

# SPORTS

## Rookies drop two to Bears, split with Flatonina

Sunday, May 23, the Rice Rookies hosted the Bernardo Bears at Veterans Stadium in Weimar with the first game of the doubleheader beginning at 2 p.m.

The defending league champion Bears handily shutout the Rookies 22-0 in the first game, and 10-0 in the second.

The Rookies were missing four key players, two of which are starting pitchers, due to previous engagements.

The games were originally scheduled to be played Saturday night, but had to be changed in order for the Weimar High School baseball team to host a playoff game that night.

By no means does this take away from the strength and depth of the Bears. The Rookies would need all available players and play perfect baseball to offer the powerhouse Bears a competitive game.

Saturday evening, May 29, the Rookies traveled to Flatonina for a twilight doubleheader against the Wildcats.

Rice dropped the first game 16-14. Ryan Walters was the starting pitcher for the Rookies. He pitched 1-1/3 innings, allowed nine runs on six hits, walked five, hit two Wildcats and struck out two.

Jason Welch relieved Walters with one out in the second inning. Welch allowed the other seven Wildcats runs, giving up five hits, walking four and recording two strikeouts in 2-1/3 innings.

Ernest Sims relieved Welch with two outs in the fourth inning and

completed the contest. Sims allowed no hits, recorded one strikeout and hit one batter with a wild pitch.

Hitters for the Rookies were Lance Grigar, Kerry Sims, Shaun Orsak and Kenny Vontour with singles; E. Sims with a single and his second grand slam of the season; and Walters with a double.

Although the Rice team hit the ball fairly well and scored 14 runs, they were unable to overcome the devastation of allowing 12 runs in the first two innings. Several of the early runs were due to errors on routine plays which should have resulted in outs.

Game 2 of the twilight twin bill was probably the most exciting baseball of the season.

Vontour mounted the hill for Rice and pitched five complete innings. He struck out three, allowed six hits and gave up six bases on balls. Of the five runs scored against him, only three were earned runs.

Vontour was relieved due to fatigue in the bottom of the sixth inning by 17-year-old Jerrad Orsak.

With older brother Shaun completing the battery and calling the pitches, Jerrad consistently painted the corner of the plate with his change-up, keeping the Wildcat hitters off balance.

Jerrad turned in a fine performance, chalking up his first save in the South Central Amateur League for Vontour with a final score of 9-8.

In Orsak's two full innings, he allowed two hits and delivered no free passes.

The nine Rookie runs resulted from 10 hits and excellent base running.

S. Orsak led the team with two singles, one double and a triple. Vontour contributed to his win with a solo

home run. E. Sims continued to swing a hot bat with a pair of doubles.

Aaron Machac and Rodney Mayo had a double and single, respectively. Shane Laake produced a timely double in the top of the seventh inning, scoring two insurance runs which proved to ice the win for the Rookies. Laake also made two premier defensive plays at second base during the contest, robbing the Wildcats of hits which would have scored additional runs.

## Organizations

were repeated. Refreshments and a social hour followed.

The 498th meeting of Xi Pi Psi was held at the home of Joyce Stancik on April 6.

President Wiese presided over the meeting. The Opening Ritual was recited.

A thank you was read from Beta Sigma Phi 'Lady of the Year', Eunice Frnka.

Scholarship applications were screened and a recipient selected.

A report was given on the chicken spaghetti dinner served at the Juvenile Boot Camp Facility.

Thank you's were expressed to Secret Sisters.

Jo Ann Gertson presented the program, "Etiquette Tips" when one is asked to R.S.V.P. an invitation.

Chapter members then each wrote a letter of support to Lesley Matthews in regard to the "Main Street Project" (MSP).

The Mizpah and Closing Ritual were repeated.

A social hour ensued and refreshments were served.

The 499th meeting of Xi Pi Psi was held at the home of Gertson on May 4.

Darlene Argo presented a program on "Fresh Floral Arrangements".

Corman won the floral arrangement created by Argo during the program.

President Wiese presided over the business meeting.

The Opening Ritual was repeated. Wiese expressed thanks for being chosen Chapter Girl of the Year.

A thank you was read from Pat Cook for the yellow rose sent to her by

the Chapter at the time of her surgery. Rosebud thank you's were expressed to Secret Sisters for birthday and anniversary surprises. Gertson announced the marriage of her mom, Pearl Meitzen.

The recipient of this year's Chapter Scholarship is Cori Gertson, granddaughter of Gertson. The presentation will be made at the May 20 Academic banquet to be held at Rice High School.

Wiese reported approximately \$4,000 was raised at the Prairie Chicken Festival Silent Auction (PCFSA) hosted by Xi Pi Psi.

The Ritual of Installation of Officers was conducted.

The June meeting will be at Appelt's home.

The Closing Ritual and Mizpah were repeated, followed by refreshments and social hour.

Beta Sigma Phi Founder's Day was celebrated by Xi Pi Psi and Alpha Delta Phi Chapters April 24 with a luncheon meal prepared by Wade Schindler in Columbus.

The luncheon began with members repeating the Opening Ritual led by Szymanski, followed by the Beta Sigma Phi Grace by Charlet Janow.

The Founder's Day Pledge was led by Diana Brunner. A message from the International office, authored by Jack Ross, son of the founder of Beta Sigma Phi, Walter W. Ross, was read by Roxanne Schindler.

Founder's Day-1999 was the 68th year of the founding of the International organization which occurred April 30, 1931.

Wiese was named Xi Pi Psi "Girl of the Year". Sherry Thomas was named Alpha Delta Phi "Girl of the

Year". Gifts and awards were presented to officers, and chapter sweethearts, Weatherly and Janow.

Charlene Rodgers, Williams, Sommerlatte and Brunner were presented Xi Pi Psi perfect attendance.

The theme for 1999-2000 "New Century-New Beginnings" was announced by Denise Cook.

Argo led the Closing Ritual and Mizpah.

Highlights of Xi Pi Psi's year were reminisced in the history presented by Rodgers.

A personality assessment determined by the drawing of a pig and a program, "Do You Know What's Going on in Your Town?" by Appelt in Aug.; the delivery of birthday calendars; the donation to the ICE House Project; Beginning Day at President Wiese's with a Mexican Delight Luncheon on Aug. 29; the Sept. meeting at Anderson's where the Chapter learned about the proposed assisted living facility and donated to the Eagle Lake Study Club Auction; enjoyed a program by Wiese and hostess Brunner on "The Baby"; Wiese's new grandson, Joseph James Marsalia; Gott completed her pledge training; Halloween meeting at Weatherly's where Appelt passed out red ribbons to be worn during National Red Ribbon Week; a program by Weatherly comparing medicines and medical practices 100 years ago, 50 years ago, and the present, complete with an antique suppository maker; "ooh's" and "ah's" over Secret Sister Halloween treats; Christmas Parade "Old Woman in a Shoe" float which took second place honors;

Also, canned food donations for the food pantry; Secret Sister ornaments; letter of support for the 500 bed parole violation facility planned for Eagle Lake; donation to the Texas Department of Human Resources; decorations at the Heritage House; Christmas Party with men's gag gifts and the revealing of Secret Sisters; great ideas from magazines for Christmas gifts by Brunner; Christmas cards sent to Beta Sigma Phi shut-ins; Ritual of Jewels to Gott; donation to library in memory of 1979 "Lady of the Year", Rose Lange; Sweetheart Dinner at Sommerlatte's-Weatherly named Sweetheart; PCFSA; spaghetti dinner for the Juvenile Boot Camp; Judy Ashby's program on Advo Care-Metabolic Nutrition at Williams' Tea for "Lady of the Year", Frnka; scholarship recipient, Gertson; letters of support for the MSP; and grandma announcements from Gott, Corman and guess what- (?) Wiese again.

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Keith Hattermann, a member of Katy Boy Scout Troop 73, has made his Eagle Scout Project a June 12 cleanup and restoration of Ijams Cemetery.

Ijams Cemetery is located on FM 2434 in the Skull Creek community near Glidden.

All the families who have family plots and loved ones buried at this historical cemetery are asked to bring their equipment and help Hattermann cleanup and restore Ijams Cemetery.

Hattermann is the son of Paul L. and Lynn Hattermann of Katy, the grandson of Paul A. and Delrose Hattermann of Weimar and the late Melba Jean Walker Hattermann, and the great-grandson of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Walker of Eagle Lake and Mrs. Paul T. Hattermann of Weimar and the late Paul T. Hattermann.

Mrs. Elizabeth Walker, Hattermann's great-grandmother, is buried

at the historical Ijams Cemetery with many Walker relatives from the early 1800s. There are others who fought at the Battles of the Alamo and San Jacinto and the Civil War who are buried there.

Hattermann is requesting all interested parties come early and stay late as there is a tremendous amount of grass to mow, broken limbs to remove from trees, weeds to be pulled and cut out of family plots, headstones to be repaired, trees to be cut down and burned and tombstones to be cleaned.

Everyone is requested to bring a cooler of water, picnic lunch and necessary equipment (such as gas weed-eaters, riding and self-propelled mowers, hoes, rakes and shovels) to clean and restore Ijams Cemetery on June 12. Work begins at 8 a.m. and goes until it's done.

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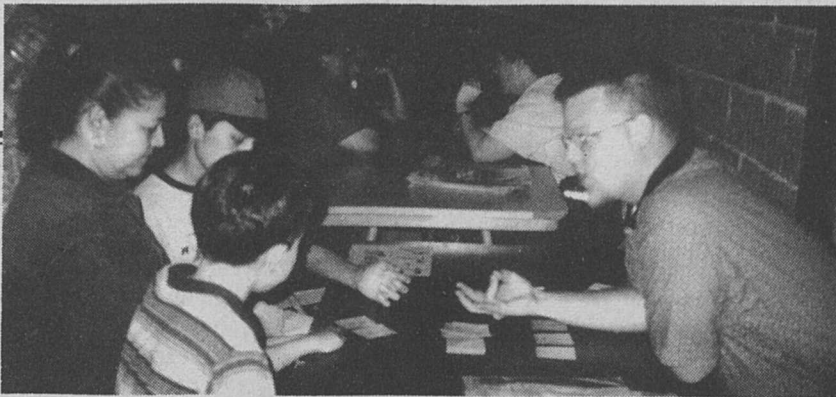
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## Parent Fun Night at Ice House

Coach Burrow taught a math game to students and parents at the Parent Fun Night held at the ICE House. Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) sponsored the night to provide educational games for parents and students to play together at home. These games were designed to teach TAAS objectives in a fun way. Everything needed for playing the games at home was provided for the parents and students. They also had time to get together with their teachers and play the games.

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