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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.

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 from 18 inches to 20 inches.
- Reduces 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.
- 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.
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- 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.

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***** Sports *****

Raiders lose in playoff opener

The Rice Raider 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 "snatching 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 La Grange High School. It was a 64-team single elimination tournament.

Grammer attributed the loss to foul trouble with 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.

Cedric Pope was high scorer for the Raiders with 20 points, followed by Delbert Jarvis, 15; Shawn Spaniel and Rodney Parker, both with 14; 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 26 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 good last night," Grammer said.

The Raiders ended 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: Waldon 21, Hawkins 0, Baker 11, Cook 7, Harrell 8, Jackson 3, Workman 0, Russell 12, Brown 0 and Williams 4. Elgin's secretary was Dr. Curtis Laughlin, 20-d-18, 3rd-19, 4th-19. 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 Bosnich, Duylon Waldrop, Ralph Gertson and Frank Tate.

Other standings were: Skull Creek Lanes 3162, with a 3097. 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 Graf took first place with a 1265. Tommy Hahn and Larry Solansky tied with Dwight Hadley and Paul Vasut with a 1247 for each pair to take second. Other standings were Roy Rucker and Lonnie Owens 1245, Doug Kip and Eloyr Jenick 1243, Ben Castillo and Larry Rothauer 1241. A. In all handicap events, Draper Stephens captured first with his 1906 and Lawrence Stallman took second with an 1878. Freddy Pelts 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 associated with the tournament. It proved to be a big success.

Tracy Davis named to all-district team

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

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

LaDonna Dancy from Rice and Shelia Krenek 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 Tracy 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 — education to the limit of each student's ability — for all Texans."

"Special observance of increased emphasis on our education system has been marked annually for more than thirty years by the Public Schools Week in Texas."

"During this period, parents are encouraged to visit the public schools, and all citizens are urged through special programs to recognize the tremendous importance of our system of education. Our goal is to make Texas public schools the finest in the Nation, and to achieve this, 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
 Freddie Pelts posted a 252-608 for men's high game and series in the Skull Creek Bowling Center last week of February 27.

Annie Burke compiled a 216-200-562 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, Eloyr Jenick 225-579, Henry Burke 524, Al Novosad 201-535, Jack Dromgoole 521, Jerome Waligura 509, Erwin Knippel 569, Lonnie Owens 200, Margie Knippel 528, Shawn Otradosky 213-554.

No Names in first place with 58 wins, Skull Creek Lanes is in second place with 57 wins, Rice Birds with 54 wins is in third place, Stingers with 51 wins is in fourth place. Sonics 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, Xplorers is in second place with 58 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 46 wins.

High bowlers were: M. Yacek 200-203-575, 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 high team game and series. Mabel Botard bowled a 211-530 for individual high game and Erlrose Baumgart posted a 552 for individual high series.

Sheridan Drilling is in first place with 53 wins followed closely behind with Lou Rollers in second with 52½, Balls of Fire in third with 49½, Gutter Baumgart Insurance in fourth with 46½, Screw Balls in fifth with 45½, JoAnn's in sixth with 45, Kerez Kernals in seventh with 41 wins, Scrapppers in eighth with 40½, Gutter Lovers in ninth with 36 and Gifts of Distinction in tenth with 33 wins.

The trust is part of the Settlement Agreement reached between Coastal States and LCRA in 1979. Under the agreement, Coastal's gas subsidiary, LoVaca Gasheating Co., was spun off as an independent company, Valero, and slightly more than 13 percent of Valero's common stock and other securities went into a trust fund owned by roughly 300 LoVaca customers and LCRA as a Coastal customer.

The trust fund, administered by Texas Commerce Bank of Houston, is distributing its assets over a 7-year period. LCRA's share of the trust comes to about 1.5 percent. Coastal States-LoVaca sparked a controversy in 1973 when they failed to provide LCRA and other customers with natural gas at contract prices. Gas prices skyrocketed, and LCRA sued Coastal.

LCRA was the only customer to win a court judgment against Coastal in 1975. The judgment was later reversed on appeal, but LCRA officials believe it may have paved the way for the Settlement Agreement between Coastal-LoVaca and its customers.

Hefner wins another first for Rice in Houston!



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 Dornak, right, poses with friends and family after his 11th place hog was sold for \$225 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.

New coach, calendar approved for 1984-85 for Rice district

In addition to hiring a new head basketball coach, the Rice school board trustees on Monday granted contract extensions to the other coaches in the district and approved a school calendar for next year.

Harold "Dusty" Loeve will replace retiring head basketball coach Jack Grammer at Rice high school. Loeve also will coach tennis and become assistant football coach, said Harold King, district superintendent.

Loeve, 28, comes to Rice from Rockdale high school where he coached tennis, basketball and football. He will teach biology or general science at the high school for the 1984-85 school year, King said.

The following coaches were granted two-year contracts: Maurice Ghasselet, Mark Valdez, Gary Winkles and Dolly Johnson, Rice high school; Mike Michalka, Garwood; Bobby Zander, Eagle Lake middle school; and Bonnie Machac, Sheridan.

One-year contracts were given to three coaches, eligible for one year contracts only, because they have not been with the school system for two years. They are: Steve Carroll, Rice; James Gray, and Jane Dostal, Eagle Lake middle school.

In other school board matters discussed Monday night, board president Billy Hefner broke a tie vote, giving approval of the 1984-85 school calendar.

Board member Ted Wiese, who voted against this calendar, explained that area farmers may still be cutting rice on August 22. Last year, the spring planting season was delayed by wet, cold weather, which delayed the first harvest. This spring, it appears that planting could be delayed even further, he said.

August 22 will be the starting date for schools in the district. Classes will end May 23, 1985. Board members approved the dismissal of students at noon on Good Friday for next school year.

In other business, the board:

- Decided to appoint a committee to consider future goals for athletics.
- Approved the re-hiring of teachers for the 1984-85 school year.

The public is invited to attend Saturday's "Tidal Raves" 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, Maryann Gertson, Fair Wells, Debbie Powers, Margie Wiese, Maxine Griffith, Helyn Farris, Betty Wilcox, Linda Labs, 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 Pirtle of Riceland Ford has announced the opening of the new agency on U.S. 90A at the western city limits has opened for business.

Pirtle and Roy D. Van Nort announced in January that the service facility of the new agency on U.S. 90A at the western city limits has opened for business.

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

Cornes said he had been thinking about becoming a business consultant 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

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 said 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 out 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.

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

Retiring coach Grammer named district coach of year

Retiring coach Jack Grammer was named district coach of year in the 1983-84 season. Grammer coached Rice for 11 years and led the team to a district championship.

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 Austin, which is a record for the state basketball title for Class Three-A. The 1979 team won second in the state in the same classification, and the 1975 team dropped a 4-4 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 for Christmas that I wanted 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 my last year."

Grammer will continue to teach English at Rice High School, and in fact pick up another class to replace the period 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.

Grammer's overall record is 271 wins and 136 losses (which he refers to jokingly as 136 times the referees cheated him). On an annual basis, he has averaged 20.5 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 Ono.
- In 1982 the Raiders again tied Columbus after district play ended, and again Columbus beat Rice in a playoff game.
- This year, the Raiders won another district title, but lost its first tournament game.

Pet vaccination clinic Saturday

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

The Garwood Lions Club sponsors the vaccination clinics regularly to help area pet owners keep their pets and their 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 on 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 areas. For the Eagle Lake position being vacated by Jane Clason, Wayne Cornman 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 in Houston; has studied for three years at the Glassel 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 Lisle United Methodist Church, serving as chairman of the finance committee.

Cornman 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.

Leap Day shopper

Barbara Pidgeon was one of the many shoppers who participated last week in the 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 the Chamber store.

Janis Somers was the winner of 29 silver dollars given away by the First National Bank. 967 shoppers registered for the prize.