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To The Editor & You

Commitment leads to success

There is something "special in the air" concerning the Rice Consolidated the communities, school halls and football power and county rival by a the district. I also have a profound School District.

feated. It took commitment by some best they could and gained respect. hard working little league coaches and some competitive youngsters.

undefeated.

What commitments were made to bring on this success?

It began four years ago when Rice's athletic endeavors were going through dire straits. A group of new coaches began to assemble a staff and work toward building a program with

classrooms, just to field a squad when school once considered a "floor mat". What I have to say was preceded two-a-day workouts began. Several

Progressive-minded citizens and members of the Rice CISD Board of Commitment has enabled the Rice Education got behind the school Raiders to continue the winning trend administration and coaching staff and starting off the 2000 football season began to commit toward doing their part to give Rice kids a better chance.

The baseball facility was totally rebuilt, providing an above average facility. A new track and weight-training building were erected.

I believe many of our school district's leaders and parents could see bers, and the grandfather of a young the light at the end of the tunnel.

Now, Rice has a coaching staff second to none on most any high school level. At first, it was difficult to convince prospects to come to Rice and stay to see this "thing" through. Now, many coaches are seeking to be a part of the program.

Commitment... patience... dedication... all have helped turn this situation in the right direction.

There is also commitment in the school building. There is a positive attitude among the students and much more pride. Discipline is marvelous! Reason? A principal who is a Rice graduate and assistant principal promoted from within the District have helped create a learning atmosphere. The teaching staff has pitched in to make the system something to be

Wee baseball team which won the ter dropping out in earlier years. Most the game was over, I observed an regional tournament, going unde- of these youngsters contributed the atmosphere that is both conducive and an incredible reward for me. always present around successful programs. Instead of leaving early, long shot. Things are just beginning to people, besides parents, came on to happen! the field to congratulate the team. Elementary kids and junior high youngsters flooded the field just to throw a ball around and be part of the celebration. Commitment makes **WINNERS!**

Am I partial to Rice? You bet! I am Raiders! the proud father of two outstanding Rice coaches, a friend to staff mem-

fondness in my heart for the kids who Rice dominated all aspects of the helped make my year at Rice High by a sterling effort by the Rice Pee young men re-joined the program afgame from the beginning. Then, after School a happy one. To see these young people mature and succeed is

Is the job finished? No. Not by a

So, adults of Rice CISD, I challenge you to continue and build your support for your kids. Fill the stadium, gym, and stands and become part of

this super time in history. Good luck, Raiders and Lady

> Sincerely, Doug "Pop" Roark Monahans, Texas

V.F.W. says 'thanks'

V.F.W. Post 8783 would like to transport chairs to and from the cemethank everyone involved for helping tery. at the Johnnie D. Hutchins Service at Lakeside Cemetery and Prairie Edge and furnished the coolers of ice and Museum Sept. 4, 2000.

Thank you to all that helped in any serve at the museum. way, such as furnishing vehicles to

Also, thanks to those who donated cookies, and to those who helped

VFW Post 8783

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Sept. 23, 1976

These five pretty young ladies will be leading the Rice High School Raider Band during its 1976-77 activi-Last Friday night, I witnessed a ties. They are Drum Major Judy Ash-

by and twirlers, Lisa Mahalitc, Patti Mathis, Becky Gertson and Sharon Hoffman. The band is under the direction of Floyd Spenrath...

Miss Carol Ann Duncan became the bride of Kenneth Ray Graham in a lovely double ring ceremony at the home of the bride's parents in Altair on Sept. 16...

Funeral services were held Sept. 18 for Johnnie Swanner, a life-time resident of this community and an employee of Lakeside Irrigation Company...

Citizens of the area regretted to learn of the death of Overton S. Campbell, a life-time resident of this community, while vacationing in Colorado...

Mr. & Mrs. Alton New of Lissie announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Beatrice Gail, to Darrell David Gertson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Gertson of Eagle Lake. The wedding will take place Nov. 6 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in

Eagle Lake... Eagle Lake City Council voted to promote Bufford Ashley to the position of Chief of Police in the City of Eagle Lake. He had been acting chief since the resignation of former Chief

Roy Chisum last July 27th... Darrel Justin Dopslauf, one and a half year old son of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence F. Dopslauf of Sheridan, passed away Sept. 16 from injuries received in a car accident. Funeral services were held Sept. 18...

Twelve pleas of guilty were made in county court Monday, including a guilty plea by former Eagle Lake Police Chief Roy Chisum to a charge of theft of funds from the City of Eagle

Madeline McCarty of Dallas spent several days here this week visiting the friends and looking over "the old home town". She is the daughter of the former owners and publishers of the Eagle Lake Headlight, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce W. McCarty...

Among those receiving birthday congratulations this week was Massey Duncan, owner of the M&M Western Store..

Lt. Don Frnka left Sunday to return to his duties with the Navy in Florida after a week's here visit with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Fred R. Frnka, and brother, Jeff, a student at Southwest Texas State University.

Sept. 30, 1976

Melissa Wilcox, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wilcox, won the decorated bike contest in the Eagle Lake Lions Club Parade held last Sat-

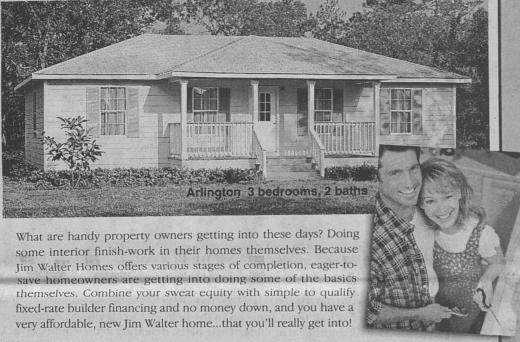
Heavy losses caused by a fire were reported at the **Joe Mahalite** farm in the Elm Grove area...

Alan Kristynik, 17, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Kristynik of Garwood is one of 120 FFA members from across the nation selected to participate in the National FFA Band...

First place winners in the Ford Motor Co. Punt, Pass and Kick competition were 10-year-old, John Harborth; Brian Smith, 8; Michael

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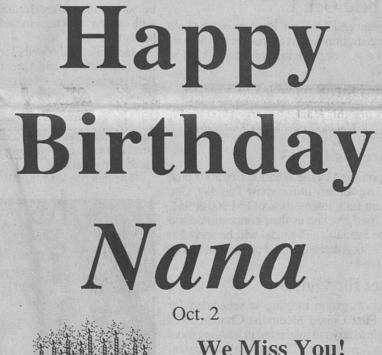
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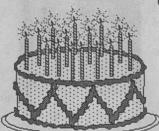
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(and Mama, too)



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