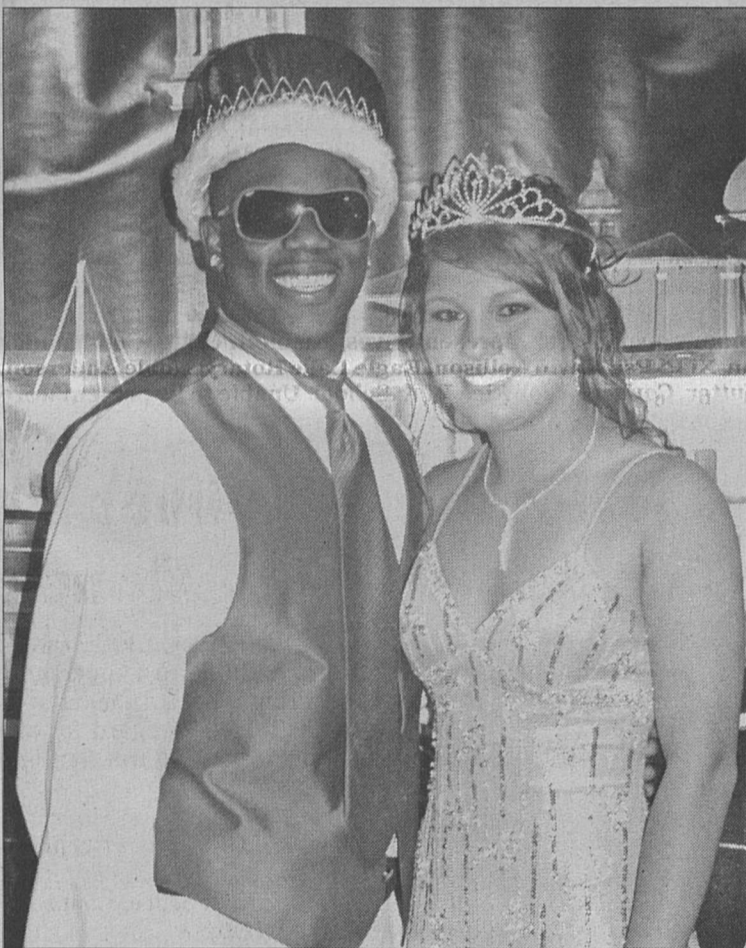


First place 2009 RMC Classic Winners: Brian Hyek, Steve Mattoon, Mike Morton and Curly Wied.



Second place 2009 RMC Classic Winners: First National Bank Team. Barry Shephard, Ronnie Sedgwick and Major Bengé. Not pictured is team member John Gertson and third place winners Innovative X-Ray consisting of Court Lane, Cliff Craig, John Cathey and Travis Cathey.



Zacchaeus Foster and Chelsea Korenek were named Prom King and Queen at the Rice High School Prom on Saturday, May 9.

Texas Wheat Production Down From Last Year

According to a May 1 survey conducted by the USDA-NASS, Texas Field Office, Texas wheat producers expect to harvest 64.8 million bushels, down 35 percent from 2008 and down 54 percent from 2007.

This forecast is up 4 percent from the Texas April forecast.

Statewide yield is expected to average 27 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from last year, and down 10 bushels from two years ago.

Harvested acreage for grain, at 2.4 million acres, is down 27 percent from 2008.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 36.5 million bushels, up 25 percent from last year.

Winter wheat production on the Blacklands is forecast at 11.4 million bushels, down 31 percent from last year.

The Low Plains production is estimated at 6.5 million bushels, down 76 percent from last year.

United States winter wheat production for 2009 is forecast at 1.50 billion bushels, down 20

Army Sgt. Klotz Heading Back To Iraq

David and Carole Pavlicek of Eagle Lake, John and Cynthia Klotz of Wallis, along his wife Ashley, and all his family and friends would like to take this time to honor our Sgt. Johnathan William Klotz who is serving in D Company, 1st Battalion, 227th Combat Aviation Brigade in Iraq.

Johnathan is a 1999 graduate of Brazos High School and joined the U.S. Army in September 2000.

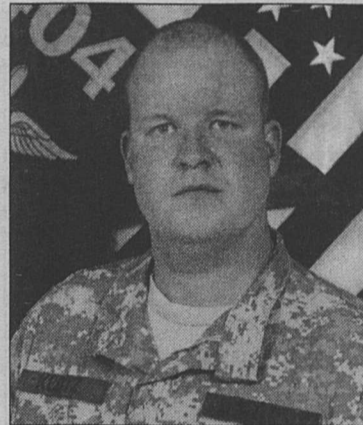
In 2002 Johnathan served a one year tour of duty in Korea, in 2004 he deployed for a year with the 4th Infantry Division, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and served with the 4th Combat Aviation Brigade out of Fort Hood.

In July 2007 he served another year of duty in Korea and has just completed the rotation training program for a deployment back to Iraq at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, CA. Johnathan is currently assigned to D Company 1st Battalion, 227th Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division out of Fort Hood.

Over the past eight years of service Johnathan has received

the Army Commendation Medal, four Army Achievement Medals, two Army Good Conduct Medals, the Iraq Campaign medal, the Korean Defense Service Ribbon, three overseas service ribbons, the national defense service ribbon and the global war on terror service ribbon.

At the present time Johnathan is in route to an unknown destination Iraq.



Sgt. Johnathan William Klotz

RHS Athletic Banquet will be held Tuesday, May 26 at the RHS Commons. Silent auction begins at 6 p.m. (Donations greatly appreciated) Meal and program at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at school offices, Buc-ee's, Johnny's Sport Shop, Larry's (Garwood), and Sandy Creek Drive Inn (Sheridan). Tickets are \$8 each and include Chicken Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, homemade bread, banana pudding and tea.

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Ag Dept. To Award Crop Grants

The Texas Department of Agriculture is requesting proposals for projects designed to enhance food safety and human health through the consumption and use of specialty crops, such as fruits, vegetables, dried fruit, tree nuts and nursery plants.

The projects will be funded through TDA-awarded grants made available through USDA's Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP).

"Texas is a leading state in the production of fresh produce, nursery plants and other specialty crops," Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said.

"This grant program will help Texas producers enhance the quality, safety and production of their crops, ensuring Texas remains a leader in agriculture.

TDA will accept proposals for grants from agencies, universities, institutions and industry or community-based organizations that have a vested interest in specialty crops and have projects to enhance the competitiveness of Texas-grown products.

Proposed projects should pertain to one of the following areas:

-Food Safety:
Projects that help implement "Good Agricultural Practices," "Good Handling Practices," "Good Manufacturing Practices" or identify new methods to improve food safety.

-Nutrition:
Projects that focus on increasing child and adult nutrition knowledge and consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables.

-Industry Development:

Proposals aimed at improving efficiency and reducing costs of distribution systems or industry training.

-Marketing:
These projects may be geared toward increasing the sales or consumption of specialty crops domestically and internationally through advertising campaigns, in-store demonstrations or pro-

motional, educational and international literature.

-Plant Health:
Specialty crop research projects, including organic research that promote conservation and environmental benefits; development of new and improved seed varieties and specialty crops; pest and disease control; sustainability; and production methods.



Dr. Ronald P. Mahoney, M.D. board certified in cardiology and internal medicine has been affiliated with Rice Medical Center for over 20 years bringing outside expertise in cardiac care to Eagle Lake.

With his main practice at Diagnostic Cardiology of Houston, Dr. Mahoney also serves as Clinical Assistant Professor in Family Practice and Community Medicine and Internal Medicine at the University of Texas Medical School, Academic Chief of Family Practice Residency Program at Memorial Hospital Southwest - Houston, Director of Cardiology Services, and Director of Invasive and Non-Invasive Cardiology Laboratories at Memorial Southwest Houston. His professional appointments are with Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital in Houston and Methodist Sugar Land Hospital in Sugar Land. Dr. Ronald P. Mahoney, M.D. is available for appointments every other Wednesday in Rice Medical Center's Specialty Clinic, 979-234-5571.

