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Private prison facility being considered by city

Another chapter was opened Monday night in the city's efforts in building Eagle Lake. A meeting was held at the Eagle Lake Middle School Cafeteria with approximately 70 citizens on hand to discuss the possibility of building a private prison here.

Bill Marcell, a representative for A.D. Dover of the Texas Dentons Management, explained the details of building a 500-bed private prison.

"There is obviously an interest in this community to build a prison," said Merrill. "This is a cooperative effort between the city and private industry." Merrill said private industry makes arrangements with the city to lease the facility and by agreeing with the lease it enables the selling of lease bonds to build the facility.

The private company would buy the land, design and build the facility and lease it to the city on an annual basis, paying the bonds out in 15 years and the city then owning the facility. The city would have the option of renewing the lease on an annual basis. When the lease comes up for renewal and the city finds it isn't making any money, it doesn't have to renew the contract.

Once the facility is built, approximately 150 local people would be employed as guards, clerical workers and in management positions. Contracts would be made to place prisoners here.

Merrill said Washington D.C. has an excess of 7,000 prisoners and since Baker-Dover Co. has a contract with them already, naturally they would place prisoners here if the facility was built.

Three advantages to the prison is it will create jobs, generate money, and generate money from outside the city. One of the selling points of a 500-bed prison vs. a 200-bed prison is the rehabilitation programs, including basic education, skills training, advanced college programs, life skills, and counseling.

Many questions were asked including the following:

Does the city have a say as to where the prisoners come from? Yes, the arrangement made is that Baker-Dover would contract with the city to seek prisoners and then make arrangements and make a contract with the city's approval.

How long of a term would the contract be for the prison? The lease would be 15 years which would pay off the building. The management agreement would be for four years, then every two years after that.

Would the city be responsible for maintenance? The maintenance would be included in the cost per prisoner that was contracted. The city would have no responsibilities except to pay monthly installments on the lease. The facilities are built of concrete from top to bottom to sides and are built to last for a long time.

What is the city's liability when a prisoner falls and hurts himself then sues the city? The entity the city would be contracting with would pay a \$1,000,000 policy coverage.

Would the prison be classified as a maximum prison? The facility would be classified as a minimum security



If you have any questions or comments about the upcoming Bond Election, please contact a member of the Rice CISD Board (Fritz Leopold, John Matthews, John Thomas, Reggie Brisco, Bill Carpenter, Wayne Corman or John Carey) or call 234-3531 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Heartbreaking loss ends great season

Raiders, You Made Us Proud!

Deon Williams' half court field goal with just seconds left in the regional game against Gonzales Saturday was a tremendous shot, but only one heartbreaking point too short of tying the score which would have taken the game into overtime.

On Friday night, Rice beat Sinton Pirates by 10 points in the first of two games for the Regional title. Gonzales had taken on Santa Rosa and won the chance to meet the Raiders Saturday at 1 p.m. in Kingsville.

The Raiders had a great year, ending the season with an impressive 25 wins and only 8 losses. "I'm so proud of these boys," commented Coach Sam Bell. "They played as hard as they could."

Scooter Davis led the Raiders to the 77-67 victory over the Pirates with 26 points, including two 3-point field goals. Shawn Turner was a tremendous asset to the team adding 20 points and Deon Williams scored 14 points to round out the double digit point makers. Lloyd Jackson added 9 points, including one 3-point field goal; Brian Amos had 6 points and Kevin Williams made 2.

In the first quarter, Rice was down by one point with the score 15-16. They added 22 points in the second quarter to end the first half two points ahead of the Pirates, 37-35.

The second half saw great offensive and defensive play from both teams with Rice adding 18 points, ending the third quarter behind the Pirates, 55-58. Rice proved their strength in the fourth quarter, moving into the lead with a 10 point spread and holding on for the win.

Many Raider fans were on hand to show their support for their team.

In the Rice Raider-Gonzales Apache game, it was a match down to the last second.

The first quarter saw Rice down by three points with the score 21-24. Rice added 12 points in the second quarter to bring the score to 33-44 at half time. In the third quarter, Rice handled the Apaches well, adding 15 more points to bring the score to 48-56, short 8 points. Rice proved how good of a team they were in the fourth quarter totaling 22 points, just short of tying the game with Gonzales.

In the final minute of play, Raider fans saw a lot of action performed by their team. Turner had a tremendous game, helping to keep Rice alive in the contest. With 50 seconds left, Lloyd Jackson fouled out of the game with five fouls and Scooter Davis joined him on the bench when he made his fifth foul with only 30 seconds left, but it was a foul that had to be committed to stop the clock.

The Raiders called a time out with 17 seconds left in the game to work out a strategy plan. The score stood at 65-



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Unclaimed money

Laughlin, M.L. Matthews, Willie K. Mill, Charles Mills, Heidi Mills, Olga Pauline Lang Co., Fernando Olga, Amizota Redus, Herman F. Robinson Sr., Santiago Rocha, Joe B. Shoemaker, Simon S. Sinclair, Sportsman Restaurant, Kelly Stiles, Johnny

Texas Independence Day Friday

Friday, March 2 the Colorado County Courthouse will be closed in observance of Texas Independence Day.

Also, at exactly 2 p.m. Friday, Texans throughout the world will rise as one to honor their state. This unique event, dubbed the "Toast to Texas", is highlighted in the March issue of *Texas Highways* magazine.

This year marks the 154th year of Texas Independence and everyone can raise a glass of pure-dee Texas

Blood Drive March 16

A Blood Drive will be held at the Rice High School campus on Friday, March 16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Public School Week

Parents and local residents of the district are invited to visit classrooms and observe the wide spectrum of educational opportunities and challenges offered students in each of the district's schools.

It is particularly important for parents and patrons to attend an "Open House" this year. Not only will they observe many sources of district pride, but also conditions within the buildings which have prompted the need for the district Bond Election. Various departments will hold demonstrations by students during the entire evening.

The Cosmetology Department will have light refreshments and door prizes will be given. Door prizes will include gift certificates for the following: manicure, haircut, shampoo and style, cold wave, chemical relaxer, Vavoom hair spray and two color analysis and cosmetic makeover. The Auto Mechanics Department and some other departments also will have drawings for door prizes. The Business Department will hold a demonstration on Word Perfect on the computer and will design a calendar and give it to those who visit the department.

All faculty of the Rice High School will be present for the Open House.

The Eagle Lake Primary School Open House will be held on Monday, March 5 from 6:30-8 p.m. Parents and guests are invited to visit their child's classrooms and teachers.

The Sheridan Elementary and Junior High School will be having its annual Open House Tuesday, March 6. We would like to take this opportunity to invite parents and friends to our campus starting at 6 p.m.

A meal of barbecue brisket and all the trimmings will be served for a nominal fee. Teachers will be available to show their students' works. You will also have an opportunity to view our annual Science display which will be located in the gym.

Public School week is March 5-9. Garwood School will have open house on Wednesday, March 7 beginning at 6 p.m. All parents are encouraged to visit their child's classroom. There will be a spaghetti supper at the school cafeteria sponsored by the Garwood Association of Parents from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Adult tickets are \$3.50 and children under 12 will be \$2.00.

Middle School The Eagle Lake Middle School will hold its annual Open House on Thursday, March 8 from 7:30-9 p.m. All parents and guests are encouraged to visit the classrooms. Teachers will be in the classrooms to visit with the parents.

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Dr. Philip Rosen is a member of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery. He attended the University of Texas/Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

Dr. Rosen also attended the University of Arkansas, University of Chicago Hospitals and Clinics and Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, Oak Park, IL.

He is a member of the Fellow-American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery; membership instructor for Baylor College of Medicine; previous instructor at Illinois College of Podiatric Medicine and Clinical instructor in Orthopedic Surgery at Southwestern Medical School.

Dr. Rosen will be seeing patients at South Texas Medical Clinic in El Campo on Tuesdays.



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Corman wins first in Junior Commercial Steer Division

Hard work and dedication paid off for Kim Corman, 18, daughter of Wayne and Brenda Corman of Eagle Lake, when she was named first place winner in the Jr. Commercial Steer division at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Thursday night, March 1. She was awarded \$1,000, a

1990 Toyota pickup, a trophy and a banner.

Every year, thousands of youths participate in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo — building their futures the Texas way. Other Rice High School students participating in the commercial steer division were

Sher Sunderman, Louis Mahalite, Whitney Dopelstaf and Chad Sunderman.

In this division, participants are required to know every aspect of raising animals, keep accurate and neat record books and be up-to-date on all of the latest information for producing



Pictured from left are W.C. Sartwell (director of Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and vice chairman of the Junior Commercial Steer Committee), Mary Jane Sartwell, Wayne Corman, Les Klutts (Rice ag teacher), Kim Corman, Ronel Roberts (Rice ag teacher), Brenda Corman, Mary Ragland, KIKK Miss Go Texan Ronna Braselton, Bill Ragland (chairman of the Junior Commercial Steer Committee), and Dr. Neil Chastain (vice president of Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and officer in charge of the Junior Commercial Steer Committee).

Four Lady Raiders selected to 28-AAA All-District team

Four Lady Raiders were named to first, second and honorable mention teams in 28-AAA All-District.

Sophomore Melissa Guthmann topped the 1st team All-District for the 1989-90 year. Melissa, received very limited playing time during her Freshman year as a Lady Raider only to see how her sacrificing and hard work paid off when the coaches voted her to the team which was comprised of four other seniors. Melissa averaged 17.1 points per game, shot 55% from the free throw line, and averaged 5.7 rebounds per game for the Lady Raiders.

Senior Charlene McGrew was selected to the second team All-District. Although not a shooter, Charlene led the entire district with 3.5 steals per game, and she was second in assists averaged for the Lady Raiders averaging 3.8 per game. Charlene was the team captain, floor leader, and the most experienced player on the team this year.

Rita Rhodes, Junior post, and Nichole Shorter, Senior forward, were named to the Honor Mention team. Rita Rhodes averaged 12.3 points per game and led the Lady Raiders with the highest field goal percentage (58%). Rita also led the team in rebounds averaging 6.1 per game. Nichole Shorter led the team in assists averaging 4.1 per game. Nichole also averaged 5.4 rebounds per game and did a super job of playing defense during district play.

These ladies along with their other teammates, Jeannette McTear (Senior), Shalanda Williams (Senior), Jackie Dromgole (Junior), Janice Johnson (Junior), Kori Klein (Sophomore), and Bonnie Benge (Sophomore) did a super job this year and look forward to better things for the upcoming 1990-91 season.



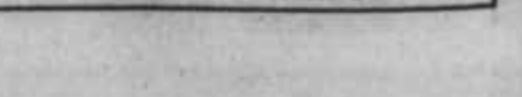
Charlene McGrew



Rita Rhodes



Nichole Shorter



Melissa Guthmann

Newsbriefs

Parent Support Group to meet Monday

Parent Support Group for Dyslexic Students will meet Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the Christ Episcopal Church on 306 E. Stockbridge. This is for any parent who feels as if their child may have a reading problem.

Appraisal District here next Friday

The staff from the Colorado County Central Appraisal District will be in Eagle Lake at the City Hall on Friday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They will be taking renditions and applications for exemptions.

Prayer breakfast set each Friday

In preparation for revival, First Baptist Church is sponsoring a prayer breakfast each Friday morning at 7 a.m. at Sportsman's Restaurant. The "dutch-treat" breakfast is open to all who wish to attend. A special prayer time will be held for the church's upcoming revival on March 11-16.

Register for Little League by Saturday

Little League registration is now underway at Johnny's Sport Shop and will continue through Saturday, March 10. Teams are being organized for boys and girls ages 6-15 years old. Participants can register between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Monday - Friday and 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday. Registration also will be held at the Little League Park this Saturday until noon.

RHS Business Club bake sale

The Rice High School Business Club will hold a bake sale this Friday, March 9 from 4-5 p.m. in front of Kid's Korner in Eagle Lake and also in front of F&W Food Store in Garwood on Saturday, March 10 beginning at 8:30 until all the baked goods are sold.

Everyone is encouraged to stop by the table of goodies and support the Business Club.

School bond election to impact future of children

With all the talk about the school bond election on Saturday, March 10, one item of interest seems to recur: what happens if the bond issue does not pass? We just this question to John Matthews, Vice-President of the Rice C.I.S.D. Board of Trustees and coordinator of the effort to pass the bonds, and this was his response:

"You understand that as only one member, I cannot speak for the whole Board. Of course, we hope that the bonds will pass, but if by chance they do not, then I believe the Board will decide to use what money we presently have available to make the most pressing repairs to our present facilities, such as new roofs, replacement of rotten structural members in buildings, etc. There will be no possibility of any new construction at all. We will have to remain in the facilities that we now occupy for the foreseeable future, and we will have to fix them up as best we can through our normal maintenance channels to make them as acceptable as we can. Naturally, any new programs that were dependent

upon new facilities for implementation will not be put in place. I guess you could say that we will just continue on as we are now, with no changes. I say this because, after more than two years of study and analysis, I believe the Board regards this vote as a referendum on the direction the District should take; if the public indicates by voting the bonds down that it does not approve of the course the bond has proposed, that it wants to go

back to the way things were before, then of course we will do so. For that reason I believe that the Board will regard this vote as final, and that there will be no attempt to come to the public again in a few months with another bond proposal that includes new recommendations."

When asked what the long-range consequences of such a situation

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City Council approves reroofing of police station

During a meeting Tuesday night, February 27, Eagle Lake City Council approved an emergency expenditure of \$4,150 to repair the roof of the Eagle Lake Police Station.

The contractor, R.R. Sama Roofing, would remove the existing roof and install new metal drip sheets. While the roof is off, in-house personnel would inspect and replace roof's rafters.

Council approved the second of three readings of the dangerous building ordinance. The third and final reading will be held at the next council meeting scheduled for March 13. Any

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