

This Week's Action!

Fri., May 5 Raider Varsity Baseball at Edna, 7 p.m. Tues., May 9 Raider Varsity Baseball vs. Hallettsville, Here, 7 p.m. Fri. & Sat., May 12 & 13 Varsity Track State Meet, Austin *District competition

Eagle Lake Little League Opening Day Schedule Saturday, May 6

10:00-10:55 a.m. Raiders vs. Sharks 11:00-11:55 a.m. Cardinals vs. Hurricanes 12:15-1:45 p.m. Mustangs vs. Astros 2:00-3:15 p.m. Sheridan Tornadoes vs. Martins 3:30-5:00 p.m. Garwood Red Darlings vs. Angels 5:00-6:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies 6:00-7:00 p.m. Sharks vs. Lil' Sluggers 7:15-8:45 p.m. Rockies vs. El Dodgers

SPORTS

Rice High athletic banquet set for May 11

The 1995 Rice High School athletic banquet will be held on Thursday, May 11, in the high school commons at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are \$6 each and may be purchased at the offices of RHS, Eagle Lake Middle School, Sheridan School, Garwood School or the Rice Athletic Department. Tickets went on sale starting Wednesday, May 3, and ending Wednesday, May 10. There will not be any tickets sold at the door, so get your tickets before May 10. We hope everyone will come out and support our athletes as they are recognized for their accomplishments for the 1994-95 school year. You can contact Coach Dennis Jackson at the PAC Center if you have any questions, 234-3543.

Athletic scholarships available

Over 100,000 collegiate athletic scholarships are available each year to male and female high school and junior college students athletes. Contrary to popular belief, students do not have to be all-state to qualify. Much of this money goes unused. A new publication with forms, sample letters and tables of factual information is available for student athletes. For information, send a self-addressed (business size), stamped envelope to the National Sports Foundation, 611A Willow Drive, P.O. Box 940, Oakhurst, NJ 07755.

Rice Rookies baseball begins Saturday

The Rice Rookies will begin their 1995 baseball season this weekend in the 11th Annual Colorado River Valley Shootout tournament at Veteran's Field in Weimar. The Rookies' first tournament game will be played Saturday, May 6, at 2 p.m. against the Shiner Clippers. The next game is scheduled for Sunday, May 7, with the opponent and time of play to be determined by the outcome of the first game. This year, the Rookies are competing in the South Central Texas Amateur League along with Flatonia, Schultenburg, Shiner, Victoria, Weimar, La Grange and Bernardo. Concessions will be available and everyone is invited to come out and watch the Rookies in some really exciting baseball action, played by some very talented area athletes.

CAN WE AFFORD NOT TO HAVE A HOSPITAL?

A vote for:

- 1. No travel cost for visiting a loved one in the hospital.
2. We will keep local doctors and clinic visit costs will be lower with no travel expense.
3. Loss of work hours for a clinic visit will be less. About 2 hours at an average of \$6.00/hour for 5 visits a year would be about \$60.00.
4. Transportation of Heritage House residents to clinics and hospitals will be minimal.
5. We will keep approximately 89 hospital employees who are earning and spending in the area.
6. No loss to the area.
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9. No loss to the area. Possible gain.
10. An increase in tax base promoted by new industry enticed by a hospital in the immediate area. Enormous long term possibilities.
11. No major changes in present ambulance service.
12. Guaranteed full service hospital, including Level III trauma facility with the ability to immediately transfer trauma patients by LifeFlight.
13. Complete care for you and your loved ones on a timely basis in a traumatic situation.

A vote against:

- 1. Must travel approximately 60 miles round-trip at 30¢ per mile. Average \$18.00 cost for a single visit to a loved one.
2. No local doctors. A family of 4 at an average of 5 visits a year per person would cost about \$360.00 a year in travel expense.
3. Loss of work hours for a clinic visit will involve at least 4 hours at \$6.00/hour for 5 visits a year would be about \$120.00.
4. The cost to transport Heritage House residents to clinics and hospitals will be large. Possibility of losing Heritage House.
5. We will lose about 89 hospital employees at a total payroll of \$2 million.
6. \$2 million payroll times 4.5 (the multiplier used by the Memorial Systems Analysis) to determine how a payroll spreads through the area) is a \$9 million total economic loss to the area.
7. Loss of about 18 clinic employees because doctors will not have a clinic where there is no hospital.
8. Loss of economic activity for area merchants due to loss of hospital and clinic employees who will relocate.
9. Decline in property value due to depressed economy and decreased tax base which will lead to higher taxes in order to maintain county and school services at present levels.
10. Loss of potential new industry that could help boost the tax base. Lower tax base means higher individual taxes.
11. Probable increase in taxes to provide ambulance service. Substantial lost work time for volunteers.
12. No Emergency Service. Possibility of a health care clinic staffed by student doctors.
13. WHO KNOWS?

Chamberlain places at regional track meet

Nikki Chamberlain competed in the Regional Track Meet on Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29, at Blinn College. She won her heat in the preliminary round with a time of 46:44 and was just nipped at the finish in the finals for second place with a time of 46:80. This third place finish makes her an alternate for the state meet in Austin. We would like to congratulate her for her efforts in this meet and throughout the year. We increased our place from sixth last year to third this year and we have at least two years left to try and win the state meet. Nikki represented the Rice CISD very well and should be proud of herself.

Healing service set at St. Mary's today

Are you in need of healing? Be it mental, emotional, physical or spiritual, plan to attend the healing service conducted by Paul Rymniak, Director of the Center for Peace. The service will be Thursday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada. Rymniak is an ordinary man, or so claims his critics. Multitudes will disagree with his self-assessment, for he is a healer known throughout the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

Columbus FFA participates in district check

On Monday, April 24, 12 Columbus FFA students traveled to district record book check in Brenham. Tara Hagedorn, Melissa Templeton, Kacey Stewart, Melanie Frank, Nicole Noska, Lynn Kopecky, Brian Potter, Ross Draper, Woody Jasek and Jordan Brod had their record books checked so they may receive their Lone Star Degree at State Convention. Samantha Jordan and Amie Malatek went for proficiency awards. All Lone Star Degree participants advanced to Area on May 13 in Brenham. Mr. and Miss Columbus FFA will also compete.

The cost of this tax to the average tax payer will be about \$50.00 to \$120.00 per year. It seems strange that we are willing to pay for average automobile insurance which costs about \$800.00 annually, to guarantee that one car will be repaired in the event of an accident, so why would you not be willing to pay an average of \$100.00 per family a year to insure the repair of your body in the event of an accident? The money required to guarantee peace of mind for you and your loved ones can be very easily found by any of the following methods.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Rows include Eating Out, Family of four, Movie Rental, and Movie Theater.

This should not be looked at as a tax, but as an investment in your family's health and welfare in your family's health and future of our area.

Paid for by A Group of Concerned Citizens, c/o PO Box 67, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434

Market goat tag-in next Saturday

Tag-in for the Colorado County Fair Market goat show will be held Saturday, May 13, at 10 a.m. The goats will be tagged and weighed at this time. Afterwards, information about the project will be handed out and questions will be answered. A showmanship and grooming clinic will be taught to any interested exhibitors. Any Colorado County 4-H or FFA member is eligible to participate in the Market Goat Show. For more information call chairman Patsy Rutta at 409-732-5640.

Port City Stockyards 3rd Annual Spring Female Sale May 13, 1995 11 A.M. Young Cows Heifers Pairs Bred Open

Call 234-5521 CLASSIFIED ADS Deadline 5 p.m. Monday

Classified Directory with categories 1-25: Personal, Cards of Thanks, Help Wanted, Apartments for Rent, Real Estate, etc.