

Fall 2000 semester exam schedule

The following is the schedule, approved by the Board of Trustees of Rice CISD, for Final Exams for the Fall Semester of the 2000-2001 school year. It was developed cooperatively by the Administration and Site Based Committee of Rice High School:

Wednesday, Dec. 13
1st period exam 8:05-9:25
2nd period, 9:30-9:54
3rd through 7th periods as usual

Thursday, Dec. 14
3rd period exam, 8:05-9:25
5th period exam, 9:30-10:50

7th period exam, 10:55-12:15;
Lunch 12:15-12:45
Early dismissal at 12:45

Friday, Dec. 15
2nd period exam, 8:05-9:25
4th period exam, 9:30-10:50
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NEWSBRIEFS

Christmas Parade 2000 is Saturday

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade 2000 is Saturday, Dec. 2. Entry forms for the parade are available at the Chamber Office, 121 N. McCarty. The Chamber would like to invite local civic organizations to have a booth. Call the Chamber for a booth application. There is no charge for a booth and it will help put everyone in a festive mood for the coming holiday season. So mark your calendar now to attend the parade.

ELPA to sell refreshments at parade

The Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance (ELPA) will have homemade items, popcorn and beverages for sale at the Norris Building, 113 E. Main, Saturday, Dec. 2, during the Christmas Parade.

20th Century DAT meeting is Saturday

The 20th Century District Association of Texas (DAT) will hold a Brotherhood Workshop Saturday, Dec. 2, at 9 a.m. The workshop will convene at the Greater Union Baptist Church in Matthews.

Main Street Committee to hold fundrasier

Main Street Eagle Lake Promotions Committee will be selling corn dogs and kettle corn Saturday, Dec. 2, during the Christmas Parade. Proceeds will go toward streetscape and landscape improvements.

Historic landmark plaque to be given Saturday

Vivian Metzger and the Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance invite you to the dedication of a local historic landmark plaque being awarded to the Dobbins-Nathan Building, owned by Metzger and built in 1904. The ceremony will take place Saturday, Dec. 2, at 2 p.m. at 107 E. Main in Eagle Lake.

RMC health screens set for Dec. 12

The Rice Medical Center (RMC) will offer Health Screens at reduced prices Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Lipid profiles, PSAs and thyroid screens will be drawn. Call ahead for an appointment. For more information, call RMC at 979-234-5571.

Chili & Go-Texan BBQ cook-offs are Dec. 16-17

The Weimar chili cook-off and Go-Texan barbecue cook-off will be held Saturday, Dec. 16, and Sunday, Dec. 17. A cooks' party will be held Friday at 7 p.m. A pot luck dinner will be held Saturday (bring covered dish). For more information, call Jean Barkley at 979-263-5851.

'Life After Loss' meeting set for Dec. 5

The monthly Life After Loss support group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1717 Pioneer, Wharton. The group is available to anyone interested in learning more about grief following the death of a loved one. Guest speaker will be Rev. Jan Putnam with discussion facilitated by Kathy Jones, Bereavement Coordinator for Hospice Support Care. For more information call 979-578-0314.

Defensive driving course set for Dec. 11-12

A defensive driving course has been set by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel for Dec. 11 and 12 at the Wintermann Library from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. To pre-register, call 979-234-5411 or arrive a few minutes early the first evening for registration.

Crescent Country Jamboree is Dec. 5

The Crescent Country Jamboree, sponsored by the Wharton County Youth Fair (WCYF), will be held Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the WCYF grounds in the Crescent Hall, intersection of FM 960 & 961. The WCYF director's concession special is hamburger steak. Other concessions will also be available. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the show kicks off at 7:30. Admission is \$3 per person. All proceeds benefit the WCYF building fund.

Full Gospel services set for Dec. 10

Full Gospel church services will be held Sunday, Dec. 10, at 10:45 a.m. at the Wintermann Library. The speaker will be Rev. J.V. Hamman who holds a Bachelor in Ministry. For more information, call 979-732-9170. Everyone is welcome.

Ladies auxiliary to sell hamburgers

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary will be selling hamburgers Saturday, Dec. 2. They will start selling to the parade lineup at 5 p.m. Hamburgers will be \$3; with cheese, \$3.25; and chips, 50¢.

ELMS PTO needs donations!

The Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) PTO is in need of a refrigerator and microwave oven. If you have one of these or would like to give a monetary donation, call the ELMS office at 234-3501. New or used, we'll be grateful for anything.

Main Street design consultant to visit Nov. 30

Texas Main Street Design Consultant Howard Langner, from Austin, will be visiting Eagle Lake Thursday, Nov. 30. Architectural assistance is one of the many services that the Main Street Program offers, free of charge, to the business and building owners in the Main Street District. Business and building owners who wish to have a free consultation for guidance and ideas in their revitalization efforts, discuss signage concepts, and/or to request a rendering of their business or building may request an appointment by calling the Main Street office at 979-234-6933. *Appointments are recommended.*

Mt. Moriah selling dinners Saturday

The Mt. Moriah Praise Dancers will be selling enchilada dinners Saturday, Dec. 2, for \$5 each. They will also deliver. Call 234-6873 to place your order.

Display of Nativity Scenes set for Dec. 2

Two hundred, plus, Nativity Scenes can be seen at St. John's Episcopal Parish Hall, 915 Travis St., Columbus, Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served and Christmas goodies and other baked goods will be for sale. Admission is \$3 per person.

Singles dance is Friday

A public dance sponsored by Fort Bend Singles Club will be held Friday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. at the Needville K.C. Hall, Hwy. 36. Music will be provided by The Bobby Jones Czech Band. Admission is \$5. Door prizes will be given.

Rock Island VFD to hold drawing

The Rock Island Volunteer Fire Department (RIVFD) is selling drawing tickets for a 32-inch JVC color television. The tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. The drawing will be held Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. at the R1 Fire Station (need not be present to win). Proceeds from the sale will benefit the purchase of a much needed "Jaws of Life" equipment. As everyone knows, the first few minutes of an accident are the most crucial. The equipment will not only serve Rock Island

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Raiders lose heartbreaker to Newton, 14-9

The Rice Raiders ended their 2000 storybook season with a heartbreaking 14-9 loss at the hands of the Newton Eagles.

In front of over 4,000 fans at Sam Houston State's Bowers Stadium, the Raiders watched their season end with a stellar 9-3 mark.

In a season of record-setting proportions, including a bi-district title over Madisonville, the Raiders had a couple of golden opportunities go down the drain against the Eagles late in the fourth quarter.

Newton, behind a great performance from halfback James Hadnot, took a quick 14-0 lead into halftime. The Raiders seemed flat and perplexed to that point.

Rice re-grouped at halftime and went into the second half with new fire and enthusiasm.

Led by the strong running of junior Jerry Cleveland, the Raiders worked their way back. Cleveland, who finished the game with 100 yards rushing, ripped off three big third down runs for first downs.

Quarterback Patrick Milentz hit flanker Gerald Williams on a 40-yard scoring strike in spite of immense defensive pressure. Milentz kicked the PAT for a 14-7 score.

Early in the fourth quarter, cornerback Jessie Upson broke through the Eagle line to block a punt.

The Raiders took over at the Eagle 30-yard line, but couldn't penetrate the swarming Eagle defense.

Newton took over on downs, and three plays later, were forced to punt again. The snap sailed over the Eagle punter's head and out of the endzone for a safety and a 14-9 ballgame.

Newton, because of two major

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Raider fans, in photo above, lined the square early Friday afternoon to give their team a resounding send-off to the game in Huntsville against Newton.

At left, Roark's "organized chaos" defense came to life just before halftime. Here a gang of Raiders got to the Newton quarterback to give the Eagles a fourth down and 20 yards to go with 1:46 left in the half. Identifiable players are #29, senior defensive tackle Anthony Salinas, and #1, junior cornerback Ben Ortiz.

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School Board hears reports, amends budget

By Heidi Beasley

The Board of Trustees for the Rice Consolidated Independent School District called their regular scheduled business meeting to order at 7 p.m. Nov. 13.

No communications were read and no reports given by committees.

The Board reviewed and approved the minutes for the Oct. 9 meeting.

The bills were reviewed and payment approved.

Board members then heard reports from the District's principals. Dollie Coleman was not present at the meeting but gave each member a typed update of events occurring on the Eagle Lake Primary School's (ELPS) campus. Dr. Cynthia Saha of the Boot Camp also was not present.

Gene Glover of Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) reported he has 298 students enrolled at this time. He discussed the TAAS practice test his campus took Oct. 11. The information gathered will help to target areas of weakness to focus on before the real test in April.

Glover also updated the Board on the parent conferences which were held on the 10th. He reported a good turnout.

Bill Hefner of Garwood handed out sample reports from the school's STAR reading program. He explained the data and how teachers use the program to promote reading. He also discussed the merits of the Accelerated Reader program and how it is used on his campus.

Don Wild of Sheridan reported on the Veteran's Day Celebration which was held on his campus Nov. 10. A former HISD teacher, Bill Robertson, gave a presentation. Wild said there was good attendance at the program. Sheridan's enrollment is at 152 students.

Michael Lanier, principal of Rice High School (RHS), reported on his campus' high spirits due to the football team's qualifying for the playoffs.

Coach Russell Roark also gave a report and updated the Board on game times and locations.

James Talton, band director at RHS, informed the members of the Dec. 4 Christmas Concert and drawing. He also reported that Chris Rodriguez made first chair in Region B band for the third consecutive year. Mollie Walker, director of the

COOP, gave her report and informed the Board of areas needing improvement prior to a DEC visit by TEA expected in the near future.

In order of new business, the Board approved a budget amendments brought forth by Walker to move funds designated for Special Education in order to be compliant with federal law.

A budget was set up for the Learn and Serve grant and the Accelerated Reading Program grant.

A travel consent form was approved by the Board stating that a particular student may ride home from

a school event, such as a game, by means other than the school bus. The form is specific as to who the student may ride with and must be signed by a parent or guardian. This is to avoid any liability as well as confusion by teachers and coaches.

The RHS Semester Exam Schedule was reviewed and approved. A letter will go out to parents explaining details.

The Board approved Ronnie Sedgwick to represent Eagle Lake on the board of the Colorado County Appraisal District. Sedgwick has served in this capacity for two years.

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2001 will be an early dismissal day for all schools. ELPS and ELMS will be hosting the district U.I.L. competition. Release will be at 1 p.m. Details will be sent to parents as the time nears.

The Board accepted the resignations of Jean Murrie and Maria Hernandez, both are teacher assistants at ELPS.

New substitutes approved were Mryna N. Acevedo Rios and Cristina Kellum.

The next scheduled Board meeting will be Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at the administration building.

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department (PD) reported the following calls and cases for the week ending Nov. 26.

On Nov. 21, at 5:27 p.m., Officer Wendy Alley was dispatched to the 400 block of S. Austin Rd. in reference to a fight. Officer Alley arrived, but there was no one fighting.

At 7:29 p.m., Sgt. Bill Lattimore and Officer Stephen Nelson were dispatched to an alarm at 702 S. McCarty St. The officers checked the building and discovered the alarm was false.

At 10:57 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore received an anonymous call about a disturbance at 607 Tate St. Sgt. Lattimore arrived, but no assault had occurred. One of the subjects left for the night.

On Nov. 22, at 11:15 a.m., Officer Alley was dispatched to 720 E. Main St. in reference to a civil dispute. The situation was handled at the scene.

At 2:06 p.m., Sgt. Tim Crume and Officers Alley and Randy Schlauch responded to a 9-1-1 call at 506 Clay St. The officers learned a verbal disturbance had taken place and no offense had occurred.

On Nov. 23, at 8:32 a.m., Officer Alley was dispatched to a verbal dispute at 1600 E. Main St. Officer Alley learned the dispute was over some property.

At 3:49 p.m., Officer Alley was advised of a stranded motorist on 90A approximately two miles east of the city limits. She transported the occupants of the vehicle to a motel.

At 6:47 p.m., Officer Nelson responded to a minor traffic accident at 104 Boothe Drive. The drivers exchanged information and were issued ST-2 (blue forms).

On Nov. 24, at 10:20 a.m., Officer Michael Krenk received a report of an assault which had occurred the night before at the Cadillac Club, located at 405 Fairview St. The case is under investigation.

At 11:40 p.m., Officer Bryan Lasley conducted a traffic stop in the 700 block of S. Austin Road.

As a result of the stop, the driver, Alpha Johnson, was arrested on a warrant for driving while license suspended issued in Travis County.

Johnson was also charged with a fictitious inspection certificate, no insurance and displaying a vehicle registration certificate issued to another vehicle.

Johnson was processed at the ELPD and transported to the Colorado County Detention Center for confinement.

On Nov. 25, at 4:43 a.m., Officer Lasley was dispatched to a criminal mischief call at 1001 Raezer St. Officer Lasley took a report and the case is under investigation.

At 5:36 p.m., Officer Krenk was dispatched to a disturbance at 414 E. Union St. One of the subjects involved left without incident.

At 9:56 p.m., Lt. Clem Johnson was dispatched to 500 Shirley St. in

reference to some unwanted vehicles parked on private property. The owners of the vehicles were located.

At 10:41 p.m., Officer Lasley was advised of an unwanted person at 100 Boothe Drive. The subject was contacted and issued a criminal trespass warning.

On Nov. 26, at 2:12 p.m., Officer Krenk received a call of a disturbance at 1308 E. State St. Officer Krenk arrived and was advised the disturbance was verbal only. No charges were filed.

At 2:53 p.m., Officer Krenk and Sgt. Crume were dispatched to a traffic accident in the intersection of Boothe Drive and E. Main St. The officers arrived and began investigating the accident.

Carlos Hernandez was turning east bound onto E. Main from Boothe in his 1994 Freightliner.

Verna Loessin was also turning west bound onto E. Main from Boothe in a 1986 Chevrolet Caprice.

Loessin's vehicle struck the trailer and caused minor damage. There were no injuries reported.

At 4:10 p.m., Lt. Johnson was contacted in reference to a burglary which had occurred over the weekend. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.

At 7:18 p.m., Lt. Johnson and Officer Lasley were dispatched to a disturbance at 1001 Glen Brook. The call was handled at the scene.