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### 7th grade boys take first at track meet

The Eagle Lake seventh and eighth grade boys participated in their first track meet of the year in Sealy this past Saturday, Feb. 28. The seventh grade boys came away with the team trophy and both the 400 relay and mile relay trophy with a team high total of 96 points for first place in the meet. The eighth grade boys did not fair as well as they scored 24 points for last place.

Leading the way for the seventh and eighth grade Raiders were as follows:

**Seventh Grade**  
 Field Events: Jesse Scott placed first in the high jump and set a new school and meet record with his 5'4" jump; third place went to Adrian Farrow with his 4'10" jump, and placed first in the 1600 meter relay with a time of 22:22.50. In the long jump, Reginald Donner's 15'9" jump gave him fourth place and Kevin Jackson placed sixth with a jump of 15'4 1/2".

Running Events: In the 400 meter relay, the team of J. Scott, R. Donner, K. Jackson and N. Stovall captured first place with a time of 53.06 seconds; Sammy Chavis placed fifth in the 110 hurdles with a time of 21.88 seconds; R. Donner took second place in the 400 meter dash with his time of 1:02.32 while Nivory Stovall's 1:04.45 time put him in fourth place; J. Scott set a new school record in the 200 meter dash with his time of 26.81 seconds which placed him second; Sammy Chavis' 54.49 time also set a new school record for second place in the 300 hurdles; the team of N. Stovall, K. Jackson, J. Scott and R. Donner placed first in the 1600 meter relay with a time of 4:26.51.

The final results of the meet are as follows:

**Eighth Grade**  
 Field Events: Marsha Norris set a new school record in the long jump with a jump of 17'3" for third place. Running Events: Jose Gonzalez placed fourth in the 800 meter dash with a time of 2:26.63 which also was a new school record; the team of K. Williams, K. Stiles, M. Norris, H. Tapia came in fifth place in the 400 meter relay with a time of 51.69 seconds; a time of 4:30.12 for the team of K. Williams, W. Satsky, K. Stiles and M. Norris gave them fifth place in the 1600 meter relay, and third place was given to Jose Gonzalez in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:36.

In the team results: Sealy came in first with a total of 97 1/2 points; Katy, 92 points, second; Walker, 75 points, third; Columbus, 62 points, fourth; West Memorial, 51 1/2 points, fifth; Bellville, 24 points, sixth, and Eagle Lake, 24 points, seventh.

Congratulations to the seventh grade boys for their fine efforts and to all the kids for competing as hard as they could.

Eagle Lake will host their own track meet on Saturday, March 14 and this will be the boys' next meet as they take March 7 off. Come on out and watch some exciting running at the meet and cheer the kids on.

### Eagle Lake Middle School hosts track meet March 14

Eagle Lake Middle School will be hosting their annual relays on Saturday, March 14 (weather permitting). Field events will begin at 9 a.m. and the running events will start at noon in each of the four divisions. Ribbons will be given out to the best six students in each event. All events will be finals with no preliminaries at the meet.

Fans are encouraged to attend and support their teams.

**Track schedule**  
 The Eagle Lake Middle School boys and girls track meet schedule for 1987 is as follows: Brookshire, March 21; Brazos, March 27 and 4. 120 hurdles, 100 yard dash, 880 yard dash, 400 yard dash, 330 hurdles, 220 yard dash, mile run and mile relay.

First and second place team trophies will be given in each of the four divisions. Ribbons will be given out to the best six students in each event. All events will be finals with no preliminaries at the meet.

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The field events will include the pole vault, high jump, long jump, triple jump, shot put and discus. The running events will consist of the 440 relay, 880 yard run, 100 hurdles,

### Peak time near for black drum fishing

If you want to catch a big saltwater fish but don't want to go 50 miles out in the Gulf of Mexico to do it, the black drum may be just your fish.

Each year during February and March, large black drum are found in Texas bays and coastal passes. The publication was authored by department fishery biologist Tim Broadbent of San Marcos. Broadbent points out that new minimum length limits and slot limits in Texas reservoirs require the release of many bass, so proper handling is required to ensure their survival after release.

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intend to consume, McEachron said. Coastal bait camps or marinas are excellent sources to find out where to do it, the black drum may be just your fish.

McEachron advised anglers to be on the lookout for tagged drum, the department would appreciate anglers' returning any tags, plus a few scales if possible.

Data gained from tag returns will help determine the health of black drum populations, McEachron said.

### Euers, Moore compete in contests at Houston Livestock Show, Rodeo

Most of us know horseshoe pitching to be a relaxing weekend pastime. However, David Euers and James Moore, both of Eagle Lake, demonstrated that horseshoe pitching is a serious competitive sport in the area horseshoe pitching contest held February 21 in Houston.

David and James also showed a large, enthusiastic Houston audience that washer pitching has nothing to do with tossing Maytags in the 1987 area washer pitching contest which was also held February 21.

These two men competed in the men's divisions of these contests which were held as part of a wide range of activities heralding the arrival of the 1987 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The horseshoe pitching contest has become such an outstanding event for spectators that some teams brought their own cheerleaders to the matches. Jackie Joseph, Go Texan contest committee vice chairman in charge of the event, said, "For the first time, a 'wave' was created by the spectators."

Celebrating its sixth year as part of Go Texan weekend, the horseshoe pitching contest has seen a 40% increase in the number of challenges, Joseph reported.

The cups were overflowing with red and blue washers as opponents lined up face-to-face for the battle. The competitive spirit of the men and women pitching in the washer

### Rice CISD schools closed Monday, March 9

Students and teachers in the Rice CISD school district will have a break from school Monday, March 9. The day off will be well deserved as the students have just finished their fourth 6-week test.

School will resume at regular time on Tuesday, March 10.

**NOTICE**

There will be a **PUBLIC HEARING** on the General Fund and Water & Sewer Fund Budget of the City of Eagle Lake

**Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m.**

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## Rice FFA, art students again take Houston honors

Members of the Rice FFA chapter, and Rice school district art classes, again have won high honors in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo which concluded Sunday evening.

Brian Hyek was named the Grand Prix winner of the Houston Livestock Show's western art competition and was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. Hyek was the top winner of the local district competition. He is the son of Vic and Dorothy Hyek of Nada.

Lesley Matthews was awarded a scholarship worth \$1,000 for study at Schreier College. It provides all costs associated with the course which is worth six college credits. The award was named for the Cowboy Art of America museum. Lesley is the daughter of John and Joan Matthews of Eagle Lake.

This is the fourth time in ten years the Rice school district has won the top award. The other six years a Rice student placed second.

Wade Miller showed his competition where Rice FFA has been a standout. Leslie Sunderman won second place for the second consecutive year in the Junior Commercial Steer division. She is the daughter of Melvin and Rita Sunderman.

Other Rice FFA students also won honors and ribbons for other divisions at the show. Bill Heffer, a former Commercial Steer winner, placed 4th in his Brahma Cross Steer. The 1,145 pound animal sold for \$1,100.

Tara Stephens placed third with her Charolais heifer and seventh with her Charolais steer. The 1,210 pound steer also sold for \$1,600.

Todd Krenke placed 6th in the scramble heifer division and tenth in the junior open Limousin class. Wade Miller showed his Simmental steer.

Devin Van Nort placed 12th out of 63 in the Lamb show.

Phillip Reggins' barrow made the fifth in the junior open Limousin class. Wade Miller showed his Simmental steer.

This is the first year that all six Rice students who have entered the Junior Commercial Steer division have been among the finalists. Sunderman was tied with Will Phintzy of Gail, Texas, until the personal interviews where she garnered more points and edged Phintzy out. He placed third with his Simmental and a gooseneck trailer being manufactured by Brutus Trailer Sales in Hempstead.

First place winner was Bart McCleskey of Dalhart, representing Dallam County 4-H. He won \$1,000 and a new pickup truck. Fourth place went to Scott Phillips of Franklin, Texas.

That was the Rice student in the competition: Fifth place was won by DeWayne Dopplaf of Sheridan; sixth place was won by Kimberly Corman; Eighth place was won by Duane Korenek; Ninth place was won by Shari Popp and 10th place was won by Vance Corman.

Normally there are only ten finalists but this year there were only two 2-1/2ths of a point separating the tenth and sixteenth place, so the final field was lengthened to 16. This also is the first time that all Rice FFA competitors were in the finals.

Another south Colorado County student in the Junior Commercial Steer division was Louis Mahalik. This year the 6th grader placed 29 out of 71 exhibitors. In 1985 and 1986, Mahalik was the winner of the best record book competition. This year a Cleburne 4-H member won that honor.

The Junior Commercial Steer division included 212 steers this year, and total premium points earned were 675, with each point worth \$3.44. There was one Prime 3 at the show worth \$121.76 in premium point money. 58 Choice One and two worth \$152.20; 27 Choice 3 worth \$121.76; two Choice four and five worth \$30.44; 79 Good One and Two worth \$13.32; eight Good three worth \$60.88; and 17 standard and 20 others which weighed light. Kim Corman's pen was graded Choice 2 and earned maximum points.

The Houston show pretty much wraps up livestock competition for this academic year for Rice FFA members, but the chapter will remain active preparing for degree checks, the judging contest on April 11 at Texas A&M, and the annual Rice FFA banquet scheduled April 23 at 7 p.m. at the high school.

## Airport right-of-way closure blocked by Schott, Stiles

The first step in preserving the future of the Eagle Lake Municipal Airport was blocked Monday by the Stiles and Schott family.

Colorado County commissioners held a public hearing on a move to abandon rights of way in the Highland Park Addition, which would be the closing of any streets in that addition that are not within the runway for the airport.

Last month the city asked the county to abandon the rights of way, so the airport could become a solid mass of property. That would allow future development at the airport, if any, to be controlled. It is felt that control is necessary to prevent development that would inhibit aircraft.

In a letter to the county through attorney James H. Whitcomb, Louis Schott and Emily Stiles, both of whom own lots in the Highland Park Addition, said they are opposed to the closing of any streets in that addition that are not within the runway for the airport.

"We would urge the Court not to close any street in this subdivision relying upon the use of the streets within the Highland Park Subdivision to reach their property."

"We would urge the Court not to close any street in this subdivision - outside of the 'runway' - without the consent of the owners of the property that would be deprived of ingress and egress to a public street or road front their property."

Because of the Schott-Stiles letter asking the court not to close the undeveloped rights of way, the court could take no action. Louis Schott and Emily Stiles are brother and sister, and Mrs. Stiles, a candidate for Eagle Lake City Council, is married to Bill Stiles, former Colorado County commissioner for precinct four.

The next step might be to ask for right of way abandonment on a street-by-street basis. Commissioner Sonny Spanabel said a swap could be arranged between land-locked property owners and the city, which is a good deal of the property. That the city could take ownership of the land-locked property in exchange for its property that already is on a road or right of way.

City manager Robert Klockman said the city is making a detailed search of deed records for all property in the subdivision, and is compiling a list of owners with current addresses. He said some property is listed as exempt from taxes because it is owned by the city or county government. However, he said, county deed records have not been found for all such listed property.

None of rights of way in the subdivision were developed until the last two months that Stiles was county commissioner. City council gave him permission to construct a list of owners with current addresses. He said some property is listed as exempt from taxes because it is owned by the city or county government. However, he said, county deed records have not been found for all such listed property.

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## Federal judge speaker for Black Heritage banquet

The celebration of Black History month ended February 28 with the seventh annual Black Heritage Banquet, and as usual, an excellent speaker was on hand to deliver a moving address to the packed Veterans Community Center.

The Honorable Alce Hastings, federal district judge for the southern district of Florida, was the guest speaker. The event sponsors, the Human Relations Community Organization of Columbus, chose as the theme for this year's celebration as "The Afro-American and the Constitution - Colonial Times to the present."

The also said the Black community needs more successful people to look toward, to follow, and to emulate. Judge Hastings said that recently Barbara Jordan said Jesse Jackson should not become a Presidential candidate again, because he will not get reelected. "Not as a slight to Barbara," the judge said, "but don't tell me Jesse hasn't got a chance..." The fact that he is trying, and that he is successful in gathering support, is very important. After a long soliloquy on whether Blacks have yet arrived in society, he said "I will not have arrived until I know Darian (or any youngster) can do anything he wants to do," including running for President as Jesse Jackson has proven.

Representatives of the Columbus Colored High School, class of 1957, and Riverside High School class of 1965, introduced fellow classmates who were having a class reunion that weekend. Rev. Evans introduced guests, including many county elected officials such as Judge Lester Crank, Sheriff Jim Brown and county clerk, Darlene Hayek, and Columbus Mayor Richard Heffley.

Other officers of the Human Relations Community Organization are Dorothy Fitzgerald, secretary-treasurer; Cordelia Stevens, historian; Irene Russel, publicity; Jessie Mae Wicks, decorations; and Marge Whitehead, hospitality.

Today, he said "We need unifying efforts." He challenged the churches to join forces and help educate the young people in the community. There are only 4,000 more black men in college than in prison, he said.

Judge Hastings called for a change in mind set. In Sunday School, the churches can teach biblical sense then add business sense. "We can't wait for the state and federal government to give us more... If I can give up a cigarette then I can begin trying to help our children."

He urged that education for young people be strengthened, especially for English, and a foreign language.

Before the speaker was introduced, the audience enjoyed a medley of songs from The Wonderful Harmonizers of Huntsville. "We've

## Annual Pinewood Derby races held

Twenty-eight Cubs from Eagle Lake Cub Scout Pack 3078 entered cars in the annual Pinewood Derby held on Saturday morning, March 7, under the Eagle Lake Community Center Pavilion.

The contest, for the best showmanship, most original design and best paint job was judged by Louis Schorlemmer and Joe Duncan. Medals were given to each winner in this division. The best showmanship trophy award was given to Christian Cordova with Cam Seaborn winning the most original design award and Chris Barrow receiving the award for the best paint job.

In one speed race competition, winners were determined by single elimination for first, second and third places. The following boys won medals in their respective divisions: Wolf - first place, Dustin Hruzek; second place, Jason Webb, and third place, Aaron Wilson; Bear - first place, Fernando Garcia; second place, Chris Tolver, and third place, Christian Cordova; and Webelos - first place, Kevin Schmitt; second place, Kelly Chamberlain, and third place, Jason Jones.

The first place cars from each division competed for the Grand Prix trophy with Dustin Hruzek as the winner. The second place cars from each division also competed against each other to determine the fourth

entry for district competition and Kelly Chamberlain won that honor.

Entrants receiving ribbons were: Chris Barrow, David Cardenas, Jared Vawter, Cam Seaborn, Donny Oberhaus, Draper Parker, Cab Ferrill, Alwin Milligan, Jonathan Flathmann, Jeremy Stevens, Jorge Hernandez, Ricardo Roque, Tim Luedtke, Rocky Banks, Timothy Powers, Justin Rodgers, Lance Grigar, Kyle Fink and Trey Kucherka.

Debbie Vawter, assistant Cubmaster, assisted with the registration as Jack Vawter, Cubmaster, weighed the cars in. Helping in setting the cars up for the heats were Ray Oberhaus and Joe Duncan. Louis Schorlemmer was the official finish line judge.

Dustin Hruzek, Fernando Garcia and Kevin Schmitt, first place winners, and Kelly Chamberlain, second place elimination winner, will represent Eagle Lake at the District Pinewood Derby to be held in Columbus on March 21 in the Columbus High School Gymnasium.

The fastest cars from 31 Packs in the three-county (Colorado, Matagorda and Wharton) Braiman District will participate in the event.

Cub Scout Pack 3078 sincerely thanks the Eagle Lake Lions Club for being their sponsor.



Showmanship winners in the Pine Derby, on the bottom row, from left Christian Cordova, best of show trophy; Cam Seaborn, most original design, and Chris Barrow, best paint job. Standing, from left, are Fernando Garcia, first place in the Bear division; Dustin Hruzek, first place in the Wolf division and first all around winner, and Kevin Schmitt, first place in the Webelos division.



'Bucket truck' demonstration  
 Lester LeBouef, Southwestern Bell technician, shows off the workings of Colorado County's newest service vehicle. First graders at Sheridan Elementary were treated to a demonstration of the 'bucket truck' used for working on aerial cable. Shown with school principal W. C. Gohlke are, from left, Brandy Walker, Joshua Godley, Courtney Garza and Jeremy Gohlke.

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