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The following students participated in the UIL Solo and Ensemble Competition on February 13. All of these students received either superior or excellent ratings for their performance. The Rice Band directors would like to express their compliments to these students for their hard-work and dedication. Pictured are on the top row, left to right, Matthew Trahan, Dylan Ferguson, Natasha Frazier, Jeslyn Cantu, Najae Glover, Melissa Hassin, Kimberly Sommer, Taylor Thomas, Keslie Perez; bottom row, left to right, Mackenzie Wiese, Tallon Canaris, Dalia Zapata, Selena Perez, Yamilex Rodriguez, Shayla Kuykendall.

Catholic Daughters Report On Monthly Activities

Catholic Daughters Court Our Lady of the Rosary #1595 held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 10, at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada.

The meeting was called to order by Regent, Bernita Korenek. Secretary, Virginia Pavlovsky, Treasurer, Marilyn Popp, and Financial Secretary, Leona Brzozowski, gave their reports.

Reports were also given by Helen Noteboom on the Sr. Citizen Domino Party and Mable Beard on Spiritual Bouquets and cards sent to sick members.

Poetry and Essay Contest winners were announced. The theme this year was "God's gifts in my life" or "the gifts I give to others". Winners were: Zachary Labay, 1st place, Colton Leopold, 2nd place and Mary Beth Huvar, 3rd place. Winner in the adult category was Anita Meismer, 1st place.

A CDA Retreat will be held in Rosenberg on March 28. The deadline to register is March 18. If you are interested in attending, contact the Regent.

If anyone knows of a prospec-

ive CDA member, membership packets have been made to give to them. Reception of new members will be held in Columbus in June.

Our Court participated in the Read Across America Program. Bible stories were read to children at the CCD program and library books were read at the Garwood

Elementary School. The membership voted to make a donation to Relay for Life and Morality in Media. The next meeting will be held on April 14.

Kleinschmidt Bill Provides Tuition Break

State Rep. Tim Kleinschmidt of Lexington filed HB 3968, which would provide a college tuition discount of 10 percent for children of state employees. Rep. Kleinschmidt is concerned that the children of state employees are being priced out of college.

"Many state employees sacrifice higher pay in order to serve the citizens of this state," said Kleinschmidt. "While we can't pay

every state employee what they are worth, we can at least reduce the burden they bear in sending their children to college."

"Just as school employees benefit from tuition relief and scholarship programs, state employees could use a tuition break from rising college costs."

While the state has invested in grant and loan programs like TEXAS Grant and B-on-Time,

thousands of state employees don't qualify for funding despite earning modest salaries.

"Thousands of state employees make too much money to qualify for financial aid, but not enough to afford the rising costs of a college education," said Kleinschmidt. "I want to make college more accessible and affordable for middle class families who serve the people of this state."

Tannich, Brovec Reunion Held March 1

The descendants of the Tannich and Brovec families held their 43rd reunion on Sunday, March 1, at the New Bielau Community Center near Weimar.

The reunion began at 11 with 34 in attendance. We were pleased to see some of the new folks from last year return this year and welcomed new ones this year.

Julius Bartek led us in prayer; then we all enjoyed a delicious covered dish lunch. After all ate and partook of the many wonderful homemade desserts, the meeting was called to order by President Phyllis Ulbrich of Weimar.

Secretary Bettye Anhaier read the minutes from the last reunion and Treasurer Deborah Meredith gave the treasurer's report.

We held a moment of silence for Carol Sebesta Miller, who passed away in October of last year.

We talked about how we'd like the students who apply for our scholarship awards to come to our reunion so we can meet them personally.

After they have been in school for a year or so, we'd like them to come back and tell us how they are doing. We also entertained some suggestions on how we can bring in more money and subsequently give larger scholarships.

Cash door prizes were won by Frances Sebesta, Christian Anhaier, Debbie Meredith, Jack

Lippman, Elizabeth Boettcher and Zachary York.

The winners of the jars of candy were Charles McDermott and Frances Sebesta. They guessed the number of candies closest to the actual count without going over.

Following the meeting Leroy Peterson did a great job as auctioneer, this year we had close to 30 lovely items for the auction. We seem to have more fun every year. After the auction, we played bingo until all prizes, approximately 40, were won.

It was a delightful day for all. Everyone enjoyed visiting and laughing with family and catching up on events of the past year.

The next reunion will be at the New Bielau Community Center on Sunday, March 7, 2010. Mark your calendars, be thinking of a long-lost relative you can invite to come with you next year.

At the 2010 reunion, Mike Ulbrich and J.R. Richardson will furnish the meat for the reunion. Attendees are only asked to bring a side dish and/or dessert.

Relay For Life Captain Meetings Slated March 24, 31

The Colorado County Relay for Life will hold team captains meetings starting at 5:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus on March 24 and 31 and April 7 and 14.

The relay is set for April 17 at the Columbus High School Foot-

ball stadium at 6 p.m. This event is open to the public.

Please make plans to attend these meetings to find out more about the relay.

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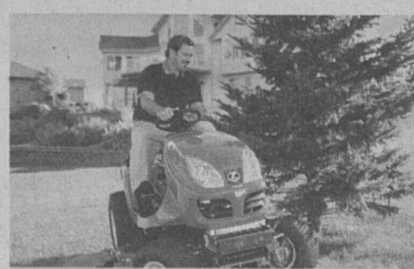


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