Eagle Lake naturalist more than just an expert

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This article by Richard Morehead of the Austin Bureau of The Dallas Morning News sums up beautifully the wonderful contribution made by Tom T Waddell of this city toward conservation of wildlife, and expecially ducks and geese, in this area and we're happy to reprint the story for the information of our readers.)

ALISTIN - Never do I see a wild

most of his 87 years and is the person most of his own housework and cookmost responsible for making that rice ing. He is a meticulous housekeeper, growing area near Houston "the goose gourmet cook and warm host. capital of the world."

Tom again recently and it is an experience one never forgets. It wasn't the Waddell is an expert strawberry harvesting of two geese and two ducks grower and preserve-maker, giving by our party of four men, sitting in away most of his berries and preserves blinds in wet plowed ground beneath to friends. rainy skies.

What made it special is Tom Wad-

Born in Scotland near Glasgow, and a Texan more than 80 years, Waddell Canada and the northern states. helped develop the Lissie Prairie goose assembly in the world. Rice peared on television and in book form farming and water are the main attrac- made two long visits with Waddell. tions to the goese - Canadas, specklebellies (white front), blues and snows.

Waddell helped see to it that the downy south for the winter. visitors are protected from slaughter and given safe places to roost and eat. ing the season, but the hours and num-rice farming after World War II.

bers of hunters are strictly limited. The Waddell isn't just a wild goose exdell goes to the flat Lissie Prairie al- preserve.

is almost a legend in the waterfowl we'd like you to know him too

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world. But Roger is too old to hear and see well anymore, and he spent most of goose flying or bear its "whonk- the latest season carefully tended in whonk" cry in the sky without think ... Waddell's back yard...... ing of Tom Waddell. Since Waddell's wife of many years Waddell has lived in Eagle Lake died a few years ago, Tom-hes done

His life has been as hard as Wad-We had the pleasure of visiting with dell's muscled arms, but he is soft as a

He is also a journalist and scientist. Since 1925, Waddell has kept a daily dell, who should rank along with itsek journal of his activities - the records Walton, John Muir, and other great of when the first teal ducks arrive in naturalists and conservationists of the the fall. Next come the geese and the

larger ducks, by tens of thousands by the time the freezes drive them from-A British couple doing research for around Eagle Lake into the greatest "Flight of The Snow Goose" which ap-

The majestic wild goose mates for life and always returns to the same As a game warden (since retired) area to nest, then takes the same route

The geese didn't always come to the Eagle Lake country. The movement, The geese and ducks are hunted dur- started particularly with increased

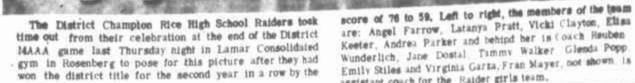
result has been waterfowl for tables all pert. He knows just as much about deer over the country and a good income and other wildlife, and is an authority for the rice farmers who lease their on the Attwater prairie chicken, an endangered species of the Lissie Snowy-haired, blue-eyed Tom Wad- Prairie which Waddell has helped

most daily during the fall and winter Tom Waddell is an example, the best hunting season, usually accompanied we know, of an outdoorsman who is by his Golden Retriever, Rusty. Wad- also a great conservationist. He has dell has another retriever, Roger, who been our friend for many years, and

SPORTS

INITIAL LEAGUE Glen Wesselski posted big 232-646 series to lead the individual scoring in the Initial League last Thursday, Mano Graham had the high game of 256-594, Farmers Supply rolled the top team series with a 3069 and Eagle Lake Imps had high game of 1087. Other top scorers were Ernie Unsell 212-586, Jerome Kanak 543. Butch Schmidt 200-Jan Dividios 200-540 David Euers 539, Tommy Tumis 538, Lawrence Stallman 533, Doyle Waldrop 532, Bob Lytle 202-530 Jim Simpson 527, Harold Thomas 526, Roy Stallman 524, Ottis Coleman 515, Floyd Spenrath 515, Jack Holden 201-512, Joe Trojan 512, Al Novosad 510, Paul

Causey 508, Draper Stephens 502 and Dan Becker 508, Eagle Lake Imps continue to lead the league with 350 points followed by JBs Trojans with 335 1/2. Argo Auto with 320 and one-half, Larry's Phillips .66_317, Johnny's Sport Shop 309 1/2, and Jerry's Arco 307.



are: Angel Farrow, Latanya Pratt, Vicki Clayton, Elisa Keeter, Andrea Parker and behind her is (ouch Hauben Wunderlich, Jane Dostal Tammy Walker Glenda Popp Emily Stiles and Virginia Garza, Fran Mayer, not shown is assistant couch for the Raider girls team.

Going To Hous. Rodeo Mar. 1

The County Go-Texas committee will sponsor a chartered bus for Colorado County residents who wish to In 76-59 Win attend the Colorado County Night activities March 1st. Reservations may be made at Judge Lester J. Cranek's

Raider Girls Gun Down **Brazosport For Dist. Titl** evening. Coach Reuben Wun-

Rice Girls After Winning 2nd District Title

Lead Most Of Way derlich's Baiders were the

champions of the West Zone of District 14AAA and Brazosport won the East Zone, Last year the Raiders defeated Columbia by almost a similar The Rice High School Raid- score, 74 to 59, in a game in office in Columbus. Bus er girls basketball team made. El Campo gymnasium. tickets are \$6.75 per person. It two district championships The Raiders had the height

in a row when they defeated advantage in the contest, but the Brazosport Exporter girls the Brazosport girls displayed team by a score of /76 to 59 quickness and a strong desire Headlight Classifieds really in the District MAAA playoff and it was a nip and tack congame in Lamar Consolidated test through three quarters of gymnastum last Thursday play before the Haiders final-

late in the fourth period. lead but Brazosport's Betty of students and fans and Durthard and Meliass Eaton were led by cheerleaders Jukept plunking in two pointers ha Thomas Brenda Kallina, from the six to eight foot Kathy Fragar, Denise Rucks range and Brazosport led 12-11 and Sherry Fajkus theering in at the end of the first quarter, support of the Haiders. A

range in the second period of the gifm. and they moved up to a 30 to 25 lead at halftime and led by that same margin il record for the season to 19-10 to 46 at the end of three periods of play. Dostal had trouble crict play with the New Braunfinding the basket in the first fels Calboun team in a game period hitting only one field which was played. Tuesday goal and only one of four ree throws. She added four askets and one of four free throws in the second period and went on to end the game with 36 points and top scoring honors for Hice. Keeter hit on 10 buskets during the game and was deadly from the free throw line with 14 of 17 for total point production of 34 points. Rice forward Angel

the Haiders on defense were Only other sub in the game was guard Cyethia Tomchessor who came up with some clut-

while forward Vicke Llayton

Darthard led Brazosport scoring with 14 bushets and to be made thus Wednesday points and top acoring honors for the night. Exton added it

Officials called many fouls the Rice School District by n the game, 23 against Rice and 27 against Brazosport and

Time For A Celebration

three Exporters west out on fouls late in the game; Eaton and guards Jennifer Roberts and Dawn Stephens. Dostal and Popp had four fouls each for the Haiders.

Also on the roster but not are forward Emily Stiles and guards Tammy Walker, Virginia Garza and Sandra Flo--The Rice Raiders were

Hice jumped off to a 6-0 backed by starge delegation **Alligator Most Misunderstood** Forwards Elisa Keeter and much smaller crowd was on Animal, Says Game Warden Jane Dostal began to find the hand on the Branosport side RECORD MOVES TO 19-10

The victory ranche Raiders' and they advanced to bt-disnight in Conzales The Halders won the bi-district title Live Warder Sim Larries y the grore of 16 to 11. program at the rown long have They will meet Tuloso-Midway in the regional game - stucred by Henry Brune to be played in either Port Lavies of Victoria Stroman

topped Donna 76 to 36 Tuesthis week to confirm the date

Ole One Fre congratulations to the players and their rouches Reuben Witna courties of the adjugator, and derlick and Fran Mayer for their outstanding performance added his observations of the in repeating as district chamtable of the alligative in pions and also as hi-district Figle Lake. He reported that hampions and look forward the largest gator he has seen o the regional contest arthe take runs from 14 1 2

> Toestrary to public open wident of a death from an 16 wins followed by the Fire-Florida There is not real ing Co. 48, Comets 42 and potential danger from the alligator, but often persons who fend the alligator for a iong period of time and then stop, find themselves in the -tuation that the gator riports to continue his

The Ober Fire

association with food and the lowed by the Cattish Farmers le noted that the alligator the biggest threat to the For the women, Margie Knip-

Raider Girls Starting Sextet

This is the starting sested for the District MANAA champion Rice High School Raider.

girls haskethall fearn. His a keeter second from the right is the only returning starter

from the 1975-00 fears which like win the district title and divinced to the State Class.

And semi-finals. The girls express of district winting the district title by a score of

With 59 in Larmin consolidated gam it at Thursday hight. Left to right are forward ingel

Farrow the plantaker for the team goard Andrea Parker amulitude real hustler;

forward June 10st al, a consistent a over from the maide, good Lating, Prott a good

hill handler and rebounder files Keeter who has a deadly bank shot from inside: and tilends Popp, a tenatious goods. The girls also win the feed payment to tenate to receive

New Brauntels Canyon in Contalex Diseases Light to mill

COMMUTERS LEAGUE regritents along the lake as Thursday. For individual

allogator attack was one in balls with 52, Sheridan Drillone-half, and Schlitz Reer 41 SKULL CHEEK MIXED The Woolly Borgers hold a lead of a game and one-half in the Skull Creek Mixed League at the end of play Feb. 8th. They have 59 wins, fol-

with 571.2, and the Rice Birds with 50. is from 20 to 70 eggs in - The Steam Bollers had the fire nests on the edge of top team series with a 2310 water, but relatively few of and Amsteur Hour the high the hatch survive. Coons and game of 836, in individual skynke are predators that acoring, George Robrer led strack the nest and devour the men with a 210-554 serrors but the game warden ies and Chic Stein had top asserted that the fire ant is game of 224 in a 513 series.

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Quail Season Now Closed

The end of the 1976-77 qualithe ting seven list Sonday. Fet. 13th trought to a close the last of the hunting seasons. Gual hinting for the most part was marred to old and wet weather fut the good scitting weather of the weekend gave hunters on opportunity r get in some good last-min-

te shorting. I mily began targets have are squirrel which remail it he :-

SWI Bobcats Cinch Lone Star

ing without the valuable ago heart allment mailed down herth in the Lone Star Logference placoffs to be held in trownwo d next week Fet-20th Blat, and 22nd with a pair of convincing wins over the Sam Houston Bearksts. The Hobicats defeated the Hearkats in San Marros Mor., Feb. 7th to a score of 81 to 68 and posted an #10-2184 series for then Saturday night in Huntaville they topped the lie irkits Nate Haynes and vaptain Jeff with 19 each. In Saturday Frontz who was nimed Lone and he noted that the only game lead in the league with. Star Conference player of the

> The Bobcats during the absence of their coach are tieing coached by assistant coalch Mike Garner and Donunninture footbull coach and a former assistant basketball coach at

The Bobcats traveled to Nacogdoches Monday night to meet the zone leading Stephen F. Austin team, and they Tost a 93 to 70-decision with Krnka leading scoring

ular schedule by traveling to Kingsville this Thursday to meet Texus A&I who is still battling for one of the three spots from the zone to attend the Conference playoffs in Howard Payne gym next week.

ELMS Students

Tuesday, February 8th, inthe ELMS gym, the 8th grade girls and boys baskethall teams took on two teams of teachers who were brave women's team included: Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Pavlicek, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Garcia, Mrs. Polnick, Miss Baner, and Mrs. Taylor. The men's team consisted of: Mr. Sykowski, Mr. Crabb, Mr. Wied, Coach Seals, Coach Randow, Mr. Spenrath and Mr. Polnick. Scores of the two games were combined with a total of 27 points for the teachers and

34 points for the students. sel posted a 214-533, Other ading scorers were: Ernie DARLENE & WAYNE BEHELER

Rice High School

Champions West Zone District 14-AAA



aptured the West Zone, District 14AAA, title for the third year in a row with a perfect 8-0 record and they will meet the Friendswood Mustings, who edged Brazosport 48 to 47 in a playoff for the East Zone title last Friday in the District playoff game at # 00 p.m. this Country of the res 19th in the Spring Branch Colliseum.

left to right Sammy Flowers Ollie Moore Bobby Turner John Grammer and Clayton Smith; standing, left to right Coach Jack Grammer, James Parker, Anthony Prihoda, Keith Sommerlatte, David Banks and Lonniel Bluntson, Kevin Mackey and Stephen Spanihel added from the JV unit are not shown. Congratulations and good luck!

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The conclusion of the Rice Raider and Brazosport Exporter girls district playoff game in Rosenberg last Thursday night was a time for relebration among the Raider players and their supporters. Shown above is a group the fans as they swarmed onto the court to congratulate the Raiders after winning the District MAAA title for the GUSTOM DRAPERIES - WOVEN WORDS --

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