

Lady Raiders take to the court

With only a week of practice under their belts, the Lady Raider volleyball team hit the court Tuesday, Aug. 14. For the first game of the season the girls traveled to Rosenberg to take on Lamar Consolidated and Waller.

The Raiders got off to a slow start during the Lamar game, losing 2-15 and 12-15, but stepped it up during the game against Waller, beating them 15-5 and 15-9.

During the game against Lamar, Erin Gold led the team with five points and three assists.

Kristin Thompson had two kills as well as two blocks.

Against Waller, Amanda Burrow led in serving with eight points.

Jessica Spanihel had five kills and one block.

Lauren Spanihel and Thompson also contributed with one block each.

Crystal Alcaral had four assists during the match.

According to Coach Wendy Dietrich, "Losing the match against Lamar was hard. We were very capable of beating them and we just let down. Our defense didn't play like they can and it hurt us, but we were able to make some adjustments and came back to beat Waller."

To finish out the first week of play, the varsity Lady Raiders took part in the Columbus Volleyball Tournament.

To start off tournament, the Lady Raiders took on Schulenburg in a long, hard fought match in which the Ladies were able to walk away with a win. They the first game 7-15, but won the next two games 15-12 and 15-10.

During the match, Crystal Alcaral served 19 points including five aces and dished out 16 assists.

Jessica Spanihel had the best game of her career, leading the team with eight kills and three blocks for the evening.

Lauren Spanihel also had three blocks to add to the Raider defense.

The second round of the tournament proved to be a lot more difficult for the Lady Raiders, but it was a great learning experience.

Taking on 5A Hays Consolidated was tough; they won 6-15 and 4-15.

According to Coach Wendy Dietrich, "The score doesn't reflect the way the Lady Raiders played." She was very proud of the way her team played. "We did not give up! We just weren't able to capitalize on some key plays and it showed, but we did make a bunch of good plays."

Serving it up strong for the Lady Raiders were Janna Janish and Shelley Boenisch, each had three points.

L. Spanihel had one kill and one block, while teammates Leila Baggett and J. Spanihel had one kill a piece.

J. Spanihel also had one block as well as Kristin Thompson and Boenisch.

After playing Hays Consolidated, the Lady Raiders played Sinton and beat them hands down, winning 15-6 and 15-4.

Rice controlled the momentum from the beginning to the end, according to Coach Dietrich.

Boenisch led with eight points including five aces.

J. Spanihel once again led in the kill column with four and Alcaral had 10 assists. Thompson had one block during the match.

Beating Sinton led the Lady Raiders to the next opponent... Industrial.

The Lady Cobras played a very

slow paced game and the Lady Raiders fell into their trap, according to Coach Dietrich.

"Our defense is much faster than the way they played and we couldn't seem to get things going. We fell short during the match, losing 13-15 and 11-15. This was a game that we should have won, but we put ourselves in a bind too many times."

Erin Gold had five points during

the match as well as six assists.

Janish served three aces. L. Spanihel led in kills with four and also led the team with three blocks.

The tournament was a learning experience, according to Dietrich. "The girls are now aware that they play to the level of their competition. They learned that no matter what game the opponent plays, we must always stick to our game plan."

Couples Tournament held Sunday, Aug. 26

The Eagle Lake Golf Association held their annual Couples Tournament Sunday, Aug. 26.

Annie Broesch served a delicious meal of chicken spaghetti before play began.

Winners were:

Championship Flight, 1st Net: Mike and Sharon Slauch, 52.7; **2nd Net:** David and Shirley Burns, 53.7.

1st Flight, 1st Net: Pinto Broesche and Stephanie Sunderman, 54.8;

2nd Net: Lonnie and Delores Garbade, 55.1.

2nd Flight, 1st Net: Teddy and Bobby Wering, 49.5; **2nd Net:** Mark and Pat Roome, 56; Robin and Mark Taylor, 56.

3rd Flight, 1st Net: Lee Roy and Carolyn Keaton, 51.5; **2nd Net:** David and Karen Vesley, 54.

Closest to the Pin on #4 was Stephanie Sunderman, 5'10".

Revival, Revival, Revival!

A revival was held at White Cloud Baptist Church Aug. 13-17 at 7:30 p.m. each evening. The sponsor was Rev. O. Rhodes; co-sponsor was Rev. T. Scott.

The evangelist was the Dr. C.L. Wallace. The fourth vice moderator of the Independent Missionary Baptist General Association of Texas; The moderator of Mission II, in the district; and the Pastor of Mother Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Wharton. This is his 21st year of service.

The first watch, was Monday evening. Scripture reading was given by Rev. Kenneth Wicks, John 15:1-5. Prayer was offered by Rev. P.L. Barrow.

Institute teacher was the Rev. H.O. Williams, F.S.M. B/C. Scripture reading was Romans 1:16; subject, "Deliverance from Sin".

The evangelists scripture was Jer. 18: 1-6. Subject: "Some lessons learned from the potter". Key point: "We all are clay, dug up, washed out, cleaned up by Jesus," the potter.

Second watch, scripture reading by Rev. Willie Davis, Psa. 30:1-13. Prayer offered by Rev. Dave Curry.

Institute teacher the Rev. K. Wicks, N.H.M. B/C. Scripture reading was Matt. 28:18-20; subject, "Objected of the Church".

Rev. Wallace introduced us to Rom. 12:17-21. Subject, "How we should live as Christians". Old Sin Nature is still there, and anger causes us to retaliate. But the battle, is not ours, it's the Lords.

Third watch, scripture read by Rev. Namon Williams, Rom. 10:1-12. A very spiritual, powerful prayer was offered by Rev. James Mosley.

Institute teacher Rev. Lawrence Robinson. Scripture Prov. 24:10-12; subject, "Compassion for the Wrong." Our witness is in heaven, our record is on high, without Christ our strength is small.

Rev. Wallace inspired us with the scripture, Psalms 25:8-14. Subject, "I Need the Lord to Guide Me". What ever choice we make in life, we need the Lord to guide us.

Fourth watch, scripture read by Rev. O. Rhodes, Rom. 10:1-9. Prayer offered by Rev. N. Williams.

Institute teacher Rev. P.L. Barrow, Mt. C.M. B/C. Scripture Acts 2:41-47; subject, "When Will the Church Continue." Institute means, to establish, set in operation, to start. Unified, unite together.

The evangelist opened up with an old spiritual hymn, "I Love the Lord, He Heard My Cry." His scripture, John 20:19-23, subject, Jesus in the

Upcoming Raider Action!



Date	Team, Place & Time
Thurs., Aug. 30	JV football at Hallettsville, 6:30 p.m.
Fri., Aug. 31	Varsity football vs. Hallettsville, Here, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 1	Lady Raider JV volleyball at St. Joseph Tourney
.....	Lady Raider F volleyball at Needville Tourney
Tues., Sept. 4	Lady Raider volleyball vs. Shiner, Here, 5 p.m.
Thurs.-Sat.	Lady Raider V volleyball at
Sept. 6-8	Gonzales Tournament
Thurs., Sept. 6	Raider varsity at C.C. West Oso, 7:30 p.m.

Funds available for housing repair

Bryan Daniel, State Director, Texas USDA Rural Development announced recently that federal funds are available for USDA Rural Development's Section 504 Repair Loan and Grant Program.

To be eligible for financing, the home must be located in a rural community with less than 10,000 in population, on a farm or in open country not

closely associated with an urban area. Under certain circumstances loans can be made in towns and cities between 10,000 and 25,000 in population.

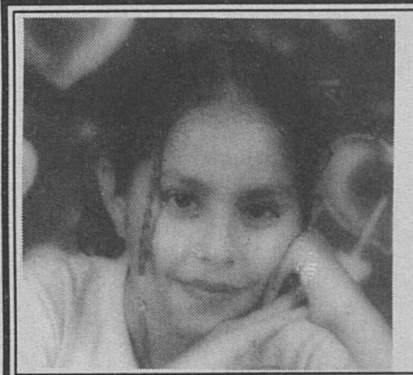
"Generally, repair loans and grants may be used to remove health hazards by repairing roofs, providing a sanitary water and waste disposal system that meets local health department requirements, installing windows, or taking other steps to make the home a safe environment in which to live," said Daniel.

USDA Rural Development makes home improvement loans to people who may not need or cannot afford a new house, but need some work done on their present house to bring it up to minimum standards.

To be eligible for a grant, the applicant must be very-low-income, elderly homeowners (62 years or older) and unable to pay for any repairs on the house.

Interested homeowners should contact the McKinney Local Service Center at 972-542-0081, ext. 4, for more information on the USDA Rural Development Section 504 Loan and Grant Programs as well as the availability of other USDA Rural Development programs.

"When you have a number of disagreeable duties to perform, always do the most disagreeable first." — Josiah Quincy



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Lower Colorado River basin major floods

More than 80 flood events have been recorded in the lower Colorado River basin since the 1800s. These range from isolated floods that affected local areas to basinwide floods spawned by unusually heavy rainfalls. Here are some of the major events.

Feb. 1843: In the earliest flood for which there is a written account, floodwaters caused the Colorado River to crest at 36' at Austin.

July 1869: In what is considered to be the worst flood on record, the Colorado crests at 51' at Austin and produced record crests of 60.3' at Bastrop, 56.7' at La Grange, 51.6' at Columbus, 51.9' at Wharton and 56.1' at Bay City. Bastrop and La Grange were inundated. Reports describe rainfall as incessant for 64 hours, the river at Austin more than 10 miles wide, and floating buffalo carcasses in the river (indicating that some of the floodwaters originated in the High Plains). Damage is estimated at \$3 million.

April 1900: Floods resulting from Hill Country storms destroyed the first Austin Dam, built in 1893. Basinwide, the flood claimed 47 lives and caused \$14 million in damages. The destruction of its dam impoverished Austin for several years.

Dec. 1913: Floodwaters joined the Colorado and Brazos Rivers below Columbus, forming a lake 65 miles wide at the Gulf of Mexico and flooding half a million acres.

April and Sept. severely damaged the second Austin Dam, completed in 1912. The structure was unrepaired for more than two decades until it was rebuilt by the (See Floods, Page 10)

Groundwater

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500 acres improved pasture	@ \$120/ac.	\$12/yr	\$8.10/yr
500 acres native pasture	@ \$87/ac.	\$8.70/yr	\$5.85/yr

This is the simplest option of GCD funding because the Central Appraisal District will collect the money for the district and the funding is very secure.

The other funding options are fees only and a mixture of taxes and fees. In the 2001 legislative session, Chapter 36 was amended so that new tax based GCDs can use fees for operating revenue.

Prior to this time, a GCD had to be either tax based or fee based. Nominal fees can be set for administrative acts such as processing permit applications.

More revenue generating fees can be placed on non-exempt well production, however, there are some restrictions on the rates that can be set.

The state limits on fees are \$1.00/a-f/yr for agricultural use and \$10/a-f/yr on any other uses. Also fees set for agricultural uses shall be no more than 20% of the rate applied on municipal uses. The agricultural use caveat results in placing the fee burden on municipalities.

In attempts to design a combination of tax and fee system, I found that in test cases, city dwellers would actually pay about \$2 more per year than they would in a 100% tax case.

Obviously, this is not an option for

our county. Fees work well if your county is predominantly composed of municipalities and industries, similar to Harris or Galveston.

Colorado County has roughly 50% of the population living in the incorporated cities and only about 18% of the planted rice land irrigated by groundwater.

By choosing not to have production fees, the only other fee income source is an option to have a fee on groundwater exported (removed) from the county.

SB 2, 2001 legislative session, provides an amendment to Chapter 36 that allows GCDs to charge \$.025/1000 gallons export fee if the district's tax rate is less than \$.025/\$ valuation.

Export projects that have been reported mention 25,000 acre-feet per year of expected export volumes, which would yield about \$203,657 per year in fee income with the \$.025/1000 gallons rate. This income should be sufficient to run a district with out taxes.

The down side of such a free ride, of course, is the reduction in our groundwater resource.

The question therefore is how many acre-feet of groundwater can be withdrawn from the aquifer in any given area without a permanent decline in the water level. Information from your well and your neighbors' well will help the district determine the answer.

Immaculate Conception Church
Sealy, Texas

Bazaar & Homecoming
Sunday, Sept. 2

Knights of Columbus Hall — Highway 90 West, Sealy

Barbecue Dinner & Supper
Serving begins at 10:30 a.m.
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Medicines Used to Correct Infertility

Major causes of infertility among couples wishing to have children include numerous problems related to sperm production; sperm quality; ovulation; the fallopian tubes; or cervical mucus. The good news is that over 50% of couples who haven't conceived after 12 months of effort eventually will conceive, with or without medical intervention.

Clomiphene (Clomid) is commonly used to help women who haven't ovulated in an extended period of time. However, a menstrual period must first be induced with *medroxyprogesterone acetate* (Provera) for *clomiphene* to work properly. Due to a risk of ovarian cancer, clomiphene treatment cycles in infertile women are limited and usually are carefully monitored. *Clomiphene* also is prescribed for men to help increase sperm counts. This medicine does not, however, improve the sperm's ability to move around, nor does it reduce the number of abnormal sperm. *Human menopausal gonadotropins* (Repronex) may be injected into a woman's thigh muscle to stimulate ovarian follicles maturation. A new drug for infertility treatment called *human urinary FSH* or Vitropin, is expected to be approved soon.

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