

Reunion 2000 website address corrected

The website address given in the *Eagle Lake Headlight* a few weeks ago for Eagle Lake High School Reunion 2000 did not show the "." between words. This caused some of you untold miseries for which we apologize profusely.

Try this address: http://www.AustinOldies.com/eagle_lake_high_schoolclass_reun.htm. Yes, schoolclass looks amiss, but it is correct. The

symbol "." does not mean to "leave a blank space between these words." Be sure to strike the underline key were "." is shown in the address.

As an alternative route, try www.elc.net. When that web site comes up on your screen, you will see a pointer or link titled ELHS Reunion 2000. Click on that pointer, and you will go directly to the Austin web site.

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NEWSBRIEFS

GRSBC to hold bake sale

Greater Rising Star Baptist Church (GRSBC) will hold a bake sale Saturday, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church, located at 500 Old Altair Road. For more information, call the church at 234-2423, Eddie Mae Williams at 234-5186 or Mae Scott at 758-3745.

ELSSA to hold hamburger dinner

The Eagle Lake Sunday School Alliance (ELSSA) High School class will hold a hamburger dinner at Didner Hall Sunday, Nov. 7, starting at 11 a.m. There will also be a pie auction.

ELPS Halloween Carnival is Oct. 30

The Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) will hold a Halloween Carnival Saturday, Oct. 30, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to benefit scholastic purposes (field trips, supplies and activities) throughout the school year. The carnival will consist of food booths, games, haunted house and other fun activities. If you'd like to have a booth or for more information, call the ELPS office at 234-3587.

Rice Flag Corps selling license plates

Have you seen how pretty the girls' flags look during halftime? In helping to keep the cost down on their flags, they are selling Rice Raider license plates for \$5 each. You may purchase the license plate from Mrs. Susan Engstrom in the Rice High School library or before any home football game.

Study Club Auction is Saturday

The Eagle Lake Study Club presents its 20th Annual Auction, Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The firemen's stew supper is from 5 to 7 p.m.; silent auction, 5-6:45 p.m.; bakery booth, 5 p.m.; and the main auction begins at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Eula and David Wintermann Library. Auctioneer will be Joe Herbert McCreary. There's no admission fee; hunters are welcome; door prizes will be given and dress is casual.

PJ's PJ's PJ's!

If you forgot about PJ's last Sunday, it's not too late! We are still looking for young people aged 5-15 interested in performing in Oliver! Call Mrs. Reed at 234-2601 for an audition or come by the Prairie Edge Museum on Sunday at 3 p.m. Don't miss out on the fun and best of all, it's FREE.

CCHFH to host luncheon

Colorado County Habitat for Humanity (CCHFH) will host a community Tasters' Luncheon in Columbus and Eagle Lake on the following dates: Sunday, Oct. 24, in Columbus at the Veterans Community Center; and Sun. Nov. 7, at Didner Hall in Eagle Lake. Meal price is \$6 at the door for a sit-down dinner (take-out plates available) and includes all the fixin's... the BEST the town's home chefs have to offer! Serving from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., all proceeds will go toward funding the construction of the second Habitat home in Eagle Lake.

GUBC youth seminar is Nov. 6

The Greater Union Baptist Church (GUBC) Youth Department presents a Drug Seminar entitled "Youth At the Crossroad" Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is \$3 for kindergarten through 6th grade; 7th grade through adult, \$5. This includes a meal, movies, worksheets and much more. Registration starts at 9 a.m. This seminar is open to the public and all surrounding churches. Linda Robertson, instructor; Rev. Lawrence Robertson, pastor. For more information call Rosalyn Edwards at 409-234-5033 or Gennial Allen at 234-3345.

CCA meeting set for Oct. 28

Combined Community Action Inc. (CCA) will hold a Board of Directors meeting Thursday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. at the CCA Nutrition Center, 275 Ellinger Road, La Grange. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Strudel, pie orders being taken

The parishioners of St. Mary's in Nada are once again sponsoring the annual apple strudel and pie bake. Strudel and pies will be made Nov. 3. Strudel will be made on an order basis only. Orders must be in no later than Sunday, Oct. 24, to either Janet Mahalite, 409-234-5148 or Rose Staff at 409-543-2048. You will be called when your order is ready to be picked up at the Nada Community Center. Strudel prices are \$15 baked, \$10 unbaked; and pies are \$8, unbaked only.

GVFD hamburger supper is Oct. 26

The Garwood Volunteer Fire Department will hold a hamburger supper Tuesday, Oct. 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. The Garwood Association of Parents will be selling desserts. You may eat at the fire station or take it to go. Come and see the new pumper truck.

Go Texan team penning is Oct. 24

Colorado, Fayette and Lavaca County Go Texas Committees are having a Go-Texan Team Penning Sunday, Oct. 24, at 2 p.m. at the Alton Allen Arena in Hallettsville. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. The entry fee is \$45 per team. The top winner from each of the three counties will represent their county at the Go-Texan Team Penning at the Houston Livestock Show. For more information, contact Joe Mike at 409-234-3941.

RMC Health Talk series set for Oct. 25

Rice Medical Center will be presenting its second Health Talk series Monday, Oct. 25, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Dr. J. Bryan Hill, pediatrician, will be the speaker. His topic will be "Children's Health in the New Millennium". Applications for free infant and toddler car seats will also be available. The public is invited to this free presentation to be held at Eagle Lake Home Care, 121 E. Main Street in Eagle Lake.

Mt. Moriah Church holds anniversary

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church of Alleyton invites you to its 92nd Church Anniversary Family and Friends Day Sunday, Oct. 24, at 3:30 p.m. Pastor Barbara Miller and East St. Paul United Methodist Church will be guests. For information, you may call Pastor and Sis. Davies at 281-342-7557 or Sis. Vunnel Sanford at 409-732-6964.

Country Peddler Show is Oct. 29-31

The Country Peddler Show will be held at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Rosenberg Oct. 29-31; Friday, 1 to 9; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Country Peddler Show is the original folk art and decorator show which features an excellent selection of quality furnishings and accessories including textiles, furniture, carvings, pottery, paintings, potpourri, porcelain, stenciling, dolls, bears, jewelry, quilts and personal apparel. Admission is \$4 adults; \$2 seniors; children under 12 get in free.

Rice at 4-3 after penning Dawgs, 17-14

There was supposed to be a good game in Hitchcock on Friday night, and by God there was! The Rice vs Hitchcock matchup went down to the final play Friday night as the Raiders upset the Bulldogs 17 to 14.

"What a game that was! This could be one of the most exciting games I've ever seen," Coach Russell Roark said. The game was full of big plays made by the Raiders. "We didn't have one hero Friday night, we had a whole team of heroes. Several boys made big plays when we needed them at important times during the game."

There was a few Raider fans who witnessed the big win and they were all treated to a great game.

Rice started the scoring in the second quarter following a scoreless first quarter.

Quarterback Klay Korenek hit sophomore Jason Barrow from 23 yards out. The offensive line provided good protection and Korenek threw a perfect strike to Barrow who had outran the Hitchcock defensive backs. The score was Rice 7, Hitchcock zero.

The score and lead lasted only moments as the Hitchcock quarterback connected on a long pass play of his own, making the score 7 to 7.

The teams went to intermission tied in front of a homecoming Hitchcock crowd.

The third quarter began with a fury as Hitchcock began the second half scoring with a pass to the leading receiver in the district, making it 14 to 7 in favor of the Bulldogs.

The Raider offense was sputtering, but following a great sequence of downs by the Raider defense, Hitchcock was forced to punt from their own one-yard line.

Defensive end Brandon Shanks broke through the line and blocked the Bulldog punt out of the endzone for a safety. The score was now Hitchcock 14, Rice 9.

"The blocked punt was a giant swing in momentum for us. We got two points and great field position following the safety," said Roark.

The Raiders began from the 50-yard line and marched down the field with smash-mouth football.

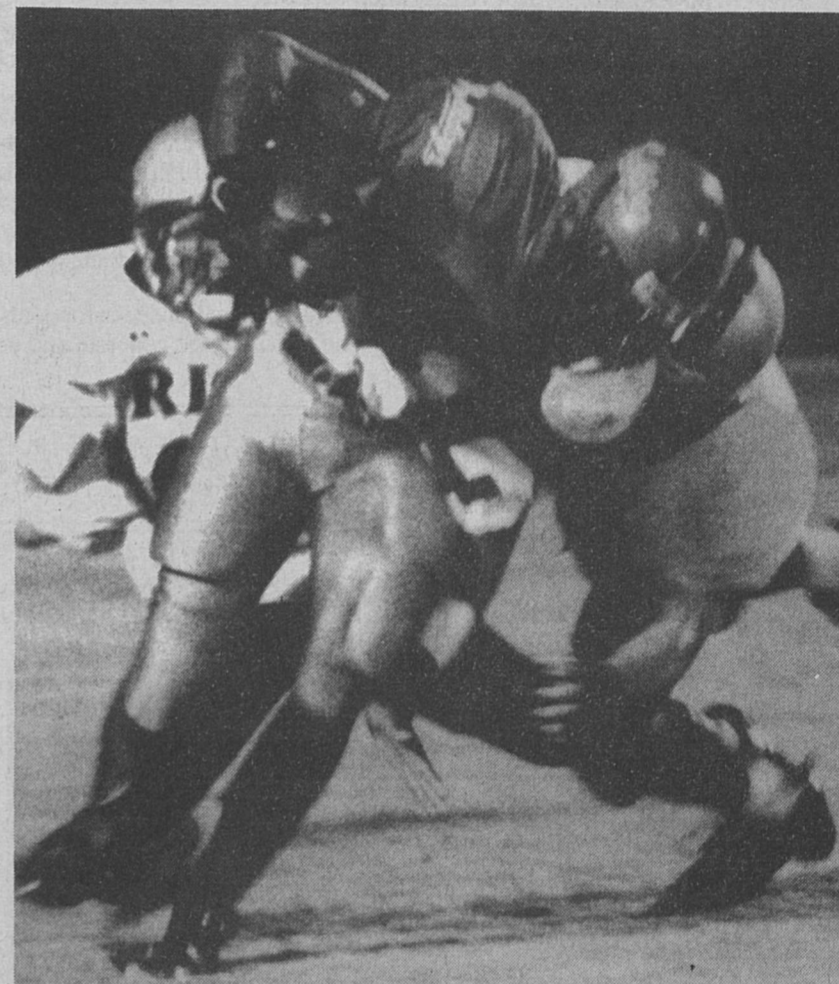
With 11 minutes remaining in the game, Rice's Jerry Cleveland rumbled his way into the endzone for the go-ahead touchdown.

The score was then Raiders 15, Bulldogs 14.

The Raiders decided to go for two points following the touchdown. A great play-action fake by the quarterback and fullback froze the defense, allowing quarterback Korenek to hit Barrow with a short pass, making the score 17 to 14 in the Raiders favor.

Hitchcock then marched the ball down to the Rice three-yard line. And, on second and goal, they made a fatal mistake.

The Hitchcock quarterback dropped back to pass, came under heavy pressure and threw a pass toward one of his favorite targets. State interception leader, Rice sophomore Jesse (See Varsity, Page 10)



The Rice Raider defense stepped up Friday night and gave the Hitchcock Bulldogs more than they could gnaw on. Seniors Dale Hentzell, left, and Brandon Shanks, right, teamed up to throw the Bulldogs' quarterback for a loss in the third quarter, resulting in a fourth and 28 and forcing them to punt. Shanks scored a safety for Rice by blocking the punt and the ball went out of the end zone. Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

Don't miss Auction, Stew Supper this Saturday

There is a surprise in store for Study Club Auction attendees this year - there will be a new auctioneer - Candy McCreary is now a licensed

auctioneer and will be working along with Joe Herbert.

They both work tirelessly every year to make the Study Club event a

success.

As always, the *Eagle Lake Headlight* has been very supportive. Carol Nelson has taken many photos of donated items.

Any young man will be thrilled with the Radio Shack remote control truck "Rage" given by Eagle Lake Drugstore and Radio Shack owners Steve and Linda Balas.

Boettcher Hlavinka of East Bernard has given a child's Case International riding tractor.

Stop by the library and see the

beautiful handmade cedar hall table that Joe Duncan made and donated.

Don't forget the Doll House! There aren't many tickets left, so go by the library and make your little girl happy.

For the most recent list of silent and main auction items, see Page 3 of this edition.

Don't forget the Eagle Lake Fire Department's famous stew will be available from 5 to 7 p.m.

See all of you Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

Historical Commission selects Eagle Lake

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) has designated the cities of Eagle Lake, Farmersville and Freeport as the Official Texas Main Street Cities for the year 2000. The announcement was made Friday, Oct. 8, during a THC special commission meeting in Austin.

State Representative Robert L. Cook (D-Eagle Lake) who represents Bastrop, Colorado, Fayette and Wharton Counties said, "The THC's Texas Main Street Program is a revitalization program for historic downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts. I wholeheartedly support their efforts in preserving the historical and cultural resources of Texas. In addition, I am pleased that they remember to fund the creative endeavors of rural Texas communities."

The newly designated cities join 72 other Texas cities in the successful downtown revitalization program sponsored by the THC.

Each participating city will receive technical and design assistance and training from the Texas Main Street Program staff.

In addition, a Main Street resource team will visit each city and offer short- and long-term recommendations for rehabilitating buildings, attracting new businesses and promoting heritage tourism. (See Main Street, Page 12)

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following cases and calls for the week ending Oct. 18.

On Oct. 12 at 3:10 p.m., the police department received a report of a gas drive off from the 800 block of S. McCarty. Officer Brian Lasley gathered information from the complainant and attempted to locate the vehicle, but was unable to do so.

At 5 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore met with a complainant in reference to a theft which took place at the golf course. Information was gathered and a report filed.

Officer Stephen Nelson was dispatched to an accident scene in the 100 block of FM 3013 west at 10:52 p.m. As a result of the investigation, Raymond Navarro was arrested for driving while license suspended and driving while intoxicated. After processing at the police department, Navarro was transported to the County Detention Center for confinement.

Sgt. Tim Crume responded to a residential alarm on State St. at 11:05 p.m. The residence was checked and found to be secure.

On Oct. 13, at 12:38 p.m., Officer

Randy Schlauch observed an open door at a residence on S. McCarty. The house was checked and the door secured.

At 3:46 p.m., Officer Schlauch was dispatched to a loud music call on E. State St. Officer Schlauch arrived and talked with the subject, who turned the music down.

Officer Michael Krenek responded to a barking dog complainant at 7:39 p.m. on Prairie St. The subject took the dog inside. No further action was taken.

At 8:11 p.m., Officer Krenek assisted a Wharton County Constable in the arrest of a subject on N. Lake Avenue.

Officer Krenek was dispatched to the 700 block of N. McCarty in reference to the theft of a bicycle. The bicycle was later located. The complainant did not wish to file charges.

At 11:09 p.m., Officer Krenek met with a complainant on Boothe Dr. in reference to the burglary of coin operated machines. Information was gathered and a report filed.

On Oct. 14 at 1:59 a.m., a call of loud music on W. Main St. was re-

ceived by Officer Krenek.

At 4:41 a.m., Officer Krenek received a report of sexual assault of a juvenile. Information was gathered. The case is under investigation.

On Oct. 15 at 7:50 a.m., Officer Lasley was dispatched by the sheriff's office to an accident scene on FM 3013, five miles north of the city. Upon his arrival, the EMS and fire department was notified and responded also. Officer Lasley conducted traffic control while the Department of Public Safety investigated the accident.

At 3 p.m., Sgt. Crume responded to a welfare check of a subject on N. McCarty St. The subject was okay. No further action was taken.

At 11:41, officers were dispatched to large crowd outside a bar on Fairview St. The crowd was dispersed.

On Oct. 16 at 12:09 a.m., Sgt. Crume observed a large crowd on E. Main St. That crowd was also dispersed.

At 2:08 a.m., Officer Krenek and Sgt. Crume assisted deputies on a fight in progress on Beard St. in Newtown. (See Police, Page 12)

City's sales tax rebates are 10% ahead of 1998

On Oct. 8, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered a total of \$175.8 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,097 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 1.2% increase over the \$173.6 million allocated in Oct. 1998. Year-to-date, payments to cities and counties are running 5.8% ahead of last year.

The City of Eagle Lake received a rebate in the amount of \$9,648.96, up 1.84% from the \$9,474.59 received

last Oct., bring the City's year-to-date total to \$129,247.32, 10.44% ahead of 1998.

Oct. sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in Aug. and reported to the Comptroller in Sept.

"Though the first annual Sales Tax Holiday, Aug. 6 through 8, suspended state and local sales taxes on clothing and shoes, the Texas economy is so strong that Aug. sales tax revenues increased in more than half of Texas' cities. Sales tax rebates for the year-to-date are running well ahead of last year for most cities," Comptroller Rylander said.

Oct. sales tax rebates included \$161.7 million to Texas cities. Thus far in 1999, rebates to cities are 6.3% higher than the same period in 1998.

Texas counties received Oct. sales tax rebates of \$14 million. Year-to-date rebates to counties are virtually identical to the first 10 months of 1998. Another \$5.5 million went to 44 special purpose districts around the state.

One of those special purpose district, Rice Hospital District, received a rebate in the amount of \$7,267.62, up 26.34% over the \$5,752.42 received last Oct. The District's year-to-date total of \$87,467.18 is 26.29% ahead of the same period in 1998.

Other cities in the Eagle Lake area, the amount of their sales tax rebate this month along with the change from the same month last year are:

Columbus, \$47,761.95 down 19.51%; Weimar, \$9,376.17, down 0.57%; Sealy, \$80,607.99, down 5.23%; Bellville, \$25,562.56, +44.86%; El Campo, \$124,310.97, down 9.57%; and Wharton, \$62,065.29, -12.55%.

(See Rebates, Page 12)