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The Rice Raider inside game kept them ahead of Columbus last Friday as Rice outlasted the Cardinals 54-62. Raider Michael Hearn tips the ball up while the Cardinals big man, No. 44 Greg Waddle, attempts a block.

Raiders edge Cardinals in boys first district game

Boys varsity basketball competition in District 23-A opened last Friday night with Rice, Hempstead and Brookshire Royal claiming wins against Columbus, Sealy and Bellville, respectively.

At Raider gym in Altair, the stands were full as expected with the cross-county rivals facing off for competition. The Raiders looked like a well-oiled machine in their 64-62 victory over the Cardinals, but the statistics give a clear picture of why the win was by only two points.

The Sealy-Hempstead tilt was one of the better games of the young district play. Hempstead's Bobcats couldn't turn around without picking up a technical foul. In all, the referees called six, according to first-year varsity coach Danny Forsythe. The Hempstead Bobcats still managed to beat the Sealy Tigers, 58-43.

The Bellville-Royal game wasn't a give-away either. Coach Nathaniel Richardson's Royal Falcons took the win on a last second shot as time expired.

The Brookshire win wasn't

TEAM	FG	FT	M	A	F	TP
Royal	26	2/8	25	54		
Bellville	16	21/26	12	53		

In the Hempstead-Sealy game, neither team was especially hot from the free line, but Hempstead cleared 26 field goals and 43 percent of the free throws. Sealy managed only 18 field goals, and 33 percent of their free shots. Here are the team stats on that game:

TEAM	FG	FT	M	A	F	TP
Sealy	18	7/21	14	43		
Hempstead	16	6/14	13	58		

The Rice Raiders used their superior ball handling and excellent defense to keep on top of the

Cardinals throughout the game, where the lead was by only two points most of the time. Near the end of the first half, the Raiders kept stealing the ball from the Cardinals to make it a ten point lead at the break, 37-27.

The Cardinals fought right back in the third period with the help of big men Greg Waddle, Woodrow Wilson and Stephen Borki. While the Raiders went cold, Columbus pulled to within two, and tied it at the start of the fourth quarter then went ahead by three, 53-50. When Marcus Wilson stole the ball leading to a Raider score, Columbus hit another before the Raiders hit two in a row to regain the lead. There was another with 2:25 to go in the game, at 58-43. The gymnasium erupted when the game was at 63-60 and the Cardinals were called for walking. With 23-seconds to go, Rice took the ball in bounds and was fouled. Columbus finally scored again to make it 63-62 Rice, and another foul shot by the Raiders brought it to the final score, 64-62.

After the game, Raider coach

District 23-Class AAA Boys Basketball Standings

Team	Won	Lost	% Won	Pts Scd	Pts Alld
Rice	1	0	100.0	71	33
Hempstead	1	0	100.0	58	43
Brookshire	1	0	100.0	54	53
Bellville	0	1	0.0	53	54
Sealy	0	1	0.0	43	58
Columbus	0	1	0.0	62	64

TEAM	FG	FT	M	A	F	TP
Columbus	23	16/31	28	62		
Rice	26	12/36	24	64		

Support the Boys and Girls Teams: Attend The Games

Individual statistics: RAIDER: FOSTER 10/16 2/21 21; HEARN 2/0 5/4 4; DOGINS 6/24 3/14 14; WILSON 3/4/14 3/10 10; STEVENS 2/1/3 5/5 5; LONG 1/0/2 4/2 2. COLUMBUS: PLAYER 0/0/4 5/0 0; CEDIC WILLIAMS 2/1/5 3/5 5; CRAIG TYLER 0/1/2 5/1 1; WOODROW WILSON 5/4/5 14/14 14; CHARLES MUNSCH 1/0/0 2/2 2; STEPHEN BORSKI 5/1/2 11/11 11; GREG WADDLE 9/9/13 4/27 27.

This Week's Games:

On Tuesday of this week, the schedule has Brookshire Royal hosting Sealy's Lady Tigers; the Lady Cas of Hempstead host Columbus, and Rice plays Bellville. Friday night, Rice hosts Hempstead; Royal plays at Columbus, and Sealy faces Bellville.

Rice also beat Sealy 87-52.

The Royal girls have topped the Hempstead Bobcats 41-22, and beaten Bellville 42-35.

Bellville's wins came against

Hempstead 49-36. Sealy beat

Columbus 54-49, and topped

Hempstead 54-33.

District 23-Class AAA Girls Basketball Standings

Team	Won	Lost	% Won	Pts Scd	Pts Alld
Rice	3	0	100.0	212	131
Sealy	2	1	66.7	160	169
Brookshire	2	1	66.7	129	111
Bellville	2	1	66.7	126	118
Columbus	0	3	0.0	122	167
Hempstead	0	3	0.0	91	144

Eighth grade basketball team wins

The Eagle Lake Raiders eighth grade team played host to the Royal Falcons and came away with an exciting 41-31 victory. This brings their record to 8 and 4 for the season.

Leading the way for the Raiders were as follows: points, Marsha Norris, 19; Kevin Dogins, 15; Patricia Powers, 4; Jose Gonzales, 2; Kevin Williams, 2; rebounds, Norris, 9; Dogins, 5; Gonzales, 3; Williams, 1.

The Raiders' next game is with Columbus, there, on Monday, Jan. 26. Come on over and support the kids. Go Raiders!!

7th graders win in El Campo tourney

On Friday and Saturday, Jan. 16 and 17, the seventh grade Raiders traveled to El Campo to compete in an eight-team double elimination tournament at the new El Campo Middle School Gymnasium. The travel paid off for the Raiders as they took three straight victories and came home with a hard-earned first place trophy.

In the opening round, the 7th graders were matched with the cage team from Bay City Junior High. The lead changed hands several times throughout the first three quarters, but, with scoring from Jesse Scott and Sammy Chavis and rebounding from Merrill Tillman, the Raiders were able to pull out ahead of Bay City to stay. The final score was 33-23.

Saturday morning saw the Raiders pitted against the Van Vleet Leopards. The Leopards lived up to their name fighting tooth and nail to overcome the Raiders, when in the final minute of the game, they overcame a five point edge by the Raiders. With 50 seconds on the clock the Raiders regained the lead and held on for their second victory in as many days. The final score was 31-30.

The final game saw the Raiders

The first quarter saw little scoring by either team as both were slow to get on track. Eagle Lake led at the end of the first quarter, 7-4. Royal then came back during the second quarter to cut the Raider lead to one point, 13-12.

Royal rallied their forces in the third quarter, outscoring the Raiders 11 points to 8. Royal headed into the final quarter with a two point advantage, 23-21, but their scoring drive was stalled by the Raider defense. On the other end of the court, the Raiders caught fire for 14 final points to put the game out of reach for good.

This victory for the seventh grade Raiders revenged an earlier loss to Royal and extended their current winning streak to six games. Point totals for the game were: Jesse Scott, 13; Merrill Tillman, 9; Sammy Chavis, 5; O'Neil Tillman, 4; Adrian Farrow, 2; Eddie Fields, 2; rebounds: Scott, 7; M. Tillman, 8; Chavis, 5; O. Tillman, 2; Farrow, 2; and Patrick Middleton, 2.

The Raiders' next challenge will be Monday, Jan. 26, when they travel to Columbus to avenge a home court loss to the Cardinals. Come out to Columbus to see all the action.

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Tickets available for Afro-American banquet

The seventh annual banquet sponsored by the Human Relations Community Organization is scheduled this year for Saturday, February 28 at 7 p.m. in the Veterans Community Center in Columbus.

Keynote speaker will be Judge Alcee L. Hastings of Miami, Florida. The banquet is held in conjunction with the celebration of Afro-American History Month. The theme for 1987 is "The Afro-American and the Constitution: Colonial Times to the Present."

The deadline for making reservations is February 21. Tickets are \$8 each and reservations should be mailed to Mrs. Dorothy Fitzgerald at P.O. Box 961 in Columbus, Or, you may call 732-2788, 732-2550 or 732-2950.



Above, brothers Wade (center) and Mitchell Miller took the top two spots Saturday in the annual Rice High School FFA steer show. Tom Reed, left, representing the Chamber of Commerce, presented their trophies and banners. Below is Cogg Norris who won the hog competition. With him is the purchaser of his animal, Jack Garrett. Complete results from the sale which followed the showing and judging, are printed on the back page of this issue.



FFA sale brings in over \$42,000

Last Saturday's annual Rice High School show and sale brought in more than \$42,000. That figure was lower than in years past but there were far fewer animals offered for sale this year.

Overall, it appears the students received a higher per-pound average than at previous sales.

Cogg Norris and Wade Miller were the top two winners. Norris had the champion hog and Miller the champion steer. Tara Stephens won pound. Total for sales was \$41,895.64, and that was increased

13 to be in Houston Livestock Show

Thirteen Rice High School students are planning to participate with 15 exhibitors in the 1987 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in February.

There are seven pens of commercial steers, three halter steers, three beef heifers, one lamb and one hog in preparation for the show.

Students from Rice traditionally do well in the commercial steer division. Those planning to show their animals are DeWayne Dogulauf, Shari Papp, Duane Korneek, Leslie Sunderman, Louis Mahalic, Kim Corman and Vance Corman in the commercial steer division.

Bill Hefner, Wade Miller and Tara Stephens with halter steers; Todd Krezek, Bill Hefner and Tara Stephens with beef heifers; Devin Van Nort with a lamb, and Phillip Krentz with a hog.

'I'm not guilty' Sheriff Jim Broussard responds to indictments

After three third-degree felony indictments were returned late Monday by the Colorado County grand jury, Sheriff Jim Broussard said Tuesday morning, "I'm not guilty."

He also added that he would continue to be the sheriff of this county and that in two years when it is time for re-election, he will be a candidate.

"I want everyone to know: I'm going to be a candidate for sheriff in two years... I definitely will run again," he said. On Monday's evening newscast, channel 13's report aired video tapes of an interview with Broussard just after he was indicted. In that tape he said he would not run. Tuesday Broussard said that the television newscast just asked the question at the wrong time; he said he was mad that the indictments were returned, and his answer was a reaction to that and the stress of the afternoon.

Broussard also said Tuesday that he talked with his attorney, former DA Houston Munson who is out of state this week, and he recommended that Broussard not comment too much on the case.

The day may have settled with the return of the indictments but the storm clouds around the situation still appear to be building as the case now heads toward court.

In the normal course of events, a person indicted by the grand jury has several days to acknowledge to the court who their attorney is, and then stand for arraignment. For instance, a new grand jury meets in Colorado on February 2, and those indicted in that

session will be arraigned Feb. 23. Broussard also could be arraigned at that time; as to when a trial date might be set there is no "normal" schedule. The time frame each case district court hears can be different. A person convicted of third degree felonies can receive a sentence ranging from two to ten years in a state institution, and up to \$5,000 fine on each count.

As channel 13 television said Tuesday, when the case does come to trial, there probably will be standing room only. "If we're right," the television report said, "we couldn't find anyone who would say anything bad about Jim Broussard."

Such public sentiment has been with Broussard all along, and especially since it became public that he was under investigation.

The indictments were handed to district court clerk Harvey Vornard at 5:01 p.m. Monday. The grand jury began its session at 9 a.m. that morning and only took an hour off for lunch.

The indictment labeled "official misconduct" says Broussard "on or about the 15th day of July, 1986..." in Colorado County "did then and there with intent to obtain a benefit intentionally misapply" between \$750 and \$200,000 "belonging to the government, namely, the Sheriff's Department of Colorado County."

During an investigation, funds, it was learned that about \$35,000 was derived from the sale of an airplane and a vehicle that had been confiscated in a drug raid. District attorney W.C. "Bud" Kirkendall said the date on that indictment, January

14, was the date the grand jury investigation became aware of the situation, and since it could not find records, it could not specifically name a date when records were claimed to have been discarded.

Before his attorney suggested Broussard not comment too much, the sheriff said he thought that someone in his department wanted to be sheriff and instigated the investigation, and that it was politically motivated. He also said that he had no problems until he began prosecuting drug cases in the county.

Kirkendall commented on that last remark saying "that's pathetic and absurd." He also said that the investigation was not a political vendetta as some have claimed since he beat former DA Munson. "I have no aspirations for higher office," he said Tuesday, "and if I did the last thing I would need to do to get it (higher office) is to prosecute a public official... I don't indict people, the grand jury makes the indictments."

"Twelve people listened to evidence through 20 to 25 hours of testimony, and I respect their decision. I will do the job I was elected to do; I will prosecute the case."

Frank Parks was foreman of the grand jury. Other members were Harry Engstrom, Jerry Corman, Trinidad Torres, Wayne Dupre, Arthur J. Rhodes, David Delgado, Ruth Henry, Leslie Heinsohn, Allen Dale Cassidy, Leonard Schoenberg and Marvin Otto.

Change possible for LCRA's irrigation water rate

The accounting method used to establish rates area farmers pay for irrigation water they buy through the Lakeland Water Division of the Lower Colorado River Authority apparently is undergoing changes.

Last Friday, LCRA general manager S. David Freeman was evasive when asked what rates would be recommended to the board at its February meeting. He said the system was "doing its homework," and has not yet made any decision.

He added that a special meeting of water customers has been called for Thursday of this week, January 29,

in Bay City to discuss rates. As of mid-morning Tuesday several rice growers in Eagle Lake were not aware of the meeting. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in the Gulf Coast Water Division offices.

Freeman met last Friday in Columbus with area news media as a public relations-get acquainted session.

Apparently the LCRA is considering an accounting method that would jump the Lakeland Water Division with its Gulf Coast Water Division to determine the expenses. That was not officially confirmed.

It will cost. Klockman has contacted the engineer who help put together the new sewer and water line plans for the Campbell and Austin road areas. Klockman also said he plans to contact the designers of the sewer plant to see if they will help find the cost of changes, since it could be that design errors are causing some of the problems.

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A complete list of the bills and buyers is on the back page of this issue.

newsbriefs

History book committee seeks help

The article in last week's Headlight, "An historical look at law enforcement in Eagle Lake," on page 9, is a sample of the items of history that will be covered in the proposed history book of Eagle Lake. Chief Ben Johnson did an outstanding job of researching this segment of our history. (Newsbriefs Continued on Back Page)

Garwood irrigation has water rights extending back decades, and there is some discussion about the amount of water. Freeman said the courts would have to make the final determination. In the meantime, he said relations with Garwood and Bill Lehrer are friendly, and that the two met again two weeks ago.

On other matters, Freeman said that the LCRA generating facilities produce the cheapest electrical power in the state, and that there are no plans for a fourth generating station at the Fayette Power Plant.

City facing problem with sewage plant

City council is wrestling with a problem at the municipal sewer plant. The state says the city needs to have better controls of water infiltrating into the system, and needs better handling of sludge produced at the plant.

City manager Robert Klockman told council members at their meeting Tuesday that he met with state officials Monday. They said the city needs to give the state an outline in 30 days of how it intends to correct the problems, and how much

it will cost. Klockman has contacted the engineer who help put together the new sewer and water line plans for the Campbell and Austin road areas. Klockman also said he plans to contact the designers of the sewer plant to see if they will help find the cost of changes, since it could be that design errors are causing some of the problems.

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A council committee recommended that the city not make any adjustments in the taxes due on the property. They said they would do the city could help dispose of burnable refuse from the cleaning of the area, but Klockman said Fuller now was contemplating on-site burning to dispose of the waste. Council also said it would replace the sewer service to the property, providing Fuller shows plans for renovations, and a schedule. Once 80 percent of the work is finished, the city could pave the street, which also would provide drainage for the area. Council also then would consider renaming the street at Fuller's request.

Klockman said Fuller and a crew has done some cleaning to the area, and plans to begin full scale cleaning in March.

Council learned that Paul Supak has resigned his position with the city and is accepting a job with Entex. He will take over the responsibilities formerly held by Melvin Fajkus, who retired last week.

In other business, council officially called the city election for April 4. They appointed Robert McIntire as the election judge, and Mary Ballou the alternate. Council also approved the second reading of ordinances, setting speed limits in the Primary School area.

Kohleffel files for re-election; 2 positions on school board open

Incumbent Alvin Kohleffel became the third candidate to file for re-election Monday for Eagle Lake City Council. Incumbents Joe Duncan and Mike Duane filed for re-election last week. Kohleffel has served on council for many years. The three men currently hold the seats up for election.

No one has yet filed for the two seats up for election on the Rice Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees. The seats currently are held by Wayne Corman in position six, and Fritz Leopold in position seven.

Both elections will be held April 4.

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