship Basketball Team was honored at this year's U.I.L. State Tournament in Austin on Saturday March 11th. Members of the team that attended the 25-year anniversary celebration were: back row left to right, Coach Jack Grammer, David Grammer, Robert Frazier, Rob Johnson, Larry Haynes, Ronald Dawson; front row left to right Richard Gartmann, Victor Davis, Ronnie Fry, John Dawson, Ed Thomas. (Photo courtesy of PhotoTexas.com)



Above is a picture of the 1981 Rice State Championship team. Team members listed alphabetically include: Mike Black, Kenneth Bluntson, Victor Rosell Davis Sr., John Dawson, Ronald Dawson, Earnest Fields, Robert Frazier Jr., Ronnie Fry, Richard Gartmann, Romaldo Godino, Jack Grammer, David Grammer, Larry Haynes, Robert Johnson, Robert Klekar, Danny Morales, Gil Stalbaum, Edward Thomas and Billy Townsend.

Cancer Relay Meetings Set April 11, 18

Recently, the American Cancer Society (ACS) noted that another milestone in its fight against cancer had been passed. Cancer death rates, that is, the number of persons who died of cancer expressed as a percentage of the population, have been dropping for years. But in 2003, despite a larger and older population, fewer Americans

died of cancer than had died in the previous year.

The third annual Colorado County ACS Relay for Life, which is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 21, at the Columbus High School football stadium, is an easy and fun way for local citizens to help in the battle against cancer.

Every advance in the fight against the disease benefits every cancer victim. This includes, of course, the people who live in Colorado County. As local Relay for Life chairman Don Churchill put it, "Some people have said to me that they think their money would be better spent on local charities, that the money raised by the relay goes out of town. I say that whatever we can contribute to the battle against cancer helps people right here in this county, both the people who get cancer and their families."

At the relay, teams of ten to 15 people make camps and spend the

night at the event, walk in the relays around the track, visit with other teams, compete for best spirit stick and campsite, and participate in various games in center-field.

All citizens can help by joining or organizing a team, and by supporting the various fundraisers sponsored by teams. In addition, people can purchase luminarias to honor friends and family members who have survived or been lost to cancer. Luminarias may be purchased through team members, or by picking up a form at a number of local retail outlets. If you cannot find a form, you may call the local luminaria chairman, René Lerma, at 979-733-0873.

There will be two more team captain meetings before the event, on Tuesday April 11 and Tuesday, April 18 at five o'clock at the First Baptist Church in Columbus. Team captains and prospective team captains should attend both.

April Is Kite Month

The City of Rosenberg proclaimed April 2006 as National Kite Month in Rosenberg at the March 21, 2006 regular council meeting.

National Kite Month was founded by the American Kitefliers Association and the Kite Trade Association International to encourage kite events and introduce people to the ancient art of kite flying.

The earliest written account of kite flying was 200 B.C. when a Han Dynasty General flew a kite over the wall of a city he was attacking to measure how far his army would have to tunnel to reach past the defenses of his opponent. Kite flying eventually spread by traders from China to Korea, and across Asia to India with each area developing a distinctive style of kite and cultural purpose for flying them.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, kites were utilized as tools for scientific research. Benjamin Franklin and Alexander Wilson used their knowledge of kite flying to learn more about the wind and weather, and Alexander Graham Bell and the Wright Brothers both experimented with kites, which

ultimately contributed to the development of the airplane. The US Weather Service flew kites to raise meteorological instruments and cameras.

The last 50 years has seen renewed interest in kiting with the development of new materials to make kites stronger, lighter, more colorful, and more durable resulting in the modern hang-gliders and sport parachutes.

Today, few people do not have fond memories of flying kites. Those moments of attaching the kite string, waiting for the wind to pickup, and the exact moment the kite is released into the winds to soar high above are moments in time few people forget.

The City of Rosenberg is supporting the month-long efforts of the AKA and KTAI to encourage the young and the old and everyone in between in Rosenberg and surrounding communities to join in the joy and fun of kite flying. Everyone is urged to bring kites, kids, and picnic lunches to Seabourne Creek Park, 3831 Highway 36 South, to Go Fly a Kite every Saturday and Sunday during the month of April 2006.

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