

## This Week's Action!



Date	Team, Time, Place
Sat., March 21.....	RiceGirls track team at Schulenburg
Thurs.-Sat. ....	Raider baseball at Shinre Tournament March 19-21
Tues., March 24 ...	Raider baseball at Weimar, 4:30 & 7 p.m.
Friday, March 27 .	Raider baseball at Palacios, 4:30 & 7 p.m.

## Raider team tennis results given

The Raider tennis players participated in the Regional Team Tennis Tournament and, even though they did not win as a whole, there were some very impressive individual and doubles wins.

In the first match, where players participated in both singles and doubles, Rice was pitted against the #1 seed, Liberty.

In doubles play, Rice #2 boys team of Bo Vavrusa and Richard Vargas won their match.

Freshmen Kristen Wesselski and Koehl Cranek also won their mixed doubles match.

In the singles round, Barrett Thomas and Vavrusa were victorious and Cori Gertson won on the girls' side.

The first school to 10 wins was the

victor and Rice surprised Liberty with their five points.

In the second match, Rice went against Columbus.

In the boys doubles, Matt Milentz and Thomas defeated the #1 team of Lowe and Mills, 7-6, 6-4.

Vavrusa and Vargas again were winners, defeating Kolenovsky and Clore 6-3, 6-4.

In the mixed doubles, Jenna Hoffman and D.J. Sosa won 6-2, 7-6.

The girls doubles teams of Phillips and Gertson barely lost out in three sets.

In singles, Thomas won 6-0, 6-3 against Mills; Vavrusa defeated Kolenovsky 6-0, 6-1; and Vargas beat Clore 7-5, 6-4.

## District 22-3A announces 1997-98 All-District basketball teams

The 1997-98 All-District 22-3A boys basketball teams were recently chosen.

Rice had one player on the first team and two on the second team.

They also had one who received honorable mention.

Josh Godley, Rice's first team representative was the District 22-3A leader for the season as well as in district competition, averaging 21 points per game for the season and 24.2 in district contests.

Listed are the results of this year's voting:

**Most valuable player:** John Connor, a 6'1" senior from Columbus and Charles Tompkins, a senior from Hempstead.

**Newcomer of the year:** Brian O'Leary, a 5'11" junior at Columbus.

Player	School	Class	Justin Dahse	La Grange	Jr.
Travis Turner	Bellville	Jr.	Matt Giese	La Grange	Jr.
Bo Schobel	Columbus	Jr.	Kenny Pipkins	Rice	Sr.
Abdul Rasheed	H'ville	Sr.	Warren Scott	Rice	Jr.
Rodney Van					
Duran	Hempstead	Sr.			
Anthony Hood	Hempstead	Sr.			
Trey Barton	La Grange	Soph.			
Josh Godley	Rice	Sr.			

Player	School	Class	Justin Dahse	La Grange	Jr.
Justin Davis	Bellville	Sr.			
Adam Briscoe	Columbus	Sr.			
Eric Goode	H'ville	Jr.			
Kevin Tompkins	Hempstead	Jr.			

**Coach of the year (tie):** Tom Gerik of Columbus and Herschel Taylor of Hempstead.

Other district 22-3A players receiving Honorable Mention were: senior Clint Gertson of Rice; sophomore J.D. Zimmerhanel and junior point guard Shannon Dabney of Columbus; sophomores Ray Bellville and Robert Bellville of Bellville; junior John Steward of Hempstead; and senior Rodrick Warner of La Grange.

## Raiders cursed by Friday the 13th

The Rice Raiders fell to superstition and the Hitchcock baseball team on Friday the 13th by the score of 0-10.

The winning pitcher was Rodriguez; losing pitcher was Klay Korenek.

The Raiders did get one single each from Kincheloe and Baird.

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
Rice	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6
Hitchcock	1	1	0	5	3	10	6	1

## Sheridan announces 1998 Science Fair winners

The following are students who participated and placed in the Sheridan School Science Fair held recently.

**First grade:** Courtney Ross, first; Allyson Matthys, second; John Buegeler, third.

**Second:** Courtney Andrejczak, first; Randall Brown, second; Melissa Smith, third.

**Third:** Kayla Robertson, first; Kimberly Varley, second; Amber Buegeler, third.

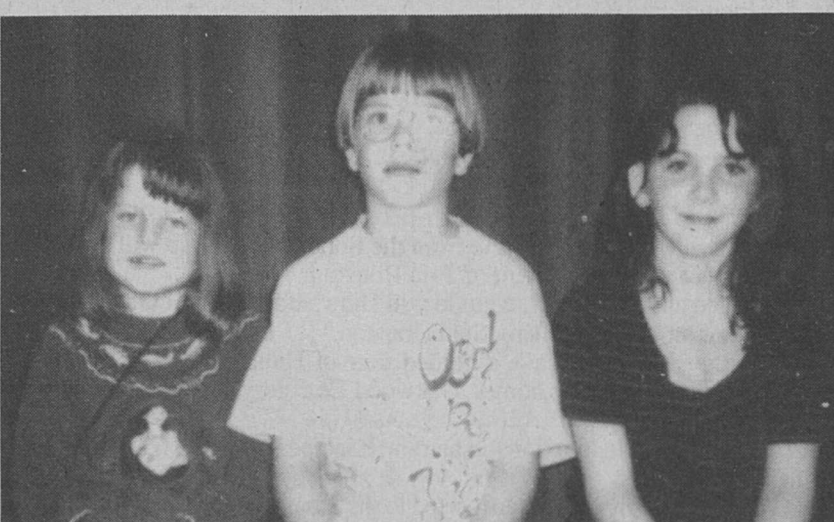
**Fourth:** Chelsea Ray, first; Jeremy Hill, second; Ashley Ticken and Buren Kallina tied for third.

**Fifth:** Rachel Peterson, first; Joseph Spencer, second; Tyler Kloss, third.

**Sixth:** Zachary Kloss, first; Billy Wilson, second; Paul Brown, third.

**Seventh:** Krystal Buegeler and Vanessa Aguilar tied for first; Jacqui Mahalitic and Jessica Werlla tied for second; Patrick Milentz, third.

**Eighth:** Jonathan Houser, first; Shelley Greak, second; Michael Lloyd and Michael Kincheloe tied for third.



Courtney Ross, Chelsea Ray and Kayla Robertson were overall winners in the recent Sheridan School Science Fair.

Overall Jr. High winners, pictured in photo below, were Vanessa Aguilar and Jessica Werlla. Not pictured was Krystal Buegeler.

Sheridan School Photos

## CCYFS talks alcohol, tobacco, drugs, pregnancy and parenthood

The use of alcohol, tobacco and/or other drugs (ATOD) during pregnancy continues to be a leading preventable cause of mental, physical and physiological impairments and problems in infants and children.

According to a recent National Institute on Drug Abuse study on estimated use of selected substances during pregnancy, 5.5% of women surveyed reported using illicit drugs while they were pregnant. Additionally, 18.8% reported using alcohol, and 20.4% reported using tobacco.

The cost of ATOD use during

pregnancy is high to society in both human and economic terms. Prevention, including education, can help alleviate those costs.

Heavy alcohol consumption by a pregnant woman can result in her child being born with fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS), the leading known environmental cause of mental retardation in the Western World. According to research estimates, 1-3 of every 1,000 babies are born with FAS.

There is no known safe level of alcohol consumption for a pregnant woman. Pregnant women who consume between one and two drinks per day are twice as likely as nondrinkers to have low birthweight babies and are at increased risk for miscarriage during the second trimester of pregnancy. Additionally, studies suggest binge-drinking, five or more drinks in a short amount of time, may be more harmful to the fetus than exposure to the same or larger amounts of alcohol spread out more evenly over time.

Pregnant women who use drugs such as heroin, methadone, amphetamines, PCP, marijuana, crack or cocaine can give birth to addicted babies who undergo withdrawal, known as neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS). Signs of NAS include increased sensitivity to noise, irritability, poor coordination, tremors and feeding problems.

Numerous studies suggest that infants of smoking mothers are at higher risk of dying of sudden infant death syndrome.

Pregnant women who smoke are more likely than nonsmokers to have low birthweight babies and babies are at risk for developmental delays. Maternal smoking is a contributing factor in 14% of premature deliveries in the United States. Additionally, there is a direct correlation between the amount of smoking during pregnancy and the frequency of spontaneous abortion and fetal death.

Alcohol, nicotine, marijuana, co-

caine and heroin consumed by nursing mothers is passed on to her baby through breast milk. Heavy drinking also can decrease her milk supply.

Adverse effects of secondhand smoke on children include: respiratory infections, increased prevalence of fluid in the middle ear, reduced lung function, increased frequency and severity of symptoms in asthmatic children and increased risk of asthma in children with no previous symptoms.

Alcohol and other drug use may interfere with a parent's caregiver role. A report by the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect states that 50-80% of all child abuse and neglect cases substantiated by child protective services involve some degree of alcohol and other drug use by the parents.

Parents who abuse alcohol and illicit drugs face risks of losing custody of their children. Pregnant women who continue to take drugs against medical advice face increased risks of losing custody of their babies once they are born. In some states, they also risk criminal prosecution.

More than 70% of AIDS cases among women are drug related, either through shared infected drug needles or through sexual contact with men who became infected when they injected drugs. Women who use intravenous drugs risk not only acquiring the HIV virus themselves but also the jeopardy of passing the virus and the drug to their unborn babies. Additionally, HIV-positive women can pass the virus through breast milk.

For more information, contact Youth & Family Services at 1-800-256-7321. All information is kept confidential. There is no fee for screening, assessment or counseling services. Youth & Family Services has offices in Weimar, Eagle Lake, Sealy, Bellville, Columbus, La Grange, Giddings and Hallettsville.

Please call for an appointment or if you have further questions.



## ELPS science fair winners

The Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) Science Fair was held during Public School Week, March 2-6. Medallions were presented to the winners at Open House held March 3.

Pictured are the winners in each grade level: front row, from left, Jonathan Contreras, kindergarten (K) 1st, "Are Fingerprints The Same?"; Caleb Gould, K, 2nd, "What Makes Things Fly?"; Holly Berger, K, 3rd, "Candle In A Jar"; second row, (l to r), Katie Hassin, 1st grade, 1st, "How Snow Gets Into Our Freezer?"; Phillips Castillo, 1st grade, 3rd, "Street Lights"; third row, (l to r), Shelly Myres, 2nd grade, 1st, "How Do Things Float?"; Samantha Castro, 2nd grade, 2nd, "Do Coins Corrode in Salt or Fresh Water More?"; Katlyn Thomas, 2nd grade, 3rd, "Who Has Germs In Their Mouth?"; back row, (l to r), Alberto Lozano, 3rd grade, 1st, "Acid Indicator"; Amanda Leal, 3rd grade, 2nd, "Which Keeps The Water Hotter Longer?"; Christopher Cordova, 3rd grade, 3rd, "Seeing Vibrations". Not pictured was Wayne Cisneros, 1st grade, 2nd.

Ninety-one students participated with projects. All participants received participant ribbons.

First grade teacher Jeannie Leopold was coordinator of the 1998 Science Fair.

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