

RAIDER REVIEW

Meet the Raider

By Carrie Engstrom
This week's star player is Lance Grigar. Wearing jersey #3, he plays wide receiver and cornerback. Lance feels the team has a lot of talent. The playoffs are their goal and they won't expect anything else. He thinks the coaches have a great sense of knowledge about football and want to see them do well. Lance is the son of Mike and Melody Grigar of Eagle Lake. He is a member of the basketball, baseball, powerlifting and golf teams. He is also an active member of student council and reporter of the Senior Class.



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Rice FFA participates in fair

By Christie Crane
This past week local students that are active in FFA participated in the 1996 Colorado County Fair. These students worked with their animals for months preparing them for the moment of facing judges. Rice High School senior Chad Fucik, showed a market heifer, won Grand Champion in the exotic market steer division and also won Reserve Champion with his Junior open show heifer.

Juniors showing were Brooke Crane with eighth place poultry; Amy Obenhaus showed a lamb in the senior division and received Champion Showmanship; and Nicole Owens showed rabbits. Sophomores Jerica Smidovec showed a hog and received first place and showed a heifer in the open show; Scott Bittner showed a market steer. Freshmen entries were Brandon Shanks, receiving Champion in American Breed, Grand Champion in market steer, Sr. Beef Showmanship Champion, and Grand Champion Jr. open show heifer. Also, Cody Thompson showed a steer.

Jr. FFA'ers were active this year. Heather Shanks received Jr. Showmanship Champion, Reserve American Breed Jr. Show, and also showed a steer. This year's members of the Livestock Sr. judging team are Crane, Smidovec, Boenisch, Bittner and Justin Rodgers. Members of the Jr. team include C. Staff, Lauren Spanhel and Amber and Chad Mahalic. Congratulations to everyone!

'New' teacher welcomed

By Kelli Matthys
There is a new face walking around the halls of Rice High School. It belongs to Lee Politsch, the new English 2 teacher.

Mr. Politsch was born and raised in Pawpaw, Illinois, but has lived in Texas since 1972. Mr. Politsch attended Southwest Texas State University where he majored in Physical Education and minored in English. He is in his 12th year of teaching.

Mr. Politsch has worked various jobs, from being a road construction worker to a rice truck driver. He also has been employed as a golf course greenskeeper, electrician, carpenter, and a lumber yard delivery man.

Mr. Politsch is the proud father of two sons: Shawn, who is eight, and Christopher, who is three. His wife, Deborah, teaches pre-kindergarten during the day and child development classes at night.

I asked Mr. Politsch what his feeling toward Rice are? He said, "Probably the thing that made my assignment at Rice easiest to accept is knowing most of the students as well as I do." Mr. Politsch has been in and out of the Rice District since 1985 and every time his family moves, they realize Rice is where they belong.

Mr. Politsch also said, "All the people here - students, staff, faculty and community members represent all that is good in humanity and my family and I are proud to be a part of it." Rice High School is proud to have Mr. Politsch.

Commercial steers

By Stephanie Thompson
The Rice High School Commercial Steer Exhibitors are all geared up for a new year.

Rice is going to go for a Dodge truck like Jenny Hajovsky won at last year's Houston Livestock Show. The participants for this year are Brooke Crane, Chad Fucik, Amy Obenhaus, Justin Rodgers and Stephanie Thompson.

These five students will raise a pen of three Commercial Steers under feed lot conditions. The steers will be graded at Houston and that score, along with a test,

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Rice students win at local fair

Four Rice High School students from the Alternate Education classroom entered both home economics and western art divisions at the recent Colorado County Fair.

Erika Ellenbogen captured a Grand Champion ribbon for her sugar cookie entry. Her classmate, Jerry Miller, also won a Grand Champion ribbon for his dewberry pie. Eric Guthrie and Clifford Miller each received Best of Section ribbons. Guthrie's prize winning entry was a ceramic vase with bluebonnet decals, while C. Miller's entry was fudge candy.

Ellenbogen, Guthrie and J. Miller all received blue ribbons for their western art entries. C. Miller came home with a finalist ribbon for his art.

Ag Moos

By Jenny Hajovsky

Saturday, Sept. 21, the Livestock Judging team participated in the Washington County Fair Livestock Judging Contest in Brenham. A large crowd of 1100 FFA and 4-H kids spent all morning judging steers, heifers, lambs and hogs.

Competing in the senior division from Rice were Chad Fucik, Justin Rodgers, Brooke Crane, Scott Bittner, Kurt Rodgers and Brett Boenisch. Participating in the junior division were Lauren Spanhel, Chad Mahalic, Amber Mahalic and Camille Staff.

No one placed, but the teams are looking forward to another contest at the Fort Bend County Fair on Oct. 5.

Foreign exchange students

By Risa Waddell
The Rotary Club of Eagle Lake is sponsoring the foreign exchange student program which is aimed at Rice High School students who are interested in long term student exchange.

Usually students will stay for a year term in the country of their choice and live in three host's homes. To register to be an exchange student, students must write a 700 word essay. They also need to state their country preference and the number of years they have studied their desired language.

Interested individuals must obtain parental permission, a letter of referral from school officials, and contact three Rotarians who will support their efforts.

Those who are interested may contact Rev. Russ Minter of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club.

This program would be very beneficial in preparing a student for the world which lies ahead.

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Fudge, Murrile plan November wedding

Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Fudge of Altair announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Danna Ruth, to Gregory D. Murrile, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Murrile of East Bernard.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Rice High School and Southwest Texas State University. She is employed with Lamar CISD.

The prospective groom is a graduate of East Bernard High School and Southwest Texas State University. He is employed with East Bernard ISD.

The wedding is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on November 30, 1996, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in East Bernard.

'Fire Prevention Week' proclaimed in County

The Colorado County Farm Bureau joins Colorado County Judge Vince Slominski, firefighters and other businesses in promoting fire prevention and safety during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 6-12, 1996. This year's theme is "Let's Hear It for Safety! Test Your Smoke Detector".

It is sad to note that three-fifths of 1994 fire deaths, 3,425, occurred in only 7% of homes, which had no smoke detectors. More than 93% do have detectors, however and unfortunately, many of those do not work properly.

Let's make certain that all dwellings in Colorado County have properly installed smoke detectors and that they work! Test them monthly.

We commend all residents who have made the extra effort to clean up by removing all trash, whether solid or liquid, to improve our personal safety by avoiding fires and other hazards.

Thanks to our educators, also, who encourage cleanup and paint up efforts which improve our community (ies).

Let's not stop with this annual emphasis! Let's look at weekly and/or monthly safety emphasis issues.

Let's make fire safety a daily habit.

We at the Colorado County Farm Bureau and the County Extension offices stand by to help with suggestions and assistance toward improvement.



Colorado County Judge Vince Slominski signed a proclamation making Oct. 6-12 Fire Prevention Week. With Slominski is Jerry Krenak, Fire Marshall. Photo Courtesy of CCFB

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3. After picking the winners, fill in the blank at the bottom of the entry form with the total score of the weekly Rice Raider football game. The total score is the number of points each team will score in the game, added together. For instance, Rice 13, Sweeny 6; the total score is 19.
4. The entry with perfect guesses (excluding the tie-breaker score) will win. The prize is \$15 per week. If there is more than one perfect entry, the tie-breaker score will be used. If ties remain, up to three entries will be drawn from these entries, and the prize will be split three ways.
5. If there is no perfect entry in any week, that week's prize will be added to the following week. For instance, if no perfect entry is received the first week, then the second week the prize will be \$30.
6. If there is no perfect entry during the run of the contest or there is prize money remaining when the contest ends, the best entry during that time period will be declared the winner.
7. Entry forms must be in The Headlight office by 5 p.m. Friday before the games are played. Or, if mailed, must be postmarked with Friday's date, and be received by The Headlight in Monday's mail delivery. The Headlight will not be responsible for entries postmarked correctly but received Tuesday or later.
8. Winners will be announced on this page.
9. Only one entry per person per week.
10. Contest runs through November 14, 1996.

YOUR NAME COULD BE HERE!
WEEK #3 RESULTS
1. Bellville 42, Royal 12
2. Columbus 27, Needville 20
3. East Bernard 58, Danbury 8
4. Rice Raiders 0, Hallettsville Sacred Heart 28
5. Sealy 12, La Grange 20
6. Arkansas 38, NE Louisiana 21
7. Nebraska 65, Colorado St. 9
8. SMU 3, BYU 31
9. Texas A&M 10, Colorado 24
10. Univ. of Texas 10, Virginia 37
11. Cincinnati 10, Denver 14
12. Dallas Cowboys 23, Philadelphia 19
13. Houston Oilers 16, Pittsburgh 30
14. Minnesota Vikings 10, NY Giants 15
15. Washington 31, NY Jets 16
Last week's entries were closer than the first two weeks. Closest was Curtis Sevek of Sheridan... guess which two games he missed. Yes, the Sealy/La Grange battle and the Vikings/Giants. Both were "gimmies" that went wrong! Last Friday's game would have been a new state record for 3A football if Seal had won. Too bad! There was another perennial power-house who had their long winning streak broken... LaMarque (my and Leslie McDowell's alma mater) lost its first regular season game after a string of 50 or so! That's five years! That means some students went completely through high school without seeing the Cougars lose a regular season game... amazing! Fred Finka and Bobby Wied of Eagle Lake and Andrew Smallwood of Glidden were just behind Sevek with three misses. Good luck to everyone on this week's games.

ENTRY FORM
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Address: _____
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