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Raider Boys District Champs

The Rice Raider boys basketball team turned its season around this year and finished district play on Tuesday night with a 72-69 win over Brookshire.

The Raiders are the district champions and will begin state class 3A playoffs Friday. The opponent either will be Hitchcock or Van Vleck.

The final district game was another challenge by the Royal Falcons. The last time the teams played the game went into overtime before Rice won Tuesday night. Arthur Foster scored 18 points, while Derrick Stevens had 16 and Johnel Dogins had 11.

The Raiders have a district record of 9-1, and for the year were 20-8. That is quite a turnaround for a team that posted only five wins last season.

The Raiders will play a warm-up game this Thursday night with Smithville, with the site to be determined.

Lady Raiders in Bi-District play Thursday at Wharton

The district winning, and undefeated in district play, Lady Rice Raiders will play their Bi-District game this Thursday, Feb. 19, against Hitchcock at 7:30 p.m. in the Wharton High School gym.

The Raiders finished regular season play last week with a win over Hempstead. The varsity girls ended their regular season with an 18-6 record, and were 10-0 in district competition.

To get into the Bi-District, the Tigers defeated the Lady Royal Falcons Monday night in a playoff game held in Weimar. Both teams finished district play with 6-4 records.

That game will be at Katy High School at 7:30 p.m., this Thursday, Feb. 19.

The other team in the district that will be in the bi-district competition will be the Sealy Tigers, who face Sweeney, the second ranked team in the state.



Damage from Sunday's high winds shown in these pictures include one sign blown down at the D&L Fuel Stop, and the front porch blown down at Alvin Kohleffel's home. The other two pictures show irrigation equipment twisted by the winds, and a tree blown down at the turf grass farm.

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Six candidates filed for 3 city positions; 3 file for 2 school slots

VCRs stolen over the weekend

Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those involved in the burglary of Texas TeleVideo during the weekend of February 21. Two VCRs and two VCR cases were taken.

Callers need not identify themselves. Call 234-5555.

Pink Ladies to meet Tuesday

Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) will meet Tuesday, March 3, at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room of the hospital.

Officers and committee chairpersons will make their annual reports. There will also be an election of officers. Members and interested persons are invited to attend.

Little League meeting this Thursday

An organizational meeting for the Eagle Lake Little League will be held this Thursday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Eula and David Wintermann Library.

Any adults interested in helping with the Little League for 1987 should come to this meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to organize plans for 1987, set a few dates and elect new officers. Clark Powers was the president for 1986.

Scholarship dance to benefit STAND

The Eagle Lake Police Department and S.T.A.N.D. will sponsor a scholarship dance this Saturday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Proceeds from the dance will benefit the S.T.A.N.D. organization to help some young adult with their college tuition. Chief Ben Johnson and Dr. J.M. Ugarte along with the S.T.A.N.D. leader Wilma Tillman and all the S.T.A.N.D. members are inviting the public to attend.

Music will be provided by Nolan Bailey and the Mean MacLine Band of El Campo, a very popular group.

S.T.A.N.D. is a group of interested youth willing and eager to stop the drug problem of today. Their president is professional basketball star John Lucas of the Milwaukee Bucks.

ELPS public school week announced

The Eagle Lake Primary School will host the public from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 5. The teachers will be in their rooms with samples of the children's work and projects for the parents to view. The teachers also will have some follow-up material on the discipline management meeting held earlier in the school year. They will have material and information that will enable the parent to help their school age child.

"We will not have the daily classroom visits and parent lunches as we have done in the past," states principal Major Bengel, "we feel the evening hours will enable more parents to attend and permit us to proceed normally with instruction during Public School Week."

All parents are urged to attend this informal session Thursday evening. It is a come-and-go affair, so come and visit the Primary School staff!

Garden Club to meet March 2

The Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club will meet on Monday, March 2 at 1 p.m. at the Municipal Building. New members are welcome to help support and beautify our town.

Past outstanding projects of the club include: Harrison Park, Landscaping and Christmas lighting of the square and oak trees planted along 90A through town.

Garwood school; open house March 2

The Garwood school will hold its open house Monday, March 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. A short concert will be held in the cafeteria and parents are invited to visit with teachers in their classrooms after the concert.

During the week of March 2, parents also are invited to eat lunch with their children. Those who wish to do so, must call the school office a day ahead.

Civic clubs sponsor fund raisers

Area civic clubs will be quite active over the next several weeks as they sponsor various events to raise money. Funds available to civic clubs are returned to the community through charitable activities.

The Sheridan, Garwood and Eagle Lake Lions Clubs are sponsoring their annual Mop & Broom sales next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, respectively.

Also next Tuesday, the Eagle Lake Rotary Club will conduct its annual Pancake Supper.

On March 29 the local Knights of Columbus has scheduled its annual Las Vegas Night at Ddner Hall.

A little later on, the Eagle Lake Pilot Club has scheduled its annual Lifeline Fund Raiser. Pilot members invite the public to their Chicken Spaghetti Supper on Friday, April 3. Cost is \$4 per plate.

If you would like to help the community and enjoy pancakes and good fellowship, the Rotary Club pancake supper is scheduled on Tuesday of next week, March 3, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Tickets are \$2.50 each.

The Sheridan Lions Club mop and broom sale will be held next to the Post Office in Sheridan; the Garwood sale will be at the Garwood Lions Hall, and the Eagle Lake sale will be held on the Municipal Square. In Eagle Lake, telephone orders can be made by calling 234-2780.

Other Civic activities scheduled in March include a blood drive March 20 at Rice High School, the presentation of the play, The Butler Did It, by the Prairie Edge Players on March 27 and 28, and the annual Dog and Cat Vaccination Clinic on March 27 at the Sheridan Fire Hall.

Area airport review meeting called

A meeting to review and update the extent and timing of airport development, contained in the Texas Aeronautical Facilities Plan, has been called for Sealy for this Friday, February 27.

The Texas Aeronautics Commission and the Texas Transportation Institute, in cooperation with the Federal Aviation Administration, are conducting a series of meetings around the state. The Sealy meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in Room C of the W.E. Hill Community Center, 1000 Main St.

The meeting will focus on development of airports in the Texas plan. Such airports are in Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Waller and Wharton counties.

During the meeting there will be a review of area economic conditions and projects; a review of the availability of state and federal funds for airport improvements; a review of the area aviation activity, and a review of other factors influencing development of airports.

'World Day of Prayer' March 6

"World Day of Prayer" will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Eagle Lake on Friday, March 6 with a 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and 10 a.m. Service. Everyone is invited to attend this service, the 100th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer which is being sponsored by the women of area churches. A follow-up story will be published in next week's Headlight.

The city council election in Eagle Lake has drawn quite a bit of interest after starting off slowly. And two seats open on the Rice School District board of trustees has drawn three candidates so far.

On the last day to file as a city candidate, Wednesday of last week, Larry Lee Dulany, 38, and Roland Hemphill, 38, made their candidacy official.

Previously, Emily Stiles, 48, filed as a council candidate.

Those three will be vying for positions now held by Alvin Kohleffel, 71, Mike V. Duane, 51, and Joe L. Durcan, 57, all of whom have filed for re-election.

In the school board election, Melvin Gordon of Eagle Lake filed his candidacy papers this Tuesday, Feb. 24 for Position 7 which now is held by Wayne Coman, who filed for re-election several weeks ago. The seat held by Fritz Leopold also is up for election and Leopold has filed for re-election.

Midnight Wednesday, March 4, is the deadline to file as a school board candidate.

Both elections are April 4.

In the city races all candidates, with one exception, named themselves as campaign treasurer. Mrs. Stiles named her husband, Bill, as treasurer.

April 3 is the last day to vote late in the city, who is not now a registered voter, can register and still vote on April 4. Absentee voting begins March 16, with March 27 as the last day to receive an application to vote absentee. March 31 is the deadline to vote absentee ballot by personal appearance.

April 1 is the first day to vote a late absentee ballot because of a death in the immediate family that occurred on or after Monday, March 30. It also is the first day to vote a late absentee ballot because of sickness or disability originating on or after Sunday, March 29.

April 3 is the last day to vote late absentee ballots by personal appearance because of a death in immediate family.

On April 4, the polling place at the municipal building will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. No person may vote in an election held by a municipality unless he or she is a resident of that municipality on the day of the election.

May 4 at 5 p.m. is the deadline for opposed candidates to file a statement with the city secretary concerning campaign contributions and expenditures.

Sheridan, Rock Island issues on commissioners' agenda

An engineer was appointed Monday to oversee development of the waste water sewer system to be built in the Sheridan area, but a request for a caution light in Rock Island was turned down because of state regulations.

Those and other items were on the agenda for Monday's meeting of Colorado County Commissioners.

Although state regulations will not allow construction of a caution light because of low traffic flow on U.S. 90-A in Rock Island, at the intersection of county road 106, the county will ask the state for special considerations at that intersection. Rock Island residents asked for the flashing light after a fatal traffic accident at that intersection.

Commissioner Otto Loessin told county judge Lester Cranek that school buses from the Rice and Columbus school districts use that intersection to load and unload children, before crossing or turning into 90-A. Some mornings when it's foggy, that can be a pretty dangerous move, he said. Cranek will request the light be installed to help protect the safety of those school children, and others who use the roadway.

The judge said the state's standards on installing signals call for a minimum traffic flow of 500 vehicles per hour on 90-A, and 150 per hour on county road 106. In a state survey, there were only about 71 vehicles per hour on 90-A (1,700 in a 24-hour period), and a little more than seven per hour (175 in a 24-hour period) on the side road.

A letter from the Yoakum office of the state department of highways and public transportation said, "We, therefore, can not legally install a caution light at this location at this time."



Colorado County commissioner met Monday with Donna Farris to discuss probation office computers.

Sheridan project
 Commissioners appointed Clay and Leyendecker, Inc. of Katy as the engineer for the Sheridan waste water project. They were following the recommendation made on Thursday of last week by a special committee appointed to review applications of engineering firms.

Judge Cranek said 15 firms submitted applications and through an elimination process those were reduced to three candidates. The committee met last Thursday to interview representatives of the three firms. Members of the committee were Jean Walker, Lano Brisco, Ed Parham, Carmen Jackson, Gloria Brisco, and several members of the commissioners' court, including Loessin, Cranek and Batch Strunk, commissioner from precinct two. Cranek said the committee recommendation was unanimous.

The building of the project will be paid through federal grants secured through the block grant program now administered by the state. Cost of operating the system should be paid for by the consumer. Billing will be done through the Sheridan Water Corporation, a private concern. The Sheridan water bills will include the customer's sewer charges.

New Roads
 Commissioners also discussed the county's priority request for new Farm to Market road construction, should there be enough state funding to pay for work in Colorado County.

The top priority from the list is the extension of FM 950, apparently has been funded and is only waiting for approval from commissioners. That would extend FM 950 about a mile to the east, from its present junction with FM 102, so it will join with FM 3013 south of Eagle Lake. Last year, when commissioner Bill Stiles would not approve the construction, the state wants the county to take over maintenance of about the last seven miles of FM 102 to where it now joins with FM 3013.

Commissioner Sonny Spanhel said Monday he favors the project. He has talked to land owners along FM 102, but has not yet talked with the owners of the land to be taken for the FM 950 extension. Apparently there was some concern by owners along FM 102 about the value of their property. Spanhel said they favor the project because it will help to decrease traffic along that stretch. Cranek added that land values may actually be improved because of the peace and quiet that comes with lower traffic counts.

New priority
 Commissioners told a highway department representative that because the FM 950 project is funded and awaiting local approval, they are moving the extension of FM 1693 to the top of the list. That state road begins in Garwood and runs northwest toward Rock Island. Several miles south of Rock Island is the extension of FM 1693.

Commissioner Sonny Spanhel (Continued on Back Page)

ELMS displaying flags

Ten historical Texas flags are being displayed in a case on the stage of the Eagle Lake Middle School Cafeteria.

Charles Abel, principal, invites the public to view the flags during school hours until this Friday, Feb. 27.

Visiting judge named in sheriff's case

A visiting judge was appointed last Friday to hear as yet unscheduled proceedings concerning the indictments returned last month against Colorado County sheriff Jim Broussard.

Tom Blackwell, retired from a district court bench in Travis County (Austin), will be the judge in future proceedings, rather than either of the two regular judges in this judicial district, according to one of those judges, B.B. Schraub.

The appointment is not unusual. In cases where a judge is very familiar with someone in a case, such as with Jim Broussard because of his role as county sheriff, a visiting judge will be called.

Schraub said Monday there has been no further court action concerning the case, and that it is likely that judge Blackwell, district attorney Bud Kirkendall, and Houston Museum, the attorney for Broussard, will meet soon to discuss a schedule.

Schraub said Blackwell's appointment was made by judge James Clawson of Belton, presiding judge for this area.