

Preservation Alliance to host lecture

Have you ever thought about getting a historical marker for your building, home or ancestor?

Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance Inc. will host a lecture given by the Texas Historical Commission Nov. 27 at 6 p.m. at the McCreary Auction House, 201 S. McCarty Ave. in Eagle Lake.

Dan Utley, Assistant Division Director for History Programs Division and Historical Marker Program

Coordinator for the THC, will be one of the featured speakers.

Among the topics to be included will be the types of historical markers designations available, eligibility, the application process, review of sample applications, and a question and answer session.

In addition, Geron Hite, THC's Cemetery Preser- (See Lecture, Page 8)

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NEWSBRIEFS

Lighted Christmas parade is Dec. 1

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Lighted "Spirit of Christmas 2001" Parade is set for Saturday, Dec. 1. Line up will be from 4:30 to 5:20 p.m.; judging, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; and parade time is 6:45. For more information on the parade or to get an entry form, call 979-234-2780. The deadline to enter is Nov. 28!

City Hall closed Thursday, Friday

The City offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23 and 24, in observance of Thanksgiving. There will be no garbage pickup these two days. Collection will resume Monday, Nov. 26, with the regular Monday route. Also closed for the holiday are the First National Bank (Nov. 22 only) and the Colorado County Courthouse (Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22 and 23). The Eagle Lake Headlight will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22, but will be open Friday, Nov. 23.

Sendoff for the Raiders is Friday

The Raiders bus will come through downtown Eagle Lake before heading to their area playoff game against Barber's Hill. Join in sending them off by meeting along Main Street at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23. Bring bells, pom-poms and your Raider PRIDE!

Booster Club to meet Nov. 26

The Rice Raider Booster Club will meet Monday, Nov. 26, at the high school. All parents and fans of girls and boys sports from seventh grade through varsity should attend.

RHS Drama Club needs your help

Rice High School is getting ready to work on "The Dairy of Anne Frank" for its One Act Play entry. If you have any of the following items and would be prepared to lend them to the Drama Dept., they would be grateful: men's, women's and children's clothes from the 1940s (including hats, shoes, belts, vests, cardigans, suits, skirts, blouses and jewelry); an old love seat, wooden chairs (the older and more broken down the better), wooden crates, a standing lamp (preferably that works), old quilts and blankets. Please call Deborah Reed at 234-2601 to arrange pickup.

Take your picture with Santa Dec. 8

Santa will be at the Norris Building on Main St. Saturday, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. He'll be taking pictures with the young and young-at-heart of the community. Come by and say hello. This will make a wonderful gift for grandparents, parents, aunt and uncles and/or sweethearts. Santa is being sponsored by The Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance, Inc.

Want to be blessed?

Why not join all the folks at the Lighthouse, 200 Ice St. in Eagle Lake, every Saturday night for Saturday Night Live with Jesus. There's live music, praise and worship. Everything starts at 7 p.m. and is hosted by Little David Ministries. For more information, call 281-347-2794. See ya there!

WCJC to present holiday concert

Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) Music Department invites you to attend the 27th Annual Candlelight Holy Days Concert Thursday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Wharton. This year's program will include music by the WCJC Concert Choir, a vocal ensemble from Dawson Elementary School, the First United Methodist Church Handbell Choir and vocal and instrumental soloists.

A Victorian Christmas celebration

Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance invites everyone to participate in its Christmas fundraiser, A Victorian Christmas Celebration, Saturday, Dec. 1, at 4:30 p.m. and during the Christmas parade. Members will be serving desserts, hot chocolate and coffee in a Victorian Setting at the Norris Building, 113 E. Main Street.

MMBC Thanksgiving Praise Explosion is Sunday

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (MMBC), 1205 Alleyton Rd. in Alleyton, (off of I-10 and FM 102 Exit 699) invites you to a Thanksgiving Praise Explosion Sunday, Nov. 25, at 4:30 p.m. The event will feature RSVP of Riverside County, California; Daniel House & Young Artist for Christ of Houston; Paula Richardson and the Mt. Moriah Choir and Min. E. Gordon Wright & Sounds of Creation of Houston. Special guest will be Garland recording artist Pamela Bluford & Co. of San Francisco, CA. For more information, call 281-342-7557. Admission is free. Come ready to give thanks!

Crescent Country Jamboree is Dec. 4

The Crescent Country Jamboree, sponsored by the Wharton County Youth Fair (WCYF), will host their monthly live music show Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the WCYF Grounds in Crescent Hall, intersection of FM 960 & FM 961. Boiling representatives will be serving grilled hamburgers with all the trimmings as their concession stand special. Other items will also be sold. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m.; the show kicks off at 7:30. Admission is \$6 per person. All proceeds benefit the WCYF building fund.

Defensive driving course is Nov. 27, 28

A state-approved six-hour defensive driving course had been scheduled by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel for Nov. 27 and 28 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake. To pre-register, call 979-234-5411 or arrive a few minutes early the first evening for registration. Completion of the course can be used for a dismissal of a traffic violation and/or discount on auto insurance for a three year period.

ELPA to sponsor lecture

Have you ever thought about getting a historical marker for your building, home or ancestor? Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance (ELPA) Inc. will host a (See Newsbriefs, Page 8)

Now Bi-District Champions...

Rice Raiders dam up Coldspring, 49-20

On a soggy evening in Magnolia last Friday, the Rice Raiders played the first quarter to perfection.

Building an explosive 28-0 lead early in the second quarter, the Raiders coasted home with a comfortable 49-20 bi-district victory.

The victory raises their record to 10-1 on the season and advances the Raiders to the area championship game against undefeated (11-0) Barber's Hill.

Barber's Hill is the district champion in 22-3A and is riding a 33-game regular season winning streak. The Eagles were ousted from the 2000 playoffs last year by Sweeny in the second round.

The Raiders started out the ballgame by taking the opening drive 80 yards in seven plays. The drive was capped by a brilliant 52-yard touchdown run by tailback Gerald Williams. Kicker Patrick Milentz kicked the point after to build a 7-0 lead.

After the defense stopped Coldspring with three downs and out, the offense once again took over at their own 42-yard line.

Their second drive took only six plays, when quarterback Patrick Milentz connected with splitend Ricky Cunningham on a stellar 29-yard touchdown pass.

Fullback Conrad Diggs, who finished with 66 yards on nine carries, ran

in the PAT, good for a 15-0 lead.

Following a quick turnover when senior end Quentin Whitfield stripped a Trojan defender of the ball, the mighty Raider offense took over in great field position.

Four plays later, standout running back Jerry Cleveland blasted over two Trojan defenders into the endzone for a 21-0 lead, still in the first quarter.

Following another Trojan turnover, compliments of a big hit by defensive end Trent Korenek, the Raider "machine" took residence at the Trojan 34-yard line. Speedy fullback Eddie Glover bolted past the Trojan secondary for a 15-yard touchdown run.

Milentz again added the PAT kick for a 28-0 early second quarter lead.

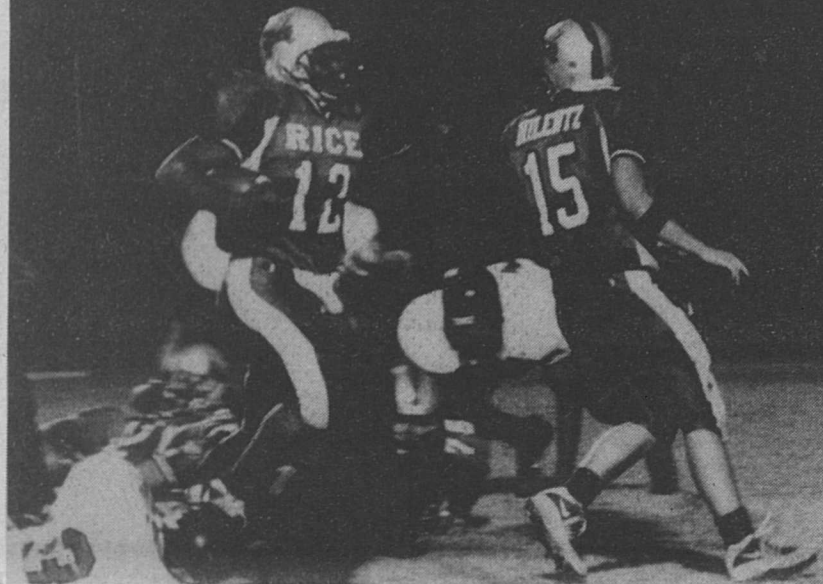
The Coldspring crew, who had some very fast customers indeed, broke off two long 76-yard touchdowns, one of them late in the second quarter, the other midway through the third.

Milentz connected with flanker Jessie Upson late in the second quarter on a 24-yard scoring strike to end the scoring at the half, 34-12.

The opening drive of the second half pitted the offensive line of the Raiders against an overmatched Trojan defense. Diggs, ending an 8-play (See Varsity, Page 6)



Rice fullback Eddie Glover bolted past the Trojan secondary for a 15-yard touchdown run in the second quarter of Friday's win over Coldspring.



Senior running back Conrad Diggs takes it in for two with quarterback Patrick Milentz running interference. Diggs' two-point conversion was the Raiders' last points scored in the game.

Headlight Photos

CHAMBER CHAT

By Carol Nelson, Chamber Director & Headlight Staff

The Nov. 19 meeting of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce was held in the conference room at Rice Medical Center.

Leslie Lerner and Tim Kelley introduced a new promotion to the Chamber... "Goose Calling Contest" to be held next year around the time the goose hunting season is set to begin.

Chamber members were interested and plans are underway to get more information on the contest as well as sponsors for the event. As details become finalized, the Chamber will announce them.

The Nominating Committee (consisting of Becky Anderson, Lesley Carey, Ronnie Sedgwick and Davis Waddell) turned in their nominees of directors for 2002-2004: Beverly Duddleston, Steve Henderson, Candy McCreary, Pat Matula, Cindy Stockman and Bryan Wiese.

The Grande Goose Contest is underway. In the lead is David Rucka of Eagle Lake, wing span of 4 ft. 9 in.; Gary Sanders of Fresno, Texas, wing span 4 ft. 8 in.; and Patrick Quirk of St. Louis, Missouri, wing span 4 ft. 6 in.

Feel free to enter the contest at B&S Taxidermy in Eagle Lake. You can also check there for the rules and regulations. The contest runs through Jan. 20, 2002.

The Chamber is gearing up for the 2001 "Spirit of Christmas" Lighted Parade which will be held Saturday, Dec. 1, starting at 6:45 p.m. Elizabeth Waddell was chosen as this year's pa-

rade marshal.

Doing the honors as emcee for the Chamber again this year will be Lynda Appelt Evans. We hope everyone will come out and support the Chamber and community at this year's parade.

The Chamber Banquet will be held Monday, Jan. 28, 2002 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Entertainment is also in the works. Set to perform are the "Sweet Adeline's". Make plans now to attend the Chamber Banquet. Tickets will be available soon.

Sedgwick reported on the Farm

Bill as part of his agricultural and economic development report.

Ron Holland, City liaison, said Sylvia Rucka was named the new City Secretary. He also informed the Chamber that Nov. 20 was the last day on the job for Lt. Clem Johnson as full-time officer for the Eagle Lake Police Department. Johnson will now serve the department as a reserve.

Paul Kucherka with the Colorado County Juvenile Detention Center (CCJDC) said they're at 75% and a possible expansion is pending. An inspection team was to visit the CCJDC Nov. 20.

Henderson, Administrator at Rice Medical Center, told the Chamber there has been a delay in the flu vaccine being delivered to the hospital. He said you can go to the Thomas Clinic to get your flu shot.

Becky Anderson with Main Street reported that accordionist Joel Guzman was well received throughout the community. Guzman was here for the entire week, proving entertainment at different locations.

The next chamber meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 17. The location is a surprise. It will be announced the week of Dec. 10.

Chamber to host Lighted Parade

The holiday season is just around the corner and the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce invites you to join in their first event of the holiday season... the "Spirit of Christmas 2001" Lighted Parade.

The parade is slated for Saturday, Dec. 1, at 6:45 p.m. Line up is from 4:30 to 5:20 p.m. and judging will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Trophies and rosettes will be awarded in the following categories: service organization, chambers of commerce, decorated auto, school organization, church, marching/twirling unit, individual family and commercial.

Bands, marching units, dance and drill teams are invited to perform a

four minute demonstration at the judging stand.

If your entry will have sound or music, please advise on the entry form so the entries can be moved apart.

Participants are asked NOT to include "live" Santas on their entry because parents tell us it's difficult to explain to small children why there are so many Santas.

Absolutely nothing may be thrown into the crowd from parade

participants, we feel sure that you or your organization would not want to be held accountable for the injury of anyone.

The trophies and rosettes will be presented during the parade.

For more information or an entry form, call the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce at 979-234-2780.

Entry forms must be returned no later than noon, Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2001.

Rice School Board meets

By Heidi Beasley

The Board of Trustees for the Rice Consolidated Independent School

District called the regular scheduled Board meeting of Oct. 15, 2001 to order at 7:30 p.m. All members of the Board were present.

Joe Lee Perez, chairman of the Facilities Committee, explained their campus visits and read a list of requests from the different principals. Many of the requests have already been taken care of. Some of the items were discussed as long term goals for each campus.

The minutes of the Sept. 10 board meeting were approved, followed by reports from Rice CISD principals.

Ms. Coleman, principal of Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS), said her enrollment is at 314 students. She thanked the Board and Mr. Beall for allowing Ms. Curry to come to the school on Tuesdays and Thursdays to help with discipline. This frees up Ms. Coleman to take care of other administrative tasks.

Coleman reported a great turnout for the Sept. 18 PTO meeting. The focus was information about the process of recommendation for GT and the program itself.

She said her campus sent seven (See Board, Page 8)



Study Club presents \$19,000 check to Library

The Eagle Lake Study Club presented a check for \$19,000 to the Eula and David Wintermann Library. The proceeds were from the Annual Study Club Auction. Pictured are Librarian Vicki Powers, Betty Wegenhoft, president of the Library Board; and Ernie Sommerlatte, Board treasurer. Also pictured is Study Club President Fair Wells and Betty Lewis, who hosted the tour the Study Club took last week as part of their monthly meeting.

Headlight Photo by Carol Nelson



WEEKLY MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING REPORT

The following report is produced for Texas Parks and Wildlife by Bink Grimes. (Updated Nov. 21.)

Coastal Prairies: Snow goose hunting has been good despite a high ceiling and light winds. New recruits moved into the area on the heels of the recent cold front.

Decoying action for specklebellies

and Ross' geese has been good.

Good concentrations of roosting geese have been reported in Provident City, Speaks, Altair, Wharton, Eagle Lake, Garwood, Katy, Winnie, Anahuac, Devers and Brookshire.

Duck hunting has been fair at best, however, new migrants have found flooded fields since the front. Prospects are good.