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**1991 ELMS 8th grade volleyball team**  
The 1991 eighth grade volleyball team is pictured above from left: front row, Courtney Parker, Kristi Tyler, top row, Coach Poltsch, B.J. Salazar, Rebecca Gertson, Michelle Spaniel, Kate Weller, Jill Satsky, Sarah Matthews; second row, Paula Barrow, Toni

## FFA News

dents assisting. Pigs for students exhibiting at the local show and sale were purchased on Thursday, Oct. 3. Approximately 24 students will be raising show pigs. Each of the pigs was ear-tagged and officially weighed in during class Friday. Exhibitors then drew for their pigs and matched their numbers with the pigs' ear-tags. The pigs

were then delivered to exhibitors Friday, Oct. 4, after school. Students raising pigs for the show are: Chris Clemens, Lonny Hutchison, Aaron Machac, Kerry Sims, Joseph Godley, Rick Thomas, Marcus Dogins, Miguel de Santiago, Terry Carter, Rigney Hodges, Bryan Johnson, Rodney Eaton, Darian Barrow, Nick Casarez, Victor Hernandez.

## State president visits RHS

Rice High School recently had a special visit from the Texas Future Farmers of America president, Erica Clark of Mansfield, Texas. Clark was at the high school Wednesday, Oct. 2. A special meeting of classes was held seventh period in the agriculture classroom to allow Clark to speak to students and faculty members. She told the audience how she was elected at the state convention in El Paso this past summer. Clark is the first female student to serve as the Texas FFA state president. She is a 1991 graduate of Mansfield High School and is taking a leave of absence from college this year to carry out her duties as president.

She encouraged agriculture students to become FFA members and actively participate in the organization's activities. Clark also told of her plans for the future. She then answered questions from those attending. Students and faculty from cosmetology, homemaking, office education, annual staff and alternative education departments as well as FFA members were invited to hear the state officer. Guy Beane, RHS Vocational Counselor and counselor for Eagle Lake Middle School, and the Garwood and Sheridan Schools also attended the meeting. After school dismissed, Clark and chapter advisors Roberts and Rose traveled to the administrative offices to introduce her to Supt. McGaughey and assistant Supt. Paul Harris. Clark will travel over the state during the year speaking to student and adult organizations. She will cover approximately 50,000 miles and make over 500 speeches representing the Texas FFA Association.

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## Rice Volleyball JV unsuccessful at home

By Judy Pustejovsky  
The Rice volleyball squads hosted Needville on Sept. 27. The junior varsity players took advantage of home court in the first game with a score of 15-12. They were unsuccessful in the next two games, 10-15 and 2-15. Leading the attack at the net was Erin Korenek. She also excelled at target passing and was followed by teammate Stacey Leopold. Stefanie Kershner once again dominated the percentage of successful serves. Cari Cranek and J' Amy McClanahan assisted. The girls were unable to overcome mental errors and were defeated by Needville on the Rice court Sept. 30, with scores of 4-15 and 7-15. April McMillan defended the net



**1991 ELMS 7th grade volleyball team**  
This year's 7th grade volleyball team is pictured above from left: front row, Coach Poltsch, Diana Pantoja, Sarah Buckner, Kelly Almanza, Maria Lare, Mandy Ramirez, Robin Rucka, Coach Saha; second row, Ericka Fields, Termika Shropshire, Shonda Black, Shalisha Williams, Rocio Lugo, Connie Longoria; third row, Misty Durican, Adriana Cordova, Sharon Pavlicek, Joy Hengst, Shara Glaser, Sara Mann; top row, Veronica Resendiz, Misty Lujan, Nikki Chamberlain, Jackie Schmitt, Gina Sides, Sunny Gertson, Bridget Baird, Treesy McGown.

## Rice 4-H Club starting off a busy year

On Sept. 12-15, the Colorado County Fair was held. Five people from the Rice 4-H Club showed animals in the fair. Tiffany Cranek showed a lamb receiving Reserve Champion. Amy Kucherka won Reserve Champion for her rabbits. Andrew McGaughey showed a turkey and won third place and Best Groomed Turkey. Kevin McGaughey showed two rabbits and one turkey. One of his rabbits received Reserve Champion, the other received 2nd place and the turkey won 1st place. Robin Shavers showed two rabbits, with both of them receiving

3rd place. Our congratulations to each and every one of you. Twelve members of the Rice 4-H Club began the 1991-92 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Project on September 24th at the County Extension Office in Columbus. The practice shooting sessions began on October 1 and will continue throughout the month of October. Good luck to all of you. On Sept. 5th, the Club had its first meeting and ten new members were enrolled. This brings our club enrollment to 18. If you would like to be a member of the Rice 4-H Club, our next meeting will be at the First Baptist church on October 14 at 7 p.m. Rice 4-H meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at the same time and place.

Submitted by Kerri McGaughey, reporter

## Commissioners

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as if nothing happens to them. Maybe I'm hard hearted, but we need a more cruel way of punishing criminals in this country," Commissioner Precinct 1 Otto Loessin said.

Strunk then spoke up and defended Kirkendall and his staff stating that they should be commended for their excellent work as the district has the hardest line drawn in the state concerning drug offenders. Probation is virtually never recommended on cases dealing with hard drugs in the 25th Judicial District, no matter the amount of contraband found in the criminal's possession or the number of offenses against the criminal, according to Kirkendall. He assured commissioners his office is doing everything in its power to handle forfeitures and seizures in a manner appropriate to the district. He also encouraged the court to consider the problem of the county's jail over-population since the more criminals the district attorney's office continues to have convicted, the more jail space will be needed. Inmate housing is a pertinent issue, according to Kirkendall. He said the sooner counties can begin to handle their own prisoners, the better the criminal's sentences can be carried out. Counties need to be able to hold their own prisoners.

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## Exercise-Induced Asthma and Athletics

More than 10 million Americans or about four percent of the U.S. population have asthma. According to a recent article in *Pharmacy Times*, one in ten persons with asthma suffers from a condition referred to as exercise-induced asthma (EIA). EIA can affect an otherwise healthy individual, resulting in serious breathing problems. This can be troublesome for highly active individuals, including athletes — amateur and professional.

EIA is a health problem that is receiving a lot of attention because it affects one of our most vital functions — breathing. Typically, after three to eight minutes of vigorous exercise, EIA causes the air passages leading to the lungs to constrict. Constriction may be mild or severe. Severe constriction of air passages interferes with the normal exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide in the lungs.

Several prescription medicines are available for those who suffer from EIA. Physicians who treat EIA may prescribe theophylline, albuterol, or terbutaline. These medicines work by relaxing the smooth muscle surrounding air passages leading to the lungs. Through the use of one or more of these medicines, the person with a history of EIA may be able to participate in the same activities as does the person who does not have EIA.

## Homecoming Friday; ceremonies before game

This Friday, October 18th, the game against Bellville will be Homecoming for the Raiders. Ceremonies will be held at 7:15 p.m. before the game begins, so if you desire to observe the activities, it is suggested you arrive early to get a good seat. All Rice High School exes are welcome and will be recognized at half-time along with the Class of 1971.

# Eagle Lake Headlight

## Commissioners pass resolution opposing hazardous waste in Colorado County

With approximately 100 citizens looking on, Colorado County Commissioners' Court unanimously passed a resolution (printed below) opposing hazardous waste disposal in the county.

Due to the large number in attendance, the Court limited each side to two speakers with five minutes each for their presentations following the reading of the resolution by County Judge Butch Strunk.

The only person speaking out against the resolution was Lester Cranek, manager of community affairs for the Altair landfill. Speaking for the resolution were John Matthews, president of the Rice CISD School Board, and Bob Stallman representing A.C.E. (Alliance for a Clean Environment).

Cranek urged the Court to make their decision on the basis of scientific fact, not emotion and allow the legally prescribed permitting system to do its job. (See related story below.)

In reference to the possibility of leakage in the waste cells, Cranek commented that "nothing is certain except death and taxes" therefore there is no way anyone could promise the cells would never leak.

Before his five minute time limit expired, Cranek told those in the courtroom of a trip he took to Pine-wood, South Carolina, to inspect an operation similar to the one proposed

at Altair and found no problems with the nearby lake or in the surrounding community. As Cranek was getting into how the waste would be handled, his time ran out and he was cut off by Strunk.

Also cut short by Judge Strunk was Eagle Lake Acting City Manager Lucille Perry. Perry requested that she be allowed to ask a question concerning the resolution, but Strunk told her to wait until the other side had their say. She was never allowed to ask her question, but later Strunk told Eagle Lake Mayor Roy Van Nort he didn't let her ask the question because he wouldn't have known the answer.

Perry's question concerned the five mile limit contained in the resolution. She was concerned that the city limits of Eagle Lake could be within that limit. If so, this would cause a conflict as far as jurisdiction is concerned since the county's jurisdiction is anything other than the areas incorporated by the three cities in the county.

Since Strunk did not allow her to ask the question, research was done by Perry. The results showed the western edge of the city limits is approximately 3-1/2 miles from the Colorado River which negates the third paragraph of the Court's resolution.

The next speaker was John Matthews representing the Rice School Board and reiterating the district's main concern of contamination of area ground water which is used by the high school administration complex in Altair. Matthews' statement, "I'm sure Tricil is planning to build a 'state of the art' facility, but state of the art is not good enough," evoked a resounding response from the crowd.

As his time limit expired, Matthews passed out copies of the resolution passed by the Rice School Board several months ago which also opposes the hazardous waste facility.

Bob Stallman, spokesman for A.C.E., began his presentation praising the resolution drawn up by Strunk saying it addressed the group's main concerns. Among those concerns is the ability of the cell design to handle rain water runoff such as the 21" Garwood received back in 1985.

Stallman also pointed out that the "fight" over the issuance of the permit would not be in Commissioners' Court, but at the public hearing held by the state and with the Texas Water Commission. He informed the Court that A.C.E. had retained the legal counsel of Molly Cagle of the firm of Vinson & Elkins from Austin for that purpose.

The motion to pass the resolution was made by Commissioner Sonny Spaniel and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Elstner. All four commissioners voted to pass the resolution. At this point the courtroom

emptied except for three members of the press and five others in attendance.

In other business, the Court... Passed a resolution of respect to the family of Emil Kunschick, an employee of Precinct 2 who died last month. The resolution was accepted by Corine Kunschick.

Received the semi-annual report from Joe Fling, public defender, showing a marked increase in the number of cases he had handled in the past six months.

Issued Unit #806 to the Rock Island Volunteer Ambulance which is now ready for service.

Learned the Columbus Hospital District will fund \$18,000 of the

\$78,000 contract for indigent care with UTMB. Chris Stein informed Judge Strunk of the hospital board's decision and indicated a lump-sum payment would be made to cover the months of July through Oct., then monthly payments would be made by the district to the county. Commissioner Jerome Wicke suggested the Eagle Lake and Weimar hospitals be contacted about contributions from those facilities even though it was pointed out that they legally have no obligation to do so.

Moved the voting box for Precinct 3 from the Blue Goose Restaurant to Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church Annex in Sheridan

where a wheelchair ramp will be installed to accommodate those needing one.

Accepted the resignation of Laurie Heintschel as alternate presiding election judge in Precinct 11 and appointed Mrs. Edwin Ponzitsch in her place. Also, Betty Brasher was appointed alternate presiding judge in Precinct 9.

Approved the appointment of Mrs. Dorothy Fitzgerald, Mrs. L.L. Stallman and Mrs. Jean Ellis to the Resolution Board for the Nov. 5th election. They will be the ones to determine the intent of voters whose

(See Commissioners, Page 12)

## Prison site proposal before City Council once again

Following the awarding of insurance coverage for the City, Council discussed reworking and resubmitting the proposal to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice concerning Eagle Lake being named as a location for one of the proposed new prisons which will be funded if the bond issue passes Nov. 5th.

State requirements for the site are basically the same as two years ago when the City originally "threw their hat into the ring," according to Mayor Roy Van Nort. No matter what size facility is built, the state requires 300 acres, minimum, basically in a square shape with no pipelines, wells, etc. which would cause problems during and after construction.

Research shows, according to Van Nort, that the economic impact of a state prison unit on the economy of the surrounding area (not just the city in which the unit is located) is in the vicinity of \$50 million a year. The \$1.1 billion bond election on the Nov. 5th ballot will include monies for the construction of 25,000 prison beds. Depending on how the state combines the various sizes of proposed sites, this could result in 12 to 20 new facilities ranging from substance abuse felony facilities to 2,250 bed units.

Councilman Don Bendy moved that the City participate in the upcoming selection process. After a second, Council unanimously agreed.

The application deadline for this round of site selection is Jan. 15, 1992. Bids from two companies for four different types of insurance for the City were studied by the Insurance Committee (Councilmen Mike Duarte and Vic Corman) after being opened Friday, Oct. 4th. Upon their recommendations, coverage for business auto liability, law enforcement professional liability, public officials liability and commercial general liability were awarded to Eagle Lake Insurance Associates. The other company bidding was Texas Policy Subdivisions (TPS) of Houston. Eagle Lake Insurance came in with the low bid on all coverage except the auto, but received that policy also since TPS did not meet the bid specs.

Council also heard from Mr. Ben Rios concerning a weedy lot located on Church St. What was apparently a miscommunication problem between Rios and the City Office was resolved and he left the meeting with a better understanding of the process which the City follows on these types of matters.

## Tricil disappointed at decision, but plans to pursue project

The Colorado County Commissioners Court opposed the expansion of the Colorado County Landfill as a secure industrial waste disposal facility at their meeting Tuesday, Oct. 14. Lester J. Cranek, manager of community affairs for the Colorado County Landfill expressed disappointment at the commissioners' decision.

"I'm personally disappointed the commissioners and Judge Strunk have chosen to take this action without hearing all the facts in the proceeding designed for that purpose," Cranek said following the commissioners court meeting. "However, this action in no way affects Tricil's commitment to this project and to constructing this facility in accordance with every regulation, while protecting the environment and the Colorado River."

In a written statement (printed below) submitted to the court, Cranek reminded the commissioners that the Texas Water Commission has in place, as part of the permitting process, a legal forum for making sure all sides of an issue are heard before a decision is made on granting the permit.

"The TWC will hold a public meeting and a public hearing right here in Colorado County," Cranek said, "and anyone who wants to be heard will have a chance to speak, in an objective setting." Cranek added that Tricil would continue its efforts to inform the citizens of Colorado County and to answer any concerns about the project.

Before committing to spend a great deal of the taxpayers' money to oppose this project, the county should evaluate the facts and the overall project on the merits. Tricil is willing to have the project judged on the facts in the legal forum set up for that purpose.

I am not here to ask you to support this project. I am asking you only to get the facts and to allow the legally prescribed permitting system to do its job.

By Lester J. Cranek, Ph.D. Manager, Community Affairs Colorado County Landfill October 14, 1991

## \$10,000 Reward offered

A reward of up to \$10,000 is hereby offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual or individuals responsible for the arson-caused fire at A&K's Yard near Eagle Lake, Texas, on or about September 3, 1991. This offer of reward remains open until November 15, 1991. It will be paid by A&K on conviction of the criminal or criminals.

If you have any information regarding the above, contact the Eagle Lake Police Department at 234-2727 or Crimestoppers at 234-5555.

## 'Fanning the Flame' at Methodist Church this weekend

"Fanning the Flame" will be the title of a program scheduled to be held at the United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake on Oct. 19th and 20th. It will begin with a 24-hour prayer vigil starting at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 19th, and continuing until 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 20th.

This will be a weekend of rich Christian fellowship, spiritual renewal and planning for Eagle Lake (See Methodist Church, Page 12)

## Eagle Lake Police Report

For the week of Oct. 9-15  
The Police Department was dispatched to a burglary of a building on Main Wednesday evening, Oct. 9. Sgt. Jones met with Louis Cranek III, who advised him that the Duck Blind had been entered and a television and some bourbon were missing. This case remains under investigation.

Chief Villarreal was advised of a criminal mischief case on Scott Street where someone had cut a tire on the complainant's pickup. There is a suspect in this case.

Saturday night, Sgt. Jones was advised of criminal mischief where subject broke the windshield of a car. There is a suspect in this case.

Officer Argo, while on patrol Sunday, was dispatched to a case on McCarty Streets in reference to criminal mischief. Argo found a vehicle that had all the windows, headlights and taillights knocked out and major damage to the exterior. There is also a suspect in this case. All complainants (See Police report, Page 12)

## Fried Chicken Dinner this Sunday

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus will hold a Fried Chicken Dinner this Sunday, October 20th. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the KC Hall in Eagle Lake. For more information, see the ad on Page 10 of this issue.

## Weight Watcher's meeting Monday

The Eagle Lake Weight Watcher's will meet Monday, October 21 at 5 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital meeting room. If you are interested in losing pounds and inches, come join us!

## 'Coaches Re-Cap' to be held at PAC Center

"Coaches Re-Cap", sponsored by the Rice Raider Boosters, will be held every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m., beginning October 22. The meeting place will be the PAC Center at Rice High School and refreshments will be served. Athletic Director Mark Johnson and his staff will re-cap the week's athletic functions. The public is invited to attend. These meetings are to be held every Wednesday at The Barn. The change is being made to bring more members to the meeting.

## Auction, Stew Supper November 2

The 12th Annual Study Club Auction will be held Saturday, November 2nd at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Watch for pictures of some of the auction items in upcoming issues of *The Headlight*. Anyone wishing to donate items for either auction may do so by contacting: Joan Matthews at 234-2554; Sandy Thompson, 234-5179; Pat Cook, 234-3480; Mary Kay Cook, 234-2713; or Fair Wells, 234-3105. All proceeds from the auctions benefit the Eagle and Dayle Westermann Library. The silent auction will be from 5-6:45 p.m. followed by the main auction at 7 p.m. with Joe Herbert McCreary as auctioneer.

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. will also hold their Stew Supper in conjunction with the auction. Tickets are available from any member for \$3.50 each. Serving time will be 5-7 p.m. and you may dine in the hall or get it to go. The Ladies' Auxiliary of the fire department will be selling homemade goodies in the hall, so don't forget to come in and get your dessert!

Mark this important date on your calendar and plan to attend!

## Orders taken for St. Mary's PTC Strudel

St. Mary's School PTC is sponsoring their 3rd Apple Strudel Bake. Strudel will be made on an order basis only so orders MUST be placed by November 4th with Maria Cranek, 758-3625; Cathy Leopold, 758-3610; or St. Mary's School, 758-3267. Strudels will be made Nov. 12th. You will be notified when to pick up your order.

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