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To The Editor and You

Thanks RCISD for day at the fair

To the Editor,

Hats off to the Rice Consolidated Independent School District for being the first district in the county to give its students a day off for the Colorado County Fair!

Events such as county fairs are important to the preservation of the family unit, youth and the American way of life. A day off allows our youth more time to participate and exhibit.

I hope other school districts will follow the Rice District when school calendars are approved for 1994-95 and that community organizations and individuals will reach the point the Colorado County Fair dates will be considered when scheduling of events takes place.

Make plans to attend the fair this week and join in the excitement of one of the best county fairs in Texas.

See you there!

Lynda Appelt
Immediate Past President,
Colorado County Fair

Oh, what a joy to behold!

By Jeannine Fearing

I know, two weeks in a row is a bit much coming from me, but I couldn't pass up the chance to hand out a few well-deserved pats on the back.

If you didn't attend the Rice Raider game Friday night, you missed a joyous event. Not only were the fans excited (even while the game was going on), but the players were pumped up during all four quarters and the coaches even gave in to some revelry when Rice finally came out on top.

The biggest back pat goes to all the Raiders, whether they played during Friday's game or not. Every one of you contributed to the win in one way or another.

Head Coach Mark Johnson receives the next biggest pat. For a while I thought the boys were going to try to carry him off the field; that was after they doused him with the remains from the water cooler. Mark, thank you for believing in your players and working so hard to make their dream of a victory come true.

Also, we can't leave out the other coaches: Gary Epps, Dennis Jackson, Jody Jordan, Ray Reynolds, Jerry Young and Kenneth Wooten. They all played their parts.

Even when we were behind 21-18 at the half, I was more than pleased with the effort the team had given to that point. If they had ended up losing the game, it was still the best they had played in the last couple of seasons.

The enthusiasm never waned. When Van Vleck scored, instead of looking like whipped puppies the offense (and defense) went back on the field just as fired up as when the game started.

Oh, and the tackles! What a joy it was to see the defense (and offensive line) really tackle the opponent. Several times you could hear it up in the stands.

And last, but not least, is a real big pat to the players for their physical condition. The game lasted until 11 p.m. because during the third and fourth quarters Van Vleck had a man down every time you turned around. Most of the time it wasn't from any injury inflicted by one of the Rice players, it was leg cramps or pure exhaustion.

The Rice players never had a problem with either one of those conditions. The only time that I remember one of the Raiders going down was when someone tried to bend his leg the wrong way. And, he wasn't down that long.

Summing it up, the Raiders looked great!

Don't miss out again. Come watch the team play Schulenburg (Mark's old alma mater) this Friday. It should be interesting.

Sen. Hutchison's appearance is requested by grand jury

U. S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and her attorneys received "formal invitation" letters from a Travis County grand jury last week asking her to appear either Wednesday or Thursday to testify in an investigation of alleged improprieties during her tenure in the state treasurer's office.

Last week, Hutchison said she would not appear voluntarily before a grand jury, increasing speculation that she may be subpoenaed.

Earlier Hutchison's attorneys said she will not appear because prosecutors reneged on an agreement to first meet with them outside the jury's presence to brief them on what the grand jury wants to know.

Hutchison lawyer John Dowd of Washington, D.C., said he and attorney Jim Darnell and two prosecutors made the agreement Aug. 3.

But assistant Travis County Attorney Steve McCleery said no such agreement had been made. District Attorney Ronnie Earle said in a statement last week, "On Aug. 11, Sen. Hutchison was asked to appear before the grand jury on any date between Aug. 30-Sept. 3 or Sept. 7 and 8.

"This office has been informed repeatedly by Sen. Hutchison's lawyers that she will not appear voluntarily before the grand jury as requested."

On June 10 prosecutors and police raided the state treasury, seizing paper and computer records, and a grand jury investigation began over alleged improprieties during the senator's tenure as state treasurer. The grand jury is scheduled to disband by the end of September.

Hutchison spokesman David Beckwith repeated an earlier assertion that the investigation was launched to create a public spectacle to undermine Hutchison's re-election bid.

Harris Quits, Parker Runs

Republican Sen. O.H. Ike Harris of Dallas announced last week he would not seek re-election, but Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, said he will be back for yet another campaign.

As dean of the Texas Senate, Harris, 61, was known as an effective legislator, but was criticized for helping special interests such as the insurance, liquor and horse racing industries.

After months of consideration, Parker, 59, decided to run for office again instead of returning fulltime to his law practice.

Harris was elected to the Senate in a special election in 1967 after serving a term in the House.

Parker served in the House from 1963-76. He won a seat in the senate in 1977. He has been noted for his strong stands in support of education.

Harris said he will return to his law practice while pursuing legal activities with the Legislature and state government.

Prison Chief to Quit

Lames Lynbaugh, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, will resign this fall after six year on the job.

Lynbaugh, 53, who has faced increased opposition from Gov. Ann Richards' appointees to the criminal justice board, will go to work for the University of Texas Medical Branch.

Gov. Richards, an advocate of substance abuse treatment for convicts, said changes are needed in the administration of the prison system.

David Nunnelee, a spokesman for the prison system, said Lynbaugh will be taking a financial directors position at the UT Medical Branch.

Perot to Host Talk Show

Ross Perot who amassed record air time in his failed presidential bid last year, will host CNBC's "Talk Live" program on Sept. 25.

CNBC programming executive Andy Friendly said the cable network hopes Perot's appearance, his first as a host, might lead to a regular program featuring Perot. Perot's guests on the hour long show haven't been announced.

CNBC, owned by NBC, is a 24 hour cable television network which features business and financial programs during the day and talk and call-in programs during prime time.

Meanwhile Perot is suing the Dallas County Appraisal District over the valuation of his North Dallas home.

The billionaire has filed a lawsuit in state District Court contending that his mansion had the surrounding property are worth less than the $13.1 million estimated by the appraisal district.

Eckels to Challenge Mauro

State Rep. Robert Eckels, R-Houston, said last week he will run for Texas land commissioner, a post held by Democrat Garry Mauro since 1982. Mauro has said he will seek a fourth term.

Eckels, 36, said he will announce a steering committee for his campaign in a few weeks.

Other Highlights

•Gov. Ann Richards got her special birthday wish Sept. 1 when she turned 60 — a motorcycle license. Richards took a motorcycle training class and passed the written and driving tests "with flying colors." She does not own a motorcycle.

•State Rep. Keith Oakley, D-Terrell, has decided not to run for the Texas Senate after all. Oakley says he will seek re-election in his House district. Most observers believe Oakley's withdrawal will give Rep. David Cain of Dallas a clear shot at the District 2 nomination.

State Capitol Highlights
By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

Let's Look Back...
24 & 48 Years Ago

January 30, 1969

Mayor Harold Thomas resigned from the Eagle Lake City Council effect with the end of the council meeting Jan. 28 after serving the community for the past 15 years as mayor...

Elizabeth Reed was named the 1969 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow at Eagle Lake High School...

A **Southern Pacific** freight train derailed in the southeast part of Eagle Lake Wednesday placing the city on alert. The fire department has units standing by in case of explosion from the tank cars on the train...

A tragic plane crash claimed the life of **Everitt Olson**, 40, a duster pilot for Rice Aero Inc. on Jan. 27th...

Don Bradshaw, former supervisor for Mobil Oil Corp., is the new Mobil dealer for Ashby Oil Co. in Eagle Lake. He and wife, **Frances** with children, **Teddy, Brenda** and **Keith**, are currently residing in the former Jimmy Wiese home...

The Royal Maids, darlings of the basketball courts, pro girls basketball team, will be appearing in the Eagle Lake High School gym in Feb. sponsored by the Jaycees...

A speedy recovery is wished to **Clyde Phillips** who is in a Houston hospital recuperating from surgery on Jan. 18...

Mrs. Gene Jones and **Mrs. Ed Matzke** will be co-hostesses for the Altar Society of Our Lady of Perpetual Help this month...

Mrs. Mattie T. Jones went to her final rest at Masonic Cemetery after she passed away in Columbus Jan. 22...

Mrs. C.A. Florence Blessington passed away in a Weimar hospital Jan. 27th after a long illness...

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Labay were surprised with a party by friends on their 22nd anniversary Wednesday...

Services were held for **Mandus August Venghaus** of Rock Island who passed away Jan. 19th...

San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo is to feature **Charlie Walker** and **Judy Lynn** in Feb....

May 18, 1945

Pvt. Waldo Hunt who was stationed at Shepherd Field near Wichita Falls is now at Buckly Field, Colo.... **S-Sgt. Robert Campbell** writes his wife that he was transferred after serving some time with the 1st Allied Airborne Army in Germany...

Supt. W.R. Reed has announced the honor students for the graduating class of 1945. They are **Robert P. Wilcox Jr.**, valedictorian and **Miss Virginia Mill**, salutatorian... Friends of **Pfc. Simon McCloud**, who has

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About Town...

•We now have a new correspondent for the Sheridan News. Give Janet Dupré a call at 234-3922 with your happenings in that area and she will pass them along to us here at *The Headlight*.

•There have been six more applications received for the position of police chief by City Manager Ron Holland since we last checked with him. That brings the total to 68. Ron says there will probably be a few more come in; one for sure.

•The community will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Paul (Johnnie) Powers is back home after a stay in the Memorial Southwest Hospital in Houston.

School survey shows drug abuse declining

Substance abuse among Texas secondary school students decreased in the years between 1988 and 1992, with dramatic decreases in the use of marijuana, according to the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

TCADA released its 1992 Texas School Survey which shows that in 1992, 29% of seniors admitted having used marijuana, compared to 46% in 1988. Cocaine/crack use among seniors dropped from 12% in 1988 to 8% in 1992.

Alcohol and tobacco use also showed declines between 1990 and 1992. Approximately 73,000 seventh through 12th grade students from 61 Texas school districts were surveyed

(See Survey, Page 4)

Letters to Editor Policy

The *Eagle Lake Headlight* will accept reasonable length letters for publication in the Letters to the Editor column under the following guidelines:

1. Letters should not be more than 1,500 characters.
2. All letters must include the writer's name printed as well as the writer's signature, and include the writer's address and home and work telephone numbers. The Headlight must be able to reach the writer in person before the letter can be published.
3. The writer may request their name be withheld from publication, but the information mentioned in Paragraph No. 2 must be included for our files.
4. Letters about political activity will be published but those which mention candidates will be considered advertising and charged at the regular advertising rate.
5. Letters from political candidates espousing a political view, will be considered for publication but the writer's name will not be printed unless the writer pays the retail advertising rate.
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Prairie Edge Museum Notes

By Elizabeth Boothe, Reporter

For the week of Sept. 9, 1993.

There are 25 of us Eagle Lake citizens who attended the Spring Wildflower Celebration meeting Aug. 30 at Prairie Edge Museum. The meeting was ably chaired by Doug Schwemm who, along with giving reports to the group, called for suggestions for tourism promotion in our community.

The response was tremendous and, of course, one of the main subjects for discussion pertained to the planting of wildflower seeds in and near our city. There were many good ideas presented in the field of exhibits, entertainment and sight-seeing. Our museum, as usual, will be glad to cooperate in these efforts.

The PJs have begun preparations for their next dramatic offering *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*, scheduled to be presented in December. Rollin Baker, our local playwright, has adapted the play from Robert Browning's well known poem "The Pied Piper of Hamelin."

The reading of the script took place Sunday afternoon Sept. 4, and tryouts for parts will begin next Sunday at 2 p.m. There were about 45 young people, ages five-15, attending Sunday's meeting. An encouraging group of parents and committee members met with Deborah Reed, the director, and the promising young actors and actresses.

A large stained-glass window depicting an imaginary scene from the poem is located in the Armstrong-Browning Library on the campus of Baylor University at Waco. This library contains the largest collection of Elizabeth and Robert Browning memorabilia in the world. Be sure to plan to visit this outstanding library if and when you are on the Baylor Campus.

The Thrift Shop enjoyed a good business Saturday, Sept. 4. Its next day to be open will be Sept. 18. There are still good buys in children's clothes. I am pleased to write that the casement windows have been sold.

More and more we can read about articles of days gone by becoming collectors' items. One of these is the old bicycle whose popularity seems to be rising.

I did not own a bicycle until I was in my 30s. that was during World War II days. I often rode this trusty vehicle to Luling High School where I taught for seven years. I became owner of my second bike when I was teaching at Eagle Lake High. I enjoyed going for bike rides with the students.

I wonder if many of my former pupils remember reading the play *Our Town* written by Thornton Wilder. This play which continued to be popular was included in one of our anthologies. Every once in a while I see it mentioned in the newspaper.

I hope many of these former students are still working crossword puzzles and if they ever get a yen to diagram a sentence. I recall "conducting" a diagram "seminar" for a short time at ELHS and I'm thrilled to know that quite a few students attended even though it was an after-school project.

The museum is open from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Call Bill Harrison Sr. if you would like to arrange for a special tour.

Some of you readers of this article may recall hearing W.E. "Bill" Thorn, a popular speaker and former pastor and educator, present the program at a Chamber of Commerce banquet several years ago. I wish to close with excerpts from a two page article written by him and published in a recent issue of The Baptist Standard:

"A sense of humor is a wonderful adjunct to common sense... Our five senses are incomplete without a sixth—a sense of humor. It is the cheapest luxury we can possess."

Another new look at Rice

The Raider mascot isn't the only one sporting a new look this year. The Raider Flag Corps not only have new uniforms, but also new and colorful flags. Pictured above are, from left, Jessica Whisnant, Alesia Woolridge, Capt. Sarah Eggemeyer, Capt. Theresa Adkins, Capt. Misty Cranek, Mandy Priesmeyer, Kelly Thomson and Kim Henske.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

Kid Safe project scheduled again in Wharton

An award winning, one-day, emergency and safety program for youngsters is going to be in Wharton Sept. 25.

The Kid Safer Project is a one day procedure and personal safety program for children ages five to 14 and their parents.

It is presented by local health care and emergency service nurses, police, firemen, paramedics, professional experts and community educators.

Kid Safe will be in Wharton Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

School age children and parents are invited to come have some serious fun learning important safety skills that can save their lives.

There will be classes, hands-on training and experiences vital to the children in emergency situations.

Among the topics will be prevent sexual molestation, parenting, rescue 911, children and guns, be safe with super snacks, pet animal safety, and more.

A free "Trail guide to Safety" along with t-shirts, refreshments and balloons will be given to the youngsters.

The first 125 registrants will get to eat from a 100 ft. banana split and meet Safety Pup, the Kid Safe mascot.

The entire event is free to the public through a grant from the Gulf Coast Medical Foundation to the South Texas Medical Educational and Research Organization.

Garwood named 'Texas Successful School'

Texas Commissioner of Education, Lionel "Skip" Meno, honored schools around the state at the Texas Successful Schools Awards ceremony in Austin this summer. The Garwood School in Rice CISD was one of the schools honored at the ceremony.

Garwood was one of the 1,289 schools out of 6,184 statewide which were identified by the Texas Successful Schools Award System (TSSAS) for academic performance gain or high performance from Fall 1990 through Fall 1992. Garwood School received the Governor's Certificate for outstanding effort on the TAAS.

Garwood Principal John Mader was one of the 124 high performance school principals individually congratulated on stage and presented with a plaque during the ceremony. Another 826 schools also received certificates for efforts. In addition, 507 schools received monetary awards for their performance gains. The awards given out totalled $20 million.

The Texas Legislature created TSSAS to identify and reward schools that demonstrate progress or success in achieving the educational goals of the state. The funds given to schools that demonstrate a high degree of academic performance gain are intended for academic enhancement use at the winning schools.

Cynthia Boenisch and Irene Mader, teachers at Garwood School, accompanied Principal John Mader to Austin this summer to receive the Texas Successful School Award for high performance on the TAAS in 1991-1992.

Photo Courtesy of John Mader

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Varley gets award

Richard S. Varley was chosen by the United States Achievement Academy as an All-American Scholar and winner of the English Merit Award. He graduated from Grapeland High School and will attend Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Varley of Conroe, former residents of Sheridan. His grandparents are Richard and Martha Varley of Grapeland. His great grandparents are Mrs. S.D. Anderson of Grapelanad and the late Tom and Opal Varley.

Farm bureau county convention draws near

The Colorado County Farm Bureau convention is set for Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Columbus High School cafeteria.

A dinner of roast beef and trimmings will be served by Mikeska's Catering.

Guest speaker will be Ned Meister, director of Regulatory Affairs for the Texas Farm Bureau in Waco.

The tickets for the dinner are $2.50 each before noon Friday, Sept. 10, or $4 if purchased after the deadline or at the door.

This annual meeting purpose is to adopt policies for the coming year and elect voting delegates for the state convention Nov. 28, in San Antonio.

Board if Directors' terms expiring this year are Max Dittmar, Billy Hefner and Kenneth Koehl.

The nominating committee is looking for candidates for the director positions on the County Farm Bureau Board. To qualify, a member must derive his or her principal income from farming or stock raising.

Anyone wanting to be a director or having a suggestion for a nominee should call Perry Kloesel at 409-732-2083 or the Bureau at 409-732-2382.

All members are encouraged to attend the county convention. However, only agricultural producers may vote or be elected to office, according to the county bylaws.

The Bureau's Policy Development Committee is also accepting suggestions for resolutions from producer members. The suggestions will be discussed and voted on at the county convention.

Resolutions adopted on local matters will become policies. Those adopted on state and national matters will be recommendations for the consideration of the state and national meetings.

Policy committee chairman is Billy Hefner of Garwood. A policy development meeting was held, Aug. 31 at 8 p.m. All members are invited to attend the county convention.

Maria Elena Hernandez

Queen candidate for Our Lady of Guadalupe Church this year is the daughter of Arturo and Maria E. Hernandez of Eagle Lake. She is 13 and in ninth grade at Rice High School. She will be crowned at the annual picnic dance Sept. 8 at the Eagle Lake KC Hall.

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been a prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of Corregidor, are hopeful of his liberation soon...

Gene Selph A-S of Chesterville writes from San Diego that he expects to finish boot training and be home by May 26th on leave...

Deep regret was felt in Eagle Lake when the War Dept. notified **Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Eggers** of Houston that their son, **Sgt. Glenn E. Eggers** died serving with the 124th Cavalry in China...

Pfc. Ray Zahradnick, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Zahradnick**, arrived Tuesday from Torney Hospital in Palm Springs, Calif. where he had been recuperating from wounds in the Louzon Campaign...

After serving 22 years on the faculty of the Eagle Lake School, **Mrs. H.H. Holman** has announced her intention of retiring at the completion of this school session, May 25th...

Staff Sgt. Frederick Hoeninghaus, son of **Mr. & Mrs. F.A. Hoeninghaus**, arrived in Eagle Lake Friday from San Antonio where he was discharged from the armed forces...

Mrs. Alvin Linke, Mrs. John Miles and **Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Sanders** of Eagle Lake attended funeral services for **Mrs. J.W. Wagley** in Weimar Monday.

The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything. Bishop W.C. Magee

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