

RAIDER REVIEW

Ellenbogen recognized for art

By Angie Leopold

Congratulations go out to Erika Ellenbogen for her formidable win in the Special Olympics 1998 Holiday Card Contest.

The tree drawing that she designed for the card entry has received honorable mention, granting her proud team, Rice Raiders, a \$100 scholarship.

Erika qualified for entrance in the contest as a Special Olympics athlete. She developed her holiday tree design with adherence to specific guidelines. The holiday card needed a relatively

simple design, with precise utilization of colors and particular regard to the Special Olympics theme, "Training for Life."

Referring to the first discovery of her win, Erika commented that she was "very happy and very proud." As a current sophomore in school, Erika has already noted that she is looking forward to entering the contest again next year.

Other activities in Erika's plans include competing in the Special Olympics Winter games, held Nov. 12-15, as a singles participant in bowling.

She also intends to express her artistic abilities by creating Western Art and home economics projects for the Colorado County Fair and by entering the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art Contest.

Erika is active in the Garwood United Methodist Church. She enjoys going to Six Flags Astroworld. Some of her favorite ways to spend time are baby sitting, swimming and drawing.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Jean Mittel of Garwood.

Erika will shine with honor as she is awarded her prize before the Winter Games in Nov.

You can purchase Erika's design which will be published on Christmas cards over the holidays.



Wetland project grants available

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX) has \$18,750 in grant money available to give to educators for managing a wetland for a specific wildlife species.

TAEX will give 25 \$750 grants to schools and youth organizations who develop wildlife management plans for wetlands in their local area.

Teachers and volunteer leaders working with youths, ages 8-18, can apply.

Years of education research has shown that the best way for youths to learn is by doing.

Research has shown that youths will learn more and remember more if they actually do what they are being taught. Much of what youths learn today, however, they learn by listening.

Few opportunities exist where youths can learn about biology and life sciences by actually being involved in a biology project.

That is the purpose of the MarshMALLOW project.

It is a project where youths learn biological sciences by actually applying biological principles to real life problems.

The primary problem in this case is that wetland habitat is declining in quantity and quality, and wildlife dependent on these area are suffering as a result.

Youths, teachers, volunteer leaders and landowners can help with this problem by conducting a MarshMALLOW project.

Wetlands are an invaluable natural resource, in today's world. They provide necessary wintering and breeding habitat for 35% of rare and endangered species. They improve environmental quality by absorbing and filtering sediments, nutrients, and pollutants.

Wetlands also provide numerous socioeconomic values ranging from food control and groundwater recharge to recreational values such as fishing, hunting, birdwatching and nature photography.

While wetlands are an important resource, they are also a shrinking resource. Due to processes like mining, petroleum extraction, urban and agricultural development, and reservoir building, over 50% of Texas' original wetlands have been lost.

Educating people of all ages about wetlands and wetland wildlife is presently more critical than ever.

In hopes of producing a greater appreciation of the importance of wetlands in future generations, TAEX is working to inform and educate today's youth in wetland functions, values and management through a hands-on approach.

The MarshMALLOW project (Marsh Management Activities for Learning the Lifestyles of Wildlife) is a youth wetlands education project, developed by TAEX, in which a youth group (MarshMALLOW club) adopts a wetland and receives a \$750 grant to actively manage it for a target wildlife species.

Clubs apply for the grants by submitting management plans detailing the proposed management of their adopted wetland. The clubs then go out of the classroom for some hands-on learning in the wetland. Activities include counting and

identifying wildlife and their habitat needs, seining for fish, taking water samples, planting native plants that are beneficial to wildlife, installing structures to control water levels, and creating artificial nesting sites.

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RHS welcomes new principal

By Cecelia Ruiz

There is a new face on the Rice High School (RHS) campus. This year joining our administrative staff is Michael Lanier, our new principal.

Mr. Lanier, a 1977 graduate of RHS, attended Blinn Junior College and is a 1982 graduate of Sam Houston State University.

He received his Masters in Mid-Management Certification from Texas A&M at Prairie View.

Mr. Lanier feels both honored and privileged to be principal at his alma mater.

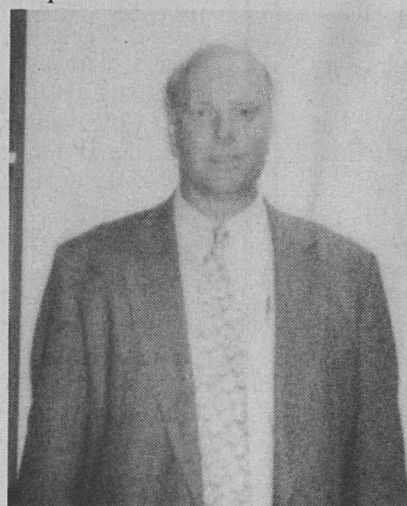
Did You Know...

•David Ball is performing at the Colorado County Fair Saturday night, Sept. 12.

•Using the term A-1 to describe anything unusually good originated with Lloyd's of London, which so designated the most seaworthy ships.

He also plans to provide the best educational setting that he possibly can for the students, both academically and extracurricularly.

Currently, there are more activities planned that the students can become more involved in this year, so keep in touch with the "Raider Re-



Exes need to pick up 1998 yearbooks

By Kim Lott

Attention Rice High School (RHS) graduates of the Class of 1998!!!

Yearbooks are in and are waiting to be picked up. If you have not picked up your yearbook, you may do so anytime during school hours. They can be picked up from Mr. Hajovsky in Room 7.

Remember to bring the amount you owe (if any) for the yearbook. You may also pick up your baby picture that was submitted to the yearbook at that time.

If you are unable to pick these items up personally, feel free to have someone else pick them up for you.

Just a reminder, if you are not currently enrolled at RHS and are visiting our campus, please check in at the front office first.

Meet the Raider

By Chrissy Leopold

Strong, super-friendly, nice, athletic, charming and committed; who else could this describe but Jeremy Weishuhn, this week's spotlight Raider.

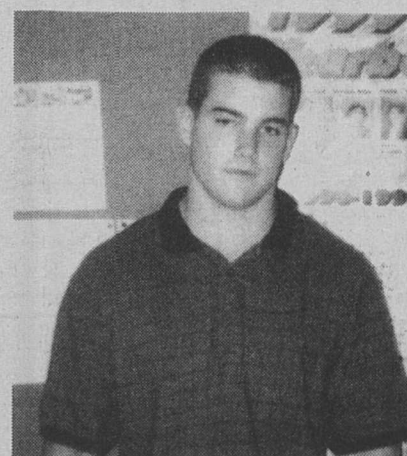
Jeremy is the son of William and Patricia Weishuhn of Garwood.

This 6'2", 197 pound athlete wears jersey #63 on the varsity football team.

When asked about the new coaches, Jeremy stated that, "The new coaches are great and very knowledgeable." He believes the coaches will lead them to the playoffs. "Even though we are in a new district, we can still make the playoffs. All we need to do is beat Sealy."

Last season, Jeremy was benched for four games because he ruptured his spleen. "Coming back was hard because I had to rebuild all my endurance and strength that was lost."

Jeremy said that being in powerlifting helped him improve by increasing his strength. We are all very glad



that he is back!

Jeremy's most memorable moment was beating Weimar last year. We hope that he will bring this spirit into this season.

In the future, he plans to attend TSTC and become a mechanic. He enjoys spending all of his free time lifting weights and with his girlfriend, whom he describes as "beautiful".

view" for our school news.

We are looking forward to the new ideas Mr. Lanier has implemented to improve our educational environment.

Meet the Lady Raider

By Olivia Mendoza

This week's Lady Raider is none other than #14, Rebal Canaris.

Rebal is the daughter of Dan and Sue Canaris of Eagle Lake.

She enjoys gardening and polishing rocks when she is not participating in a volleyball game or other sports.

When I asked Rebal how she felt about this year's volleyball team, she responded, "I feel great. We all get along so well and there is so much teamwork." Rebal also added, "We're gonna be awesome when we use all the talent that we have."

She also feels that Coach Heard has so much confidence in all of them that they cannot let her down. "We wouldn't have gotten this far without her," commented Rebal.

"When I leave Rice high School I want people to remember me as an enemy to none, and a friend to all," concluded this week's Lady Raider.



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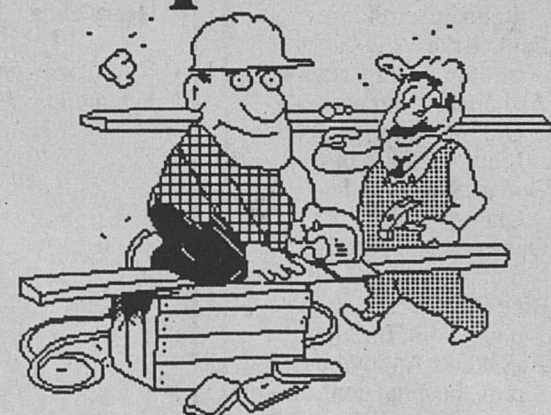
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