

# SPORTS

## Raider powerlifters have successful day

The Fifth Annual Rice Raider Powerlifting meet was held Saturday, Feb. 20, with 16 boys' teams and 14 girls' teams entered.

Both Raider teams had a successful day, but the Lady Raiders turned in a particularly outstanding performance.

The Lady Raiders captured first place in team competition with 39 points. In addition, every member of

the team was a medalist.

Lori Grigar, the team veteran, won the Outstanding Lightweight Lifter award for the second year in a row.

Grigar was the best lifter among 105 lb. to 132 lbs. lifters.

The Ladies have firmly established themselves as a powerhouse in powerlifting.

Placing second among girls' teams was Louise with 32 points.

Columbus took third with 28 points.

Demetria Coleman of Columbus was the Outstanding Heavyweight lifter (148 lb. to super heavy weight).

Individual winners were: 105 lb. class: Grigar, 1st; Sarah Gould, 2nd; Yaneth Najera, 3rd; Maria Najera, 4th; 114 lb. class: Stacy Schneider, 3rd; 132 lb. class: Shelley Boenisch, 1st; Jacqueline Thomas, 2nd; 148 lb. class: Fausta Rodriguez, 2nd; Martha

Rodriguez, 3rd; and Rhonda Peroni, 5th.

In the boys' division, Cuero took first place team with 36 points.

Needville was second with 24, followed by Palacios with 21. Raiders finished in 5th place with 17 points.

The Outstanding Lightweight lifter was Justin George of Van Vleck. John Benson of Needville was the Outstanding Heavyweight lifter.

Claiming medals were, in the 132 lb. class: Justin Schneider, 2nd; Ben Ortiz, 5th; 148 lb. class: Kevin Godley, 2nd; Dale Hentzell, 5th; 198 lb. class: Jeremy Weishuhn, 2nd.

The meet was sponsored by the Rice Raider Booster Club and under the direction of powerlifting Coach Patrick Willis.

Coach Willis and the Booster Club wish to thank the many volunteers who helped make the meet a success.

Regional competition will be held this weekend in Falfurrias for the girls. (Coach Willis got final rankings in regional for girls on Monday, March 1. Grigar, Gould, Boenisch, Thomas and F. Rodriguez have qualified for regionals. Y. Najera is an alternate).

Boys' competition will be in Runge March 13.

The Raiders expect to have several lifters in both meets. Good luck to all the Raider powerlifters as they push on to state.



Lady Raider Powerlifters are pictured with their trophies, plaques and medals won during the recent Rice Powerlifting Meet. From left are Lori Grigar, Sarah Gould, Shelley Boenisch, Stacy Schneider, Jacqueline Thomas, Rhonda Peroni, Yaneth Najera and Maria Najera. Not pictured were Fausta and Martha Rodriguez.

Photo Courtesy of Melody Grigar

### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Lifter	Wt. Class	Squat	Bench	Deadlift	Total	Place
Lori Grigar	105 lb.	235	130	265	630	1st
Sarah Gould	105 lb.	200	110	215	525	2nd
Yaneth Najera	105 lb.	190	95	210	495	3rd
Maria Najera	105 lb.	175	80	200	455	4th
Stacy Schneider	114 lb.	195	85	220	500	3rd
Shelley Boenisch	132 lb.	220	125	275	620	1st
Jacqueline Thomas	132 lb.	245	130	220	595	2nd
Fausta Rodriguez	148 lb.	255	120	300	675	2nd
Martha Rodriguez	148 lb.	245	120	260	625	3rd
Rhonda Peroni	148 lb.	210	105	240	555	5th
Justin Schneider	132 lb.	255	220	330	805	2nd
Ben Ortiz	132 lb.	260	155	305	720	5th
Kevin Godley	148 lb.	400	235	415	1050	2nd
Dale Hentzell	148 lb.	315	200	400	915	5th
Bennie Glover	165 lb.	275	200	360	835	10th
Brandon Shanks	181 lb.	420	285	420	1125	9th
Klay Korenek	181 lb.	390	270	440	1100	10th
Jay Knight	181 lb.	410	280	405	1095	11th
Jeremy Weishuhn	198 lb.	440	300	500	1240	2nd
John Rucka	198 lb.	355	250	335	940	9th



1999 Rice Raider Powerlifters are, in front, from left, Lori Grigar, Fausta Rodriguez, Yaneth Najera, Maria Najera, Sarah Gould, Shelley Boenisch, Jacqueline Thomas, Martha Rodriguez and Rhonda Peroni. In back are Bennie Glover, John Rucka, Klay Korenek, Stacy Schneider, Jeremy Weishuhn, Brandon Shanks, Ben Ortiz and Dale Hentzell.

Photo Courtesy of Melody Grigar

## Rice tennis teams are starting out strong

With seven returning varsity seniors, the Rice Tennis team is looking for a strong showing this season.

The senior boys' doubles team of Barrett Thomas and Matt Milentz finished last season at Regional with a three set loss to eventual state champs Liberty.

They are determined to avenge that loss this year on their march to state.

Bo Vavrusa and Richard Vargas, seniors, form the second doubles team and also are looking very strong. They have a good chance of getting out of district.

Senior girls' doubles of Lori Grigar and Cori Gertson also finished strong last season, coming in third in district behind Bellville.

They have experience and are working hard to be the district champs this year.

Joining the "Ories" are senior Stacy Rodriguez and junior Angela Phillips. Both ladies are strong hitters and also have a good shot at district.

On Friday, the Raider tennis team went to the 16-team tournament in Sweeny and came back with trophies. Grigar and Gertson won third place, losing a close three-setter to Bellville in the semi finals.

After having a bye in the first round from being a second seed, they

defeated Waller and then Angleton.

Koehl Crane won first place in the junior varsity boys' singles division. He defeated Shepherd, Bay City, and Sweeny to win. Outstanding job, Koehl!

Other team members also had strong showings and won respect for the Rice tennis team.

Milentz played varsity boys' singles since his doubles partner was out of town.

He crushed Stafford 6-0; 6-0; beat Bellville; then lost in the quarterfinals to the eventual tournament winner, Angleton.

Vavrusa and Vargas also made it to the quarterfinals; defeating Sealy, Columbus, then losing to Sweeny.

Sophomore Cliff Keith played #2 varsity boys' singles, losing to Bellville in the first round, then defeating Waller and Sealy in consolation before losing to Sweeny in the semi-finals.

Rodriguez and Phillips looked great as they defeated Sweeny, then beat Bellville to get to the quarterfinals. There they lost to a strong Columbia team that played, for the finals, the Bellville team who had won against Grigar and Gertson.

Leslie Waddell played varsity singles and ran up against strong competition in Bay City. She also lost her second match but gained valuable experience having played the varsity bracket for the first time.

The JV team also did very well, especially since some of the members are beginning freshmen and this was their first time out.

Sophomores Kristin Wesselski and Jenna Hoffman defeated Shepherd in two sets then lost to Bellville.

Junior Chanda Coxwell and freshman Tiffany Stern teamed up for the first time and played very well. They lost their first match to West Columbia then played a tough match with Columbus, also losing.

JV girls' singles saw two beginners playing very well and gaining tremendous experience.

Megan Staff played Angleton first and lost a close one. Megan came back in the consolation round and beat Columbus before losing her third match.

Jessica Thomas played Sweeny first and did very well for her first time playing a tournament, even though she lost both her matches.

Thomas Marsalia did great for his first tournament as he played in the JV boys' singles division.

Thomas lost his first match to Sweeny, but went on to consolation and defeated Danbury in the quarterfinals before losing to Bellville in the semi-finals.

The next tournament will be the Regional Tournament at Katy next Friday.

This is always tough but everyone gets a lot of playing time. The players hope to do very well.

## YF&R launch scholarship program

The Texas Farm Bureau's (TFB) Young Farmer and Rancher (YF&R) Committee has added to TFB's extensive scholarship program with two new awards for Texas high school students who plan to study agriculture.

The two new scholarships, worth \$2,000 each, will be funded through activities of the TFB YF&R Committee.

Charles Harbich, president of the Colorado County FB, says of the new program, "We need our state's brightest and most energetic young people in the field of agriculture. These scholarships emphasize FB's commitment to higher education."

To be eligible, a high school senior must be a family member of FB and be willing to pursue a degree in some agricultural field.

Applications must be submitted with postmarks no later than June 1, 1999. Scholarship recipients will be announced no later than July 1, 1999.

Applications may be obtained from local FB offices, from the TFB Web Site at [www.txfb.com](http://www.txfb.com) or by calling 254-751-2286.

Mail completed applications to

Texas Farm Bureau YF&R Scholarship, Attention: Si Cook, P.O. Box 2689, Waco, TX 76702.

"For Texas agriculture to compete in the 21st century, we need to train young men and women for jobs on the

farm, in the laboratory and in agribusiness," Harbich said. "These scholarships will be added to those already tied in with our youth programs."

TFB awards more than \$60,000 annually in youth scholarships.

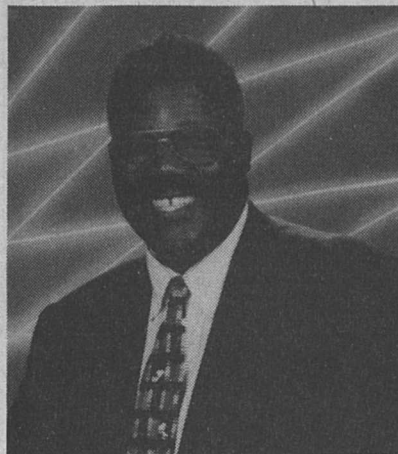
## Hemphill at UT-El Paso

Robert Hemphill Jr. Ph.D. has taken a part time position in the College of Education (Teacher Education) at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP).

He was awarded the rank of lecturer and teaches graduate courses in Curriculum Theory and Design and Secondary Education.

Hemphill is currently employed with El Paso ISD as Principal of Delta Academy (the Juvenile Justice Alternative School). His wife, Carol, is also employed with the District as a third grade teacher at Clardy Elementary.

He is the son of Mrs. Jennie B. Hemphill and a 1969 graduate of Eagle Lake High School, Wharton County Jr. College (1971), Sam Houston State University (1973) and the



University of Texas at El Paso (1976). Dr. Hemphill earned his Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction (1996) at New Mexico State University.

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## Troop #334 places in tournament

Eagle Lake Boy Scout Troop 334 placed in District 3-on-3 basketball tournament held Feb. 26 in Columbus.

The junior high team ranked third and fourth and the senior high team ranked second.

With over 20 teams participating in this year's tournament, the boys of Troop 334 did very well!

Scouts participating were Adrian and Mark Espinosa; Frank Chavero; Robbie Goode; Brandon Jenkins; Brandon Sims; Russell Hadley; David Ramirez Jr.; Adrian Avila; Miguel and Manuel Mendoza; and "Hutch" Hutchison.

## Board

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will work to remediate TAAS skills. The software proposed will be presented at the March meeting for approval.

According to Gott the software is designed to diagnose individual academic problems and help students individually correct problem areas.

The computer program will be in use for summer school.

"If we can get the academic problems fixed in the summer, our classes won't be so large during the regular school year," Gott stated. "With the software we're hoping to release our teachers from a portion of remediation teaching, and allow them to concentrate more on regular coursework," Gott continued.

The Board approved the Special Education Cooperative's request to purchase a building on Wallace Street in Columbus.

## COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEONS

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with

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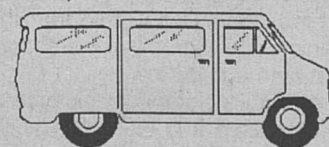
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