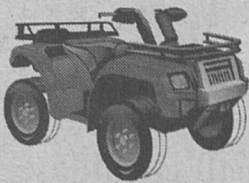


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Rice High School Yearbook Honored

The Rice High School yearbook staff was recently notified that the 2008 yearbook has once again been named a semi-finalist for Taylor Publishing's Yearbook Yearbook.

Each year approximately 15% of the 7,500 yearbooks published by Taylor are recognized with a nomination. After further judging the finalists will be named.

This nomination marked only the 4th time in school history that the yearbook has been nominated for the honor. Previous nominations were in 2007, 2003, and 1995. The 1995 book was selected as a finalist for recognition.

The Yearbook Yearbook is a

publication printed each year by Taylor Publishing highlighting books that were judged as the best in design, cover design, coverage and theme development.

The 2008 Raider yearbook was titled Days of Our Lives. The theme was carried out through a tongue-in-cheek comparison of the daily saga of school life and the continuing stories on soap operas. The editor of the book was Samantha Castro.

Other members of the staff were: Katlyn Thomas, Kourtney Korenek, Monica Barrow, Marisol Tapia, April Pagel, Ariana Engbrock, Yolanda Cisneros, Kacie Smith, and Kaci Kazmir. Yearbook adviser is Melody Grigar.

Cattle Brucellosis Test Required For Sale

By Carla Everett

Selling or buying cattle? A cattle brucellosis, or "Bang's" test is still required for changing ownership of adult cattle in Texas, says Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian. For many years, Texas ranchers and livestock health officials worked to eradicate cattle brucellosis, a bacterial disease that can cause cows to abort, deliver weak calves, or produce less milk.

"We have enjoyed Class 'Free' status for cattle brucellosis since February 2008, but testing is still required at livestock markets, special sales and private treaty sales, for at least two years," said Dr. Hillman. "This testing requirement is part of the national brucellosis program standard, and it assures that a state is clearly free of the disease and that we can quickly identify and deal with reintroduced or yet undetected infection."

Slaughter testing surveillance will continue across the country for an indefinite period, to ensure that the disease is completely eradicated from cattle herds in Texas and other states.

Dr. Hillman noted that cattle which are sexually intact and 18 months of age or older must be tested prior to sale. The test

requires a small blood sample from the animal, collected by an accredited veterinarian, or TAHC or USDA personnel. A chute-side test is conducted at livestock markets on sale days, with laboratory confirmation by the State-Federal laboratory.

For private treaty or special sales, an accredited, private veterinary practitioner can draw the blood sample and submit the blood sample to the State-Federal laboratory, where the test will be run. Cattle owners should allow at least four days for private testing, to allow for shipping the blood sample to the laboratory, testing of the samples and receiving the test results that will be recorded on the document that will accompany the animal to the sale.

"Texas was the last state to achieve cattle brucellosis free status, but there is no guarantee we can maintain this status, if we aren't vigilant," said Dr. Hillman. He stressed that the continued testing will identify potential cases of cattle brucellosis that weren't detected during the eradication effort.

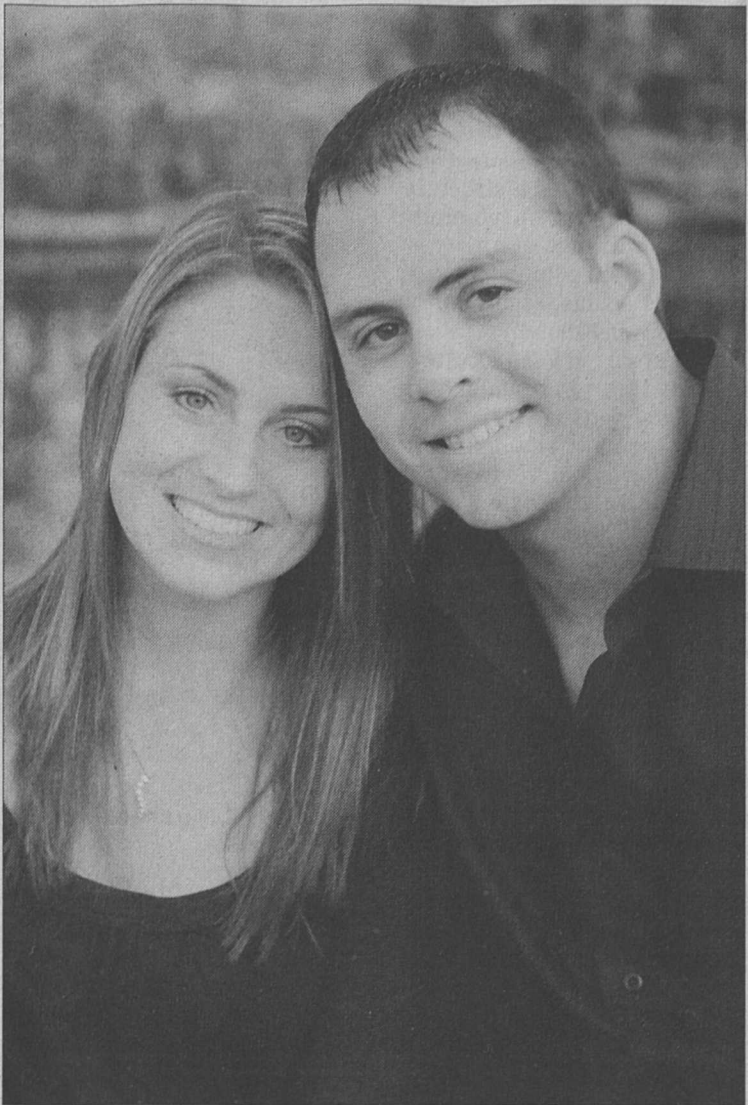
Brucellosis status can be lost, if two infected herds are detected within a two-year period. It is essential that we continue to follow the national standards for the brucellosis program.

Montana recently lost its brucellosis-free status, due to exposure to infected wildlife in the Greater Yellowstone Area, and widespread testing must be conducted to regain the ranking.

"Eradicating a disease is a livestock health victory, and that makes vigilance even more important now," said Dr. Hillman. "Don't risk buying infection. Ensure that the breeding cattle you buy have been tested."

Dr. Hillman also reminds cattle owners, especially those in the eastern portions of the state, that heifers should be vaccinated against cattle brucellosis, particularly if they will be used as breeding animals.

Accredited veterinarians can administer the RB-51 vaccine to heifers between the ages of four and 12 months to provide lifelong protecting against the disease.



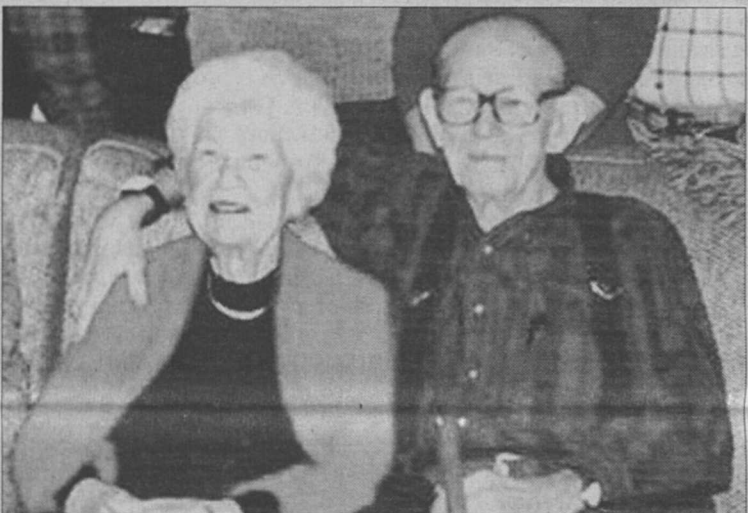
Waddell, Crosby To Wed

Ms. Beth Waddell of Eagle Lake and Mr. Davis Waddell of Eagle Lake announce the engagement of their daughter, Risa Gail, to Mr. Jason Ronald Crosby of Jersey Village.

Risa is a graduate of Rice High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas A&M University. She currently teaches third grade at Velasquez Elementary in Lamar Consolidated ISD and is working towards her Masters degree of Administration and Supervision. She plans to complete her degree in May 2009.

Jason is the son of Mark and Renee Crosby of Jersey Village. He is a graduate of Jersey Village High School and a 2005 graduate of Texas A&M University. His is an engineer for Southwest Formseal, Inc.

Risa and Jason will exchange their vows at the First Presbyterian Church in Eagle Lake on December 27. A celebration will follow at the Stafford Opera House in Columbus.



Harrisons Celebrate 70 Years Of Marriage

William Henry Harrison and

his wife Rosanne are celebrating 70 years of marriage on Wed Nov 26. After Rosanne graduated from Rice Institute and Bill from The University of Texas, the couple married in Houston in 1938 and spent their honeymoon in Acapulco.

They made their first home in Houston and had their four children there, Bill Jr, Randa, Bettie and Rosanne.

In 1948 they moved to their family ranch near Alleton and for the next 16 years they were active leaders in Columbus and at First

Baptist Church.

By 1963, Bill had become President of First National Bank in Eagle Lake. A year later he and Rosanne moved once more to their final destination and again, served a community they have come to love very much.

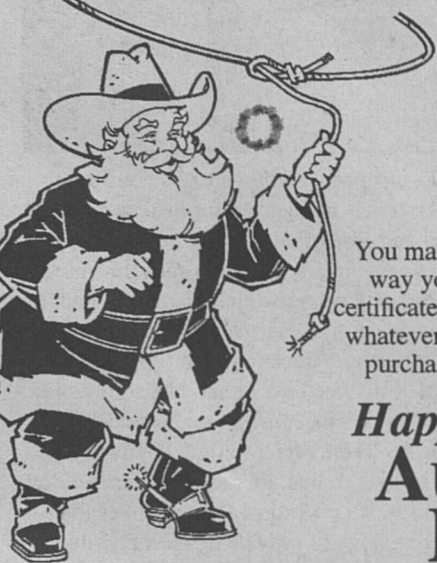
The Harrisons' four children and most of the 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren will be on hand to honor this special couple whose love and devotion to each other has been an inspiration to everyone who has ever met them.

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