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William H. Harrison, Sr. was honored on Sunday for his years of service to the community at a ceremony at the Prairie Edge Museum. Front: William H. Harrison, Sr. with great-grandchildren Kate & Anna Consoli and William Horne. Middle: Rosanne Pollard, Heather Consoli, Margo Harrison, Bettie & Earl Hankamer. Back row: John & Anna Gertson, Gerald Pollard, Bill Harrison Jr., Randa & Jimmy Simmons. See story and more photos on page 8.

NEWSBRIEFS

Kinder registration for Sheridan School

Sheridan School is registering students for the 2010-2011 Kindergarten class. Registration forms are available in the school office. Return the forms with a copy of shot record, social security card and birth certificate. These documents are required by Tx.Edu.Agency, if you don't have copies you must obtain duplicates. Students must be 5 yrs. old as of 9/1/10 and live in the Sheridan School attendance zone. If you live out of the RICE C.I.S.D. you must apply for an Out-Of-District transfer by 5/1/10. The Rice School Board will approve or deny transfers. The KG teacher will assign a date for you and your child to visit her classroom, she will notify you by mail. Call the office if you have questions, 979-234-7334.

Pre-K Reg. for Sheridan/Garwood

Sheridan/Garwood School is accepting applications for the Pre-Kindergarten class for the 2010-2011 school year. Only qualified applicants will be accepted based on TX.Edu.Agency and RICE CISD guidelines. Applications are available in the Sheridan and Garwood school offices, return the application with a copy of shot record, birth certificate and social security card by 4/1/10. These documents are required by TX.Edu.Agency, if you don't have copies you must obtain duplicates. All applicants must be 4 yrs. old by 9/1/10 and reside within the Sheridan School or Garwood School attendance zone. You will be notified of acceptance or denial. If you live out of the Rice CISD you must apply for an Out-Of-District transfer by 5/1/10. The Rice School Board will approve or deny transfers. Call the school office if you have questions, 979-234-7334.

Lenten Luncheons underway

The United Methodist Church (UMC) of Eagle Lake will host the 14th Annual Lenten Luncheons each Monday, beginning through March 29. The luncheons will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., with special music and guest speakers. A love offering will be taken and net proceeds go to the Eagle Lake Community Food Pantry. The fourth luncheon on Monday, March 15, will feature the Rev. Obie Rhodes of White Cloud Baptist Church. UMC members will provide an array of soups and desserts. A sliced meat and cheese tray, crackers, sandwich bread, hot cornbread, iced tea and coffee will be furnished by the UMC of Eagle Lake. Everyone is cordially invited...bring a friend!

Sheridan Lions dinner Saturday

The 47th Annual Sheridan Lions Club will hold their roast beef dinner on Saturday, March 13 at the Sheridan Community Center. Plates are \$8 each. Serving starts at 6. Plates go to available. Dinner includes roast beef, rice/gravy, green beans, rolls, dessert and tea. Bingo with cash prizes will also be held. A drawing will be held. There will be a silent auction with a great variety of items.

Project graduation meeting is March 15

There will be a Project Graduation meeting on Monday, March 15th at the Rice High School Commons at 6 p.m. Seniors and their parents are invited to attend.

Mop, broom sale is March 18

The Eagle Lions mop and broom sale is Thursday, March 18 on the square in Eagle Lake. Stop by from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lions Club projects include: Rice High School scholarship, little league, fire department, The Lighthouse, Rice Medical Center Volunteers, Summer Reading program, Texas Lions Camp, children's eyeglasses, Lighthouse for the Blind, Leader Dog Program and Lions Eye Bank.

Blood drive set for March 18

Rice Medical Center will hold a blood drive, Thursday, March 18 from 2 to 7 p.m. To schedule an appointment call Mary Saucedo at 979-234-5571, ext. 5211. You can also visit www.giveblood.org and login to digital donor. Enter sponsor code 2135. Walk-ins welcome. Remember for every unit donated, three lives can be saved.

Rabies vaccination clinics March 19

The Garwood Lions Club will sponsor a rabies vaccination clinic on Friday, March 19 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Garwood fire station. Rabies vaccinations will be \$10 per animal. Dogs, as well as cats, may be vaccinated at that time.

White Cloud Breakfast set

White Cloud Missionary Baptist Church (WCMB) at 1093 Old
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Runnin' Raiders, Lady Raiders Win Cowboy Relays

The Raiders and Lady Raiders took first place honors in the Cowboy Relays held in Edna recently.

Raider participant, event, distance and placing are as follows:
Long jump: JJ Reggins, second, 20' 10-3/4"; discuss: Jared Kaster, sixth, 119'2"; triple jump:

Reggins, first, 42' 8-1/2"; Corey Farrow, second, 42' 7-1/2"; Cody Lantelme, fourth, 40' 8"; high jump: Reggins, fourth, 5'8"; pole vault: Lantelme, first, 13'6"; 3200 m run: Carlos Arias, third, 11:20.88; 4x100 relay: first, 44:41; 110 m hurdles: Kris Talton, second, 17:62; weight man relay: first, 52:60; 100

m dash: Gerald Martinez, fourth, 11:99; spring medley relay: first, 1:42.32; 300 m hurdles: Talton, fourth, 44:32; Lantelme, fifth, 44:50; 4x200 relay: third, 1:37.21; 1600 m relay: Arias, fourth, 5:11.96; 4x400 relay: first, 3:36.22.

The boy's finished with a team total 147.5 points. East Bernard placed second with 140, Yoakum, third, 132; Edna, fourth, 91; Tidehaven, fifth, 44; Goliad, sixth, 33; Palacios, seventh, 28; and Industrial, eighth with 4.5 points.

Lady Raider participant, event, distance and placing are as follows:

Long jump: Jaquita Woods, third, 14' 10-1/2"; triple jump: Annicia Williams, first, 33'-1/2"; shot put: Brittany Parker, first, 35'1"; Dynasty Johnson, fifth, 31' 7-1/2"; discuss: Parker, second, 108' 10"; Johnson, sixth, 89'1"; 100 m hurdles: Woods, first, 16:87; 4x100 relay, first, 51.90; 800 m dash: 2:38.77; 100 m dash: Porshia Morris, first, 12:78; Clarence Weeks, fifth, 13:22; spring medley relay: second, 1:59.03; 300 m hurdles: Woods, first, 47:20; Allyssa Krpec, sixth, 53:13; 4x200 relay: third, 1:53.13; 4x400 relay, third, 4:25.70.

The girl's finished with a team total 144 points. Goliad placed second with 124.5, East Bernard, third, 113.5; Yoakum, fourth, 78; Palacios, fifth, 56; Edna, sixth, 46; Tidehaven, seventh, 32; and Industrial, eighth with 28 points.

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Unemployment Rate Shows 0.9 Percent Increase In Jan.

January figures show the Colorado County unemployment rate sitting at 7.6 percent with an increase of .9 from December 2009.

There is still an increase of 1.9 from January 2009.

In January in Colorado County, there were 10,919 people employed and 830 seeking jobs.

Fayette County unemployment sat at 6.3 percent with an increase of .5 from December 2009.

It represents a total increase of 1.4 from January 2009.

In January in Fayette County there were 12,417 individuals employed and 779 looking for work.

Lavaca County unemployment was 6.8 percent in January with an increase of .4 percent from December 2009.

That is a total increase of 1.8 from January 2009.

In January in Lavaca County

there were 9,936 people employed and 672 unemployed.

The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 8.2 percent in January, unchanged from a revised 8.2 percent in December 2009, and continued to trend well below the U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 9.7 percent.

The Texas Civilian Labor Force continued to grow in January, reaching its highest level ever at 12.1 million workers.

"The Texas unemployment rate held steady over the past two months at 8.2 percent and remained lower than the national rate of 9.7 percent," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken.

In January, the Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced the lowest unem-

No Contested Elections For City, School

Filing has ended for city and school elections slated for May 8.

Interested parties may still sign up to be a write-in candidate. The deadline for write-ins is March 15.

Up for election in the City of Eagle Lake are Mayor Mike Morales and Councilmen Chriss Schiurring and John Young.

All three have filed for reelection.

Up for election to the Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees are Jack Vawter in Position No. 4 and Carolyn Baird in Position No. 5.

Jack Vawter did not seek reelection to his position, one that he had held since 1992.

Regena Williamson has filed for Position No. 4.

Carolyn Baird has filed for reelection to her position.

Early voting will start on April 26 and end on May 4.

If no write-ins file, both the city and school district will likely cancel the election.



The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Country Fresh Cleaners on Monday, March 8. Country Fresh has recently moved into a newly renovated location between their old location and the Eagle Lake Drugstore. On hand for the event were from left to right, Lynn Rucka, Linda Balas and Mary Ann Kaluza with the Chamber; Carla Wiggs and Gary Swindel, owner; Sandra Marsalia and Holly Waligura Class, associates; and Wanda Henry and Mary Parr with the chamber.