

Raider, Lady Raider Runners Compete In Hallettsville

The 2010 Hallettsville High School Invitational track meet was held on March 4. All of the Rice Raider track teams, boy's and girl's competed.

Results for the Rice Raider track teams were as follows:

Varsity Boys: Team Total – 179 points.

Discus: Kaster, 4th place, 116'1"; shot put: Kaster, 3rd, 44' 2 1/2"; Stevens, 5th, 41' 11-1/2"; long jump: Reggins, 1st, 21'0"; Farrow, 5th, 19' 1-1/2"; triple jump: Reggins, 1st, 43'6"; Lantelme, 2nd, 42'; Farrow, 4th, 40'8"; high jump: Reggins, 1st, 6'0"; pole vault: Lantelme, 1st, 13'0"; Howard, 2nd, 12'0"; 3200 meter run: Arias, 3rd,

11:27; 800 meter run: Valdez, 6th, 2:23.04; 110 meter hurdles: Reggins, 2nd, 15:59; Talton, 4th, 17:18; 400 meter dash: Valdez, 2nd, 53:47; Dumont, 6th, 55:85; 300 meter hurdles: Talton, 3rd, 43:65; Lantelme, 5th, 45:47; 200 meter dash: Farrow, 5th, 24:27; 4x400 meter relay: 2nd, 1:32.56.

JV Boys: Team Total – 106 points.

Discus: Allen, 1st, 108'6"; shot put: Allen, 1st, 39' 6"; Castillo, 6th, 34' 7"; long jump: Torres, 5th, 16'11-3/4"; pole vault: Michalak, 2nd, 10'6"; 800 meter run: Michalak, 2nd, 2:25.64; 110 meter hurdles: Dancy, 1st, 25:51; 100 meter dash: Adams, 6th, 12:54; 300 meter hurdles: Dancy, 2nd, 50:08;

4x100 meter relay: 3rd, 47.86; 4x200 meter relay: 3rd, 2:51.15; 1600 meter run: Weeks, 2nd, 28:15; 200 meter dash: Krpec, 2nd, 51:51; 300 meter hurdles: Dota, 5th, 67:32; 400 meter dash: Williams, 3rd, 65:12; 4x400 meter relay: 1st, 4:27.22.

JV Girls: Team Total – 53 points.

Discus: Flowers, 1st, 82'2"; Vandermark, 3rd, 78'10"; shot put: Flowers, 4th, 27' 5-1/2"; pole vault: Ruiz, 1st, 6'6"; 3200 meter run: Saenz, 5th, 15:56; 100 meter hurdles: Faas, 5th, 20:02; 100 meter dash: Faas, 1st, 13:99; Cook, 6th, 14:53; 300 meter hurdles: Faas, 3rd, 57:56.

2nd, 1:43.53; 4x400 meter relay: 1st, 3:58.69.

Varsity Girls: Team Total – 159 points.

Discus: Parker, 1st, 103'3-1/2"; Rathburn, 3rd, 98'10"; Johnson, 6th, 92'11"; shot put: Parker, 1st, 36' 6"; Johnson, 3rd, 33' 3-1/4"; triple jump: Williams, 3rd, 32'2"; high jump: Bartlett, 4th, 4'8"; 800 meter run: Danklefs, 2nd, 2:41.22; 110 meter hurdles: Woods, 1st, 16:33; Krpec, 5th, 18:49; 100 meter dash: Morris, 1st, 13:03; Williams, 3rd, 13:40; Hodge, 6th, 14:12; 400 meter dash: Williams, 3rd, 65:12; Dota, 5th, 67:32; 300 meter hurdles: Krpec, 2nd, 51:51; 200 meter dash: Weeks, 2nd, 28:15; 1600 meter run:

Llanos, 6th, 6:32.71; 4x100 meter relay: 1st, 51.20; 4x200 meter relay: 1st, 1:49.62; 4x400 meter relay: 2nd, 4:27.22.

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Stafford Opera To Host Sentimental Orchestra

The Sentimental Journey Orchestra from Kerrville, Texas, is known for its performances of music by the Big Bands of the Fabulous 1940s ... Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman and others.

The orchestra, whose repertoire has been painstakingly recreated from original scores and recordings, is under the leadership of trombonist, pianist, and arranger, Ted Conerly.

This year, the orchestra will

feature the best of the small groups of the big band era. These are the memorable groups like Louis Armstrong's All Stars, Fats Waller, the Benny Goodman Trio, Tommy Dorsey's Clambake Seven, Red Nichols and the Five

Pennies, Bob Crosby's Bobcats, Louis Jordan's Tympani Five and others.

They will be played by the Sentimental Journey Orchestra Jazz All Stars and feature their vocal soloist Miss Jesse Boatright.

It will be an evening of fun, happy jazz that's guaranteed to get your toes tapping!

The Sentimental Journey Orchestra Jazz All Stars are being brought to you by the Columbus Historical Preservation Trust, Inc. and will be performing at the Stafford Opera House on March 20, 2010.

The ticket price for each dinner/performance is \$35.00 per person. For information or to purchase tickets, call (979) 732-5135 or email us at staffordoperahouse@yahoo.com.

Join your friends at the Stafford Opera House Saturday, March 20th, when we welcome back the Sentimental Journey Orchestra with a twist....

Rice Special Olympics Competes In Area

The Rice Special Olympics basketball Team traveled to Texas State in San Marcos recently to compete in Area 13's tournament.

Nineteen teams competed in various events such as five – on – five, three – on – three, team skills, and individual skills.

Participating in the individual

skills were Jaayla Spates and Lee Fields from Eagle Lake, and Ricky Rodriguez from Garwood.

These athletes were competing for shooting and passing accuracy, and speed dribbling. Spates won a silver medal, while Fields and Rodriguez both earned gold medals in their respective heats.

Coach Judy Pustejovsky and

her assistant, Molly Valdez, were most pleased with their athletes' performance at the meet. Cheering the team on were Becky Almanza, Alana and Ruby Johnson, Lupe, Sr., Catarina, Jonathan, Lupe, Jr., and Alana Rodriguez. These athletes are now focusing on training for future track and field meets.

Texas Honey Production Down On Year

Texas beekeepers produced 4.7 million pounds of honey during 2009, down five percent from 2008.

According to the annual report released by the Texas Field Office, the total value of Texas honey production was \$6.4 million, down three percent from the previous year.

Producers received an average of 138 cents per pound for honey, up four cents from 2008.

The total number of bee colonies producing honey in Texas, at

74, was down four percent from a year ago; production per colony averaged 63 pounds, compared with 64 pounds a year ago.

Nationally, honey production totaled 144 million pounds, down 12 percent from 2008.

During 2009 there were 2.46 million colonies producing honey, up five percent from 2008.

Production per colony averaged 58.5 pounds, compared with 69.9 pounds a year ago.

Total value of United States

honey production was \$208.2 million, an 11 percent decrease from 2008.

The average value was 144.5 cents per pound.

North Dakota was the leading honey producing state in 2009 with 34.7 million pounds.

South Dakota came in second with 17.8 million pounds followed by California with 11.7 million pounds and Montana with 10.2 million pounds.

Texas ranked eighth in honey production.

Wildflower, Grass Program March 20

Texas Wildflowers and Native Grasses, a program sponsored by the Gideon Lindeum Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist, will hold a free presentation by Carolyn Fannon and Flo Hannah.

The presentation will be held Saturday, March 20, at 1 p.m. at the Winedale Historical Complex Conference Room, located

at 3738 FM 2714 (4 miles east of Round Top).

Carolyn will present photographs of familiar and rare wildflowers with an emphasis on the places where they grow and their plant associations.

Native Grasses of the Tallgrass prairie,

Flo Hannah

Flo is a member of the Senior Sanctuary Steward of Houston Audubon Society, and will discuss the value of native grasses and how they can be cultivated.

For information, please contact Gene Luhn, (713) 305-6443, for more information.

Texas Crop Weather Report

The Texas Field Office released the following report regarding Texas Agriculture for the week of March 1 to 7.

Agricultural Summary

South Texas received little to no precipitation while the remaining parts of the State received 0.01 to 1.0 inch of rainfall.

Winter wheat in the Northern High Plains benefitted from the recent increase of warm weather.

Oat fields were making good progress in the Northern Low Plains and were recovering from some freeze damage that occurred in South Central Texas.

Corn planting was delayed in most of the Blacklands due to wet conditions.

Sorghum fieldwork resumed as conditions began to dry in the Northern High Plains.

Excessively wet conditions have slowed fieldwork for cotton in the Southern Low Plains.

Growers were waiting for drier conditions to apply herbicides.

Sugarcane, citrus, and vegetables continued to be harvested in the Lower Valley.

Onions made good progress with additional irrigation.

Recent rains helped improve pastures and livestock conditions in most areas of the State.

Spring lambing and kidding were taking place in the Edwards Plateau.

Topsoil moisture was mostly adequate to surplus across the state.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Winter wheat in the Northern High Plains benefitted from the recent increase of warm weather.

There was standing water in low areas of wheat fields in the Cross Timbers.

Wheat condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

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curred in South Central Texas.

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Corn: Corn planting was delayed in most of the Blacklands due to wet conditions.

In the Upper Coast and South Texas, farmers attempted to plant corn where it was dry enough.

Sorghum: Sorghum fieldwork resumed as conditions began to dry in the Northern High Plains.

In South Central Texas and the Coastal Bend area, producers were actively planting.

Cotton: Excessively wet conditions have slowed fieldwork for cotton in the Southern Low Plains.

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conditions to apply herbicides.

Land was being prepared for planting in the Trans-Pecos.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

Sugarcane, citrus, and vegetables continued to be harvested in the Lower Valley.

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Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Recent rains helped improve pastures and livestock conditions in most areas of the State.

Spring lambing and kidding were taking place in the Edwards Plateau.

Range and pasture condition was mostly fair to good.

Wildlife Management Spring Meeting March 20

Colorado Country Wildlife Management Association members, families, and friends, our annual spring meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the K.C. Hall in Columbus.

We will have a full, catered barbecue meal with free soft drinks and beer while it lasts.

Meal tickets will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for kids 12 and under.

We will have many vendors with nice merchandise to look over and purchase.

The 2009 Scholarship winners and the Whitetail Contest winners will be recognized.

Bring your buck mounts and be eligible to win a \$250 gift cer-

tificate.

All bucks harvested on C.C.W.M.A. property in 2009 and over the past years are welcomed and will be appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Make sure they can be hanged for viewing.

Also bring your game cam and regular photos for the photo contest.

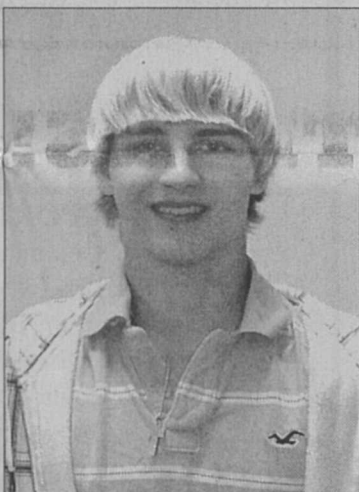
Cash prizes of \$50 will be awarded to the winner in each category.

Speaking at the meeting will be our Game Warden John Kohleff and our Wildlife Biologist Ryan Schoenberg on various topics concerning our WMA.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

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Raider of the Week



Junior Lance Howard was chosen Raider of the Week. He is the son of David and Lynn Howard of Eagle Lake and Shelley Parker of Brenham.

Lance is busy in athletics, which is his favorite class. He participates in football, powerlifting and track. He has qualified for regional competition in powerlifting for the last two years. Last year he advanced to regional in pole vault as well.

The classroom is also a place where he excels. He is an honor roll student and is enrolled in advanced placement classes.

In his free time Lance enjoys spending time with his friends.

After high school, he plans to attend college and major in architecture.

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