

## Amy, Grahmann Engaged

Kyle and Beulah Amy of Opelousa, Louisiana announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ashley Elizabeth, to Joshua Fred Grahmann, son of Fred and Sharon Grahmann of Rock Island. The wedding will be held July 15, 2006 at St. Charles Church in Grand Coteau, Louisiana.

## Tips To Avoid Deer Crashes

The largest numbers of deer-vehicle crashes occur from October to December, when deer are breeding, but the area droughts have made it difficult for wildlife to find forage. With the recent rains the grasses on State right of ways will be sprouting new growth. This will be especially inviting to local deer populations. The Texas Department of Transportation is asking you to take precautions to avoid deer/vehicle collisions by using these defensive driving tips

Be especially attentive from dusk to dawn.

Slow down near woods, parks, golf courses, streams and areas known to have a large deer population. Deer seldom run alone. If you see one deer, others may be near by.

When driving at night, use high beam headlights when there is no oncoming traffic. The high beams will better illuminate the eyes of deer on or near the roadway.

Slow down and blow your horn with one long blast to frighten the deer away.

Brake firmly when you notice a deer in or near your path, but stay in your lane. Many serious crashes occur when drivers swerve to avoid a deer and hit another vehicle or lose control of their vehicle.

Always wear your seatbelt. Most people injured in deer/vehicle crashes are not wearing their seatbelts.

If your vehicle does strike a deer, do not touch the animal. A frightened and wounded deer can hurt you or further injure itself.



Pictured above are Rice District Community Hospital Administrator and Newly Elected Board Members. From Left to right, Larry Parsons-Administrator, Vicki L. Powers, Joan Matthews, Joe H. McCreary, Billy Hefner, Joe Mike Spanihel.

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The 1st Annual **Christopher Kilpatrick Memorial Scholarship Aerobic Marathon** will be held **Saturday, June 24, 2006** from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Christopher Kilpatrick Memorial Center (formerly the National Guard Armory) followed by a **Barbecue Lunch with Music** to be held Sunday, June 25 at the K.C. Hall in Columbus

*Come help raise additional funds for the scholarship established in honor and memory of Christopher*

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**For More Information, Call**  
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**Entry Form**  
 1st Annual Christopher Kilpatrick Memorial Scholarship Aerobic Marathon  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age on Marathon Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Male:  Female:   
 T-Shirt Size: (Adult Sizes)  
 Small  Medium  Large  X-Large  XX-Large

**Waiver**  
 In consideration of your acceptance of this entry form, I hereby release the sponsors, officials, owners of the facilities and Get Fit instructors connected with the 1st Annual Christopher Kilpatrick Memorial Scholarship Aerobic Marathon for any and all injuries by me at this event. I further certify that I am physically fit and able to participate in the Aerobic Marathon.  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Fee:** Adult \$15, Ages 18 and under \$12  
**Make Payment Payable to:** Get Fit or Christopher Kilpatrick Scholarship  
**Mail To:** Tracy Hanak, 1119 Fannin St., Columbus, TX 78934  
**Tickets Available at:**  
 Columbus Butane, Classic Cuts, A Creative Touch, Four Oaks Dental

**1st Annual Christopher Kilpatrick AEROBIC MARATHON**  
**BBQ Lunch & Dance**  
 Lunch 11-1 • Dance 1-6  
**Sunday, June 25**  
 Columbus K of C Hall

## SHSU Names Dean's List

The following students have been named to the President's Honor Roll at Sam Houston State University (SHSU) for Spring 2006.

Vera Cleveland of Eagle Lake; and Derek Kopycinsky, East Bernard.

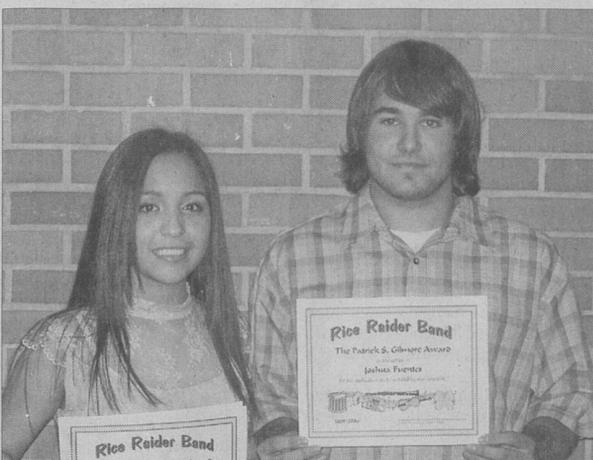
The President's Honor Roll at SHSU consists of full-time undergraduate students having a perfect grade point average of 4.0 for the semester.

The following students were named to the Dean's List at SHSU for Spring 2006.

Vera Cleveland, Eagle Lake; Vance Cooper, Wallis; Blake Ford, Wallis; Aaron Harbaugh, East Bernard; Hannah Kallina, Sheridan; Derek Kopycinsky, East Bernard; Terri Kouba, Columbus; Kelli Kubus, East Bernard; Tiffany Wenglar, East Bernard; and Rebecca Zurek, Wallis.

The Dean's List at SHSU consists of full-time students having grade point averages of 3.5 and above.

The following students received degrees from SHSU in May 2006. Vance Cooper, Wallis; Elizabeth Flores, Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology; and Bernardo Vazquez, Eagle Lake, Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing.



Misty Posada and Josh Fuentes were awarded the Patrick S. Gilmore award as most outstanding senior boy and girl band members.

## Band Members Given Awards At Banquet

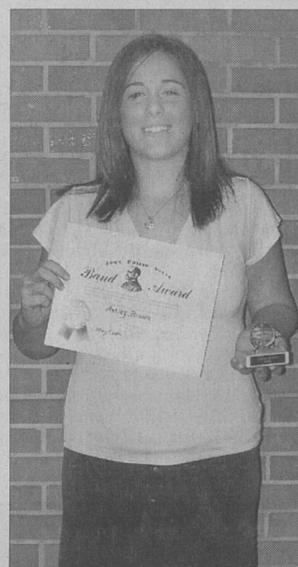
The Raider Band concluded a busy spring with their annual banquet last month. Awards were presented to notable students. The John Philip Sousa Award, the highest honor in band, was given to Ashley Brown. Brown qualified for state competition with her flute solo performance.

The Patrick S. Gilmore Awards, which go to the most outstanding senior boy and girl, were presented to Josh Fuentes and Misty Posada.

In UIL Concert and Sight-reading Contest earlier this spring, the band was awarded a Division 2 in concert, and a Division 1 in sight-reading. Combined with the Division 1 rating earned in marching contest in the fall, the band was only 1 contest away from earning Sweepstakes distinction.

Plans have begun for next year with the selection of drum major, flag corp, and band council. Leading the band on the field in the fall will be Drum Major Farah Ellenbogen. Captain Cathy Cummings and Lieutenant Mairsol Tapia will lead the flag corp. Others in the flag line are: Ashley Brown, Anna Delgado, Amber Duque, Jessica Godley, Haley Jones, Casey Mayfield, Jennifer McDonald, Courtney Moccabee, Bianca Perez, Jacqueline Vazquez, and Jessica Walzer.

In band council elections, Nick Riley has been selected president for the '06-'07 year. Rounding out the band council are: vice-president, Cathy Cummings; secretary, Anna Delgado; chaplain, Crystal O'Mary; head historian, Farah Ellenbogen; historians, Angela Spencer, Brittney Cummings, and Katie Moss; 9th grade representative, Alan Arellano.



Ashley Brown was awarded the John Philip Sousa award at the recent band banquet.



## Texas Ducks Unlimited Schedules State Convention

Texas Ducks Unlimited has scheduled its annual state convention for June 23-25 in Galveston. The Moody Gardens Hotel is the convention's headquarters. Texas DU is the state arm of the national organization, Ducks Unlimited, Inc.

The state convention offers DU members opportunities to meet colleagues from throughout Texas and to learn more about DU and its conservation programs.

"DU uses science-based conservation programs throughout the North American continent," said Steve Marasovich, Texas DU chairman. "These programs impact entire landscapes and benefit not only waterfowl and waterfowlers, but also the entire environment. The wetland areas and associated uplands where DU works filter out both agricultural and industrial contaminants and serve as important water retention areas to help prevent flooding."

The convention begins at 10 a.m. Friday, June 23, with the Texas DU state council meeting. The Friday leadership workshop begins at 1 p.m.

On Saturday, the convention's first general session begins at 8:30 and runs until noon. The district chairmen's appreciation meeting begins at 2 that afternoon.

The second general session begins at 9 Sunday morning and concludes at noon.

"We're really excited about this year's program," Marasovich said. "The people who will speak at the convention have significant information for our organization. Many of the presenters will travel long distances to be here, but they know we need this information. They know it's important to us and to DU's conservation work and they're willing to make the sacrifice to get here to share their expertise with us."

Top waterfowl biologists from throughout the nation and top DU officials, including DU president Jim Hubert from Longview, Wash., and DU national director of gift planning Jon Rich from Memphis, Tenn., and Texas outdoor writer Chester Moore Jr. will be featured speakers at the general sessions.

Rich will provide background information on DU's latest and most ambitious fund-raising campaign, Wetlands for Tomorrow.

"Wetlands for Tomorrow is a comprehensive continental campaign," Rich said. "All money that Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Ducks Unlimited Canada and Ducks Unlimited de Mexico raise will contribute to the total. Through this campaign, we hope to raise more than \$1.5 billion to continue our conservation work."

Besides the business side of the convention, those attending can enjoy several social functions. Social activities begin with the traditional Friday Night Party, which will be held at the Texas Seaport Museum, located on the waterfront of the historic Port of Galveston. This event will include tours of the Elissa, the official tall ship of Texas and shopping excursions in the adjacent Strand Street Historical District.

A new addition to this year's convention is the State Awards Luncheon, scheduled for noon Saturday. This event is designed to honor the top DU committees throughout Texas and to highlight their accomplishments during the previous year.

At 4:30 p.m. Saturday, all first-time attendees at the convention will be recognized at a special reception at the Moody Gardens Hotel. The Texas DU convention banquet follows this reception at 6 p.m., also at the Moody Gardens.

"For most DU members, the state convention banquet is the highlight of their DU year," Marasovich said. "It's a chance to renew old acquaintances, to make new friends, to catch up on everyone's lives."

Lots of times, we see people at the state convention that we don't see any other time throughout the year."

A registration fee of \$80 covers all of the business and social activities for the Texas DU state convention. For more information about the Texas DU state convention or to register on-line, visit the organization's Web site at [www.tx.ducks.org](http://www.tx.ducks.org). Click on the "Local Events" icon and scroll down to "TX DU State Convention."

For more information about Ducks Unlimited, visit [www.ducks.org](http://www.ducks.org).

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**Serving starts at 11:00am**  
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