

# Welcome Home, Eagles!



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### Reunion 2000

#### Saturday Parade

Saturday morning, Oct. 7, at 11 o'clock, floats carrying former students from Eagle Lake High School (ELHS) will parade down Main Street from the Prairie Edge Museum to the Community Center.

Sidney Struss, class of 1968, will serve as emcee from the viewing stand in front of City Hall. Former teachers will be seated next to Sidney.

The public is invited to be on hand to view the parade from the sidewalks on either side of Main Street down the length of the parade.

#### Former teachers to attend

Former teachers will gather at the Wintermann Library from 1 to 2 Saturday afternoon.

Former students and members of the community (whether involved in the reunion or not) are invited to drop by the library to renew old friendships.

#### Library extends hours

The Wintermann Library would like to invite people attending Reunion 2000 to come by and see how it has grown.

The library will be open special hours Saturday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for your convenience.

#### Reception set for Oct. 8

A Reunion 2000 Reception will be held Sunday, Oct. 8, at the United Methodist Church (built on the former site of Eagle Lake High School) from 12 noon to 1 p.m. A time capsule is being assembled. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Rice hammers Hitchcock 33-7

The Rice Raiders, behind a smothering defense, dominated the second half after a slow start to bury the Hitchcock Bulldogs 33-7 in their district 24-3A opener.

The victory puts the Raiders at a record-setting 5-0 for the season, and, most importantly, 1-0 in district play.

The Bulldogs took an early lead in the ball game on a 45-yard pass play to take a 7-0 lead. That lead held up exactly 17 seconds.

On the ensuing kickoff, junior return man Gerald Williams electrified a surprisingly large Raider crowd with an 85-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

Patrick Milentz booted the PAT, good for a 7-7 tie going into halftime.

Apparently, there were some sparks and verbal lashing handed out to the Raiders during halftime by Coach Russell Roark, because entering the third quarter of a 7-7 tie game, the Raiders unleashed a 26-point second half scoring barrage.

Leading the way in the scoring was Conrad Diggs on a five-yard touchdown run.

Jerry Cleveland added a four-yard touchdown run and junior wideout Adrian Middleton delivered a stellar 65-yard touchdown run after catching a pass from sophomore quarterback Milentz.

Williams rounded out the scoring in the fourth quarter with a sensational 38-yard interception return for a TD behind a bone-crushing block from senior Cornelius "E.T." Ashton.

Despite all the scoring in the second

half, the real story behind the Raiders' success can be told with one word - DEFENSE.

The "organized chaos" defense of the Raiders did not allow a single first down the entire second half of the game while holding Hitchcock's run-and-shoot offense to an unbelievable minus 19 yards.

Final stats had the Bulldogs with 109 yards passing and a minus 17 yards rushing, which totals only 92 yards of total offense.

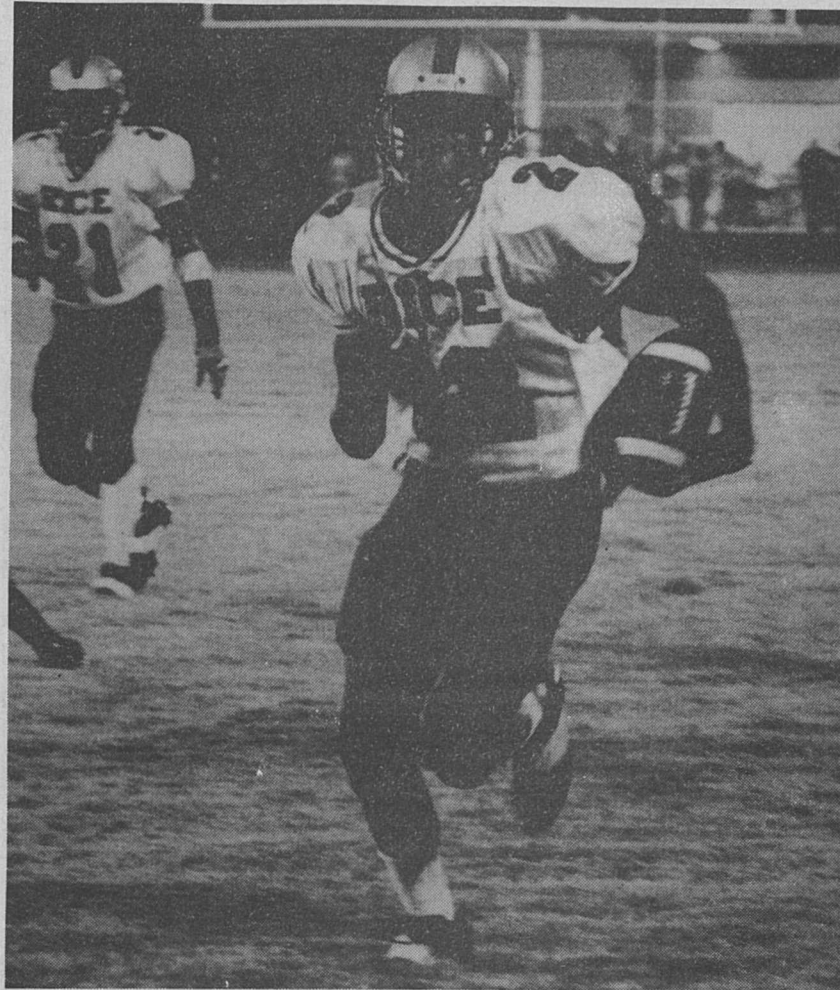
The defense was led by the Player of the Week, free safety Williams. Williams was credited with 13 tackles, one fumble recovery, one big hit, one tackle behind the line, one interception for a touchdown, and a stunning 85-yard kickoff return for another touchdown.

Junior linebackers Jermal Wright and Cleveland were both credited with seven tackles. Wright also caused a fumble.

Junior defensive end Quentin Whitfield had a huge night, harassing the Bulldog quarterback. He finished the evening with seven tackles, two behind the line, two quarterback sacks and countless quarterback hurries.

Also involved in the defensive juggernaut were ends Trent Korenek and Ashton with four tackles each. Outside linebackers Adam Baird, Dante Fuller and Nick Sharp had seven tackles.

Defensive tackles John Rucka, Tyreance Dabney, Adrian Espinosa had two tackles each. Cornerbacks (See Varsity, Page 8)



Raider #22, Gerald Williams, a junior, had an outstanding night against Hitchcock last Friday. Not only did he return this interception for a touchdown in the fourth quarter, he raced 85 yards for a score on a kickoff return in the first quarter just seconds after the Bulldogs' first and only touchdown of the night. The long run boosted Williams into a tie for third in the area statistics for 3A and smaller schools with Jacob White of Barbers Hill. Both have three returns for 114 yards.

### NEWSBRIEFS

#### Texana Community Input meeting is tonight

In an effort to solicit ideas regarding services, Texana is conducting a monthly Community Input Meeting which will be held Thursday, Oct. 5, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Nesbit Memorial Library in Columbus. If anyone has any questions, please direct them to Gwen Cario at 281-344-0892.

#### 1969-70 Freshmen set get-together is Friday

The freshman Class of 1969-70 of Eagle Lake High School will have a get-together at Larry and Monica Broesche's Friday, Oct. 6, from 6 to 10 p.m. Bring a snack and beverage of your choice. Also, bring any memorabilia for the float, signs, crepe, paper, etc. (orange and black). For more information, call 979-234-3870.

#### Mini-camp participants to perform Oct. 6

All cheerleader mini-camp participants are reminded that they are invited to perform Friday, Oct. 6, from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by "This Is It" band. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call 234-3795.

#### Senior Citizens' Dance is Friday

The public is invited to a Senior Citizens' Dance, a place to meet old and new friends, Friday, Oct. 6, from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by "This Is It" band. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call 234-3795.

#### American Heart Walk is Oct. 7

Participate in the American Walk at Friendship Park in El Campo on Oct. 7. Have fun and raise contributions for the American Heart Association. Call Carol Wootten at 979-282-6090 if you're interested in participating.

#### Reunion 2000 Reception set for Oct. 8

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#### Columbus Day Closings

The Colorado Counthouse will be closed on Monday, Oct. 9, in observance of Columbus Day. Commissioners' Court will be held Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 9 a.m. The First National Bank of Eagle Lake will also be closed.

#### Dyslexia support group meeting is Oct. 10

Are you dyslexic or do you know someone who is? Come join us to learn more about dyslexia. Parents of dyslexic children are urged to come. The first meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 6 p.m. at the McCreary Auction House, 201 S. McCarty in Eagle Lake. For more information, call Candy McCreary at 979-234-3836.

#### Study Club meeting set for Oct. 11

The Eagle Lake Study Club will meet Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 2 p.m. in the Winterman Library. A program entitled "Europe and Cruises" will be given by Connie Hennke. All members are urged to attend and please feel free to bring a friend.

#### Senior Friends luncheon is Oct. 11

The Senior Friends covered dish luncheon and program will be held Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 11:30 a.m. in the Gulf Coast Medical Center classrooms. Please RSVP to Sherri at 979-282-6808.

#### 'Wheels for Life' Bike-a-Thon is Oct. 14

The Eagle Lake "Wheels for Life" Bike-a-Thon will be held Saturday, Oct. 14. Coordinator for this year's event is Becky Anderson, who encourages all residents and businesses to support this community effort. All proceeds benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For information, call 979-234-3522.

#### Mt. Olive Pastor's Aide Program is Oct. 14

Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 709 N. Lake Street, Eagle Lake, invites you to their Pastor's Aide Program, Saturday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. McClain of Greater Star Baptist Church in Houston.

#### Study Club Auction set for Oct. 28

The 21st Annual Study Club Auction will be held Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Community Center. A silent auction will also be held. Start off the evening by enjoying some delicious stew made by the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department and desserts by the Ladies Auxiliary. A Victorian Doll House drawing will be held. Purchase your tickets now for \$5 each. Only 150 will be sold. We hope to see you at this most worthy event benefitting the Wintermann Library.

#### Halloween Carnival scheduled for Oct. 29

The Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance is having a Halloween Carnival for all young children in the area and their families Sunday, Oct. 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. (See Newsbriefs, Page 10)

### Stoddard to return for Reunion 2000

Eagle Lake High School (ELHS) graduate Mary Nash Stoddard, daughter of long-time Eagle Lake resident Mrs. Clara May Nash, returns to renew ties with classmates and relatives this weekend during a Homecoming celebration involving hundreds of ELHS exes.

Stoddard is also the niece of J.K. Davidson and Frank Davidson and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davidson (elected Colorado County Surveyor for 52 years).

Since her graduation in 1956, Stoddard has received worldwide attention for her work as a broadcaster, judge, researcher and consumer advocate.

Featured in national magazines such as *Mademoiselle*, Ms. Stoddard



has appeared several times on the front pages of *The Dallas Morning News* and her work has been spotlighted by CNN, ABC News Night-

line, 60-Minutes, NBC, Fox TV, Global TV in South America, The BBC, London's Sunday Mirror, Canada's CBN and the U.S. Air Force Flying Safety magazine, *Associated Press*, *Reuter's* etc. on numerous occasions.

Her book, *Deadly Deception*, about a popular food additive, is an underground best seller, acclaimed on the internet's most famous bookstore, Amazon.com.

While in high school, the ELHS National Honor Society member, the former Mary Carolyn Nash, received many honors. Page 571 in "A History of Eagle Lake Texas" reports she was "named Miss Rice at a Houston awards dinner in her honor in 1954."

That same year, KULP radio in El

Campo announced the start of her popular new weekly radio show, "Songs Just For You".

Later, she became nationally recognized in Radio TV Mirrors (Oct. 1965) as Dallas radio's first female disc jockey-KVIL's Girl Named Sam.

Ms. Stoddard attended Baylor University in Waco on a voice scholarship and later attended Dallas' Southern Methodist University to study journalism.

In the mid-sixties, Stoddard married apparel sale representative Mike Stoddard. Mr. Stoddard died in 1985, leaving his widow, with two daughters and a son to carry on his legacy.

After founding an international consumer movement in 1987, Stoddard is in demand around the world as a lecturer and expert on "food safety".

She has also qualified in court as an Expert Medical Witness (1992-2000) and is a visiting professor at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas; American University, Washington, D.C.; and an invited speaker at the first international conference on sweeteners at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel.

Her keynote address at the Mexican Government's Annual Conference on Sweeteners in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, in 1998 was proclaimed a great success.

She works with the Gulf War Veteran's Association to find a cure and treatment for Gulf War Syndrome, as well as working with Canadian Government officials.

A member of The President's Council on Food Safety, she has provided testimony before the U.S. Senate and works with various government agencies: Food and Drug Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Department of Transportation and Department of Defense.

Along with delivering keynote speeches and giving interviews to media around the world, Ms. Stoddard has found time to work with some of the most famous stars in Hollywood and the world of rock music (ZZ Top, Leonard Skynard, KORN, Casey and The Sunshine Band) - she worked on Bette Midler's Millennium Tour last year and was Miss Midler's personal food assistant.

Stoddard's national network radio talk show, The Mary Stoddard Show, is on hiatus at the moment, but will probably start up again around the country later this fall.

### First edition of *The Headlight* on display at Prairie Edge Museum

Eagle Lake, according to Prairie Edge Museum Curator Bill Harrison Sr., has had more than its share of

newspapers since 1885. They had assorted names like *Boomerang*, *Canoe* (edited by future

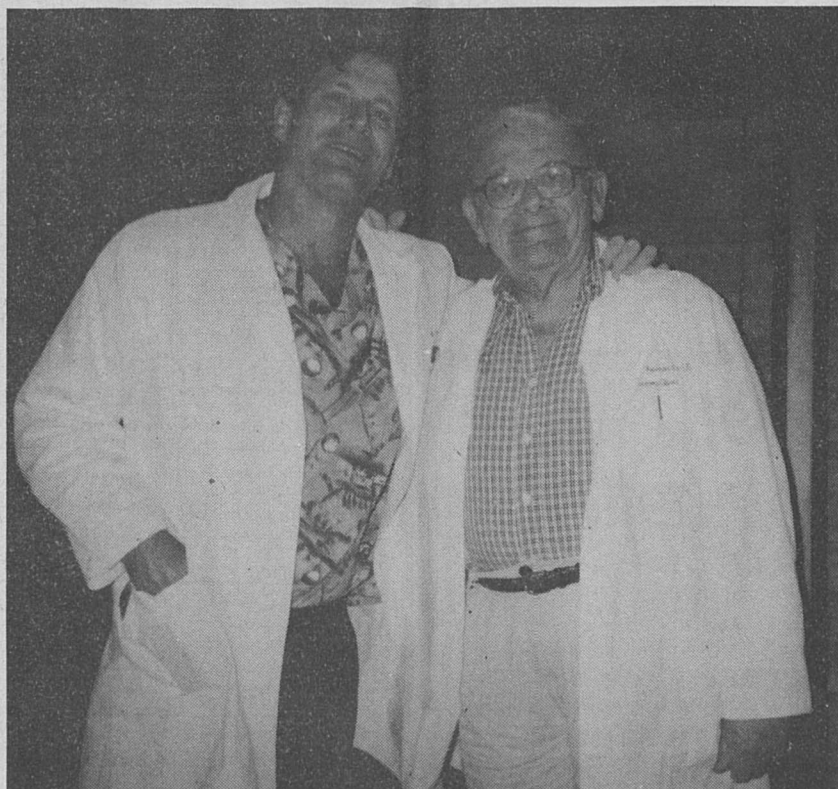
Congressman J.J. Mansfield), *Headlight*, *The Colorado County Democrat*, *Advertiser*, and, at long last, *The Eagle Lake Headlight*.

Prairie Edge Museum wishes to announce that an original copy of Volume One, Number One, of *The Eagle Lake Headlight* is now on display. It was issued Friday, March 27, 1903, with S.O. and B.W. McCarty as proprietors.

The price is listed as \$1 per year. For the first 10 or 12 issued, 3,000 to 4,000 extra copies were available free of charge in order for the McCartys to drum up readership. And they did a good job at this!

The front page is given over to more stories, poetry and advertisements than news. We learn, for example, that Vineyard & Walker are bankers, Bugbee is a jeweler, Conner sells lumber, Thatcher owns a livery and stable, Fred serves ice cream at his parlor, Boedeker is the passenger agent for the Cane Belt R.R., Tatters is a tinner, Dobbins handles furniture, Beakes is a barber, Kelly & Hutchins serve seafood and game in season, McDow is a meat cutter, Canady digs rice irrigation wells, and Welford & Cooper run a saloon.

Finally, the reader gains moral uplifting from the following phrase, "Men may boast of their honesty, but only women return borrowed umbrellas."



Dinner's on!

It's time for a flashback. Remember when? Well, they're doing it again. Drs. Russell and Raymond Thomas, along with their wives, Robin and Elfe, are donating this year, as in the past, cocktails and a gourmet dinner for eight with wines. Save your pennies! This one always brings the Library a nice piece of change. (See Page 3 for additional photos.)