

SHERIDAN NEWS

By Janet Dupré

There were 17 members and wives attending the Lions Club Ladies Night last Tuesday. One of the main topics discussed was the Lions Sight First Program. This program promotes preventative eye care.

The Lions are very concerned with problems with eye care. They sponsor the collection of used eye glasses along with other aspects of eye problems. This time they are concerned with stopping a problem before it begins. The object is to keep your sight before going blind.

Other topics discussed were a Slew Supper Report, showing the gross was around \$5,200 and the Blood Drive which collected 17 pints, little short of the anticipated goal, but every penny counts.

This year's Christmas party will be Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. We will eat at 8. Debbie Vawter is entertainment chairman.

There will be a Christmas Light Contest around the community. Alan Kloss is chairman. If you are interested in having your house judged, be sure to contact him.

Shut-in baskets will again be prepared for those who are home bound. Warren Dupré Jr. is chairman. The next and last business meeting for this year was to be Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Sheridan Park and Recreation Center (S.P.A.R.C.) will hold a Board of Directors meeting Dec. 15. All those who are interested in attending are welcome.

There are other activities going on that night, so this meeting is subject to change. Be sure to contact any of the Board for a definite date.

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Carmen Jackson, Ginger Stiehler,

and Leah Ross will be decorating a tree at the new park.

There will be a Parents and Teachers of Sheridan (P.T.S.) meeting Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. in the school gym. The program will be provided by the students and Santa Claus will be on hand for pictures. Refreshments will be provided after the meeting.

The Sheridan Emergency Aid (S.E.A.) and the Sheridan Fire Dept.

will hold a joint Christmas party Dec. 15.

On Oct. 16 the Colorado County Childrens Service Board held a golf tournament at the Columbus Golf Course. The event proved to be very successful and enjoyable while raising \$3,911.24. The proceeds from the event will help the foster children and abused children of our county. Loreta McCloud, Larry Varley and Darnell Varley serve on this board.

They appreciate businesses and individuals in the community who supported this event. They were: Brisco Brothers, Dupré Lease Service, Oak 'n Acorn, Mr. Warren Dupré Sr., Bluebonnet Insurance Agency, Sheridan Dairy Delite, Becky Baxter, Bertha and Maurice Adams, Dale and Doreen Alexander, Carmen Jackson, Judy Pustejovsky, Alfred and Teel Blanchard, Betty and Dean Varley, Bonnie Smith, and Delaine Pittman.

Train the trainers safety program set

A train the trainer program is scheduled in Dec. via satellite to help pesticide applicator teachers conduct worker protection training courses.

Starting in April 1994, all farm workers in the United States must

receive pesticide safety training as mandated by the 1992 Federal Worker Protection Standard (WPS).

Licensed and certified pesticide applicators who attend this Dec. 16 satellite conference will learn about

WPS training requirements and how to use the WPS teaching materials. Participation in the training opportunity is recommended but not yet required in Texas.

On Thursday, Dec. 16 from 10:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., a program will be broadcast and applicators may attend at the Harris County Extension office in Houston. The program is a national broadcast from the Environmental Protection Agency and Extension Service-USA, in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The broadcast will include a call-in question and answer period followed by a 30 minute on-site presentation by the TDA.

According to the proposed regulations of the Texas Dept. of Agriculture, only licensed private, commercial and noncommercial pesticide applicators may conduct worker training and issue verification cards. Certified private applicators may train but may not issue verification cards.

IRS has undelivered refunds

The Internal Revenue Service has about 25 refund checks from 1992 which were returned as undeliverable in the Victoria and greater-southeast Texas area.

The largest unclaimed check is for \$2,426 and the smallest for \$1.00. When refunds are returned, the IRS attempts to find the taxpayer and deliver the checks but there are always a few who cannot be found.

Taxpayers who were expecting refunds and have moved or changed their names during the year are asked to call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

The best way to avoid misdirected refunds is to use the peel-off label found on your tax package and make any changes in address on that label.

Rice FTA to hold toy drive

The Rice High School Future Teachers of America are planning a toy drive Dec. 13-21. Anyone who would like to donate toys to the club's Christmas project may drop them off at the high school during that week.

The FTA donated canned and nonperishable foods to the Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry for their Nov. Thanksgiving project.

They plan to enjoy a Christmas party Dec. 16 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Thornton.

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Antiquated but still chugging

Dan and Maryann Gertson's antique cars took first place in their category during Saturday's parade. Riding with the Gertsons are some of their grandchildren.



Street full of snowmen... and girls

Members of Glenda Blair's Eagle Lake Gymnastics dressed as Frosty the Snowman for the parade. Above, Karen Epps helps the younger members keep in line, from right, Colton Epps, Clayton Bowen and Kelly Koneck. The group took first place in the marching/twirling category.

Views On Dental Health

YOUR SENSITIVITY THRESHOLD

If you are treated for gum disease and some of the roots of your teeth have been exposed, you may experience a temporary sensitivity to heat and cold. Much will depend on your sensitivity threshold and the extent of the treatment needed to restore your teeth and gums to a healthy condition.

Whatever sensitivity you are feeling, however, can probably be reduced or eliminated. For instance, your dentist may apply fluoride or sodium fluoride or some other solution to the root surface to eliminate the sensitivity. He may also recommend that you use a special toothpaste, such as Sensodyne, to reduce the sensitivity more rapidly while your gums are healing.

Whatever discomfort you may experience initially, however, is a small price to pay for saving your teeth. Gum disease is a major cause of tooth loss. It should be treated as promptly as possible by your dentist. If you have noticed occasional bleeding when you brush your teeth or any signs of gum discomfort, see your dentist for treatment.

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Last minute adjustments

Sammy Meitzen (in the black hat with his back to the camera) makes adjustments to the wagon he and Judy entered in the parade. Looking on, far left, is Judy's daughter, Kasey Eubanks.



Getting ready

Sandy Bendy lined up the trophies to be given for the top entries in Saturday's "Spirit of Christmas Parade" sponsored by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce.

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SPORTS

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Raider Varsity romps over Edna, Needville

The Rice boys varsity basketball team made a run to Edna, Dec. 3, for a 62 to 46 victory.

The Raiders played a good defense throughout although the offense was not as sharp as they could have been, according to Coach Ray Reynolds.

As the top scorer for Rice, Antrone Clark managed to rack up a solid 21 points for the Raiders with 8 rebounds, 2 steals and 3 assists.

Ernest Sims made 9 points with 4 rebounds, 2 steals and 4 assists; Jerome Haynes had 7 points, 5 rebounds

and 2 blocked shots; Jason Brunner also added 7 with 3 steals. Louis Barrow had 5 points and 4 rebounds; Brad Gohlke had 4 and 5 with 2 blocked shots; Sam Mader added 4 and 3 with 3 steals and 3 assists; Darian Barrow had 3 and 3 assists; and Brandon Mathis had 2 and 2 assists.

Dec. 6 for another winning score of 63 to 60.

The game was close but the Rice varsity boys showed their skill with sharp performances. Coach Reynolds noted the game was won at the free throw line and with their solid defense.

Clark led the scoring with 18 points, 5 rebounds and 6 assists. Barrow, Brunner and Mader added 8 points each while Barrow put in 6 and Haynes added 5. Making 4 each for Rice were Sims and Gohlke as Mathis

dropped in 2 more.

Scoring by Quarters

Quarter	1	2	3	4	Total
Rice	14	18	17	14	63
Edna	11	15	16	18	60

The Raiders play this weekend in the Needville Tournament beginning Friday at 7 p.m. against Danbury in the Needville Middle School gym.

Meanwhile, at Rice High School, the freshman boys and girls will be hosting tournaments starting Thursday at 4 p.m.

Raiders take on Alumni over holiday

The first Rice Raider Alumni Basketball Game is slated for Monday, Dec. 27, at 6 p.m.

This game between the Rice varsity boys and the former Raiders will take place at Rice High School. Any alumni who are graduates from Rice, Eagle Lake, Garwood, E.H. Henry or Sheridan High Schools are eligible to play in the game.

All those interested in participating should contact Coach Ray Reynolds or Coach Mark Johnson at Rice High School, 234-3543, before Dec. 21. Sign up soon before the team roster is filled.

This game promises to be fun and exciting for the players and fans alike. Everyone is invited to attend and see your favorite exes take on the current Raiders.

Melnar, Krpec to wed

Audrey Lynn Cole of Sheridan, Victor F. Melnar Jr. of Hallettsville, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Krpec of Rosenberg announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Angela D'Ann Melnar and Robert DeWayne Krpec.

The bride elect is a graduate of Schulenburg High School. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Fuller of Sheridan and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Melnar Sr. of Hallettsville.

Krpec graduated from B.F. Terry High School in Rosenberg. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Muesse of Garwood and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sumner of Edna and the late Michael Krpec Sr.

The couple plan to wed Dec. 18 in Las Vegas, Nev.

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Rice JV keeps tournament trophy

The Rice Raider Junior Varsity hosted a seven-team basketball tournament Dec. 2-4. Participating in the tournament were St. Joseph, Tidehaven, Schulenburg, Needville, Victoria, East Bernard and Rice.

The Rice boys won all three of their games to clinch the tournament championship.

They opened the play against St. Joseph Thursday night to earn a victory of 69 to 61. High point scorers were Robert LaBlanc with 15, B.J. Dupré with 14 and James Eaton with 13. Adding to the score were Jesse Bishop with 7, Ricardo Roque and Garrett Hagendorf with 6 each, and Audre Hatton and Christian Cordova putting in 4 points apiece.

The JV Raiders went on to beat their second opponent, East Bernard, by a score of 50 to 39.

Bishop had the high score with 15 and Dupré had 12. Shooting 6 each were Roque, Hatton and Hagendorf, while Cordova added 3 and LaBlanc dropped in 2.

The Raider coach commented that

their outstanding defense throughout the tournament was the key to this young Raider team's winning ways.

The Raiders wrapped up the championship with their final game when they beat Victoria, 62-53. This put the Victoria, a 5A school, in second place for the tournament.

Dupré shot 17, Hatton and Eaton made 13 each and LaBlanc added 10 as the high scorers for the game. Bishop put in 8, Hagendorf contributed 6, Roque added 4 and Osvaldo Silva and Dean Hengst each made 2 points for the win.

Three Raiders made the all-tour-

nament team: Dupré, Hatton and Bishop. The Rice coach said he wished all his players could have received this honor.

Bishop also took second place in the 3-point shooting contest. He made 13 out of 20 attempts in 1 minute 30 seconds.

Sheridan teams take on Sacred Heart

The Sheridan School boys and girls teams played Sacred Heart from Hallettsville, Dec. 2.

The Sheridan silver Raiders lost their contest with a tight 23-21 score.

David Rangel was the high point shooter with 12 points while Johnny Slawinski added 5 and Matt Milentz put in 4.

The blue Raiders did well in their game to beat Sacred Heart 37-28.

Sharing the scoring were Josh Godley with 14 points, Pete Rangel with 12, Kevin Godley with 6 and

Jeremy Gohlke, Matt Jordan and Jay Knight putting in 2 each.

In the Lady Raiders action, the Sheridan girls lost 17-14 in their cage effort.

Misty Tesch led the Sheridan girls efforts with 5 points and Jenny

Hajovsky made 4.

Natesha Glover and Leslie Kershner each contributed 2 points to the score.

The Sheridan teams are scheduled to play St. Michael's in Weimar Friday. Games begin at 5 p.m.

Lady Raiders tripped up at Giddings tourney

The Lady Raiders varsity basketball team had a disappointing series of games recently.

They lost to Schulenburg on Nov. 30 by a score of 43-55. Then they won the first and dropped two games in the Giddings Tournament, Dec. 2.

Kaci Klein led the Rice team's scoring against Schulenburg with 21 points to her credit. Annette McTea dropped in another 14 points while Paula Barrow added 6 and Rebecca Burrow made 2 more.

"All the Lady Raiders played a great game in spite of the loss. They are looking better each day," stated Coach Susan Pittman.

In Giddings, the Lady Raiders

played their opening game with Cameron. The girls from Rice were victorious with a 54-36 score.

McTea led the Rice team with 15 points; Klein had 12, Nicole Chamberlain made 8 and Bridget Baird had 6. Barrow and Burrow added 4 each while Regina Valdez and Shea McClanahan each put in 2 points.

B.J. Salazar was a strong contributor to the Lady Raiders' win.

The Lady Raiders took on Lockhart next that evening for a tough game that ended in a loss for Rice of 28-60.

Klein was again high scorer with 10 points. McTea contributed 6 (See Ladies, Page 9)

Leopold is district honorable mention

The all district teams for 22-AAA volleyball were announced last week. Stacey Leopold, a senior at Rice High School, received an honorable mention to the team as well as being named to the academic team.

Also named to the academic team for the district are juniors Shea McClanahan, Kaci Klein and Regina Valdez, and sophomore Rebecca Burrow.

Games This Week!

Thurs., Dec. 9..... Sheridan basketball at St. Michael, Weimar, 5 p.m.
Thurs.-Sat., Dec. 9-11..... Raider Freshman Tournament
Raider Varsity at Needville Tournament, TBA

Freshman Tournament, Girls Division, First round of games:
Thurs., Dec. 9..... Bellville vs. Giddings, PAC Gym, 4 p.m.
Wharton vs. Sealy, main gym, 5:30 p.m.
Schulenburg vs. Cuero, PAC gym, 7 p.m.
Rice vs. Edna, main gym, 8:30 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 10..... JV & V Lady Raiders at Schulenburg Tournament, TBA
Mon., Dec. 13..... Garwood basketball at Lago, 5 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 14..... F, JV & V Raiders vs. Schulenburg, Here, 5 p.m.
F, JV & V Lady Raiders at Smithville, 5 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 16..... Sheridan basketball at St. Phillips, El Campo, 5 p.m.
ELMS girls basketball vs. Sealy, 5 p.m.
ELMS boys basketball at Sealy, 5 p.m.

Thurs.-Sat., Dec. 16-18..... Rice Varsity Tournament, TBA

ELMS girls begin hoop action on hopeful note

The team's speedster attack comes from Wright, LaToya Parker, Rochelle Teague, Lori Grigar and Rachelle Lemons. Lemons made 10 points and Teague added 4. Rounding out the A team power force were Ideth Gonzales, Hollie Shindler, Caeli Gertson, Amanda Meahan and Jennifer Christ.

Their second game was a heart-breaking trip to Bellville for a battle on overtime and a 28-26 loss. The exciting game had everyone on the edge of their seats from the first tip to the final buzzer.

Wright led the scoring attack with 16 points followed by Teague with 6, Lemons and Parker with 2.

Coach Clark said she is pleased with her young ladies' progress so far this season.

She commented, "They have an incredible amount of team spirit and unity. They know how to win powerfully and how to lose graciously with sportsmanship. I know this will prepare them for the many different pressure situations in life. I am proud of this team because they never, never give up. We will go for it."

opportunities to get across half court and set up offensive action.

Top scorer for ELMS was Amy Obenhaus with 4 and 12 rebounds, followed by DeeAnn Meehan with 2 and 6 rebounds and Devin Douglas with 1 point and 7 rebounds.

Helping the team effort with rebounds were Amanda Dusek with 10, LaShawna Thomas 6 and Risa Waddell and Shelley Cunningham getting 1 each.

In the eighth grade blue game Dec. 6, they put up a stronger defense against opponent Columbus but could not shoot the baskets needed for a win. Final score was Columbus 28, ELMS 15. This was a season high for the ELMS girls noted Coach Jane Laws.

Thomas was the top scorer with 7 points, 7 rebounds and 6 turnovers. Adding 2 points each to the score were Dusek, Meehan, Nina Salazar and Obenhaus who also made 13 rebounds.

LaShawna Thomas was named player of the week. She hit a 3-point shot plus some outside jumps to spark the team effort.

The ELMS eighth grade Lady Raiders play in a tournament in Columbus Dec. 9-11.

Did You Know...
The first five-time world boxing champion was Sugar Ray Robinson.

The ELMS eighth grade girls blue team has not fared quite so well in its recent games. They played Smithville Dec. 2 for a hard 41-7 loss followed by a second defeat at Columbus Dec. 6, 28-15.

The eighth grade blue had a very difficult time breaking the press that Smithville maintained throughout the game. The Lady Raiders found few

Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

PUT A STOP TO CONTACT DERMATITIS

Athlete's foot may get more press, but contact dermatitis is by far the most common of foot inflammations. Anything that touches the foot can trigger contact dermatitis, from dyes in shoes to ingredients in bath soap. In its mildest form, the condition may show up as little more than slight localized redness or itching. In acute attacks, it can quickly become extremely painful and even debilitating. In such cases, the skin may turn a deep red, crack and peel, and a watery discharge may ooze from the cracks. Unchecked, contact dermatitis can spread to other parts of the foot and leg, and become complicated by infection. Treatment is usually accomplished at home following a regimen prescribed by your doctor.

You foot aren't supposed to hurt or cause you discomfort. When they do, there are many steps you can take to get relief. The first, and probably most important, is a visit to your podiatrist. Whether it's contact dermatitis that's got you down, or any other foot problem, let us do what we do best — diagnose and treat the problem so you're back on your feet quickly and painlessly. For complete foot care for everyone in your family, call us at 234-5571, at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. I am there the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

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