

Eagle Lake KCs sponsor I.D. Care Program

Over 800,000 children disappear each year—that's one every 40 seconds—yet less than 2% of parents have a child identification card in case of an emergency. That's why the Texas State Council of Knights of Columbus (KCs) extended its community service tradition throughout

the state—to ensure that every Texas child receive a free child identification kit during the current school year.

Over 70,000 members from over 600 councils of KCs in Texas have teamed up with the American Coaches Association to make the child I.D. Care Program the largest child identi-

fication drive ever conducted. Texas is the first jurisdiction to assume this program and hopes that its success will help expand the effort across the nation.

The kit is comprised of a clear inkless fingerprint pad and a fingerprint identification card. It is produced by the American Football Coaches Association on paper provided by the Champion International Paper Corp. The objective is for parents to have an identification card on file at home with their children's fingerprints and

recent photo. If needed, the card can give the authorities vital information they may need to help reunite a missing child with his or her family.

The local KC Council #4843 has made these kits available to the children from grades pre-kindergarten through the fifth grade at Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) and Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS).

Extra kits are available from ELMS or ELPS; or by contacting local KC Grand Knight Jim Wood at 234-2753, or Ray Sykowski at 234-3447.



Pictured above is Jim Wood, Grand Knight of the Eagle Lake KCs, presenting Eagle Lake Primary School Principal Daniel Stanley with the I.D. Care kits.

Below, Wood is shown presenting Deborah Matthys, Eagle Lake Middle School Principal, with the kits. Photos Courtesy of Ray Sykowski



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According to the National Sleep Foundation, insomnia—the inability to fall asleep and/or stay asleep—affects over 80 million Americans. Not getting a good night's sleep may be caused by pain, stress, anxiety, some medicines; caffeine in chocolate, coffee, tea, and some soft drinks; and changes in life-style—such as a new home or job. Half the US population suffers from insomnia regularly or periodically. More than 10% of the US population experiences chronic insomnia.

Medicines in the chemical class known as benzodiazepines often are prescribed for insomnia. This group includes diazepam, flurazepam, and lorazepam. Although people may respond to benzodiazepines in different ways, as a group they are effective in promoting sleep. However, next-day drowsiness may be a problem. Zaleplon (Sonata) is the first of a new class of sleep medicines recently approved by the US Food and Drug Administration. It provides a rapid onset of sleep without next-day grogginess or hangover. Zaleplon has been evaluated in more than 2,800 persons in several countries. Sleep typically occurs within 30 minutes. The new medicine is not recommended for "sleep maintenance."

LIBRARY LINES

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you to all those who donated to the Study Club Auction. Thank you to all those who bid on the many pretty and useful items. A special thank you to Joe Herbert and Candy McCreary for making the auction fun.

It has been brought to our attention that there are people who don't know that the David and Eula Wintermann Library accepts donations at any time. You may designate how you want the money used. Memorials are also accepted in memory of friends and loved ones who have passed away.

For the person who has everything, why not a Christmas gift in honor of them instead of a memorial

after they are gone?

In the past two months, gifts have been given in memory of: **Raymond Waddell**: Ernest Mac Seaholm, Mr. & Mrs. George Causey, Pat & Larry McNeil, Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. H. Harrison Jr.; in memory of **Henry Hajovsky**: Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Spalinger; in memory of **Bertha Drymalla**: Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Spalinger; in memory of **Ruth Reese**: Charmaine & Tom Laughlin, Mrs. David Wintermann, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Spalinger, Mr. Bruce Waddell, Alice Belle Blair, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Spalinger, Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Bauer, Edna Glaiser, Mr. & Mrs. (See Library, Page 10)

SPORTS

Sealy Tigers bite Raiders in final game, 20-16

The Rice Raider non-varsity football team ended the 1999 season with a hard-fought defeat.

Sealy used a methodical 13-play, six-minute drive, to open the game for an early 6-0 lead over the Raiders.

When the Raiders finally got a chance on offense, the Sealy defense shut them down.

The Tigers then drove down the field to score one more time before halftime, taking a 14-0 halftime lead.

The third quarter started out with the Raider offense not being able to do much against the Tiger defense.

When Sealy went on offense, it was much the same as the first half, as the Tigers probably thought they would end the game with a shutout,

but they had another think coming.

On the extra point, Tyreance Dabney got through the middle of the offensive line to block the kick. Michael Cooper scooped the ball up and ran 90 yards for the two points for the Raiders to make the score 20-2 in favor of Sealy.

With the Raiders finally getting on the scoreboard, a shift in momentum was in the air at Raider Stadium. The Raider "D" toughened up on Sealy's next possession to force a punt, as the Raider offense went back to work.

On the Raiders' second play from scrimmage, Dabney broke loose and rumbled 55 yards for the touchdown. Dabney then ran in the two-point conversion and all of the sudden it was

only a 20-10 Sealy lead.

The Raider "D" again stepped up big, recovering a fumble on the Tigers next possession.

The Raider offense then struck quick. A 45-yard quarterback keeper by Matthew Milentz, followed by a 30-yard pass from Hinze to Andrew Powers, who then pitched the ball to Ricky Cunningham, set up a 10-yard run by Dabney.

Dabney then stamped in the endzone from five yards out. The extra point was denied, but with four minutes left in the game, the Raiders had closed the Sealy lead to 20-16.

It was then too little too late, as the Tigers offense ran out the clock to escape Raider Stadium with a victory.

Defensively, the Raiders were led by Ronnie Vasquez, 10 tackles; Lonnie Sims, eight tackles; and Powers and Jason Godley, seven tackles each. Cooper had one interception and scored two points off a blocked extra point attempt.

Every player on the squad should be very proud of the way they played throughout the entire season.

The Raiders finish 4-5-1 on the season.

A special thanks to Wayne Bowen, announcer; Joe Lee Perez, scoreboard keeper; Denis Hentzell, video; Amanda Burrow, stats; Sylvia Willis and the cheerleaders and the parents and fans for their great support all season.

Football state playoffs begin this Friday

With the regular season behind them, high school football teams will begin playoff games this Friday.

Teams from the area advancing and their scheduled games are:

Bellville (7-3) will play Taylor (5-5) at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Bastrop;

Sweeny (7-3) will play Cuero (7-3) at 7:30 p.m. Friday in El Campo;

La Grange (9-0) will play Caldwell (4-6) at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Giddings;

Sealy (9-0) will play Luling (5-5) at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Victoria;

Hitchcock (5-5) will play Gonzales (8-2) at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Victoria; and,

Brookshire-Royal (8-2) will play Bloomington (4-6) at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Needville.

Even though the Rice Raiders didn't make the playoffs, sophomore Jesse Upson was listed as leading in interceptions with 11 for 155 yards,

according to the Tuesday, Nov. 8, edition of the *Houston Chronicle*.

Looking over the class 5A and 4A stats the *Chronicle* published, Upson beat out the players in those larger schools by three and four interceptions, respectively.

Other players from the area noted in the paper's final statistics were:

Brian Johnson, Sealy, 6th in rushing with 129 carries for 1,456 yards;

Leonard Brown, Hallettsville, 7th, rushing, 215 carries, 1,447 yards;

Korey Tolbert, Sweeny, 9th, rushing, 180 carries, 1,304 yards;

B. Fields, Hitchcock, 2nd, passing, 109-212-12, 17 TDs, 1,801 yards;

Davon Rodgers, Hitchcock, 1st, receiving, 62 for 924 yards, 14.9 avg.;

Adrian Barnett, Shiner, 1st, scoring, 25 TDs, 1 extra point, 152 total points;

Isiah Joiner, Sealy, 5th, scoring, 19 TDs, 114 points;

Korey Tolbert, Sweeny, 19 TDs, 114 points;

Jason Condel, Shiner, 8th, scoring, 13 TDs, 30 extra points, 1 field goal, 111 points;

Wade Booth, 5th, interceptions, 7 for 148 yards;

Cory Konieczny, Sealy, 7th, interceptions, 6 for 64 yards;

Cheyne Solesbee, Columbus, 2nd, punt returns, 5 for 98 yards, 19.6 average;

Jeff Shaddox, Sealy, 5th, punt returns, 7 for 111, 15.8 average; and,

Jarod Dotson, Hitchcock, 6th, punting, 38 for 1,502 yards, 39.5 average.

The only team to surpass Sealy in total team offense was Shiner with 3,854 rushes and 473 passes for a total of 4,327 yards, 432.7 per game.

Sealy finished the regular season with 2,981 rushes and 523 pass plays

for a total of 3,504 yards of offense, an average of 389.3 yards per game.

As Raider fans look forward to next year, a hearty "well done" is sent to senior members of the 1999 squad: Klay Korenek, Cody Thompson, Levi Zuniga, Brandon Shanks, Dale Hentzell, Hank Cranek, Clint Korenek, Robbie Goode and Brett Boenisch.

Grigar puts on good show at SEC tourney

Freshman Katie Grigar scored a goal and assisted on another but her contributions were not enough as the eighth-seed in the SEC Championship Tournament, the Arkansas Lady Razorbacks, fell to the top-seed and defending national champion Florida Gators 4-3 at the Vanderbilt Soccer Field in Nashville, Tenn., last Thursday night.

The Lady Backs came out of the gates on fire as they netted two goals in the first ten minutes of the contest. Grigar was a big reason why, as she assisted on the first at the 6:31 mark, sending a pass across the goalmouth to freshman Mary Langston. Langston quickly deposited the ball into the top shelf past a flailing Jordan Kellgren of Florida to put Arkansas up 1-0.

A shell shocked Florida club, per-

haps troubled by the 40° weather, the let their guard down once more and Grigar was able to capitalize.

Sophomore Holly Collins took an Arkansas corner kick and put the ball in front of the goal where freshman Pam Pesnell was waiting. Pesnell quickly got the ball over to Grigar who completed the play at the 9:53 mark and put Arkansas up 2-0.

The goal and assist were the first points of Grigar's career as she made her way to the starting line up for the first time ever.

Katie is the daughter of Janet (Frnka) and J.J. Grigar of Lockhart where she was a four-year letterman in high school soccer. She is the granddaughter of Eunice and Fred Frnka of Eagle Lake and Angeline Grigar of East Bernard.

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