

SPORTS

7th Grade Raiders feel bite of the Bulldogs

Last Monday, the 7th grade Raiders traveled to Hitchcock.

In the B game, the Raiders fell behind early, and could never catch the Bulldogs, as the final buzzer sounded and the Bulldogs prevailed.

Scoring for the Raiders were John Morales with six points and Joe Brown with three points.

In the A game, the Raiders felt the

bite of the Bulldogs early as they fell behind 12-2 at the end of the first quarter.

The Raiders then used suffocating defense to fight their way back in the ballgame, only trailing 14-9 at the half.

It was 24-17 at the end of the third quarter, but the Raiders ran out of gas and couldn't get any closer.

Scoring for the Raiders were Brandon Sims, seven points; Jonathan Thomas and Jeramie Hemphill, four each; and Gary McTear and Emerson Dawson each had two points.

Charles Huffman and Robert Scott showed great effort defensively.

The team showed great effort and improvement from their first game and with continued hard work in prac-

tice, these Raiders should show much more improvement in their future games.

The Raiders travel to Columbus to participate in the Cardinal Tournament Friday and Saturday.

The Raiders open the tournament against La Grange on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Raider varsity boys' basketball team is 2-5

The Rice Raiders participated in the East Bernard Tournament Thursday, Dec. 2, losing 34-51 to Edna.

The coach stated, "We started out extremely good, but faltered in the second and third quarters. We weren't able to score much against their man-to-man defense.

"Edna is an extremely talented team with five starters returning and picked to win District 26-3A."

Leading scorers were Jesse Upson, 12 points; Adrian Middleton and Edwin Miller, five each; Dustin Brisco, four; Jason Barrow, Conrad Diggs, Quentin Whitfield and Norris

Powell, two points each.

Leading rebounders were Barrow with 10; and Diggs, seven.

Leading in steals, assists and blocks were Upson, eight steals, three assists; Miller, five steals; Brisco and Whitfield, two blocks each.

In the tournament's second round, the Raiders faced off against Flatonia, losing 56-65.

"We played probably our best game of the year against a strong Flatonia team that returns five starters from going to Regional Tourney last year.

"We played head-to-head except from the free throw line where we were 2/12; Flatonia was 22/31. We were real pleased with our defense and feel things are starting to come together," stated the coach.

Leading scorers were Middleton, 24 points; Whitfield, 10; Upson, eight; Diggs, six; Brisco, four; and Barrow and Powell, two each.

Leading rebounders were Middleton, Barrow, Diggs and Whitfield with seven each.

Leading in steals, assists and blocks were Upson, six steals and one assist; and Whitfield, four blocks.

8th Grade Ladies play Hitchcock

The Eagle Lake Middle School 8th grade Lady Raiders basketball team travelled to Hitchcock to take on the Lady Bulldogs.

The Lady Raiders broke open a close game early in the second half.

Charlotte Foster poured in 20 points, Erra Cleveland, seven; Vera

Cleveland, six; Valeen Soliz, four; and Amanda Johnson had two.

Courtney Diggs also played well.

The next game will be at the Columbus Tournament on Friday.

The 7th grade girls will play at 4:30 p.m. and the 8th grade at 5:30.

Local schools release 'Merit' rolls, 'Smart Awards'

SECOND 6-WEEK GRADING PERIOD, 1999-2000

EAGLE LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Fourth grade: Norma Castillo, Mayra Marquez, Anacaren Rivera, Jocelyn Stovall.

Fifth grade: Edgar Castillo, Dwight Dawson, Jimmy Kieborz, Amanda Leal, Ashley Lemons, Alejandro Lozano,

Mitchell Lujan, Shawn Politsch, Diana Posada, Maria Rico, Christopher Supak.

Sixth grade: Ruth Austin, Erika Esparza, Lorenzo Mariscal, Laura Melchor, Christina Rivera, Quentin Thomas.

Seventh grade: Charles Huffman, Manuel Molina, Francisco Najera, Beatriz Posada, Shante Rhodes, Alvaro Rodriguez, Jose Samaniego, Jameka White.

Eighth grade: Jessica Lopez, Valeen Soliz.

Shimek, Terris Shorter.

Second grade: Carley Glover, Kristyna Lobpriess, Kirbrina Robinson, Tanner Wishert.

Third grade: Trent Popp.

Fifth grade: Ashley Brown, Nelson Dabney Jr., Brittany Hurst, Jasmine Jenkins, Jessica Till.

Eighth grade: Fabiola Vasquez.

SHERIDAN SCHOOL

Sheridan students are continuing their hard work by earning 252 Smart Awards during the second six weeks of school.

GARWOOD SCHOOL

First grade: Carmen Saenz, Adrian

Earning the awards were:

Kindergarten: Brooklyn Ellis, Austin Guidry, Andie Hubenak, Katrina Kazmir, Anna McConnell, Jordyn Pausewang, Brandon Sheridan.

First grade: Tesla Alderman, Brandy Brewer, Myles Dumont, Bianca Ellis, Zachary Ford, Jacob Hubenak, Kelsey Kellum, Sean Little, Erica McConnell, Kole Miller, Cody Moore, Ryan Moore, Kristen Neubauer, Jesse Ross, Gustavo Silveria, Tara Tesch, Paige Vandermark.

Second grade: Jessica Cason, Kevin Ellis, Margaret Fuller, Mary Gundelach, Jessica Hill, Rachel Moore, Cody Munoz, LeaAnnette Negassar, Adrian Rangel, James Sheridan, Chelsea Soto, Spence Spencer, Brandi Smith.

Third grade: Wesly Arrison, Samantha Barker, John Buegeler, Anna Delgado, Emmanuel Ellis, Monica Garcia, Stephanie Garza, Stephanie Kellum, David Anthony Lamb, Tiffany Mraz, Garrett Neubauer, Courtney Ross, Richard Smith, Elda Vasquez.

Fourth grade: Courtney Andrejczak, Nayeli Diaz, Daniel Guidry III, Kaci Kazmir, Austin Moore, Melissa Smith, Joaquin Stallworth, William Smith.

Fifth grade: Brent Botard, Victor Brewer, Amber Buegeler, Courtney Moccabee, Nicholas Moore, Megan Mowery, Daniel New, Kayla Robertson, Kristi Sepulveda, Yessenia Silveria, Courtney Sklar, Colt Valenta, Kimberly Varley.

Sixth grade: Ryan Cason, Joshua Fuentes, Buren Kallina, Jarod Munoz, Ryan New, Jonathan Perales, Chelsea Ray, Krystal Sepulveda, Myekia Williams.

Seventh grade: Brian Avila, Stephanie Botard, Raul Garcia, Chad Garza, Julie Houser, Quindora Jones, Clifton Kazmir, Donovan King, Tyler Kloss, Kelly Konesheck, Melanie Lloyd, Stuart Ray, Joseph Spencer, Tiffany Varley, Brooke Wilkerson.

Eighth grade: Karl Alex, Arturo Garcia, Allen Greak, Zachary Kloss, Steven Moore, Michael Mowery, Jennifer Munoz, Esequiel Perez, Marshall Peterson, Dustin Schlauch, Clifton Spangenberg.

This Week's Action!



Date	Team, Place & Time
Thurs., Sat., Dec. 9-11	Lady Raider 7th & 8th grade at Columbus Tournament, TBA
Fri., Sat., Dec. 10-11	Raider varsity at Needville Tournament Raider JV at El Campo Tournament Raider freshmen at Columbus Tournament Lady Raider varsity at Royal Tournament Lady Raider freshmen at Palacios Tournament
Mon., Dec. 13	Lady Raider 7th grade at Needville, 5 p.m. Lady Raider basketball at Columbus, 5 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 14	Raider basketball vs. La Grange, Here, 5 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 16	Lady Raider 8th grade vs. Needville, Here, 5 p.m. Raider basketball at Living Water, 5 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 17	Lady Raider basketball vs. Weimar, Here, 5 p.m.

Private Applicator training, testing offered

A Private Applicator Training and Testing will be conducted on Dec. 14 at the County Extension Office, 316 Spring Street in Columbus beginning at 3:30 p.m.

In order to become licensed as a Private Applicator, persons are required to attend the training conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and then take and pass a test given by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA).

There is a \$5 charge for the training and testing.

Those passing the test will be given an application for the license. This application, along with a \$50 fee, will be sent to TDA and the license will be reviewed in a few weeks.

The license will allow the holder to buy, use and supervise the use of restricted and state-limited use pesticides. It is good for five years.

During that period, the holder is required to obtain 15 continuing education units (CEUs) in order to renew the license. Two must be in Laws and Regulations and two must be in Integrated Pest Management.

A study guide is available at the County Extension Office for those who feel they need to brush up. There is a fee of \$10 for the guide. Sorry, we can't mail it. You must pick it up.

If you are interested in the training and testing, please call 409-732-2082. Space is limited.

A number of licenses will be expiring early next year and we have been getting questions about how to renew them. TDA will send a notice around the first of the year. On the back of the form, you need to record the courses that you took to get your 15 CEUs. You will then sign it and return it to TDA along with the \$50.

Views On Dental Health

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PLAQUE, TARTAR — THE DIFFERENCE

Many people confuse the terms plaque and tartar, often using them interchangeably. In point of fact, they are very different.

Plaque is the sticky, almost invisible film of bacteria that forms on and between your teeth. Normal brushing helps to remove some of it. But no matter how well you brush, chances are some plaque will remain on your teeth. Where plaque accumulates, tartar often follows. They go together like the proverbial "Horse and carriage."

The remaining plaque hardens or "calcifies" on your teeth, the result is tartar (also called "calculus"). It's a

hard, crusty, cream-colored substance that forms unsightly deposits above the gumline, often on the lower front teeth. This is the major culprit in the formation of periodontal disease.

Once tartar has formed, no amount of brushing can remove it from your teeth. Only a thorough prophylaxis (cleaning and scaling) performed by your dentist or hygienist can do the job.

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Alzheimer's Slowed by Medicines; Prevention Would Be Preferred

Alzheimer's disease involves degeneration of the body's neurological system and often results in personality changes, memory loss (both long and short-term), and physical limitations of a person's ability to function without help from others. Approximately four million elderly persons in the US are affected. Only a few medicines have proven beneficial in helping to relieve Alzheimer's symptoms. None cures the disease. Tacrine (Cognex) was the first prescription medicine approved for the disease, followed by donepezil (Aricept). In some persons use of these medicines slowed progression of the disease by one or more years. Currently, several other medicines are being tested.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, the Memory Impairment Study may bring us closer to finding ways to prevent this condition. Scientists have found that persons with two copies of the apoE-4 gene may experience significant declines in memory with advanced aging. According to Dr. Richard Caselli of the Mayo Clinic Scottsdale, "if we can identify Alzheimer's before it starts, in the future we may be able to develop preventative measures to fight the disease."

Hay

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Twelve Month Grazing System" by Dr. Larry Redmon, Extension Agronomist; and "Forages for South Texas" by Dr. Bill Ocumpaugh, Forage Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Beville.

Three CEUs for private applicators will be given for Friday's program.

The Texas Forage and Grassland Council Awards Luncheon will be at 12 noon. Various producer awards, including the hay show awards, will be given during the luncheon.

Please contact the Lavaca County Extension Office at 361-798-2221 or the Colorado County Extension Office if you need more information.

Producers and others interested in receiving a Private Pesticide Applicator's license can still call the office and get on the list. The training will be held Dec. 14, 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the County Agriculture Building.

Also, rice producers should mark their calendars for Dec. 16 for the County Winter Rice Meeting. More information will be forthcoming.