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Raider girls strong in opener

The Rice Raider girls varsity basketball team showed off their strength Friday night at Raider Gym when they easily beat Yoakum. The game was the opening bout in District 26-3A.

Not only was the score impressive -- 47-26 Rice -- but the fact the girls handled Yoakum so easily shows their state ranking behind Yoakum is in error.

According to the Texas Association of Basketball coaches, Yoakum is ranked 13th in the state in 3A while Rice is ranked 15th. Hallettsville, also in the same district, is ranked 14th.

The Raider girls took a 10-4 lead in the first quarter, and never wavered. At the half it was 22-10. To show how well the team shares its talents, Lakesha Jackson was the team scoring leader with only



Girls coach Mike Tankersley



ELCH First Babies of 1986

The New Year arrivals at Eagle Lake Community Hospital were twins born the night of January 1, 1986, to Willie and Ruth Ann Cleveland. Dr. Curtis Laughlin, right, is the attending physician who surprised Mrs. Cleveland several months ago with the news that she would give birth to twins. While the medical community was preparing for delivery on January 2, and Mrs. Cleveland checked into the hospital about 5:30 p.m. January 1, the first baby was delivered about 10:49 p.m. that night and the

Two arrested in trailer theft

The theft was reported Monday morning by Anderson Manufacturing. Police were told that a trailer was missing about noon Saturday but at that time the company thought the owner of the trailer picked it up. That afternoon Wharton County officials contacted Eagle Lake police and said they found a trailer they thought was stolen. Investigation revealed it was the one from Anderson. The trailer was recovered undamaged.

Schilling buys second station

Garwood businessman James Allen Schilling, majority owner of KULM in Columbus, has announced he is purchasing another broadcast station. Monday he said he has purchased KOAW, a 1,000-watt AM station in Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico.

Darrel Appelt, general manager of KULM, will assume additional duties of supervising the New Mexico station's operations. "It's an exciting opportunity," Appelt said. "I do want folks to know that KULM always will be my top priority." Appelt has made one trip to Ruidoso to gauge the market. "I'll be making trips to Ruidoso periodically to institute some much needed organizational systems. The station has a quality staff."

Schilling said that it could be as early as mid-February when control of the station is turned over to him by the Federal Communications Commission.

Weather Report

Observations from the Texas A&M research site, Eagle Lake, in cooperation with the National Weather Service and the Texas Water Development Board:

| DATE | AIR TEMP | | 4" SOIL TEMP | | EVAP |
|-------------|----------|------|--------------|------|------|
| | MAX. | MIN. | MAX. | MIN. | |
| December 31 | 62 | 47 | 60 | 49 | .181 |
| January 1 | 50 | 40 | 52 | 49 | .042 |
| January 2 | 70 | 40 | 62 | 49 | .051 |
| January 3 | 65 | 44 | 62 | 50 | .097 |
| January 4 | 72 | 44 | 63 | 51 | .110 |
| January 6 | 60 | 33 | 54 | 47 | .006 |

Wednesday's weather conditions were expected to improve Thursday, with the rain tapering off and the temperatures increasing. Again, farmers and ranchers are urged to protect livestock as needed. Toward the end of the week, weather still improve with warmer temperatures.

1986-87 pre-registration date set

Students in grades 9 through 11 at Rice High School will pre-register from January 27-31 for courses of study to be taken during the 1986-87 school year.

Information sheets with course offerings will be given to students to take home and review with parents in mid-January. There will be some minor changes in course offerings and in prerequisites for courses. All students at Rice High School will be required to take seven subjects per semester next year.

Students now in the eighth grade will pre-register during

the first week of February for their freshman year in high school. More information on pre-registration will be made available in mid-January.

Eighth grade students now attending St. Mary's School in Nads and St. Anthony's School in Columbus and who plan to attend Rice next year need to contact the counselors for pre-registration information.

Parents desiring information prior to the pre-registration dates are encouraged to make an appointment with counselors to review and discuss the various course offerings and options.

KC blood drive set January 18

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Council No. 4843 will again sponsor a Community Blood Drive on Saturday, January 18 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Dider Hall. This drive is open to the entire community and not just KC members.

Anyone 18 and over, or 17 years old with parent or guardian written consent may participate. For your appointment or minor consent forms, call Randy Burrow 234-3073 and do your part to keep a blood supply available for your community.

Surplus food distribution January 16

Combined Community Action will distribute USDA surplus food in Eagle Lake on Thursday, January 16 at Providence Baptist Church, 1207 E. State Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

They also will be in Columbus January 16 at CCA Community Service Center, 903 Preston, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and in Weimar City Hall, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

All participants who have been receiving USDA surplus food products under the Emergency Food Assistance Program must be recertified in January. To be recertified, participants must complete a new application with current income information, and present personal identification such as a driver's license, Social Security card, Food Stamp I.D. card, etc. Proof of residency must be seen by the eligibility worker, such as a utility bill, voter registration card, etc. Also persons who are unable to pick up their food can send a authorized representative to pick up for them.

In January both the person applying for food and the authorized representative will need to be at the distribution site. Applications may be made prior to distribution days at the

local CCA Community Centers for clients who receive their food in Weimar, Columbus and Eagle Lake.

Red Cross first aid course set

The Colorado County chapter of American Red Cross will be offering a two-part multi-media standard first aid course on January 13 and January 20 at the Ambulance Hall in Eagle Lake.

If you are interested in registering or if you want further information please call Jo Ann Gertson at 234-2276 or Marlene Miller at 234-5083.

This is a popular course with importance. This course is designed to aid your own natural ability to learn and retain information quickly.



Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Council 4843 recently donated \$200 to the Eagle Lake Pilot Club for their community activities. At left is Ray Sykowski, Grand Knight, and at right is Dorothy Kohleffel, Pilot Club project coordinator.

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