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## Six District Court Cases Filed This Wk.

A total of six civil cases were filed in District Court at Columbus during the past week.

**Auto Accident Damages**

A suit filed Dec. 9th by Blossom Burstrom against Norman Baker, plaintiff, asks for damages which allegedly resulted in an automobile collision on Highway 71 north in Columbus June 2, 1980. The plaintiff says that monetary losses cannot be determined and asks for damages in excess of the minimal jurisdictional limits of the court.

**Suits On Accounts**

Highlands Insurance Co. filed suit Dec. 9th against Lee Roy Lundquist and wife, Peggy, alleging that premiums for an insurance policy covering employees remains unpaid. The suit asks for $2,716 plus interest, attorney's fees and costs of court.

Mike Hoffman, doing business as Hoffman Kennels, filed suit Dec. 9th against Linda G. Nelson for an alleged past due debt amounting to $2,947.90, plus interest, attorney's fees and costs of court.

Eagle Lake Community Hospital filed suit Dec. 14th against Jerry Muniz for an alleged past due account in the amount of $3,966.25 plus interest, attorney's fees and costs of court.

**Says Corn Is Missing**

Billy Bode of El Campo filed a suit Dec. 14th against Altair Dryer, Inc. alleging that a part of corn stored in the dryer was missing. Bode says in the suit that during the period August 2-8, 1980 he brought 1,095,684 pounds of dry corn to the dryer for handling and storage. He says that when the corn was to be moved, there was only 954,480 pounds or a net loss of 141,204 pounds which Bode contends was worth $10,081.96 at the fair market value of $7.14 Cwt.

He says that on Aug. 17, 1981 12,440 pounds of the missing corn were discovered and he was paid $888.21 for this. He also contends that he was charged for fumigation when normally this is included in handling fees and this cost him $1,095.78.

He asks for judgment for the $10,081.96 for the missing corn, plus $1,095.78 for the fumigation charges, plus such other relief as the court may deem proper, and costs of court.

**Alleges Damage To Rice**

Ralph Gertson, Jr. filed suit Dec. 15th against Colorado County Farmers Supply Co., Inc. and Richard Clipson, individually, for damages allegedly done to a rice crop from chemicals purchased from the defendant's firm.

In the petition, Gertson says that on April 13, 1981 he was having a problem with worms in his wheat and applied chemicals recommended by the defendant's employee but was not advised of possible damage to the rice crop by application of propanil without a proper interval between application of the chemicals. This, contends the plaintiff, damaged an adjoining rice crop and he says that damages resulted in the amount of $30,000 but pursuant to the Consumer Protective Act, is entitled to three times the actual damages, plus attorney's fees and costs of court.

## 3 Arrested For Theft Of Pickup In Glidden Dec. 8

The County Sheriff's Department, assisted by Columbus and Weimar police officers and Department of Public Safety officers solved the theft of a pickup truck in Glidden within a matter of some fifteen minutes on Tuesday of last week.

At 3:25 p.m. Tuesday, December 8th, W. A. Zajicek of Glidden reported the theft of his pickup truck bearing Texas License No. DC1905 from his residence. Area officers were alerted and started searching for the vehicle. About fifteen minutes later, Weimar Police Officer Donald Roberts observed the vehicle traveling west on IH-10. State, county and Weimar police officers converged on the scene and the vehicle was stopped approximately one mile from the intersection of 90 and IH-10, on the feeder road.

Three subjects were arrested. Two of the subjects were juveniles and names are withheld. The third subject was Ralph Perez, 17 years of age from Beaumont. The vehicle was returned to Mr. Zajicek and the three subjects were charged with the theft. The vehicle had been hot-wired, said the report.

The juveniles were released to their parents to appear in court at a later date. Perez was released on a $2,000 bond. The case will be presented to the next Grand Jury.

The Weimar and Columbus police and DPS officers assisted the Sheriff's Office in the case.

## Burglaries

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occurred between Aguilar and someone to whom he had tried to sell the watch.

Aguilar was arraigned before Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones on the charge of burglary and bond was set at $5,000 and he was transferred to the county jail in lieu of meeting the bond, pending action by the next session of the grand jury.

The juvenile was taken by Winebrenner before Juvenile Court with County Judge Lester J. Cranek presiding, for a hearing on Thursday and he was ordered held in the county jail until formal hearing on the criminal matter this week.

**Under Parole**

Investigation later revealed that Aguilar had been sentenced to 12 years in the Texas Department of Corrections on a charge of burglary in Matagorda County and had served 4½ years in the penitentiary before being paroled a month ago. He had been living here since being paroled from the TDC.

Mrs. Waddell had nothing but praise for the prompt and efficient action of the Eagle Lake Police Department in handling the matter. She was elated that the watches were returned, but was sad about the fact that the large plate glass window behind which were displayed some beautiful Christmas gifts, was broken. Owner of the building, Robert Griffith, and Marcus Gunter covered the broken window with plywood until the glass could be replaced.


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## Grand Jury To Get Stabbing Case At Altair Mon.

A family disturbance resulted in one person being stabbed in Altair Monday, Dec. 14th, but no charges were filed and the case will be referred directly to the next Grand Jury.

At 12:24 a.m., Dec. 14th the sheriff's office was advised of a disturbance at the George Johnson residence in Altair. Investigation revealed that a family disturbance led to Johnson threatening his wife, Myrtle, with a shotgun. Myrtle then took a butcher knife and stabbed her husband in the leg.

Johnson remained in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital overnight for treatment of leg wounds.

Neither party wanted to file on the other, so Sheriff's Department will take the case to the next grand jury, according to the sheriff's office.


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## Final Rites For Mrs. Sumner Eaton

Mrs. Sumner T. Eaton of Rock Island, a long-time resident of the Heritage House in Eagle Lake, passed away in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Tuesday, December 8th. She had been in the hospital for six days prior to her death.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 10th at 2:00 in the afternoon from the Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus. Interment followed in the Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island. Carl Milentz officiated at the services.

Serving as pallbearers were Lonnie Owers, Lee Owers, Ronnie Eaton, Carl Venghaus, Jeff Woods and Will Day.

Mrs. Eaton was born August 3, 1889 in Sheridan to George and Jennie Hope Kincheloe. She spent all of her life in the Rock Island area.

Her husband, Charles Eaton, preceded her in death on June 20, 1972.

Survivors include: one daughter, Mrs. Claude C. Trapp of Rock Island; four sons, Cecil Owers of Rock Island, Tom Eaton of Sacramento, California, Wayne Eaton of Columbus and Roy Eaton of Arcadia; 11 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

She was a member of the Pentecostal church.

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# SPORTS

Jeff Fruka, Sports Editor

## Needville, Waller Tournaments Next For Rice H.S. Basketball Teams

The Rice High School Raider varsity basketball teams will be back in tournament action this weekend with the boys playing in Needville and the girls going to Waller.

The tournament action will wind up play prior to the holidays for the Raider teams with the boys scheduled to resume play on Tuesday, December 29th, in Wharton and the girls, also on Dec. 29th hosting Gonzales.

Both Raider teams are coming off impressive showings if the La Grange tournament last weekend with the Raider boys winning the championship in their division and the Raider girls placing second in theirs. Opponents in the finals for the two Raider teams were La Grange and being the host team a large partisan crowd was on hand, Only a handful of Raider fans turned out to see the final games.

**Boys Go To Needville**

The Rice Raider boys will compete in the Needville tournament this weekend opening play on Friday at 3:15 against the winner of the Boling and Santa Fe contest.

The surprising Raiders, 10-1 on the season, will face a tough test in this weekend's competition with some of the top Class AAA teams in the State participating.

Columbus, ranked in the top ten in the State is currently 9-1 on the year and is coming off a first place win in the Snook Tournament last weekend. The Cards, the toughest opponent in Rice's State Championship season last year, have the majority of the team back this season and could very well bring a State Championship back to this area this season. Rice and Columbus are in opposite halves of the bracket and could possibly wind up playing each other in the finals.

Also competing in the tournament are Boling, a State finalist in 1979 and a State semifinalist in 1980, and Van Vleck, a State semi-finalist last season.

Finals of the tournament are scheduled for Saturday evening.

**Girls Play In Waller**

The Raider girls will open the competition in the Waller Tournament on Thursday playing Magnolia at 11:30. The Raiders will play either Navasota or Sealy in second round action on Friday (at 10 a.m. if they lose, or at 11:30 a.m. if they win).

Finals of the tournament will be on Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Other teams in the competition will be C. E. King, Katy Taylor, Madisonville and Waller.

**JV Girls In Royal Tour.**

The junior varsity girls, coached by Dolly Johnson, will be participating in the Royal Basketball Tournament this weekend in Brookshire. No game times or opponents were available at press time.

## Rice Raider Boys Win Again -- Take La Grange Tourney Title

The Rice High School Raider boys made it two-in-a-row this past weekend by winning the championship of the Leopard Basketball Tournament held in La Grange. The Raiders won the Brenham Tournament the weekend before and are now 10-1 on the season and off to their best start ever.

Raider coach Jack Grammer is more than pleased with his team's excellent start this season especially since four starters from last year's State Championship team were lost to graduation. But the coach still sees room for improvement.

"Right now we're playing just a little bit better than our opponent," said Grammer. "We're not getting consistent efforts each game ...we're playing just good enough to win."

Rice opened play in La Grange last Thursday and defeated Giddings 64-25, then beat Class 4A Austin Westlake 58-51 in the semi-finals on Friday and topped La Grange 52-39 in the finals on Saturday night.

All eleven Raiders saw action in the opener against Giddings with Rob Johnson leading all scorers with 17 points. John Dawson added 16 points with Kenneth Bluntson scoring 10, Wayne Dabney 6, Billy Townsend and Ronald Dawson 4 each, Rodney Parker 2 and Ronnie Fry 2. Leo Miller and Kenneth Hemphill also saw action in the game.

In the second round the Raiders scored a 58-51 win over Austin Westlake with J. Dawson, Johnson and Parker all getting 12 points to lead Raider scorers. Townsend added 10 points to contribute to the win.

J. Dawson pumped in a game-high 20 points and Bluntson added 15 with 10 rebounds to lead Rice to the 52-39 win over La Grange in the finals. Townsend and Johnson each had five assists in the win.

No all-tournament team was chosen in the event, however, along with a team trophy each member of the Raider team received a first-place medal.

**Raiders Top Boling Last Wk.**

In a contest played on Tuesday of last week, the Raiders scored a 75-62 win over Boling. Bluntson with 22 points and J. Dawson with 20 guided Rice to the win. Johnson contributed to the victory with 14 points with Parker adding 8.

## La Grange Tops Raider Girls In Finals Of L.G. Tournament

The Rice High School Raider girls lost their bid for the La Grange Basketball Tournament Championship losing to La Grange 31-26 in a tough defensive battle last weekend.

The Raiders, coached by Reuben Wunderlich, topped Giddings in the first round of the event, then edged Austin Westlake in the semi-finals to set up the championship game against La Grange. The second place winners are now 6-4 on the season.

Gloria Amos and Mablean Bluntson provided most of the punch for the Raiders throughout the tournament leading the scoring in all three games.

In the opening game against Giddings the Raiders battled to a 15-14 lead at halftime but led by Amos and Bluntson, the Raiders opened up a 30-19 lead in the third period and coasted to the 41-32 victory. Amos ended the game with 16 points with Bluntson scoring 13.

On Friday against Class 5A Westlake, Amos and Bluntson combined for 32 points as the Raiders scored a 48-42 win. The Raiders held only a two point edge at half and after the third quarter, but rallied in the final period to secure the important win.

In the finals Saturday evening the Raiders led 8-4 after the first quarter but fell behind 16-12 at half. La Grange extended its lead to 29-21 in the third quarter and despite a tremendous defensive effort by Rice (only allowing two points in the final period), La Grange held on to take the 31-26 win and the championship. Amos again led scoring for Rice with 12 points.

**Lose to Royal Last Wk.**

In a contest played on Tuesday of last week the Raider girls lost to Royal 35-33. The Raider freshmen and junior varsity teams won their games against Royal.

In the varsity contest the Raider girls held onto a slim lead through the first half, leading 10-9 after one quarter and 18-17 at half. But the Falcons rallied to tie the score 24-24 in the third quarter and pulled ahead for a 35-33 win in the closing quarter. Amos topped the scoring for Rice with 17 points.

In the freshman game, Shirley Parker scored 13 points to lead Rice to a 33-22 win. And in the JV game the Raiders scored an easy 50-20 victory with Sheryl Hemphill leading scorers with 14 and Rosharon Foster and Tracy Davis each getting 10.

## Raider Boys Wallop Boling 86-61

The Raider boys varsity continued their winning ways on Tuesday night of this week with an easy 86-61 victory over Boling. Rice led 23-1 at one point early in the contest and held on for the win.

John Dawson, Rob Johnson, Ronald Dawson, Kenneth Bluntson and Wayne Dabney all scored in double figures for Rice.

In other action Tuesday night, Doug Baumgarten scored 14 and Malcolm Thomas added 10 to lead the Rice freshmen to their first win of the year 34-28. And in JV action Rice won easily 77-43 with Delbert Jarvis, Stanley Powell, Cedric Pope and Michael Davis all scoring in double figures for Rice.

## Sheridan Raider Girls Beat Garwood 26-18

It was a split decision as the Raiders of Garwood and the Raiders of Sheridan met in headon competition last week in Sheridan with each team winning one game.

The Raider girls from Sheridan, coached by Bennie Machac, opened the night with a victory over the Garwood girls 26-18. Sheridan, led in scoring by Brenda Soto with 10 points, took the lead early and held onto it throughout the contest. Shelley Owers with seven points and Tina Grahmann with five were other top scorers for Sheridan. Vicki Darden and Missy Koncaba each added two points in the victory.

**Garwood Boys Win**

In the boys' game last week the Garwood Raiders evened the score as they edged the Sheridan Raiders 33-24. Garwood, coached by Mike Michalka, pulled ahead 8-2 after one quarter and held on to that lead throughout the contest. Jimmy Botard of Sheridan led all scorers in the game with 20 points with Greg King and Jack Mayes scoring two points each in the loss.

The Sheridan Raiders were scheduled to close out their first half of the season playing Sacred Heart on Monday of this week. Last week's game in Sheridan wound up first half play for the Garwood boys while the Garwood girls were scheduled to finish first half play against Weimar on Monday night.

## Rice Kernels

By Jeff Frnka

### Cagers Looking Good

The "Rice Kernels" column is not a normal part of this sports page after the football season but now seemed to be a good opportunity to extend congratulations to the Rice Raider basketball program for getting off to another "outstanding" start.

Both the girls and boys reached the finals of the La Grange Tournament last weekend with the boys winning the championship of their division and the girls taking second in theirs. It was a big accomplishment for both teams and a real credit to the school and community.

Unfortunately, only a handful of fans attended the finals last Saturday to cheer our teams, but the small crowds are something all Raider teams in the past have grown accustomed to. Only when the real important league games or the post-season games roll around do the crowds grow and then, too, the turn outs are nothing to brag about.

It's a real shame, too, since we have the "best" basketball program in the State, headed by boys' coach Jack Grammer and girls' coach Reuben Wunderlich. The two have combined for a total of 468 wins and only 202 losses during their stints as varsity coaches at Rice, and that includes four trips to the State tournament in Austin and other post season honors.

This season the Raider boys, with only one starter returning from a State championship season, are off to their best start ever with a 10-1 record. Last year Rice was 1-8 before going on to win the State title. Stretching back to 17 straight wins to end last season, the Raiders have won 27 of their last 28 games.

The girls are currently 6-4 on the season and that is not bad considering they lost all five of their starters from last year's Bi-District Championship team.

If you like winners, get behind the Raiders and support them during the 1981-82 basketball season. The all-important District 22AAA races get underway on January 5th and starting January 8th both the varsity girls and boys will be competing in the same gym on the same night to give fans a chance to see both teams in action in one night.

The action is fast and exciting, and the tickets are cheap so plan now to support as many of the Raider basketball teams throughout the remainder of the 1981-82 season.

### Stalbaum Keen On Stats

• Just a small note to extend thanks to Raider junior varsity football coach Gil Stalbaum for his help during the football season. It's not always easy to get all the football reports for all of the teams in the school district but Stalbaum always had complete and accurate statistics on his team's games ready when needed.

Keeping stats seems to be a "big thing" with Stalbaum, not only in football, but also in varsity basketball. The Raider coach put together a book last year, "The First 10 Years" covering all statistics in the Raider boys' basketball program from its start in 1970 through the 1979-80 season.

The book included names of about 50 of the schools top players during that time and their achievements. If you know someone who played for Rice during that time, the book would make a great Christmas gift. Only a few copies are left so if you are interested, contact Stalbaum at Rice High School soon.

## Rice Raider Cage Coach Grammer Recounts Experience At State Tournament To Rotary

Rice High School basketball coach Jack Grammer was the speaker at the meeting of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club last Wednesday, Dec. 9th and the coach reviewed the Raiders' 1981-82 basketball team and recounted some interesting experiences from the 1981 state tournament when the Raiders won the Class AAA state championship. Grammer was introduced by Everett Anderson who subbed for program chairman for the day, Allen Marquart.

The coach commented on the difference between last year's pre-season play and this. "Last year at this time we had a record of 1-8 against Class 4A and 5A schools, while we currently hold a 7-1 record in non-district play," said the coach. He noted that the victories include the first place trophy in the Brenham tournament where the Raiders beat a 5A and a 4A team as well as state contender Class A Dime Box.

He gave information on the players on the varsity team which includes seven seniors. The 1981-82 team is keyed around Kenneth Bluntson, 6'6,"225-pound senior "who is strong as a bull", noted the coach. He added that Bluntson will probably be offered scholarships by colleges for both basketball and football at the completion of his high school career.

Kenneth's brother, Lonniel Bluntson, won All-Conference honors while at Blinn Junior College and is now a candidate for a starting position on the Texas A&M University team. "Not only does Lonniel have the height and size, but he also has a wingspan, from finger tip to fingertip, of 7 feet, five inches," said Grammer.

He also talked about other Rice Raiders "who made it big" in high school and college play, including Jeff Frnka who won All Lone Star Conference honors at Southwest Texas State University; Ronald Glover, who was a standout in play at Texas Lutheran College and later played some professional basketball; and Larry Haynes who won all-state honors last year and is a starter at Blinn Junior College in Brenham.

**Two Sons On College Teams**

Grammer has two sons on college teams, John who was at Oklahoma last year but is currently "red-shirting" at Sam Houston State College; and David Grammer, member of the state championship 1980-81 team, who is "red-shirting" at Blinn Junior College.

In reminiscing about the "great honor" of coaching a state championship team, Grammer said, "this is always a coach's dream" as he rightfully expressed pride in the accomplishments of the team "which entered the tournament with one of the worst records 28-10 but showed its mettle by knocking off the number one team in the state, Perryton, and then won the title with a win over Powderly North Lamar."

He said one of the most amusing incidents occurred when one of the Raiders left his pass to enter the Super Drum in Austin at the motel (and no one gets in without a pass, said the coach) and he had to loan the player $2 to buy a ticket. "It probably was the first time ever for an athlete playing in the state championship finals to have to pay his way to get in."

## BOWLING

**Moonlighters League**

The battle for the league lead in the Moonlighters League continues with Webb's Electronics leading by a half game, with 34 wins, at the end of play last week. JC Quartet is in second with 33½, followed by Hot Shots and Blood & Guts with 28 each, and Shorty's Welding with 27 wins.

Fred Briesche had high individual scores with a 211-539. Other high scorers were: Mark Vacek 519, Alfred Alaniz 201-516, Terry LeNorman 514, Albert Tomchesson 510, Bob McInteer 506 and Darrell Gertson a 200 game.

**Commuters League**

In Commuters League action on Dec. 10th the Gutter-Lovers had high team series with a 2200 and Baumgart Insurance had high game of 796. Elfe Thomas had high individual series with a 546 and Joyce Graham posted high game of 218-536. Leatrice Heinold had a 214-531, Eliza Gertson 203-523, Elaine Sonntag 525, and Alta Barten 502.

Grim Reapers lead the league with 33 wins followed closely by High Rollers with 32. Gifts of Distinction and Scrappers are tied for third with 28 wins each and Gutter Lovers and Scotth Snack Shack are tied for fifth with 26 wins each.

**Monday Nite Mixed**

Briscoe Realtor's captured top team honors in Monday Nite Mixed League Dec. 7th with an 888-2459 series while team member Dora Briscoe rolled the top women's scores of 180-487. For the men, Mark Boenisch had the 216 high game in a 501 series while Lee Roy Guthman posted a 209-577 for high series.

Annie Broesche rolled a 120 triplicate and Lonnie Sommerlatte had a 513 series.

Competition is very close in the league with Pearl Lites and Bonus Lease tied for first with 28 wins each as Briscoe Realtors trail right behind with 27 and one-half. Following close behind are the Ah, U.F.O.'s, Leftovers and Blazers in a four-way tie with 27 wins each.

**Moonlighters League**

In the Moonlighters League on Thursday night David Pavlicek bowled a 209-554 to capture high game and series. Other high scorers were John Garza 530, Richard Cortez 517, Larry Waddell 511, Bob McInteer 506, Terry LeNorman 501, Gary Glaiser 500, Mickey Kochwelp 207 and Alfred Alaniz 200.

Holding down first place with 35 wins is still Webbs Electronics. J. C. Quartet are close behind with 34½ wins in second place, Hot Shots have a total of 31½ with Shorty's Welding in fourth with 30 and Blood and Guts in fifth place with 28½ wins.

**Commuters League**

Baumgart Insurance rolled a 2153 series and Grim Reapers a 766 game to lead the Commuters League scoring on Dec. 3rd. Elaine Dromgoole had a 518 series and Polly Sens a 202 game. Other leading scorers were: Laverne Criswell 511, Joyce Graham 508 and Peggy Behne 506.

Grim Reapers hold a game lead in the league with 30 wins. Following are High Rollers with 29, Scrappers with 28, Scott's Snack Shack with 25, Sheridan Drilling 24½ and Gifts of Distinction with 24.

**Thursday Initial League**

Last week Thursday at Skull Creek Lanes in Altair Eagle Lake Imps captured team game and series with a 1067-2994 score in the Thursday Initial League. Top individual game and series included James Osburn 227-583, Draper Stephens 212-558, and Gus Seaholm 212-524. Other high scorers were Mano Graham 546, Daniel Becker 523, Larry Rothbauer 522, Darrell Austin 515, Doyle Waldrop 511, Les LeBouef 512, Ray Thomas 502, Jerry Zbranek 501 and Jack Dromgoole 500.

Holding down first place with 239½ points are Jokers followed by Misfits with 205 in second place, third place Skull Creek Lanes 202½, Appelts Ins. 200 in fourth, fifth Eagle Lake Imps 189½ and in sixth place J. R. Junkies with 178 points.

**Skull Creek Mixed**

The Royals hold a three game lead in the Skull Creek Mixed League with 32 wins. In second are Who Are We with 32 and tied for third are Skull Creek Lanes, Rice Birds and Thunderballs with 31 each.

In action last week, Freddy Pelts had high series for the men with a 208-591 and Erwin Knippel posted top game of 231-566. Floyd Spenrath rolled a 227-572 and Ben Castillo 549, Leroy Janda 543, Roy Rucker 208-553, Mano Graham 508, Rusty Thomas 512 and Elroy Jentsch 508. For the women Margie Knippel had high series with a 516 and Jane Booker rolled high game of 201-513 and Elfe Thomas 503.


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