


This Week's Action!



Date	Team & Time	Place
Thurs.-Sat.	Boys regional basketball game, Brenham	
Feb. 27-March 1	Girls basketball state tournament	
	Riader JV baseball at Rice Tournament	
	Rice softball at Schulenburg Tournament	
Fri., Feb. 28	Jr. High track at Cardinal Relays, Columbus	
	Rice V baseball at Van Vleck (2), 5 p.m.	
	Jr. High track at Cardinal Relays, Columbus	
Sat., March 1	Girls powerlifting at regionals, Runge	
	Rice V & JV track at Brehma Relays, Bellville	
Monday, March 3	Lady Raiders golf at Columbus	
Tuesday, March 4	Rice softball at Sacred Heart, 5 p.m.	
	Rice boys golf at Columbus	
March 6-8	State boys basketball tournament, Austin	
Thurs., March 6	Rice tennis at Rice, 4 p.m.	

## 22-3A all-district basketball teams selected

Josh Godley and Willie Cleveland of Rice were named to the first team of the 1996-97 22-3A All-District basketball teams.

Cleveland, a senior, led the Raiders in district with an average of 20.4 points per game. In addition, he averaged 7.2 rebounds and almost two steals and two assists per game.

Godley a junior, averaged 19.4 points per game in district play. He also led the district in rebounding by pulling down 10.7 rebounds per game. In addition, he averaged close to three steals and about four assists per game.

Kenny Pipkins, a junior, was named to the second team All-District.

## East Bernard holding 10th Annual Cook-Off

The East Bernard Fair Fund Inc. is hosting its 10th Annual Chili Cook-off this Saturday, March 1, on the KJT Riverside Hall grounds, off Hwy. 90A, beginning at 12 noon.

The money from this fundraiser is used at the Wharton County Youth Fair to ensure area youth receive an equitable price for their home economics and animal projects. The Fair Fund is a non-profit organization of volunteers.

Many don't know the origin of the East Bernard Fair Fund. In the early 1960s, the Wharton County Youth Fair was held next to WCJC and funded by Commissioners' Court. It was the second largest fair in Texas. When WCJC needed to expand, the fair was cancelled and we didn't have a fair for several years.

The El Campo Fryer Show was the only Wharton County Show available for the youth to show their projects.

It grew and had to be moved to the Billy Bode Auction Barn. Several men from each of the Wharton County towns would promote the children of their area. They called themselves the "Boy Builders". This group became the Wharton County Youth Fair Board Committee.

The fair began in the late 1960s, early 70s, under private ownership and moved to Pierce.

It was held in what is now known as the Prec. 4 Barn for several years. FFA students at East Bernard High School, under the direction of Gene Beyer and then Daniel Orsak, would contact local merchants to attend and purchase their projects. 4-H Clubs were not established.

The number of East Bernard and Lissie projects kept growing requiring more support.

In the early 1970s, several of the merchants in the East Bernard area expanded what became the first fair fund in Wharton County. They were called the "East Bernard Merchants": Hank Koyim, Albert Smaistria, Bill Hlavinka, Buck Boettcher, B.J. Sablatura, Robert Hlavinka, now the ag teacher, and Anita Neimann, were the first people to form together.

Anita Neimann was Hank Koyim's secretary at his feed store and handled most of the correspondence for the group. Mrs. Neimann and the men would divide a list of area merchants amongst themselves and contact them for a cash donation. Other towns followed their example. The group grew every year.

After the fair the projects were used to fix a meal and all the merchants who had donated or purchased a project were invited to come. Throughout the years, many times these projects purchased were donated to the East Bernard Little League, Lion's Club, East Bernard Fire Dept., or East Bernard EMS group.

Around the mid 1970s, during the fryer show at Pierce, a group of six couples went together to buy a fryer project because a child's project was receiving a low bid. Albert and Margaret Smaistria, Elroy and Gracie Schatz, Clarence and Anita Neimann, Jody and Audrey Kanak, Jody and Geri Smaistria and Bennie and Emily Svoboda, purchased this project.

The idea of the "Parent Fund" evolved. It would help take some of the pressure off area merchants, since this was not the only organization they supported. In later years, letters were sent out by the Fund to parents requesting each family donate \$10 to the Parent Fund.

The fair held at Pierce was held in the fall, like many other fairs in the area. In 1977, the Crescent school had closed and the land was purchased by the Wharton County Youth Fair. The fair was moved to the grounds in Crescent and was to be held in the spring of the year.

So, in April of 1977, East Bernard and Lissie youths were raising another set of animals to show in the fair. Not only merchants, but individuals donated to the East Bernard Merchants. Around 1978, the name was changed to the East Bernard Fair Fund to encompass everyone.

Many people have served in the Fair Fund over the years. In 1979, the Fair Fund listed 16 members: Bill Hlavinka, Hank Koyim, Buck Boettcher, Anita Neimann, Leroy Macha, Albert Smaistria, Bernard Sablatura, Hank Hlavinka, Raymond David, Dennis DeLaughter, Boyce Gertson, Bill Gerke, Don Demmy, Ronnie Grigar, Robert Hlavinka and George Krejci. They took approximately \$2800 to the fair, six projects were bought and \$300 was donated for parking lot upkeep.

East Bernard and Lissie entries in the fair averaged around 150 a year and growing. In 1988, they had 243 entries. Until 1988, Anita Neimann was the only woman on the Fair Fund Committee. The 4-H leaders at that time were asked to join the Fair Fund, as members.

In 1988 The Fair Fund listed 23 members: B. Hlavinka, H. Koyim, B. Boettcher, A. Neimann, Angelina Grigar, A. Smaistria, B.J. Sablatura, Daniel Orsak, B. Gertson, B. Gerke, D. Demmy, R. Hlavinka, Audrey Kanak, Eileen Prazak, Geri Smaistria, Wayne Robinson, Carolyn Gertson, Tina Kutach, Gail Guthman, Jo Ann Preisler, Alfred Schaefer, Linda Schatz and Maryann Morse.

Until 1988, the Fair Fund had only contacted businesses or individuals for donations. The first fundraiser, the Chili Cook-off, was held March 12, 1988, on the grounds of Pete's Place, owned by Pete and Bea Kovar. They donated the use of their grounds for the 18 teams.

While they were cooking, an auction was held. The public was invited to come and bid on the 58 items donated. We served chili and beans after the seven judges finished their selections and trophies were awarded. The cost of the meal served and the dance by the Reflections held later that evening was by donation. Many businesses and individuals donated their time and talents to make it a success. April 16, 1988, the Fair Fund purchased 18 projects.

The fundraising continued in much the same manner. In 1990 and 1991 we added a pie eating contest. The boys and girls from each of the 4-H and FFA Clubs collected pledges for their contestants. The winners received plaques and the club who collected the most pledges received an award. A special treat was a pie-eating contest between each club's leaders. The Fair Fund applied for and received a taxpayer identification number April 9, 1990.

In 1992, we had our first drawing tickets with a 1992 Chevy Silverado pickup as our grand prize. The rest of the prizes were cash gift certificates. Only 500 tickets were sold. We had 23 teams entered that year in the Cook-off. Incorporation was final Dec. 28, 1992. During the year, many were saddened by the passing of Bill Hlavinka. A donation was made to the Youth Fair in his memory.

In 1993, the Chili Cook-off was moved to the Riverside Pavilion and 26 teams entered. Our drawing consisted of a \$5,000 grand prize and several cash prize certificates. We sponsored a Beef Merit Heifer project for the fair. We purchased 26 projects at the fair this year.

The fund listed 26 members that year: Lonnie Beseda, B. Boettcher, A. Neimann, Chris King, A. Smaistria, B.J. Sablatura, B. Gertson, B. Gerke, D. Demmy, R. Hlavinka, Joe Preisler, Carter Anderson, Linda Schatz, Jody Polak, W. Robinson, C. Gertson, M. Morse, T. Kutach, G. Guthman, A. Schaefer, James Vincek, Daryl Kutach, Geraldine Jochee, Marguerite Ward, Kim Graves and Ginger Otto.

In 1994, tax exemption status was granted by the Internal Revenue Service. The fund sponsored a Beef Merit Heifer project again. Money was donated to the Juanita Smith Fund. She was a Wharton County 4-H member injured in a swimming accident and unable to show her project.

The fund voted on the monies to be used to purchase East Bernard and Lissie Sale of Excellence projects. It was to be used to purchase all unsold Freezer Sale projects with the remaining funds to be used as add-ons to projects that did not meet the predetermined price.

In 1995, the Fair Fund donated the price of the paint and supplies so that the East Bernard

# SPORTS

## Rice powerlifters place second at Raider championship

The Rice boys competed in their own Raider Powerlifting meet Thursday, Feb. 20, and placed second behind Smithville. Leading the way for the Raiders were the following place winners. Shaun Johnson, 1st; Brian Ford and Drue Dulany 2nd; Lance Grigar and Leon Taylor-Davis, 3rd; and Masion Pratt, 5th.

The next meet for the boys will be the Regional Qualifiers Meet which will be held on Saturday, March 8, at Tuloso-Midway High School.

The Raider Girls also competed in the meet and placed.

In the girls 140 lbs. and under class, Rachelle Kallina placed first; Lori Grigar, second; and Amy Obenhaus, fifth.

Congratulations to our powerlifting teams for both taking second place in the Rice Powerlifting Championships. Our young people had some great performances.

We would like to thank all the workers and kids that helped us out.

Thanks to the Rice Raider Boosters for sponsoring the meet.

The girls travel to Runge on Saturday, March 1 to compete in Regionals.

We have already qualified five girls for state and hope to get a couple more in at Runge.

Rice Meet - Boys						
Name	Wt. Class	Squat	Bench	Deadlift	Total	Place
Drue Dulany	114	175	130	225	530	2nd
Lance Grigar	123	280	130	270	680	3rd
Jamarcus Brooks	148	260	180	310	750	
Shaun Johnson	165	355	245	435	1035	1st
Leon Taylor-Davis	165	360	190	440	990	3rd
Masion Pratt	181	365	255	440	1060	5th
Jeremy Gohlke	181	350	240	405	995	
Brian Ford	SHW	460	325	485	1215	2nd

Girls						
Name	Wt. Class	Squat	Bench	Deadlift	Total	Place
Joy Hengst	140 & over	205	90	215	510	
Valerie Korenek	140 & over	210	90	180	480	
Rachelle Kallina	140 & under	250	100	240	590	1st
Lori Grigar	140 & under	195	95	210	500	2nd
Amy Obenhaus	140 & under	200	105	265	570	5th
Carmen Llorca	140 & under	175	70	210	455	
Caloche Cranek	140 & under	200	80	200	480	
Nina Salazar	140 & under	195	85	205	485	

## Raider track teams compete in Brazos Invitational

The Rice Raider track teams traveled to Wallis to participate in the Brazos Invitational Saturday, Feb. 22.

Placing for the junior varsity were Chad Kallina, 1st in the long jump and 100 meter dash; 2nd in the 200 meter dash; James Hassin, 5th in the 3200 meter run; and Dale Hentzell, 6th in the 400 meter dash.

Varsity: Brian Ford, shot put, 38; junior varsity: Chad Kallina, long jump, 17'11"; 1st; 100m dash, 11.39; 1st; 200m dash, 23.84; 2nd; Dale Hentzell, long jump, 14'10"; 100m dash, 12.54; 400m dash, 60.13; 6th;

James Hassin, 3200m run, 12:41.68; 5th; 1600m run, 6:05.83; Alvaro Rodriguez, shot put, 29'.

Congratulations to these young men on their efforts.

The Lady Raiders competed in their first meet of the year. The girls

performed very well, according to their coach.

### Running Events

Yaneth Najera, 3200m run, 16:38.00; Rochelle Teague, 3200m run, 17:12.00; Rachelle Kallina, Lori Grigar, Tierra Wright and Mildred Smith, 400m relay, 54.87; 4th; Wright, 100m hurdles, 17.07; 1st; Smith, 100m hurdles, 17:10; 2nd; Kallina, 100m dash, 13.80; 4th; Grigar, 100m dash, 13.90; 5th; Sha Sewell, 100m dash, 14.23; Sewell, Smith, Kallina, Wright, 800m relay 2:01.97; 6th; Jennifer Christ, 400m dash, 71.67; 4th; Grigar, 200m dash, 29.74; Sewell, 200m dash, 32.53; Teague, 1600m run, 7:44.00; Najera, 1600m run, 8:11.41.

### Field Events

Kallina, long jump, 13'10 1/2"; 4th; Christ, long jump, 13'8"; 5th; Wright, long jump, 12'6 1/2"; Wright, triple jump, 33'4"; 3rd; Kallina, triple

jump, 32'3"; 4th.

Congratulations to these ladies on their efforts. The team travels to Bellville Saturday, March 1, to compete in the Brahma Relays.

The 3200 meter run for JV boy and girls, varsity girls and boys will begin at 9 a.m.

Field events for all divisions will start at 9 a.m. All running events will start at 12:30 and will be finals only. Come support your kids.

Girls powerlifters will travel to Runge Saturday, March 1, for regionals. The team will leave after school Friday to get to the early weigh-in from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

We will be at the White Top Motel, Yorktown, Friday night; 512-564-2565.

## Nurses

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Ramona Hodges, RN; Jennifer Kiemstead, LVN; Helen Lamberth, LVN; Susie Luna, RN; Cynthia MacAllister, RN; Karen Merritt, RN; Marjorie Porter, RN; Connie Reibenstein, RN; Cherrie Richardson, RN; Kathy Rives, RN; Tammy Rives, RN; Margaret Rodriguez; Micki Spaulding, RN; Christi Trapp, RN; Janice Waddell, LVN; Beverly Wunderlich, R.Ph.

## Festival

make plans to attend. It should be a real treat.

Lilypons of Brookshire will be on hand to demonstrate water gardening and are planning to construct a portable backyard water-garden. Items from their store will be available.

The Columbus Native Plant Society will have a display area as well as plants for sale. A representative will be on hand to answer questions.

The group has started work on an area of native plants at the Refuge headquarters which will have identifications on all the plants.

Wildlife artists have been invited to attend and have their work on display as well as for sale in the Wintermann Library and the Farris 1912.

Art and photography contests will be held again this year. Southwestern Bell Telephone Pioneers will be sponsoring this event. Winners in the four categories will receive savings bonds.

The categories are: kindergarten through second grade, third-fifth, sixth-eighth, and high school.

First prize will be \$150; second prize, \$100; and third, \$50. If your grade or class had not been contacted, or if you don't have an art teacher, please call the Chamber Office at 409-234-2780 for more information.

A chili cookoff will be going on during the Festival. Annie Broesche will be heading up this year's event. The entry fee is \$10 before March 24 and \$12 after that and will cover the cost of trophies.

A minimum of five pounds of meat is required. Also, new cookers, no beans are to be added to the chili.

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contestants or you may purchase tickets to each individual event. Friday night will be \$12 at the door. Saturday night's BBQ is \$6; dance is also \$6.

A Festival pass costs \$20, a savings of \$4 off the cost of individual tickets, not to mention the drawing.

### Festival Booths

This Festival benefits Eagle Lake. To that end, the booths will be offered to persons from the Eagle Lake area first, then to Colorado County participants and then everyone else.

You must, however, register for a space before March 14. After that, spaces can't be held.

This year, there will be no planned duplication of food items for sale. If your club, civic group, church, etc. want to have a booth, please call Lucy Capps at 409-234-7447.

Each booth keeps its own sales. The Festival doesn't take a percentage or collect taxes. It only charges rent.

Anyone with items to sell (such as crafts, etc.) is welcome to set-up a booth as long as it is tasteful. The Festival committee has final approval of items for sale and reserves the right to limit or decline items and/or vendors.

This year, there will be hats, patches and balloons bearing the Festival logo available for sale at the Festival headquarters booth.

The committee has worked very hard to have something for everyone and encourage everyone to come out and support the Festival.

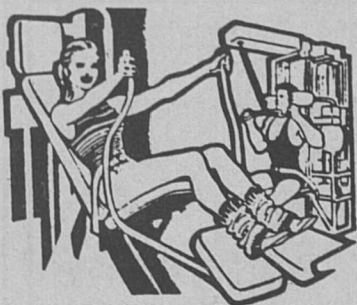
Festival passes (admittance to Friday night's dinner, Saturday's BBQ and dance and a special drawing) will be sold by the Eagle Lake Queen's

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If ulcers are left untreated they can cause holes in the wall of the stomach or intestines, bleeding, and intestinal obstruction. But the good news about peptic ulcers is that medical researchers have discovered that more than one-half of stomach ulcers and better than 90 percent of small intestine ulcers are associated with a bacteria known as *Helicobacter pylori* (*H. pylori*). Getting rid of this bacteria with antibiotics will, in most instances, help ulcers heal and prevent them from reoccurring. Although the link between peptic ulcers and *H. pylori* has been confirmed, not everyone who has this bacteria in the stomach gets ulcers. Researchers are not sure why. Other medicines used in the care of ulcers either reduce the secretion of acid into the stomach or provide protection for the lining of the stomach.

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### Views On Dental Health

ANTI-STAIN PRODUCTS — YES OR NO?


If you have badly stained front teeth, be careful before buying an over-the-counter product that is claimed to solve the problem. There are no commercial products on the market today that can compare to professional dental treatment for correcting stained teeth. Some products can even harm the teeth with excessive amounts of cleaning abrasive.

If your teeth have already lost a certain amount of enamel and you use a strong abrasive product, you can severely damage the dentin or exposed cementum (the inner part of the teeth) which may actually be the cause of the staining. Some people buy products to remove this type of yellowish stain only to find after extended use that the teeth become even darker and more eroded.

Therefore, never use a commercial product for treatment of stained teeth unless your dentist first prescribes it. Save your money! If you want your teeth to look lighter, visit your dentist and request professional treatment. Bleaching, bonding, or crowning can solve the problem.

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## Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

### THOSE CORNY HAMMERTOES

Corns are one of nature's ways of protecting the feet. When a bone or joint is irritated by the friction of a shoe, the foot's quite sensible response is to build up a tough plate of armor - a corn - over the troubled spot. This is why a corn is one of the characteristic signs of a hammertoe, a deformity in which a toe becomes fixed in a bent position. Hammertoes are caused by a biomechanical fault, or the way the body's weight is distributed when the foot hits the ground. When this system is out of whack, one of the toes' long bones (metatarsals) may buckle and the tendons tighten. This causes the affected toe to bend upward, with its knuckle protruding, and a corn to form to protect the knuckle. Home remedies cannot cure hammertoes. Orthotics (prescription shoe inserts) are often necessary to correct the biomechanical cause. The corn may need to be trimmed, and surgery is sometimes necessary to release the tendon.

Most people suffer from some kind of foot disorder - from hammertoes and corns, to ingrown toenails and bunions. Tight-fitting or high-heeled shoes are often the culprits, but heredity, poor foot care, injuries, or medical conditions can also cause problems. Whatever the state of your feet, your podiatrist can treat your problem to restore your comfort and ease of movement, and recommend action you can take at home. We offer complete family foot care by calling 234-5571, at Rice District Community Hospital. I am there every Tuesday.

P.S. Leaving hammertoes and hard corns untreated can lead to more serious problems with the lower limbs and back.

