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NEWSBRIEFS

Raider football season tickets on sale

Season tickets for Rice High School (RHS) home football games are on sale at the Rice CISD Administration office through Friday, Aug. 17. Beginning Monday, Aug. 20, those who have not held season tickets may purchase season tickets on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. These will be on sale until Friday, Aug. 31. The cost for season tickets for all home games is \$16 per set (we have four home games this year). The cost at the gate will be \$5 per game. **There will be no reserved seats sold for individual games.** Adult pre-game general admission tickets will also be sold. The cost is \$4 each and will be available only at RHS Thursday and Friday until 3 p.m. For more information, contact Suzanne Sykowski at 234-3531 for additional information.

Ministers, Deacons, Wives Conference is Aug. 12

A Ministers, Deacons and Wives Conference will be held at White Cloud Baptist Church Sunday, Aug. 12, beginning at 4 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Sylvester Duckens, pastor of Heavenly Star Baptist Church in Houston. The public is invited to attend. Rev. Obie Rhodes, host pastor; Ada Tillman, president.

ELPS 'Meet the Teacher Night' is Friday

If you have a child entering kindergarten this year at Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS), please bring your child and come by the school and meet their teacher Friday, Aug. 10, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

RHS volleyball fundraiser scheduled for Aug. 31

The Rice High School (RHS) volleyball players are holding a fundraiser Friday, Aug. 31, before the Rice football game against Hallettsville. The dinner includes brisket, potatoes, green beans and bread. Plates are \$6 each. There will be many pick up places to help accommodate your needs: Eagle Lake Middle School, Garwood School and Sheridan School from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; and some available at the RHS gym from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets will be sold by all RHS volleyball players. Thank you for your support for the Lady Raiders!

Community Revival Services starts Aug. 13

Community Revival Services will be held Aug. 13-17, 7:30 p.m. nightly at White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) in Eagle Lake. Guest speaker will be Rev. C.L. Wallace, pastor of Mother Zion Baptist Church of Wharton. Sponsors are Greater Rising Star Baptist Church, Rev. Truman Scott Sr., pastor; and WCBC, Rev. Obie Rhodes, pastor.

Rice Project Graduation meeting is Aug. 20

Rice-Project Graduation will hold a meeting Monday, Aug. 20, in the Rice High School commons area. Please make plans to attend. This is a worthwhile project for our graduating seniors. Hope to see you there!

Study Club needs auction donations

The Eagle Lake Study Club is gearing up for the Annual Study Club Auction scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 27. The Club asks that you get your donations to them as soon as possible. For more information, contact Study Club President Fair Wells or any committee member. You may even take your donations to the library. Thank you in advance for your support.

Senior Friends meeting is Aug. 23

The Aug. Senior Friends monthly meeting and program will be held Thursday, Aug. 23, in the O'Quinn Room of the Wharton Civic Center. The meat will be provided for the covered dish luncheon and members are asked to bring a vegetable or dessert. Please RSVP by calling Carol at 979-282-6090 or Robin at 282-6808.

Evolution Center now open

The Evolution Center "The place of second chances and new beginnings" is now open from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Keep coming back! "A winner will lose a thousand times to win once. A loser will win a thousand times, lose once and quit."

ELPS PTO to sell school supplies

The Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) PTO will be selling school supplies packets for each grade level at ELPS through Aug. 14, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Prices are not known at this time, but may vary per grade level. Please take advantage of the convenience and help support your child's school. Thank you for your support, Sherri Sommerlatte, PTO President.

Senior Friends to view Debra Duncan Show

How would you like to view the Debra Duncan Show from a seat at the Channel 13 studio? Senior Friends members will be going to the Debra Duncan Show Aug. 30, have lunch afterwards and possibly catch a movie at the AMC Theatre in First Colony (lunch and movie on your own). Cost is \$20. Let us know if you're interested in going by calling Carol at 979-282-6090 or Robin at 282-6808. Seating is limited!

My Friend's House holding registration

My Friend's House Pre-School/Childcare is holding registration through Aug. 20 for the fall. Enrollment is \$50 per child. Please stop by or call to reserve a space, as they are limited. For more information, call Jamie at 234-3330.

Big game awards is Aug. 11

The Texas Big Game Awards Region 7-Coastal Plains awards banquet will be held Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Hallettsville KC Hall. Doors open at 3 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults; children 12 and under, \$5. For more information on all the scheduled events for the evening, call 361-798-2662.

All Stancik descendents!

The 34th Stancik reunion will be held Sunday, Aug. 19, at St. Roch's Catholic Church Hall in Mentz. Fun starts at 11 a.m. Bring a basket lunch (paper goods, utensils and tea will be provided). Pass the word to all your family members. For more information, write to Bernice Stancik, 1104 Front St., Glidden, TX 78943 or call 979-732-6121.

Senior Friends bake sale is Aug. 31

A bake sale will be held Friday, Aug. 31, at the Gazebo on the Wharton Courthouse Square by Senior Friends of Gulf Coast Medical Center and A.A.L. (Aid for the Association of Lutherans). Call Carol at 979-282-6090 or Robin at 282-6808 if you would like to participate.

Attention Youth!

If you are in grades seven through 12, you are invited to attend the Lighthouse on Thursday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. There'll be games, food and an encouraging message. The evening is sponsored by Elevate Student Ministries of Shepherd's Way Church in Sealy and Inter Christian Faith Ministries.

WCJC registration schedule set

Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) will hold Fall 2001 Class regular registration Aug. 13-22. Make an appointment through Aug. 15 by calling: (See Newsbriefs, Page 12)

More on the upcoming Raider varsity

"The Rice Raider defense may be the best in class 3-A," Coach Russell Roark is quick to point out how good his defense could be.

The Raider defense, also known as "Band of Brothers", is a formidable defense all teams will have to deal with.

"We have a great mix of good athletes and a good defensive staff. Put the two together and shutouts and record setting performances happen," Coach Roark added. "This defense will be known as one of the best ever seen by Rice fans. We were impressive last year and we return nine of 11 starters. Add another year of experience, maturity, weight training and growth, and this group will be exciting to watch."

Some of the Raiders have been starting on defense for several years. Some Raider defenders (Dante Fuller, Jermal Wright and Adrian Middleton) started as freshmen, others started as sophomores (Trent Korenek, Jerry Cleveland, Jessie Upton.)

Now, all these young men are battle tested and ready for a big senior season. All but one position player has started for at least one year.

Here is a rundown on your Raider defense for the 2001 season.

Beginning with the defensive backs, we have:

Senior cornerback Adrian Middleton. A four-year starter at cornerback, he was forced into duty as a ninth grader and the following year he earned and kept his job. "Adrian is very strong and has good size for a corner: experience (32 games) is also on his side as he has seen about everything," Roark added.

Senior cornerback Jessie Upton is a three-year starter only because he moved here during his freshman year. He has set individual records for interceptions and looks to do even more. "Jessie is a ball hawk on the field. Every ball that goes into the air is his, or at least he thinks it is," Coach Roark adds. "Jessie is also very explosive with his strength as he can powerclean well over 250 pounds."

Senior free safety Gerald Williams, "was one vote away from being the MVP on defense within our district. That's a compliment in any district for a junior," said Coach Roark. Gerald was the leading tackler and also led the team in "big hits". "He often appears as a blur on video, and then all of a sudden somebody gets blown up. That's Gerald in a nut shell," his coach added.

Other corners who will see action this year are senior Ben Ortiz (the nickel back) and juniors Ricky Cunningham and Jason Godley. Senior Conrad Diggs and junior Matt Hentzell will be seeing duty at free safety.

Linebackers

"It's a toss-up between our linebackers and our defensive backs as to which unit is the best. Three of the four linebackers who will start this fall have been doing so for at least three years," said Roark.

Senior outside linebacker Dante Fuller has played defensive tackle and outside linebacker during his career. "I think Dante figured out what it takes to play his position this past year. He has to play very physical to be effective. Many times during the course of a ballgame, Dante must take on linemen and blocking backs head on. He got very good at this during the play-offs," said Roark.

Sophomore outside linebacker Michael Spears will be a first-year starter for the Raiders and the only starting defender who hasn't started in the past. "Mike will play on our weak side and will be involved in our cover-

age many times. Playing corner last year helped Mike adapt very quickly to his new position. The only new thing he'll have to adjust to is the physical play at linebacker and over-blitz package.

Other outside linebackers are juniors Nick Sharp (started at linebacker in 2000) and Michael Cooper. Another addition to the outside backers position is Jason Barrow, who moved there from free safety.

Inside linebackers are senior Jerry Cleveland, who plays the position where more high impact collisions occur than any other position. "Jerry is our on-the-field general. We put all

our trust in Jerry to get everyone lined up and headed in the right direction. He was our team MVP for more than one reason. If I had a team of Jerry Cleavelands, we'd never lose."

Senior inside linebacker Jermal Wright is the strongest kid in Rice's defense and has run on several sprint relays in track. He is an outstanding athlete who loves football. "When I see Jermal without a smile on his face, something is wrong. He enjoys football and athletics, and it shows by his style of play. Jermal celebrates on almost every play," Roark went on to say, "When a young man comes

sprinting out of the pile of bodies, it will be Jermal."

The other varsity inside linebackers who will play are sophomores Jess Little and Garrett Flores and freshman Charles Huffman.

Defensive ends for the Raiders are two veterans who know what the game is about. "We have the best two in the district, bar none. One plays against a tightend and the other doesn't. Each end position is totally different from the other, but Trent and Quentin know how to play their ex-

(See Raiders, Page 12)

Fair Queen contestants sought

Contestants are being sought for the Colorado County Fair Queen and Junior Fair Queen Contests to be held at the Columbus High School Auditorium Saturday, Sept. 8.

Girls between the ages of 10 and 13 are eligible to enter the Jr. Queen Contest; girls from 14 to 21 years of age may enter the Fair Queen Contest.

All contestants must be single and must be residents of or attend school within the County.

To qualify for the pageant, contestants for Junior Queen must sell 20 season passes and Fair Queen contestants must sell 50 season passes for the 2001 Fair.

The Fair Queen contestant who sells the largest dollar amount of season passes will be crowned Membership Queen and will receive a \$2,000 scholarship and a life membership in the Fair Association.

The first and second runners-up in will receive a \$750 and \$500 scholarship, respectively.

The Queens will be chosen by out-of-county judges.

Contestants will be judged on personality, appearance and poise. The contestant chosen Fair Queen will receive the \$1,000 Leslie Schmidt Heard Memorial Scholarship. If the contestant who wins the Membership Queen sales contest is also chosen Fair Queen by the judges, she will receive both awards.

The Fair, Membership and Jr. Queens will participate in activities during the 23rd Annual Colorado County Fair at the Colorado County Ag Complex on the Hwy. 71 Bypass Sept. 13-16.

They will also represent the Fair by riding the official fair float in area parades throughout the coming year.

A complete set of rules, entry forms and season passes may be obtained by calling one of the following members of the queens contest committee: Pamela Potter, 979-732-2705; Deborah Hayward, 979-725-8603; and Diana Brunner, 979-234-5671.

The deadline to enter the contest is 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17; no exceptions.

Leopold receives drama awards

Debbie Leopold, daughter of Betty and Arthur Leopold of Nada, received the Zula Holcomb Pearson's Award and the Outstanding Performance Award for her role as Veta Louise Simmons in *Harvey*.

Only 10 awards were given in each of these categories.

Debbie was one of 79 students from different parts of Texas who attended the Lon Morris College Summer Drama Workshop in Jacksonville, Texas, July 12-27.

Tal Lostracco was the camp director and is an instructor of Theatre at Lon Morris College. A high school and junior high teacher for 15 years, his shows have made nine State Meet appearances in conferences 2-A, 3-A and 5-A.

Debbie's director for *Harvey* was Tim Haynes who has been the theatre director at Big Spring High School for nine years and led his One-Act Play casts to nine District titles.

Justin Ehrlich, her assistant director, was the 1997 Best Actor and Samuel French Award winner for his role as Henry David Thoreau. He plans to continue his studies in film and theatre at the University of Texas at Austin.

Classes in voice, stage movement, acting, television and film acting, improvisation and theatre appreciation have been offered to help the young people hone their



craft, develop a sense of respect for the fine arts and enhance their appreciation for the human condition.

In just two weeks, the students were able to put on excellent performances in five plays: *Daughters of the Lone Star*, *Romeo & Juliet*, *Strider*, *Opal* and *Harvey*.

Betty Leopold and her granddaughter, Audrey Drlik, were able to attend the performances.

Debbie said the two weeks were hard work, but the experience was rewarding and will help her as a future theatre arts major.

She added that she learned a great deal about theatre from the great instructors and fellow troupe members and was blessed with many new friendships.

Prairie Edge Players schedule try-outs for new fall production

Prairie Edge Players are planning a new production to be staged at the Museum Theatre this fall.

Vicki Powers, well-known for her acting ability, will direct the melodrama - *He Done Her Wrong* or *Wedded But No Wife*.

Actors are needed for two male and four female roles. Prairie Edge Players also need workers backstage

and for many different jobs.

Interested persons are asked to be at the Prairie Edge Museum (408 E. Main, Eagle Lake) Tuesday, Aug. 14, at 7:30 p.m. to read for parts or to sign up for other duties.

To see a script ahead of time or for more information, call Helen Craig at 234-2807; Victor Scott, 234-2796; or Vicki Powers, 234-3238.

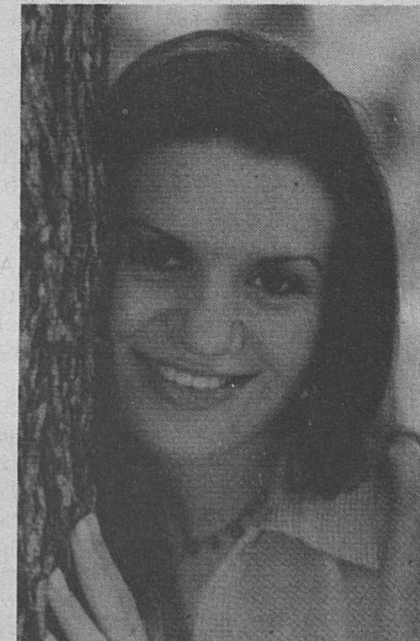
Lopez contemplates future in medicine

Ashley Lopez, daughter of Arthur and Chris Lopez of Eagle Lake, attended the National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF/MED) on Medicine July 24 through Aug. 2 in Houston.

Having demonstrated academic achievement and an interest in a career related to science and health, Lopez

joined more than 400 outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across the U.S. at the forum.

Students learned first-hand about medical ethics, the global effects of infectious disease, genetic research, public health and many other subjects (See Lopez, Page 12)



Ashley Lopez

2001 Fair catalogues available

The 2001 Colorado County Fair catalogues with rules for livestock, home economics, fine arts and special events, along with the official entry forms for all home economics and fine arts contests, are now available at the following locations:

County Extension Office and Potter's Western Store in Columbus; Weimar City Hall; First National Bank in Eagle Lake; Larry's Super

Service in Garwood; Nada Grocery; Sandy Creek Drive-In in Sheridan; Bernardo Farm & Ranch Store; Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg and Schulz's Store in New Ulm.

For information on the Livestock Show and Junior Livestock Sale, call County Ag Agent Benard Mitchell at 979-732-2082.

For information on the Queens' Pageant, call Pamela Potter at 732-

2705.

Call Luane Schindler at 733-0148 for information on the Little Mr. & Miss and Junior Mr. & Miss Contests.

For information on the Fair Parade, call Wade Gibson at 732-8718.

Contact Mark Robinson at 732-6413 for information on the Rodeo and Arena Events.

For information on Commercial (See Fair, Page 12)