

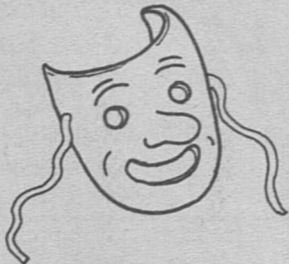
ELVFD to cater Prairie Edge production

Fire Chief Gary Glaiser announced the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department will cater the dinner-theater production of *Don't Mention My Name* by Fred Carmichael in the Raymond Thomas Theatre at the Prairie Edge Museum on Nov. 15 and 16.

Glaiser reports a delicious meal of grilled chicken breast, wild rice mix, green

beans and a variety of desserts will be served to playgoers. Tea, coffee or water will be available with the meal.

Glaiser added, "Come support both the Prairie Edge Players and the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department by attending one of the productions."



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NEWSBRIEFS

Pardo Benefit scheduled for Nov. 10

A benefit for Colorado County Deputy Jeremy Pardo, who was involved in a serious vehicle accident Oct. 5, will be held Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Veteran's Memorial Hall in Columbus. The all-you-can-eat catfish meal will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., dine-in or drive thru. Advance tickets are \$8; at the door, \$10; children 12 and under \$5 (dine-in only). A bake sale and silent auction will also be held. If you are interested in purchasing tickets or donating items for the auction, please call 979-732-2388. Contributions may be made to the Jeremy Pardo Fund at Columbus State Bank. Pardo has required several reconstructive surgeries on his right leg and ankle and is not expected to return to duty for several months. He has a wife, and newborn daughter who depend on him for support.

RIVFD hosting annual carnival Saturday

The Rock Island Volunteer Fire Department (RIVFD) will hold its annual Halloween Carnival Saturday, Oct. 19. The fun starts at 6 p.m. at the RI Community Center. There will be a cake walk, haunted house and many other games and activities. Raffle tickets may be purchased from any RIVFD member.

RPG meeting is Monday

A Rice Project Graduation (RPG) meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school commons. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Seniors start earning your points NOW!

Bernardo ISD school reunion is Saturday

All former students and teachers of the schools in the Bernardo ISD are reminded of the reunion to be held Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Bernardo Fire Station. Registration starts at 2 p.m. The Bernardo, Mentz, Bachelor Hill, Willow and Bertschneider Schools were all included in this district. Everyone is asked to bring sandwiches, desserts or snacks for lunch. Drinks will be available. For more information, contact Ruby Bell Henneke at 979-732-6178.

PJ's first practice is Sunday

Don't forget PJ's begin to get ready for its production of "Peter Pan" this week. The first practices will be held at the First Baptist Church on the corner of Lake and Prairie from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20. If you are age five to 15, be sure to come and join the fun. You will meet new friends, learn a lot about theatre, and best of all, it's FREE!

Girl's softball skills building training a possibility

Do you have girl that would be interested in skill building techniques for softball? It has been indicated that this type of fundamental teaching is much desired for our area girls. The age group includes girls that would be moving up from tee-ball to the pitching machine through the age of 12. Ages 13-14 will be considered if coaches are found. The thought is, that if these girls are subjected to the pitching machine or to live pitch BEFORE the season begins, they may be more apt to play ball. If your girl is interested in participating please call Karen Tristen at 234-2121. We need to know if there is enough interest in this idea to continue its pursuit.

Booster Club meeting is Oct. 28

The Rice Athletic Booster Club will meet Monday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. in the high school commons. All parents and fans of Raider and Lady Raider athletes are welcome.

Second annual craft, trade day is Nov. 9

The Second Annual Community Craft & Trade Day is Nov. 9 at the First United Methodist Church of El Campo, 1001 Ave. I, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Indoor and outdoor spaces are available. For more information, call Karen Ringleb at 979-543-7486 or Lynn Reed at 543-2978 to reserve your space early. Indoor spaces are limited.

FFA fundraiser will sell, Oct. 22

The Rice FFA will sell chicken fried steak plate dinners, to go only, Tuesday, Oct. 22. Cost is \$6 per plate. Serving starts at 5 p.m. For tickets or more information, contact any FFA member or call the school at 234-3535.

Strudel, pie orders being taken

The Parishioners of St. Mary's in Nada are once again sponsoring the annual apple strudel and pie bake. Strudels and pies will be made Wednesday, Nov. 6. Orders must be in no later than Friday, Oct. 25, to either Janet Mahalitic at 979-234-5148; Monica Staff, 979-758-3789; or Diane Spanihel at 234-3941. You will be called when your order is ready to be picked up at the Nada Community Center. Strudels are \$15 baked; \$10 unbaked; pies are \$8 unbaked only.

RMC fundraiser is underway

The Rice Medical Center Auxiliary (better known as the Pink Ladies) is selling tickets for a remote control truck. The truck has headlights, coil springs, low and high gears, and oversized tires. Tickets are \$1 each for 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held Monday, Dec. 9, just in time for Christmas. This remote controlled truck is ideal for boys (and girls and big boys also). Tickets are available in the gift shop at the hospital or call Barbara Pidgeon, 234-2897.

Child Care workshop is Saturday

Saturday, Oct. 19, a multi-county Child Care workshop will be conducted at the Student Center at Blinn College in Brenham. The conference is open to all interested child care providers and will offer a total of seven educational hours. Sessions will include information on a father's reading program, nutritional education in the classroom, and children's health and safety issues. Sessions will be conducted by Drs. Stephen Green and Jenna Anding and Jennifer Janssen, M.Ed. An afternoon session, conducted by Kari Surovik, will be on language arts and math and will include "hands-on" activities where participants will complete projects to take home for their classrooms. For registration information, call 979-732-2530.

Needville Harvest Fest is Oct. 19

The 19th annual Needville Harvest Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 19. General admission is \$3; \$5 after 6 p.m. There are senior citizen and children's discounts. There will be two stages of entertainment, biergardens, carnival, petting zoo, lots of food, live auction, antiques, collectibles, crafts, jewelry and more. For more information on the entertainment, call 979-793-4030 or on the web at www.needvilleharvestfest.org.

Parish of Nativity Festival is Sunday

The Annual Festival of the Parish of Nativity, Roman Catholic Church of Victoria, will be held Sunday, Oct. 20, at 545 S. Austin Rd. in Eagle Lake (across from the hospital). A chicken fried steak dinner with all the trimmings will be served 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$6 a plate. Curb service will be available. Also scheduled is a country store, cake walk, ring toss, horseshoe pitching, dunking booth, food booths and much more! The auction will start at 1 p.m. A

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Raiders open district play with 61-0 win

The Rice Raiders Varsity football team began district play in grand fashion, defeating the Palacios Sharks 61-0 on their own field.

Rice came out a little flat in the first quarter, after being off a week, then got down to business and totally dominated the game.

The Sharks received the opening kickoff and took advantage of the flat Raiders by moving the ball downfield quickly.

Shark quarterback Tyler Thompson appeared to have a touchdown pass when Raider cornerback Jason Godley streaked across the field and stripped the ball from receiver Terrell Lee.

The Raiders took over and never looked back.

Charles Huffman put the Raiders on the board first with a one-yard plunge at the 7:35 mark of the first period.

Patrick Milentz added the PAT giving Rice a 7-0 lead.

With 40 seconds remaining in the

first stanza, the Raiders made the score 14-0 on Michael Spears' nine-yard run and Milentz' second PAT.

Huffman got his second score of the night on a two-yard run at 10:11 of the second quarter.

Milentz again added the PAT, extending the Raiders lead to 21-0.

Rice fullback Tyreance Dabney rounded out the first half scoring with 36 seconds left on a six-yard run, followed by a Milentz PAT.

The score was 35-0 at the half.

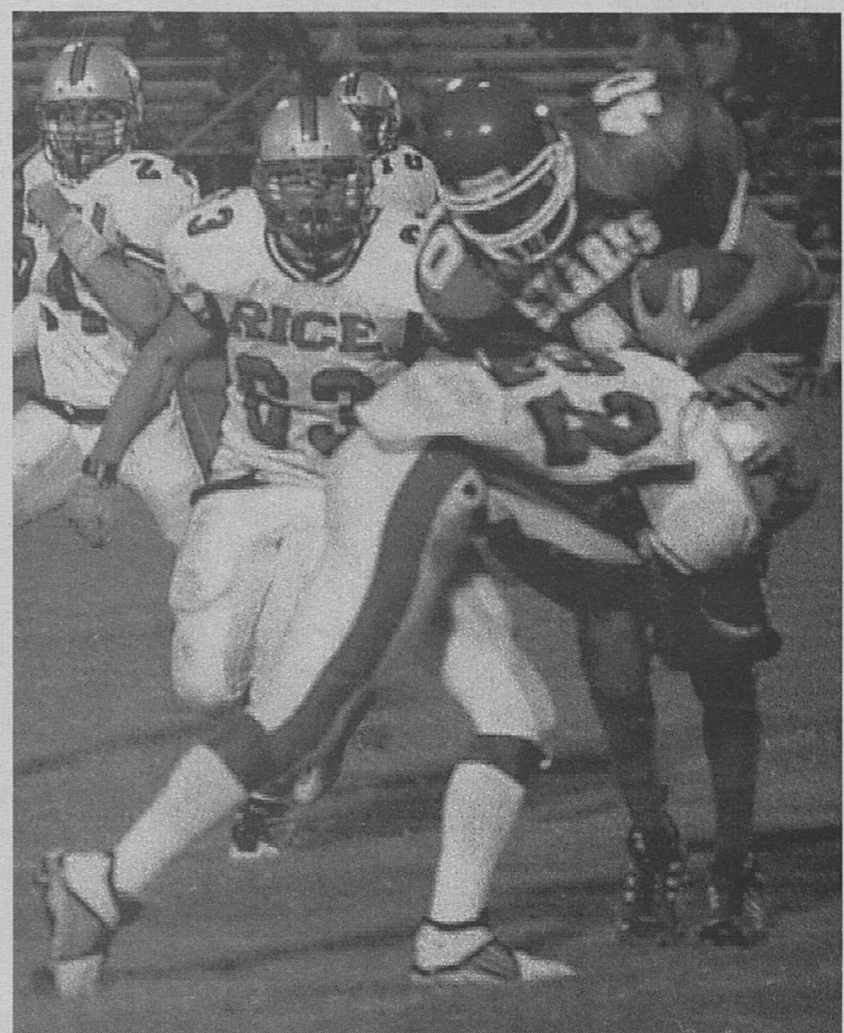
After receiving the second half kickoff, the Raiders wasted little time extending their lead, when Spears slashed 31 yards for the score.

With Milentz' PAT, the Raiders led 35-0 at 11:18 in the third period.

At the 7:44 mark, Jermaine Williams scored from 41 yards out and Milentz added the PAT, giving Rice a 42-point lead.

The Raiders added to their total in the third on a Derland Sanford one-

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The Raider defense got to Palacios quarterback and running backs early and often. Raider #22, cornerback Jermaine Williams, goes after Shark #40 with inside linebackers Jess Little (#63) and Zach Kloss (#24) coming in to help. *Headlight Photo*

Introducing CenterPoint Energy...

Reliant Energy-Entex is now CenterPoint Energy

Recently, the regulated operations of Reliant Energy became CenterPoint Energy Inc. (NYSE:CNP). CenterPoint Energy is one of the largest combined electric and natural gas energy delivery companies in the U.S., serving 4.7 million metered distribution customers. Its diverse and strategically located asset portfolio includes primarily electric transmission and distribution, natural gas distribution and sales, interstate pipeline and gathering operations and more than 14,000 megawatts of power generation in Texas.

"Meet CenterPoint Energy—a new company with proud traditions of quality and commitment developed over more than a century of delivering energy," said David McClanahan, president and chief executive officer of CenterPoint Energy. "We are pleased to reach this milestone in our company's history. Delivering reliable natural gas and electric service, and taking care of the wires, poles and pipes that supply our customers' critical energy needs, is what we do best."

"We have a clearly defined and focused strategy to achieve our vision of being recognized as America's leading energy delivery company. We're all about service, committed to providing the highest level of service at the best price possible, with core values of accountability, initiative, integrity and

spect leading everything we do.

"We will continue to concentrate on operational excellence by identifying and sharing best practices through-

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For an evening of fun...

Come to the Eagle Lake Community Center Saturday, Oct. 26. For the 23rd year, the Study Club Auction will be held to raise support for the Wintermann Library.

Librarian Vicki Powers and her able staff run a "tight ship". To keep the ship afloat, they need help from all the community.

Do you feel "arty"? Susan and Dwight Hadley have made a beautiful stained glass art piece for your bidding. Robert and Betty Wilcox are offering a set of six antique hand-painted plates with a matching salad bowl.

Local photographer Bobbi Guerra has framed two beautiful flower photos for your consideration.

Again this year, Esta and Larry Lipman are donating the art poster from the Houston Livestock Show Art Show. This print is called "A Cowboy's Prayer" is a 9-11-01 memorial.

Come at 5 p.m. for the Firemen's

Stew Supper, the Study Club Bake Sale and the Silent Auction.

At 7:15 the Main Auction begins.

Auctioneer Lex Ferguson will bang his gavel for a fast and furious bidding session on a wide array of items.



Joe Duncan has donated this handmade red cedar garden table on wheels. Pictured are green-thumbs Betty Wilcox and Fair Wells. (For related photos, see Page 8.) *Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas*

Players prepare for upcoming comedy

The Prairie Edge Players continue working and perfecting their upcoming presentations of *Don't Mention My Name* by Fred Carmichael. The production will be presented in the Raymond Thomas Theatre of the Prairie Edge Museum. Tickets and more information are available from any Prairie Edge Museum Board Member and cast or crew member. Questions should be directed to 234-3926.

Catholic Daughters Day declared

Eagle Lake Mayor Rene Cooper Scott signed a proclamation declaring Sunday, Oct. 20, as Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day with members of the Court Our Lady Of The Rosary, #1595, Nada/Garwood; and Court Our Lady Of The Fields #2465 of Eagle Lake in attendance.