

Veterans Day assemblies scheduled

The Sheridan School will hold a Veterans Day Assembly in the gymnasium Wednesday, Nov. 11, starting at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served after the assembly. You are also cordially invited to a Veterans Day (See Assemblies, Page 8)

APC Festival set for April 8-10

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus; and yes, Eagle Lake, there will be an Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival, April 8-10. This year's schedule of events will include a stronger focus on the family and local citizenry. (See Festival, Page 5)

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Cook returning to Austin...

County voters elect new judge, two new commissioners

With a turnout higher than projected statewide, Colorado County voters chose Al Jamison as their new county judge by a margin of only 86 votes.

5,709 Voters out of 11,478 registered voters in Colorado County went to the polls Tuesday or cast an early/absentee ballot. That's 49.74% compared to the projected 30% statewide.

Jamison received 2,839 (50.77%) of the 5,592 votes cast for county judge with his opponent, Jim Kearney, receiving 2,753 (49.23%).

Voters also returned Robby Cook to Austin as District 28 State Representative.

Cook defeated opponent Michael Franks by more than 2,600 votes in Colorado County. Cook received 4,066 nods (74.05%) versus Franks' 1,425 votes (25.95%).

Cook was the projected winner before 10 p.m. Tuesday.

Results in other races, starting with the local ones, were:

District Clerk: Harvey Vornsand (unopposed), 4,450 votes;

County Clerk: Darlene Hayek (incumbent), 3,164, 57.03%; Dale Alexander, 2,384, 42.97%;

County Treasurer: Joyce Stancik (incumbent), unopposed, 4,454, 100%;

County Surveyor: Leonard Frank (incumbent), unopposed, 4,423, 100%;

County Commissioner, Pct. 2: Herbie Helmcamp, 825, 56.81%; Johnnie Elstner (incumbent), 653, 43.19%;

County Commissioner, Pct. 4: Darrell

Gertson, 599, 58.44%; James Raabe, 426, 41.56%;

Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1: Dodie Dungen (incumbent), unopposed, 1,115, 100%;

Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2: Ed Hanzelka Jr. (incumbent), unopposed, 1,236, 100%;

Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3: Chuck Glynn, 643, 39.74%; Francis Truchard (incumbent), 986, 60.53%;

Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4: Mary Lou Szymanski (incumbent), unopposed, 873, 100%;

State Senator, Dist. 18: Reese Turner, 1,890, 36.72%; Ken Armbrister (incumbent), 3,257, 63.28%;

State Representative, Dist. 28: Michael Franks, 1,425, 25.95%; Robby Cook (incumbent), 4,066, 74.05%;

U.S. Representative, Dist. 14: Ron Paul (incumbent), 2,757, 50.85%; Loy Sneary, 2,665, 49.15%;

Governor: George W. Bush (incumbent), 4,235, 75.62%; Garry Mauro, 1,345, 24.02%; Lester Turlington Jr., 20, 0.36%;

Lt. Governor: Rick Perry, 2,162, 47.28%; John Sharp, 2,846, 51.52%; Anthony Garcia, 66, 1.19%;

Attorney General: John Cornyn, 2,756, 50.75%; Jim Mattox, 2,620, 48.24%; Mike Angwin, 55, 1.01%;

Comptroller: Carole Keeton Rylander, 2,493, 45.79%; Paul Hobby, 2,904, 53.33%; Alex Monchak, 48, 0.88%;

Land Commissioner: David Dewhurst, (See Election, Page 8)

Veterans...

We Salute You.

We salute you because you served in uniform at home and abroad. Many of you fought on foreign shores in Desert Storm, Panama, Grenada, Lebanon, Bosnia, Vietnam, Korea or in World Wars I and II.

We salute you because you unselfishly answered your country's call to make certain that world freedom and the American way of life would remain strong.

We salute you because even in peacetime you continue to serve your country - to fill a lifelong need to serve which you share with veterans everywhere. Many of you continue to serve through service to your community as members of The American Legion.

We must remember your sacrifices today and everyday.

in Honoring Our Nation's Veterans on Veterans Day - November 11.



For American Legion membership information, call 1-800-433-3318 or visit our Web site at www.legion.org



(DoD photo by Spc. Randee Anderson, U.S. Army.)

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NEWSBRIEFS

Parent-teacher conferences set for Nov. 13

The annual parent-teacher report card conferences at Eagle Lake Middle School will be held Friday, Nov. 13. Please contact the school at 234-3501 to set up a time to meet with your child's teacher.

Students will be released early that day, with classes being dismissed at 12:45 p.m.

Early class dismissal next Friday, Nov. 13

The Rice Consolidated ISD will have an early dismissal time on Nov. 13 to allow parents to pick up report cards and schedule teacher conferences. Rice High School students, 12:15 p.m.; Sheridan, Garwood, Eagle Lake Primary School and Eagle Lake Middle School will all dismiss at 12:45 p.m. Cards will not be sent home with the children this six weeks. The second six weeks grading period ends on Nov. 6.

Businesses closed for Veteran's Day

The following businesses will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day: Colorado County Courthouse, First National Bank, Wallis State Bank, the Wintermann Library and the Post Office (they will put mail in the boxes).

Senior Citizens' dance is Friday

The public is invited to a Senior Citizens' dance from 7:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by The Music Makers. Admission is \$5 per person. Door prizes will be given.

Richardson to debut CD release

You are cordially invited by Joy Record to the Debut C.D. Release Concert of Paula Barrow Richardson on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, located Prairie and Lake St. in Eagle Lake.

Special guests to be featured are Cheryl Carter and the Rock of Salvation Mass Choir of Houston, Don Pope and the Example of Christ of San Antonio. Admission is free. For more information call 281-342-7557.

Study Club meeting is Nov. 11

The Eagle Lake Study Club will hold their monthly meeting Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m. at the Wintermann Library. Guest speaker will be Merle Hudgins who will present a program on Mary Todd Lincoln. The public is invited to attend.

Nominees needed for 'Rural Minister of the Year'

The Colorado County Extension Service has applications available for Minister of the Year nominations.

All nominees accepted by the Minister of the Year Selection Committee will receive a certificate of Recognition. The Texas Rural Minister of the Year will receive a plaque from Progressive Farmer Magazine during the closing session of the Assembly of Representatives of the Texas Conference of Churches in Austin Feb. 16, 1999. To obtain an application, come by the Extension Office. Forms must be postmarked on or before Dec. 31, 1998.

Band Boosters meeting set for Nov. 9

There will be a Band Booster Club Meeting on Monday, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m. in the band hall at Rice High School. We would like to see you there.

New grocery store nearing completion

The owners of the Eagle Lake Supermarket (formerly IGA) at 200 S. McCarty have set mid-Nov. as the target date for opening the refurbished store.

In addition to an exterior facelift, the inside of the store was gutted and new flooring, wall paint and shelving have been or are being installed.

The process of stocking the shelves has begun, but there are still a lot of details and finishing touches to be done.

Raider Booster Club meeting is Nov. 9

The Raider Booster Club will have a meeting at noon Monday, Nov. 9, at Sportsman's Restaurant. Lunch will be dutch treat. Make plans to attend.

Legionnaires to decorate graves

W.Cherry-M. Perry Post 108 of the American Legion will decorate graves of deceased veterans in local cemeteries in observance of the forthcoming Veterans Day (Nov. 11). Flags (See Newsbriefs, Page 8)

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Taken from The Special Events Speech Series of the U.S. Army Public Affairs Office.

Some veterans are easy to recognize. They wear uniforms, medals and ribbons. Most veterans, however, live among us quietly and anonymously. They are America's own sons and daughters. Let's consider for a moment the question, "Who is a veteran?"

A veteran is an elderly gentleman sitting on a park bench, who helped liberate a Nazi concentration camp.

A veteran is the grizzled service station mechanic, who showed extraordinary courage at the 38th parallel.

A veteran is the nurse taking care of newborns in a hospital nursery, who once bandaged burned and bloody limbs at Da Nang.

A veteran is a POW, who once returned home to face a culture he didn't recognize and now finds himself able at last to tell his story to his adult children.

A veteran is a police officer driving her patrol car through the neighborhood, who spent six months in Saudi Arabia making sure armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel.

On Veterans Day, we honor all people who served in our Armed Forces.

Many war heroes and visionary military leaders stand in a line of selfless service. Some bear visible signs of their bravery and service — a missing limb, a jagged scar. Others carry inner signs — a pin holding a bone together; a piece of shrapnel in the leg. Perhaps the steel inside is part of a soldier's character, a soul forged and shaped by battle.

Today, we offer special recognition to veterans who faced the horrors of war, and especially those who gave up their lives in service to the nation. They and their families deserve our highest praise and eternal gratitude. We remember and salute all fallen heroes today and thank their families for their ultimate sacrifice.

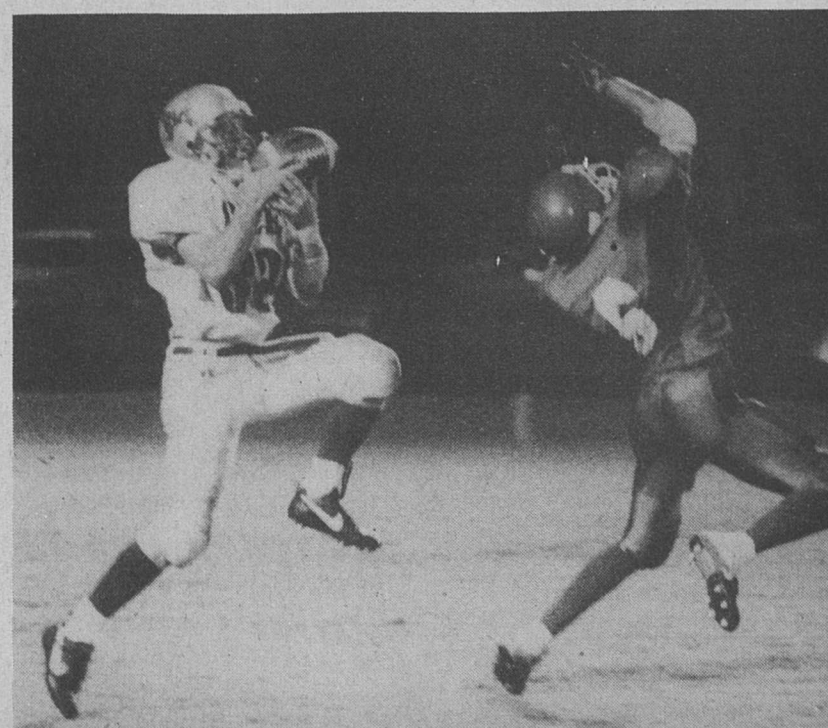
But a "veteran" is not only someone who fought in a war. Read the words of a staff sergeant who served during Desert Storm:

"I greatly admire and respect my heroes and friends in the desert for their courage, stamina and superb performance during the Storm. Yet, let's not discount the accomplishments of all who stayed back in the garrisons and training fields in America. We also served, yet in ways that don't grab headlines. We kept on doing what we are paid to do — training soldiers. We played a critical role in caring for the families left behind. We helped ensure that thousands of Guard and Reserve soldiers were fit to fight. We took on the rear-area workload, which

needed to be done right."

All soldiers commit to putting their lives on the line. As we saw in Mogadishu, Somalia and at the American Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, soldiers die in operations other than war. All soldiers train and maintain a constant state of readiness so that whenever the nation needs them, they are ready to serve and, if necessary, to fight and die for their country.

Therefore, on Veterans Day, we recognize and honor the many veterans who supported our warfighters as well as all soldiers who served during peacetime. We recognize the fullest possible definition of the (See Vets, Page 6)



Got it!

Rice Raider #33, Dale Hentzell, a member of the Class of 2000, caught his first touchdown pass last Friday night during the fourth quarter of the game at Stafford. Hentzell had to turn completely around and come back for the ball, but managed to score the TD with 8:20 left in the game. (See story and additional photos, Page 6.) Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing