

Upcoming Raider Action!



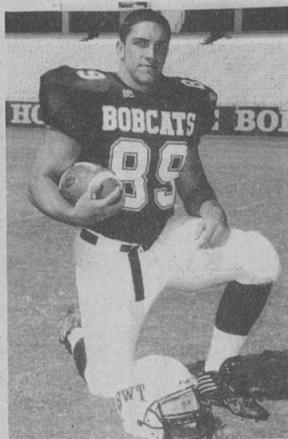
Date Team, Place & Time
 Thurs., Dec. 28 Raider basketball vs. East Bernard, Here, 10 a.m.
 Lady Raider basketball vs. East Bernard, Here, TBA

Sheridan girls split games

The Sheridan girls basketball team split back to back games. In the first game, they lost to Sacred Heart Hallettsville, 20-8. The only scoring came from Tiffany Varley with eight. In the second game, they defeated St. Michael Weimar, 28-16. Brooke Wilkerson had 12 points; Varley had 11; and Quindora Jones had four. The Sheridan boys fell short in both games, losing the first game to Sacred Heart by the score of 31-27. Scoring were Stuart Ray and Joe Lee Perez with eight each; Jeremy Hill, three; and Clifton Kazmir and Donovan King each scored two points. In the second game, the score ended up 34-26. In this game, Ray had 20 points; and Kazmir, Hill and Brian Avila each scored two.

Hagendorf earns letter as SW Texas Bobcat

Garett Hagendorf, a 1996 graduate of Rice High School, earned his first letter this season as a member of the Southwest Texas State University Bobcats football team. Hagendorf, a junior tight end, contributed to the Bobcats' success this season finishing with a 7-4 record, including a 5-2 Southland Conference mark and a second place finish in the league behind Troy State. "Garett played a critical role in our two tight end package this fall," said Bobcat Head Coach Bob DeBesse. SWT finished the 2000 campaign strong, winning four of its last five games to secure the school's best record since 1991 and the best conference record since joining the Southland in 1987. At 6'1", 240 pounds, Hagendorf made his presence known in the potent Bobcat ground game. However, his job was not limited to blocking. "He's a physical player who helped us establish the run each week," noted DeBesse, adding, "As the season went along, he got more involved in our passing game and became a reliable target."



Rice graduate had three catches that afternoon for 29 yards including a touchdown to assist in the Bobcats 21-10 victory. Hagendorf joined the Bobcats in 1998 as a walk-on and paid his dues on the sidelines for two years before getting the opportunity to see a lot of action this season. Describing him as "determined competitor," Coach DeBesse is looking forward to working with Garett as well as a big number of returning players with quality experience as spring football gets underway March 1 and winds down March 31. "We have good kids in our program and they'll continue to work hard to be the best they can be," boasted the Bobcat boss. "My hope is that our success this fall provides the positive momentum necessary to make improvements where we need to."

Garett is the son of Patricia and Forest English of Eagle Lake and Henry and Vicki Hagendorf of Houston.

Gertson III home on leave

Friends and family of Fire Controlman Seaman Apprentice Ralph C. Gertson III, United States Navy, have been enjoying visits with him since his arrival in Eagle Lake Friday, Dec. 15. Gertson has been in training in Great Lakes, Illinois, since his enlistment in March 2000. He completed his basic training May 31, at which time his parents and brother, Ralph, Connie and Dillan Gertson attended his graduation at special ceremonies for Memorial Day at Daley Plaza in Chicago. Gertson then began studies in the Advanced Electronics Tech Core School at the Service School Command, Naval Training Center, Great Lakes. He successfully completed these courses Sept. 22, when he participated in ceremonies during which he received an honor graduate certificate and letter of appreciation from his CO. He then progressed to Fire Controlman Class "A" Strand School at SSC, NTC, Great Lakes, which he completed Dec. 14, achieving the designation of Distinguished Military Graduate, the highest honor awarded. He was also awarded a letter of appreciation for his excellence in being a section leader. The local sailor, a 1999 honor graduate of Rice High School, will be visiting here until he departs in the new year on Jan. 4 for his next duty station, the Fleet Combat Training Center in Dam Neck (Virginia Beach, Virginia), where he will receive specialized training on the Q-70, a new Naval weapons system. Gertson's grandparents are Ralph and JoAnn Gertson and Sonny and Dorothy Breithaupt. He is the great-grandson of Pearl Meitzen Ulrich, all of Eagle Lake.

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Kick scooter safety

Sally Garrett, Colorado County Extension Agent Family & Consumer Sciences

This holiday season, the kick scooter will be one of the highly requested gifts by children. Kick scooters are being used by people of all ages for commuting and play. With this newfound popularity comes the need for safety instruction, reminds Sally Garrett, Colorado County Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences. From Jan. to Aug. 2000, more than 9,400 Americans, mostly children, were treated in the emergency room for kick scooter-related injuries. With this in mind, it is important that we learn how to protect ourselves and our children and prevent injuries while enjoying the fun and convenience of riding kick scooters. To protect ourselves, safety gear is a must. This includes a safety helmet; knee, elbow, and wrist pads; and shoes. Select a well fitting bicycle safety helmet that meets the Consumer Product Safety Commission guidelines. The knee, elbow and wrist pads can be the same type of pads used for in-line skating. If there are no wrist guards, well fitting gloves that protect the hands are a must. Shoes worn while riding a kick scooter should be durable, sturdy and comfortable. Athletic shoes work well, but do not wear sandals.

Another way to prevent injuries is through proper riding techniques. Be sure to stand straight and evenly distribute your weight on the foot plate. Do not ride with your feet and body up front, hugging the T-handle. This is extremely dangerous and can cause your balance to be thrown off, making a serious fall more likely. Ride on smooth, flat surfaces as the kick scooter is not designed for off-road conditions. And do not attempt to ride with more than one person on the kick scooter. Kick scooters are designed for one person only. Riders should always make sure their kick scooter is in top condition and ready to ride by: •Checking all locking devices, adjusting clamps and levers for the steering column and handlebars to be sure they are secure and tight. •Being sure the tires are inflated properly and in good condition. •Testing the brakes, making sure they are working properly. By taking these prevention steps and using protection gear, children and families can safely enjoy their new kick scooters over the holidays and throughout the year. For further safety information, contact the Colorado County Extension Office at 979-732-2530.

8th grade Lady Raiders shoot down Lady Jays

Playing their first game at home in over a month, the 8th grade Lady Raiders got back on the winning track, shooting down the Needville Lady Bluejays, 31-11.

Leading the way were Arizbeth Ruvalcaba and Vanessa Villafuerte with 13 points each; Rachelle Shorter and Melanie Ishee, two each; and Savannah Spears, one point. Playing a good game defensively with aggressive rebounding were Ashley Parker, Bea Posada and Shante Rhodes.

Jochec earns Master's

Kristi Gayle Jochec received a Master's of Science degree in Agricultural Economics in graduation ceremonies at Texas A&M University Dec. 15.

She is a 1995 Distinguished Honor Graduate of East Bernard High School and Class of 1999 summa cum laude graduate of Texas A&M with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agribusiness.

Kristi is the daughter of Geraldine and August Jochec Jr. of East Bernard and the granddaughter of Julius and Paulina Kalina of Wharton and Agnes Jochec of East Bernard.

Since Sept., Kristi has been employed with the Texas Public Utility Commission in Austin as a Rate Analyst with the Electric Division.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



Jessica Black

for being named to the Honor Roll Awards and All-American Scholars 2000 Editions of the United States Achievement Academy.

A special thanks to Ms. Gwendolyn Knight for believing in Jessica.

We are very proud of you. Keep up the good work. We love you always and forever.

Momma, Granny, Nanny & Your Uncles: Darrell, Dexter, Tony & Mike

Views On Dental Health

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STAINING YOUR PEARLY WHITES

If you're a java junkie, you'll have to watch your dental hygiene. Heavy coffee or tea drinkers, especially those who consume the instant varieties, can end up with stained teeth. If you're going to drink these beverages, your oral hygiene needs to be as close to perfect as possible. That means regular cleaning in the dental office, plus flossing and brushing.

Tobacco is near the top of the list of offenders when it comes to staining teeth. The tar is sticky and adheres to the teeth, discoloring them and attracting other staining substances. Smokers need more frequent professional clean-

ings to keep ahead of the "stain game". Probably the worst staining culprit is the once-widespread use of the antibiotic tetracycline. Tetracycline-stained teeth are just as strong as white ones, but their off-white color can cause embarrassment that leads to self-image problems. Today, dentists have cosmetic solutions for virtually every type of stain problem, but the best tack is prevention.

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