

Baked potato fundraiser is success

By Mary Rutledge

The Chamber of Commerce Pageantry would like to thank our locals for contributing to our most recent fundraiser.

Thank you to HEB Columbus, B&B Eagle Lake, Eagle Lake Supermarket and Austin's BBQ.

Preparing all the barbecue and potatoes were Larry Supak, Dennis Pavlicek and David Rucka. Preparing

the plates were Chris and Matt Supak, Tiffany Perry, Joseph Rutledge (Prince of Eagle Lake) and Dalen Rutledge (Little Mr. Eagle Lake).

Working in the Eagle Lake food line were Princess of Eagle Lake Allyssa Young, Prince of Eagle Lake J. Rutledge, Little Mr. and Miss Eagle Lake D. Rutledge and Ashley Cook, Jeanne Young and Denise Cook.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Raider send-off is Saturday

The Rice Raiders will play Bandera in an Area playoff game at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, Seguin. There will be a sendoff at 8:30 a.m. at the four-way stop in Altair. Come out and send the Raiders to V-I-C-T-O-R-Y!

District Champ t-shirts available

The District Championship t-shirts are in and being sold by the Booster Club. You can buy them for \$10 at the sendoff, game, Rice High School office or from Booster Club members.

Charter bus donations being accepted

The Rice Athletic Booster Club is accepting donations to help defray the cost of the charter bus for the Raider football team as they travel to their playoff games. Anyone wanting to help out can send a check to: Rice Booster Club, c/o 1426 CR 169, Garwood, TX 77442 or call 979-758-3620. Any amount is greatly appreciated. A special thanks to those who donated to last week's bus.

Test of The Best cook-off is this weekend

The 20th anniversary Test of the Best BBQ Cook-off and Fun Fest is this weekend Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 23 and 24 at the Nada Community Center! Food and drinks will be available to the public. DJ music all day! Come and join in on the fun!

Thrift Shop open Saturday

The Prairie Edge Museum Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stop by... you never know what you'll find.

Closing for Thanksgiving holiday

The City Offices of Eagle Lake will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no trash collection either day. Regular service will resume Monday, Dec. 2.

RIVFD stew supper is Sunday

The Rock Island Volunteer Fire Department (RIVFD) will be hosting a to-go only Stew and Cornbread dinner Sunday, Nov. 24 for \$4 each. Drive-thru serving will start at 11 a.m. at the RI fire station. All proceeds will benefit the fire department. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Water meter replacement program

The City of Eagle Lake is in the process of replacing all water meters as part of an efficiency program with Johnson Controls. U.S. Bronco Services will be the contractor replacing each meter and will be working in Eagle Lake for the next two to three months. It takes approximately 30 minutes to replace a water meter, and we ask you to please excuse any inconvenience this may cause while your meter is being updated. If you have any questions, please call 234-2640.

Understanding your dreams

In Nov., a class will be offered on understanding your dreams and channeling their power for positive development with meditation. Learn to open your heart to all the gifts the universe has for you, while releasing the fear and anger in your life. Allow your spiritual light to shine Thursday, Nov. 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 979-234-5936 for registration and/or information. Beverages will be served during the discussion period.

Booster Club meeting is Nov. 25

The Rice Athletic Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, at the high school. All fans and parents are welcome!

'Gator' bake sale is Nov. 27

The Eagle Lake Gator Swim Team will hold a bake sale Wednesday, Nov. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon in front of First National Bank to raise funds for their upcoming swim season. The "Gators" will be taking special orders for Thanksgiving favorites. If you would like to place an order, call Jeanne Young at 234-3393.

WCJC registration underway

Wharton County Jr. College (WCJC) registration schedule for Spring 2003 Credit Classes will be held through Nov. 27. Students registering at the Wharton Campus may go directly to the Registrar's Office. Others who may need more information may call the following campuses and numbers: 979-532-6303; Ft. Bend Technical Center & Richmond Campus, 281-239-1544; or Sugar Land Campus, 281-243-8410. Classes begin Jan. 13, 2003.

Masonic turkey fry fundraiser underway

The Second Annual Masonic Lodge Turkey Fry is set for Wednesday, Nov. 27. Purchase a ticket for a plain, Italian or Cajun turkey from any Mason by Nov. 20. Dressing and giblet gravy is available by calling Annie's Catering at 234-3220. Turkeys may be picked up at McCreary Auction House on Nov. 27.

WCJC offering winter short courses

Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) is offering Winter Short Courses. Get more course work completed in a shorter period of time! (Dec. 16 through Jan. 13) Study the following American National and State Government: Institutions, Rights, and Public Policies, U.S. History I, U.S. History II, Physical Geography and Fundamentals of Speech. Students should register by Dec. 11. (See Newsbriefs, Page 5)



WEEKLY BIRD REPORT

The following migratory bird hunting report, prepared for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department by Bink Grimes, was last updated Nov. 13.

COASTAL PRAIRIES: Colorado, Wharton, Lavaca, Jackson and Waller Counties are holding strong roosting concentrations of snow and white-fronted geese.

Goose hunting success is beginning to pick up in rice and waste grain fields. Water from rains is draining from fields, allowing geese to find established roosts instead of acres of

runoff. Duck hunting is fair; however, hunters are awaiting the Nov. 19 full moon phase to prompt another strong migration.

Scaup and redheads have shown up on straws recently, but don't expect them to stay as they are only passing through in route to the bays.

Pintails season will open Dec. 12 in the South Zone and Dec. 19 in the North Zone.

Goose hunting prospects are good; duck hunting prospects are fair to good.

Raiders roast Gobblers one more time!

On a cool blustery day at Victoria Memorial Stadium, the Rice Consolidated Raiders showed the Cuero Gobblers that "tradition" is future, "winning" is present.

For the second time this year, the Raiders overcame mistakes and took advantage of big plays to down the Gobblers.

With the win, the Raiders improve to 8-3 and advance to the area round Saturday, Nov. 23, against the Bandera Bulldogs, a 45-21 winner over La Vernia.

The area game will be played at Matador Stadium in Seguin at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Rice High School and the Rice Administration Office. Adult tickets are \$6, students, \$3.

In the 28-13 win against Cuero, the Raiders ran only 38 offensive plays to 64 for the Gobblers. The Gobblers had 20 first downs, while Rice had 10. However, the Raider defense forced 15 plays with negative yards, plus three turnovers against Cuero.

The Raiders took the opening kickoff and marched some 60 yards on an 11-play, time consuming drive. The Raiders efforts were for naught as they turned the ball over to the Gobblers.

The Raider defense put the first points on the board as Jason Godley returned a Brandon Mays interception 19 yards to pay dirt. Patrick Milentz' extra point was good giving the Raiders a 7-0 advantage with 9:47 remaining in the second quarter.

After forcing the Gobblers to punt

on their next possession, the Raiders took only one play to cover the 66 yards, as Michael Spears darted the distance. Milentz again split the up-rights, increasing the Raiders lead to 14-0.

After the Mighty Raider defense forced another turnover, it again took the offense only one play to add to the lead. Charles Huffman took the pill on a pitchout and rambled 23 yards for the score, opening up a 21-0 lead with 4:49 remaining in the first half.

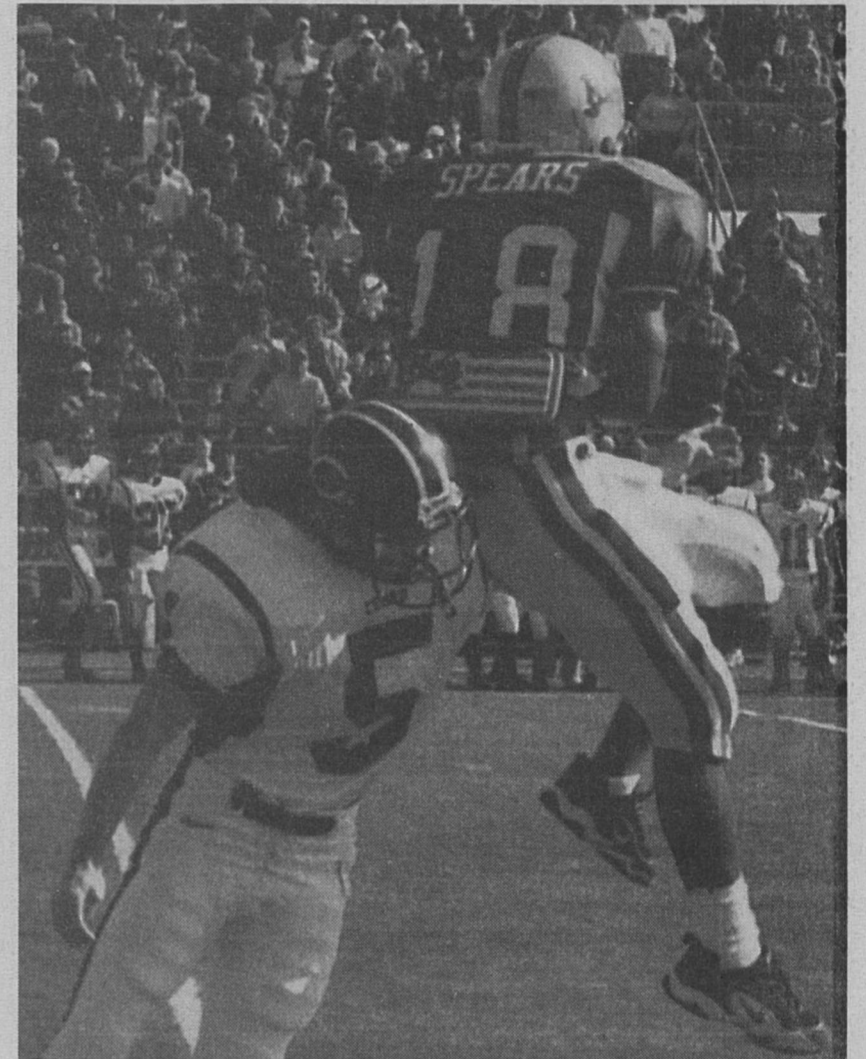
It appeared the game was going to turn into a blowout. However, quarterback Brandon Mays and the Gobblers weren't thinking of quitting. With 1:24 remaining in the half, Mays connected with Nick Taylor for a 22-yard touchdown pass, followed by a Jeremy Powell PAT, narrowing the margin to 21-7.

On the ensuing kickoff, Raider Jermaine Williams was hit while struggling for extra yards and fumbled the ball which was recovered by Cuero.

With momentum on their side and increasing with every tick of the clock, the Gobblers looked to cut the lead to seven by halftime.

After successful runs and passes, Cuero faced a third and goal at the Raider one with eight seconds remaining in the half and no timeouts. Mays tried a quarterback sneak and was stopped just short of the goal line as time expired.

After a scoreless third quarter, the Raiders put together one last scoring (See Raiders, Page 6)



Rice junior Michael Spears, #18, flies high to catch a pass from quarterback Patrick Milentz early in Saturday's game against Cuero. His efforts gained the team 22 yards on the play. Headlight Photo

Eagle Lake City Council says...

By Candy McCreary
Contributing Writer

Yes, the City will have a float! And Councilman Tim Kelley nominated Eric Nethery to decorate it since he was out with the flu and couldn't defend himself. I think I heard a second from all the other Councilmen.

Look for the City float during the parade - should we take bets on what costumes we will see?

The mayor, as our leader, should be dressed appropriately - maybe as a guiding beacon, lighthouse, or as a history document - she did make history in Eagle Lake by becoming our first black and female mayor!

Eric Nethery's costume is a no brainer - it should be money! Or maybe a cash register that's hard to open... uhhm. Larry Contreras could be the Cable Guy lighting up the town. John Young would appropriately be the mailman from the North Pole going nuts trying to deliver the youngsters' cards to Santa. Len Matula has to be Uncle Sam as he's the one we turn to for all our patriotic information. Sylvia could come as a ruler since she has to

keep everyone straight!

That just leaves Tim Kelley and Ron Holland. Kelley could go as Yosemite Sam with that new facial hair he's sprouted and Holland must be Rudolph because he really did help bring the Christmas Parade to Eagle Lake this year by finding a way for the Chamber to have insurance coverage!

Doesn't this make you want to run for City Council? Knowing that anyone like me who has a computer can poke fun at our Councilmen and get away with it. I hope they all know I do it in clean fun because I'm very proud of our present Council and think they do a good job.

Just remember Councilmen and Mayor... we're watching and we want to see those outfits!

On a serious side of Council, a public hearing was held to hear a proposed zoning ordinance and zoning map. Brian Wiese was present to list why the City should monetarily support the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce. I had to look up the "monetarily" in the dictionary to check the spelling and it

wasn't there. I don't think it is going to be there for the Chamber either!

Chief Lattimore was asked if the police officers needed cell phones. He said they all have their own which they use while on duty, and it would be hard to carry two phones. He added that the police officers have never asked to be reimbursed for the use of their cell phones.

Council discussed the revising of the noise ordinance and had asked Chief Lattimore to look into a decimal meter. Lattimore provided Council with some decimal meter information from Houston whose ordinance states the prohibited rate is 65 decibels during daylight hours and 58 decibels during nighttime hours. That seemed like a good idea until Lattimore gave a list of decimal ratings for various types of noise that could be found within our City such as a washing machine at 65 decibels and a vacuum cleaner at 70 decibels. Lattimore said the noise ordinance we have now is user friendly.

The main problem is people want to complain about noise but they won't

give their names or file charges. In Sec. 2B of the current ordinance pertaining to vehicles, contains the language "operated in such a manner as to create loud or unnecessary noises".

Holland said a lot of time it's the type of music that's offensive. I guess so - I've never had country and western music rattle my windows or vibrate my car!

Council discussed the new animal ordinance. Any dog over 35 pounds must be retained by a sturdy fence - if the animal can get out, it is not considered sturdy. The number of animals is not limited. It is a violation for animals to run loose or do their business on someone's lawn. (Get a pooper-scooper all you animal walkers!) Anyone can pick up a copy of the new animal ordinance at City Hall.

Council considered and acted upon adoption of an ordinance creating a planning and zoning commission of five members and repealing the planning commission ordinance.

During administrative reports, (See Council, Page 5)

Rice staff named All-State

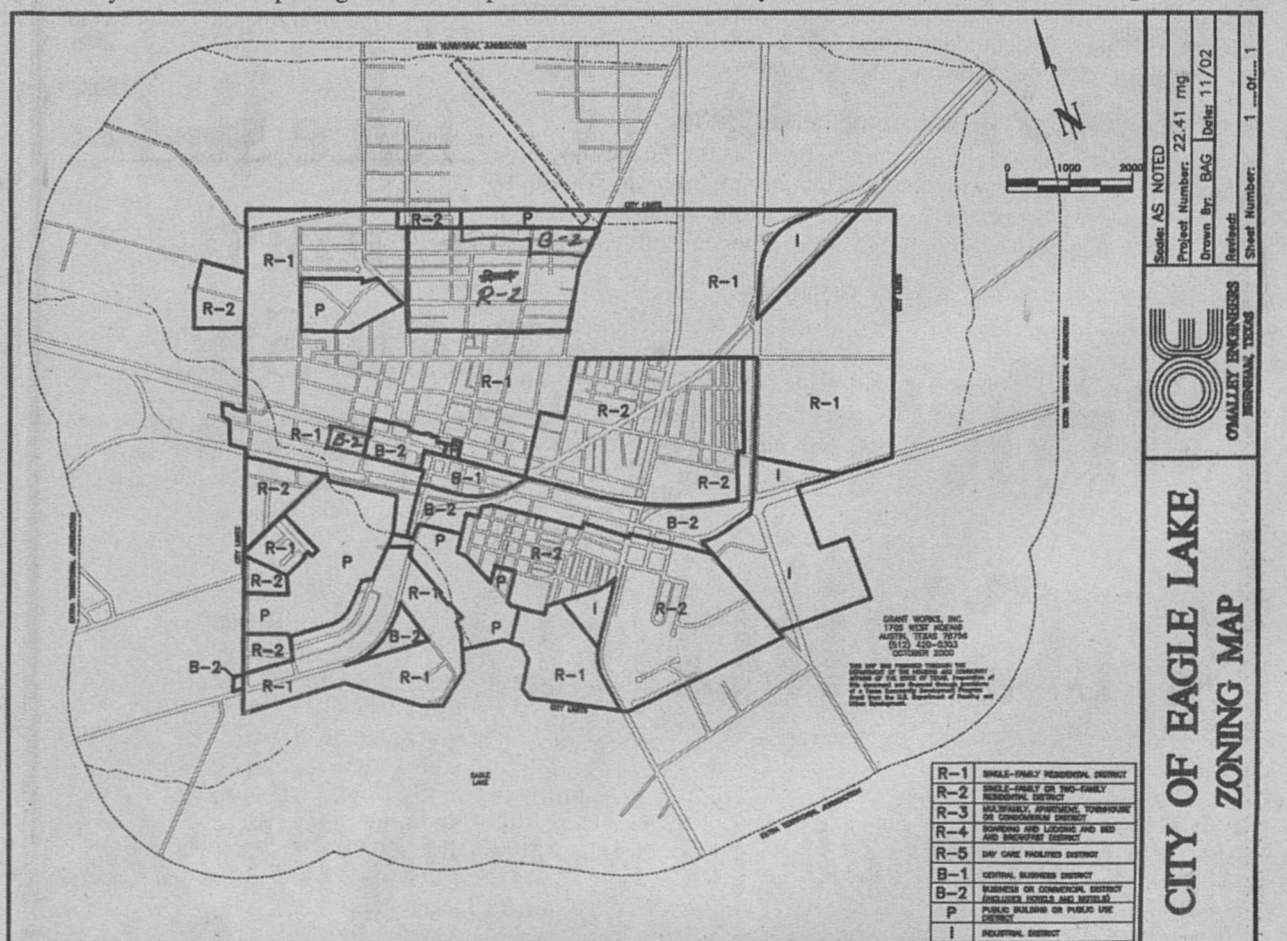
The Texas Education Agency recently notified Dr. Richard Gott that five Rice CISD staff members were named to the 2001-02 ALL STATE TEAM for the identification and recruitment of migrant students.

The following staff members were publicly recognized and awarded ALL STATE certificates at the Texas Migrant Education Conference in South Padre Island Nov. 15: Tom Davidson, Eric Grogan, Beverly Sissom, Dorothy Turner and Don Wild.

Mary Lou Canales, the Region 3 Recruiter from Victoria, was also part of this ALL STATE TEAM.

Using parent and student survey forms between Sept. 1, 2001 and Aug. 31, 2002, the Rice CISD ALL STATE members pushed the district to the top in its migrant category among Texas school districts.

Mr. Sigifredo Huerta, Texas Director of Migrant Education, thanked Dr. Gott for the district's commitment to making the "Harvest of Hope" a reality in our local schools.



Revised zoning map

The Eagle Lake City Council made several revisions to the proposed zoning map for the City at its last meeting. The revised version is up for adoption at the next meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Legend: R-1, Single-family residential district; R-2, single-family or two-family residential district; R-3, multi-family, apartment, townhouse of condominium district; R-4, boarding and lodging and commercial and breakfast district; R-5, day care facilities district; B-1, central business district; B-2, business or commercial district (includes hotels and motels); P, public building or public use district; and I, industrial district.