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Redfish, trout limits reduced by commission

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted emergency regulations in January reducing bag and possession limits and other restrictions related to the taking of red drum (redfish) and spotted seatrout (speckled trout). In response to the freeze-related fish kill which struck the Texas Gulf Coast during December.

Effective immediately, the emergency measure:

- Reduces the daily bag limit on red drum from 10 to 5, and the possession limit from 20 to 10. It also increases the minimum length for retention of red drum from 16 to 18 inches.
- Prohibits the use of all trotlines including sail lines coastwide, except trotlines with the main fishing line on the bottom. The continued use of snaglines in Baffin and Alazan Bays.
- Reduces the spotted seatrout daily limit from 20 to 10, and reduces the possession limit from 40 to 20. Increases the minimum length limit from 12 inches to 14.
- Prohibits the use of all trotlines including sail lines coastwide, except trotlines with the main fishing line on the bottom. The continued use of snaglines in Baffin and Alazan Bays.

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***** Sports *****

Raiders lose in playoff opener

The Rice Raiders boys varsity basketball team took their district-winning record into the state playoffs last Friday night, but came away with a two-point loss at the hands of Elgin High School, 66-64.

To use one of coach Jack Grammer's phrases, the game could have been described as "an exciting defeat from the jaws of victory."

Rice was in the lead the entire game, until the final minutes. With 2:48 left to play, Elgin captured and held the lead. Grammer said the game was the first step in the bi-district basketball playoffs and was held last Friday at Grange high school. It was a 64-team single elimination tournament.

Grammer attributed the loss to foul trouble by four of his starting players, Donald Spears, Delbert Jarvis, Shawn Spaniel and Rodney Parker all fouled out in the 4th quarter. Elgin had all of their starting players on the court, while our's were on the bench. Grammer said.

Codic Pope was high scorer for the Raiders with 20 points, followed by Delbert Jarvis, 13; Shawn Spaniel and Rodney Parker, both with 10; James Amos and Nelson Dabney, both with 4; and Donald Spears with 3. Other team members include Mel Pratt, Malcolm Thomas and James Williams.

Rice shot 50 from the field and 67 from the foul line, but we suffered from 29 turnovers," Grammer said. We scored 28 points in the 1st period, 14 in the 2nd, 15 in the 3rd and only 9 points in the last quarter, he said.

"We did what we set out to do," Grammer said. In a single elimination tournament, there isn't any leeway for error. "I feel we have a better team than Elgin, but we weren't that night," Grammer said.

The Raiders end the season with a 21-9 record. They won the district championship with a 13-1 record. Elgin was the runner-up team in the district 23 AAA tournament.

Scorers for Elgin: Wildon 21, Hawkins 0, Baker 11, Cook 7, Harrell 8, Jackson 3, Workman 0, Russell 12, Brown 0, Williams 4. Elgin's scorey quarters, last-13 points, 2nd-15, 3rd-19, 4th-9. The Elgin coach is Bob Hays.

Men's city tournament results

In the Men's City Tournament held last weekend at Skull Creek Lanes in Altair in the team events Good Times won first place with a 3162. Members of that team were Gayle Gertson, Mark Boensch, Doyle Waldrop, Ralph Gertson and Frank Tate.

Other standings were: Skull Creek Lanes in second with 3099, Something in third with a 3045, WCL Builders in fourth with a 3031, Western Auto in fifth with 2916, and Friday Nites in sixth with 2901.

In the doubles events, Bill Berger and Tony Gray took first place with a 1265, Tommy Hahn and Larry Solansky tied with Dwight Hadley and Paul Vaut with 1247 for each pair to take second. Other standings were Roy Rucker and Lonnie Owens 1245, Doug Kipf and Eloy Jentsch 1243, Ben Castillo and Larry Rohbauer 1241, Al Novasad and Bill Appelt 1237, Paul Borkowski and Skip Puszejovsky 1230.

Freddy Peltz took first place in the singles events with 686. Stephen Stephens placed second with a 680 and Lester Woods captured third with a 672. Other scores were as follows: Mano Graham 665, Lawrence Stallman 657, Mike Henske 657, Steve Almansa 657, Gene Garza 644, Andy Gertson 641, Rex Shoop 630, Ralph Gertson 630, Lonnie Owens 626, Jerry Zbrank 622, Larry Solansky 620 and Al Kaiser 620.

In all scratch events, Mano Graham took first place with a 1861.

In all handicap events, Draper Stephens captured first with his 1906 and Lawrence Stallman took second with an 1878. Freddy Peltz had 1877, Mike Henske 1866, Ben Castillo 1861 and Mano Graham 1861.

Mano Graham, tournament director, would like to thank all the scorekeepers and everyone who participated with the tournament. It proved to be a big success.

Tracy Davis named to all-district team

Members of the District girls basketball team were selected Monday, February 27 at Brookshire Royal high school.

Selected for the first team's Rice high school student Tracy Davis. Davis was named unanimously by all the coaches.

LaDonna Dancy from Rice, and Sheila Krenck from Columbus high school were selected to the second all-district team.

In the honorable mention division, Rice's Sheryl Hemphill and Rhonda Cotton were selected, along with Lisa Marshall from Columbus.

Public Schools Week March 5-9

Texas Public Schools Week has been declared for March 5-9, according to a resolution from the state board of education. The resolution reads in part: "Our nation has long been dedicated to the ideal of education for all. Texas is committed to providing the best possible education to each student's ability — for our citizens are urged to take an active interest in the school system and to cooperate with their school boards, superintendents, principals and teachers.

"Never before in our history has there been a greater need for educated leadership. As we rush to train young people in science and technology to keep pace with world events, it is also important to remember that our public schools will furnish our tomorrow's leaders with the basic human, moral, and spiritual foundations necessary for more advanced training and knowledge."

Bowling News

SKULL CREEK MIXED
 Freddy Peltz posted a 252-208 for men's high game and series in the Skull Creek Mixed League of the week of February 21.

Annie Burke compiled a 215-200-282 for women's high game and series. Stingers won high team game with an 872 and Sonics captured high team series with a 2418.

Other high scorers were LeRoy Janda, 215-539, Bubba Schrader 517, Roy Rucker 510, Eloy Jentsch 225-579, Henry Burke 524, Al Novasad 201-535, Jack Dromgoole 521, Jerome Waligura 509, Erwin Knippel 569, Lonnie Owens 890, Margie Kippel 528, Shawn Orado 513-554.

No Names is in first place with 58 wins. Skull Creek Lanes is in second place with 47 wins. Rice Birds with 54 wins is in third place. Stingers with 51 wins is in fifth place. Spurs is in fifth place with 49½ wins, and Wooly Boogers is in sixth place with 49 wins.

MOONLIGHTERS
 After league action last week, Hot Shots still remain in first place with 69½ wins in the Moonlighters League. Xplorer is in second place with 53 wins. In third is Webb's Electronics with 52. K.C.'s with 50 wins is in fourth, and Cheap Thrills is in fifth with 49 wins.

High bowlers were: M. Vaek 290-203-575, D. Pavlicek 222-502, T. Webb 212-516, J. Foster 527, J. Leopold 522, J. Garza 513, E. Rucka 507, D. Gertson 506.

COMMUTERS LEAGUE
 On February 23 in Commuters League action, Baumgart Insurance compiled a 771-2215 for first team game and series. Mabel Bolard bowled a 211-590 for individual high game and Erlöse Baumgart posted a 552 for individual high series.

Sheridan Drilling is in first place with 53 wins followed closely behind with Low Rollers in second with 52½, Balls of Fire in third with 47 wins, Baumgart Insurance in fourth with 46½, Screw Balls in fifth with 45½ wins, JoAnn's in sixth with 45, Rice Kernels in seventh with 41 wins, Scrapper's in eighth with 40½, Gutter Lovers in ninth with 36 and Gifts of Distinction in tenth with 33 wins.

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Hefner wins another first for Rice in Houston!

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Above, Glen Hefner holds the trophy he was presented last Thursday in Houston, representing his first place win in the commercial steer division of the Houston Livestock show and rodeo. At left are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hefner. Below, Kevin Doran, right, poses with friends and family after his 11th place hog was sold for \$2.25 a pound. From left is Tom and Katy Northrup, Kevin's mother Darlene Laughlin, Rice Ag instructor Finest Axel, and Dr. Curtis Laughlin. Story and additional pictures in center of TV section.



Pet vaccination clinic Saturday

A dog and cat vaccination clinic will be held Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the Garwood School, a shop building, according to Troy Krenke.

The Garwood Lions Club sponsors the vaccination clinics regularly to help area pet owners keep their pets and others in good health. There has been an annual increase in the number of rabid animals in recent years, with some counties reaching epidemic proportions.

Dr. R. H. Potter of Columbus will administer the vaccinations. There will be a \$5 charge.

Three file for council

With only Wednesday, March 7, remaining in the filing period for candidates for city and school board positions, three candidates have filed for the two council seats available in Eagle Lake. Board of education races are unchanged from last week's report.

Last Friday, Vic Corman, Jr., registered with city secretary Lucille Perry as a council candidate, and also Monday, Sherry Grasshoff also filed.

Incumbent Roy Dean Van Nort was the first candidate to file when the period opened February 6.

Incumbent councilman Gene Baker had not filed as of Tuesday.

Should no other candidates file, the two candidates to draw the most votes in the Saturday, April 7 city elections will be sworn into office on Tuesday, April 10.

In the school board elections, Fritz Leopold is the only candidate to file from the Garwood-Nada area. For the Eagle Lake position being vacated by Jane Clippson, Wayne Corman and Melvin Gordon have filed.

Candidate Grasshoff, 30, has been a resident here since November 1981. She is married to Gary Grasshoff, grandson of Nolan and Della Grasshoff of Eagle Lake. The Grasshoffs have a 29-month old son and a one-year-old daughter.

She is a graphic artist for The Eagle Lake Headlight, and does free-lance graphic art work in the area. She designed and executed the new brochure for the Industrial Foundation, and she produced the poster used last December to promote the Christmas Homes Tour sponsored by the Heritage House Auxiliary.

She has an associate bachelor of arts degree in music from Gulf Coast Bible School in Houston, has studied for three years at the Glenside School of Art in Houston, and for three years at Houston Baptist University, working towards an art and business management degree.

She is a member of the Study Club, Women's Missionary Union, and is a member of the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake, where she is an elementary school training union teacher.

Corman, 48, is a native of Eagle Lake, and has been a rice farmer in the area for 17 years. He is married to Cheryl Corman, and they have two daughters, Lisa and Suzanne.

Corman graduated from Eagle Lake High School and from Texas A&M University. He was a member of the Corps of Cadets for four years. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Officers Candidate School and Naval air school, and served four years in the Navy as an aviation radar officer.

He is past-president of the Eagle Lake division of the American Rice Growers Association, and the Colorado County A&M Club, and past member of the Eula and David Wintermann Library Board.

He currently is vice-president of the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club, a representative on the local LCRA advisory board, and is a member of the Liane United Methodist Church, serving as chairman of the finance committee.

Corman said he had been thinking about becoming a council candidate for several years, and recently decided to file when several members of the community asked him to do so.

Greyhound can quit

Company trying to arrange for another carrier

By CAROL FREY Staff Writer

Greyhound bus service will be discontinued through Eagle Lake, however, the final day has not yet been determined, according to Ernie Simmons, senior director of operations, Greyhound headquarters in Arizona.

The service route beginning in Houston could end today or continue until March 31, Simmons said.

Simmons did say that two other bus line carriers have applied to the interstate commerce commission and the Texas railroad commission to take over the existing Houston route. The companies are Big State Bus Co., based in San Antonio, and River City Coach from Houston.

"We're trying to work on an extension for another carrier to come on to take over the service," Simmons said. This way, Eagle Lake will not be left without a bus stopping in the city.

The three judge panel, from the 5th circuit court of appeals, met last Monday, March 5, and overruled the original one judge decision of continued Greyhound service. This did away with the temporary injunction, said Ray Grasshoff, information specialist, Texas Railroad Commission.

An appeal to reverse the ICC decision has been issued, but there is no way to determine when the appeal will set on it, Grasshoff said.

Retiring coach Grammer named district coach of year

By JOHN FEARING Staff Writer

The rumor that's been around for some time, that Rice Raider varsity basketball coach Jack Grammer was retiring from athletics, was confirmed last Wednesday, Feb. 29.

A week later, this Tuesday, March 6, the veteran of 13 seasons at Rice was named coach of the year in district 24-3A.

Grammer's tenure at Rice, he compiled a record that will be hard for future coaches to match. Eight of the 13 teams he coached made it to post-district play. Three times his teams fought and won their way into the state tournament. In 1981, his team won the state basketball title for Class Three-A. The 1979 team was second in the state in the same classification, and the 1976 team dropped a 4-A decision in the semi-finals.

Grammer's retirement from coaching, but not from teaching, wasn't a recent decision, he said Tuesday. "I had made up my mind to leave coaching," he said.

The fact that his last team won another district title for him was significant.

Two things have given me the most personal satisfaction in my association with Rice High athletics. One was that all three of my sons played in a state tournament, and the other is that I am glad I was able to have a championship team last year.

Grammer will continue to teach English at Rice High School, and in fact will teach another class to replace the position he formerly devoted to athletics. "I want to stay here, and have been treated very well," he said of his future. "I like the people I work with and the area."

What prompted his retirement? "Essentially I just got so I felt too much stress and pressure," he said.

From that start as girls basketball coach and boy's baseball coach, he became head basketball coach five years later. Of fairly important note to me, he said seven of his ten basketball teams there either won or were tied for the district title. Three advanced into the regional tournament.

In the spring of 1971, he came to Rice. I liked the facilities and the challenge. His impression at that time was that people were not very used to winning here. Also, his daughter had just finished her freshman year in high school, and he wanted to go to a school that had a good girls program. She turned her opportunity to play here into the honor of being named to the All-State team.

Grammer's overall record is 271 wins with 136 losses (which he refers to jokingly as 136 times the referees cheated him.) On an annual basis, he has averaged 20.8 wins per year.

In addition to the three teams he took to state competition, five other teams earned a spot in post-district play.

"In 1973, Rice and Columbus were tied after regular season district play, but the Cardinals won the playoff game."

"In 1976 his team won the district but lost in the first playoff game."

"In 1977, after taking the district, the team lost in the regional final. That was a double overtime contest won by Oso."

"In 1982 the Raiders again tied Columbus after district play ended, and again Columbus beat Rice in a play-off game."

"This year, the Raiders won another district title, but lost its first area tournament game."

Fashion show here Saturday at 11 a.m.

The public is invited to attend Saturday's "Tidal Taves" style show sponsored by the Eagle Lake Study Club.

The March 10th show will begin at 11 a.m. in the Eagle Lake Community Center, with light refreshments to be served.

Models will be Virginia Reed, Maryan Gertson, Fair Wells, Debbie Powers, Margie Wiese, Maxine Griffith, Helya Farris, Betty Wilcox, Linda Balas, Mary Ann Wood and Margo Harrison.

The fashion review will bring the audience up to date on the latest fashions.

Riceland Ford service opens

Marcus Pirle of Riceland Ford here has announced that the service facility of the new agency on U.S. 90-A at the western city limits has opened for business.

Fritz and Roy D. Van Nort announced in January they were opening the new Ford and Mercury dealership. The city had been without a dealership since Miller Ford closed last year.

The opening of the service facility for Riceland Ford is another step in the dealership becoming a fully-operational business. The agency is selling and servicing new and used cars, but some construction work remains to be done in the building. The Ford sign will be moved soon from the old Miller Ford location, and work on the parking lot will be done, weather permitting.

Leap Day shopper

Barbara Pidgeon was one of the many shoppers who participated last week in Feb. 29 Leap Day promotion sponsored by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Pidgeon looks over some of the items that were on sale at Jo Ann's, where business was better that day than any of the December days. Janis Somora was the winner of 29 silver dollars given away by the First National Bank. 987 shoppers registered for the prize.