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Public invited to special Raider practice

Continuing a tradition at Rice High School, head football coach Clifton Darden again has scheduled a public football practice session this Saturday at Raider Stadium on the Altair school's campus.

The practice session will begin at 8 p.m., and give the public an opportunity to show the team its support for the 1986 campaign.

Players are expected to board buses to the school at 6:15 p.m., at the normal pick-up points, and be dressed by 7 p.m.

Coach Darden is starting his 10th year of coaching for the Raiders. See below for a story on ticket sales and see the back page for a story on this year's first day of practice.

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Board to adopt budget Aug. 26

Band director replaced at RHS

A new band director was hired Monday for Rice High School, replacing Bill Waggoner who resigned rather than take legal action "against my friends."

Meeting in regular session with a short agenda, the school board officially accepted Waggoner's resignation.

A month ago Waggoner wrote a letter to Gov. Mark White explaining his refusal to take the new test for teachers and administrators. He told White that he felt the higher education testing required of those with doctoral degrees was a better test than the TECAT test.

However, his sudden resignation meant he no longer was prepared to contest the

situation. Tuesday, Waggoner said he would have had to file suit against the Rice School Board in order to seek legal sanctions against the state for requiring the test. "I just didn't want to take legal action against my friends," Waggoner added.

From everything I know about education the changes (called for in House Bill 72) are wrong... (The education system in Texas) is a stupid, incompetent bureaucracy and the governor is playing politics with it," Waggoner said. He called Texas education an intolerable situation that he didn't want to be a part of.

The former RHS band director has a doctoral degree in music, and has taught music at the college level for 15 years. He returned to this area for the Rice High School job because of his parents who live in Columbus. Waggoner said he intends to remain in the area and free lance.

Gov. White has yet to acknowledge receiving Waggoner's letter.

The new band director at RHS is Deborah Harrah who formerly taught in Burton. She already has called band practice and the students are working on Fall routines.

During the long closed-door session held Monday night by the Rice school board, the board also discussed other matters pertaining to the TECAT test. After the meeting superintendent Harold King said the school system has been notified by the state of the

teachers who passed the test. The board discussed what the school district would do if it was asked to seek a waiver for someone who did not pass the test.

The board also:

- Accepted the resignations of: Bill Carpenter of Garwood. He has been counselor at Rice High School and Columbus High School, and most recently was assistant principal at Eagle Lake Middle School. He has taken a position as counselor at a school in El Campo;
- Bill Cain, RHS coach and science teacher who accepted a position in a Conroe area school;
- Betty Dowell, speech therapist at Sheridan School.

Hired the following:

- Linda Newman to teach third grade at the Middle School;
- Norton Shiflet, to be counselor at RHS;
- Kirk Ellis, to be a coach and business teacher;
- Jimmy Petrush, to fill a new math teaching position at RHS;
- Shirley Ann Flora, to fill a new first grade teaching position at Sheridan School, and;
- Beth Waddell to fill the half-day speech therapy position at Sheridan School.

Budget to be adopted

The board also set the date of Tuesday, August 26, 7 p.m., at the administration meeting room on the RHS campus as the next meeting at which the 1986-87 budget will be adopted. While

Community mourns loss of Dr. Laughlin, 43

The community was shocked last Wednesday morning upon hearing of the sudden death of Dr. C. Curtis Laughlin, 43, of Eagle Lake. He reportedly died of an apparent heart attack suffered at his home early the morning of August 6.

He was born May 1, 1943, in Eagle Lake, a son of Bonnie Garrett Laughlin and the late Dr. J.R. Laughlin. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1966 and received his Medical Doctor degree from the University of Texas Southwest Medical School in Dallas in 1970. He interned and did his General Practice Residency at City-County Hospital in Fort Worth from 1970-1972. In 1972 and 1973 he did surgical residency at Baylor Health Care Systems in Dallas and in 1974 he returned to Eagle Lake to enter practice with his father, J.R. Laughlin M.D. and his uncle, J.C. Laughlin M.D.

He had served as Chief of Staff at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital; was a member and past president of the Colorado-Fayette County Medical Society; held memberships in the American Academy of Family Practice, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

He was an outstanding physician and surgeon. His patients depended on him for medical care and council, and also knew him as a man of compassion. He was a person of great determination and achievement and was a spirited competitor.

In high school he was a golf medalist and state champion. He also held records for a long time in the Dallas area in bass fishing. He trained Labrador retrievers which advanced to national competition and championships in field trial competitions throughout the U.S. He supported his community in many ways and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake, the Eagle Lake Recreation Center and The Falls Golf and Country Club near Freelsburg.

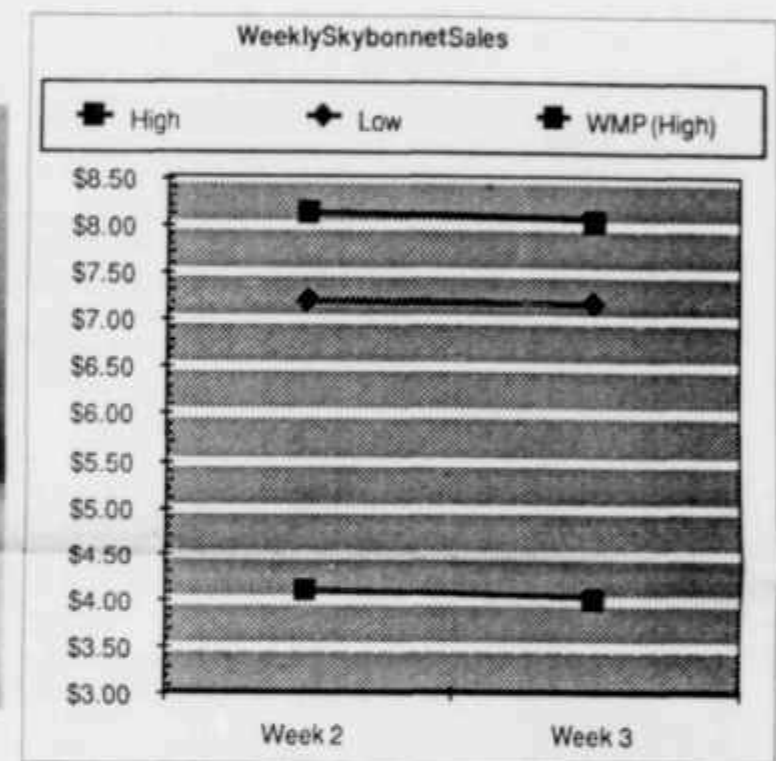
When funeral services were conducted at 4 p.m. Thursday, August 7, in the First Baptist

Church of Eagle Lake, there was standing room only as members of the community came to pay their last respects. Rev. Melburn Sibley officiated. Zack Lang, music director, sang "Old Rugged Cross" and "The Lord's Prayer." Burial followed at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Darlene Laughlin of Eagle Lake; his mother, Mrs. Bonnie Laughlin of Rock Island; two daughters, Mary Katherine and Amy Laughlin of Eagle Lake; two sons, John Paul and Kevin Laughlin of Eagle Lake; two brothers, John Reagan Laughlin, Jr. of Houston and Richard Lee "Dick" Laughlin of Rock Island; numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives and a host of friends and loved ones. Mrs. Curtis Laughlin is expecting another child just anytime.

Palbearers were Wayne Cornman, Bob and Brock Ashby, Tommy Pilkington, Tom Laughlin, Ken Craig, Richard Laughlin and John Thomas. Honorary palbearers were doctors and staff of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital, Ben Mitchell, Dr. J.B. Cook and Dr. Dan Schumann.

Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home of Eagle Lake. Sympathy is extended to the family.



Keep up with rice sales activity in the Headlight with these easy to read charts. They are based on information from the rice office here with the dollar amounts reflecting the actual net a farmer would receive if he put the rice into loan, then removed it and accepted a bid from a mill. The chart above shows Skybonnet sales the second and third week of the current season, since there was no Skybonnet offered for sale the first week. The top lines in both charts represent the highest amount a farmer could have received; the second line represents the lowest amount, and the third line is the highest World Market Price. The amount a farmer receives is based on the bid by a rice mill, and the quality of the rice.

Accidents reported; news unavailable

There were reports of two traffic accidents in the Eagle Lake area Monday, investigated by the Texas Department of Public Safety. However, the reports were not made available by the DPS.

School Notes

Raider season football tickets available

If you held season tickets for last year's Rice Raider home football games, those same seats may be purchased again beginning Monday, August 18 through Friday, August 22. Unsold tickets will be available to the general public beginning Monday, August 25 through Friday, September 5.

The season package is \$15 per seat for the five home games. Tickets may be obtained at the Rice High School principal's office in Altair between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

RHS yearbooks available for 2 days

The 1986 Rice Raider yearbooks have been delivered to the high school from the printer. They will be distributed on Thursday and Friday, August 14 and 15, at the Rice High School principal's office between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Students are asked to bring their receipts.

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Reward offered in nursery sign hit

Crime Stoppers of Eagle Lake is offering a reward for the June 7th felony vandalism at Canaris Nursery on W. Main St.

According to the Eagle Lake Police Department, someone in a jeep or small truck threw a bottle at the nursery sign, breaking the top part of it. Damages were estimated at \$2,500, making it a felony violation.

Anyone with information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons who committed the crime should contact CrimeStoppers at 234-5555. You may remain anonymous.

Comment sought on Lions' carnival

Like the public to mail any suggestions and/or complaints they may have which will make carnivals more fun, entertaining and eventful.

Please write to: Eagle Lake Lions Club, P.O. Box 271, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434, attention John Brasher. Your response will be greatly appreciated.

Perez charged with murder

Albert Perez, 26, of 1308 1st St., Louise, was re-arrested last Saturday by the Eagle Lake Police Department after Kelly Jobe, 27 died early Saturday morning in a Houston hospital.

Eagle Lake Police Chief Ben Johnson said that he and officer Keith Maura arrested Perez in El Campo on Saturday. Perez had been free on \$10,000 bond set on the original charge of attempted murder. JP Mary Lou Szymanski re-set bond at \$25,000 on the new charge of murder.

Mr. Jobe's obituary is on page five of this issue.

Mrs. Annie Grahmann, mother of RHS principal, dies at 82

Mrs. Annie B. Grahmann, 82, of Hallettsville, died Saturday, August 9, at a Hallettsville nursing home.

Other survivors are her husband, Nicholas Grahmann of Hallettsville whom she married there on Oct. 14, 1924; five daughters, Sister M. Anastasia of Victoria, Sister M. Sylvia of Shiner, Mrs. Rita Zaruba of Hallettsville, Mrs. Anita R. Spangler of Houston and Mrs. Mary Ann Michalke of Weimar; four other sons, Brother James Nicholas Grahmann of Houston, Marcus Grahmann of Hallettsville, Jerome Grahmann of El Campo and Nicholas J. Grahmann of Sugarland; four sisters, Miss Mary Grate and Mrs. Agnes Leopold of Hallettsville, Mrs. Angela Janacek of Victoria, and Mrs. Elizabeth Eilers of Fredericksburg; two brothers, Joe and Fred Grate of Hallettsville, 22 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

She was an active member of Sacred Heart Parish in Hallettsville, and she was the oldest living honorary member of the Christian Mothers Society of Hallettsville, which she joined in 1927. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America for more than 25 years and was an exemplary witness as a Christian Mother. She received the first

mother of the year award in the Archdiocese of San Antonio in 1950; in 1958 she received papal recognition when Archbishop Lucey awarded her the Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice Medal from Pope Paul the Sixth.

She received the archbishop Francis J. Furey award in 1972 in recognition of exceptional service to the Catholic Church and for the exemplary good Christian conduct in her life.

The family requests contributions to her church or school or to any charity of their choice, in lieu of flowers. Kubena Funeral Home in Hallettsville was in charge of arrangements.