

## Halloween curfew is 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 14, the Eagle Lake City Council set an 8 p.m. curfew for Halloween night Friday, Oct. 31, 2003.

All public Halloween activities, including trick-or-treating, will cease by 8 p.m.

## Daylight Savings Time ends

At 2 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, Daylight Savings Time will end this year.

Be sure to set your clocks BACK one hour before you retire Saturday night.

You don't want to get to church at the wrong time!

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Did you attend cheerleading camp?

As a camp graduate, you are invited to cheer at the Rice/Edna game this Friday, Oct. 24, at Raider Stadium. Wear your camp T-shirt to the game. Arrive at 6:45 p.m. for a quick practice beforehand. You will cheer during the second quarter. Pom-poms will be provided for you that night. See you then! Go, Raiders!!!!

### After game fellowship is Friday

The 5th Quarter "After Game Fellowship" will be held Friday, Oct. 24 at First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake. Come as you are, immediately after the game until midnight. There'll be food, drinks, video games and hangin' out. If you have any questions call 234-2571.

### Tailgate party scheduled for Friday

The Rice Athletic Booster Club invites all fans to a tailgate party this Friday, Oct. 24. Meet in the stadium parking lot from 6 to 7 p.m. and bring your picnic dinner to eat before the Raiders play their game against the Edna Cowboys. The Raiders are 2-0 in district play. Come on out and enjoy the night with some fellow Raider fans!

### Baked potato dinner is Friday

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Royalty will be holding a baked potato dinner Friday, Oct. 24. Potatoes come with barbecue, cheese, sour cream, butter and chives. Tickets are only \$5 each. There will be three pick up locations available. For more information, please call Kara Supak at 979-234-2866. Thank you for supporting our tri-community youth.

### Heritage House to hold garage sale

The Heritage House will hold a garage sale Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds from the sale will go to the resident activity and Christmas funds.

### Thrift Shop open Saturday

The Prairie Edge Museum Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stop by... you never know what you'll find!

### Study Club Auction at Didner Hall

The Eagle Lake Study Club will hold its 24th Annual Auction Saturday, Oct. 25, at Didner Hall. The evening begins with the Firemen's Stew Supper from 5 to 7 p.m.; silent auction, 5-6:45; bakery booth opens at 5; and the main auction starts at 7:15. Auction proceeds benefit the Eula & David Wintermann Library. Auctioneer will be Joe H. McCreary. There's no admission fee, hunters are welcome, door prizes will be given and dress casual.

### WCBC fish fry is Saturday

White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) Pastor Aide Committee will sponsor a fish fry, Saturday, Oct. 25, at 1493 Old Altair Rd. in Eagle Lake for \$6 each. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For delivery please call 234-3800 or 234-2467.

### Memorial services to be held Sunday

A memorial service will be offered for M.L. "Tex" Rogers, former publisher/editor of The Colorado County Citizen at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26 at Beason's Park in Columbus. The public is invited to attend.

### ELMS PTO meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 28

The Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Following a short PTO meeting the Student Council will present a drug awareness program. The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department will be on hand to demonstrate some fire safety tips.

### CCW community project scheduled

All area women, especially those new to Colorado County, are invited to participate in all Columbus Christian Women's (CCW) community projects. CCW will have two more work session to make hand crafted ornaments for the Texas Christmas Tree project benefiting the Colorado County Youth and Family Services. Bring your lunch and scissors Oct. 28, 11:30 a.m. to the Glidden Baptist Church Fellowship Hall and plan to attend the Nov. CCW meeting Thursday, Nov. 6, 9:30 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Columbus.

### Learn about the 2003 Tax Relief Act

Raymond L. Viktorin Jr. CPA is offering a seminar to provide information and answer questions regarding the Tax Relief Act of 2003 impact on your 2003 taxes. The seminar will be held at the Farris Hotel, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. To reserve a seat or for more information, call 979-234-5420 or 979-543-1685.

### Cookie dough to arrive Oct. 29

Attention Eagle Lake Primary School students and parents!! Cookie dough will arrive and be ready for pick up Wednesday, Oct. 29 starting at 2:30 p.m. Please make arrangements for someone to pick up your order if you cannot do it yourself.

### WCBC Anniversary Services to be held Nov. 2

White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) invites the public to come and celebrate the 37th Anniversary for Pastor Rev. Obie Rhodes and his family, Sunday, Nov. 2 at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be Pastor Guy Washington of Greater Peace Christian Church of Austin. Pre-services will be held Thursday, Oct. 30 and Friday, Oct. 31 at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

### MMBC pageant has Oct. 31 deadline

The Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (MMBC) of Alleyton is looking for participants for its annual Miss Christian Teen and Princess Pageant to be held in Dec. If you are interested, please call 936-825-6354, 281-342-7557 or 832-309-0952 for more information by Oct. 31.

### 'Art & Soul: A Celebration' is Nov. 2

Sunday, Nov. 2, the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake is hosting "Art & Soul: A Celebration of Faith and Art" beginning at 3 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The event will showcase the creative work of local artists and craftsmen in affirmation of their talents as gifts from God. The program will feature various performances, including a presentation by Galveston artists Jeremy and Jamie Wells, followed by an opportunity for all to view the exhibits. For more information or if interested in displaying personal work, please contact the church office at 234-2571.

### Having a baby?

Will your baby arrive between Jan. 15 and March 15, 2004? Join other moms and coaches for Childbirth Classes at Gulf Coast Medical Center (GCMC) in Wharton! Classes are 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, through Monday, Dec. 8, in the GCMC classrooms. Registration fee is \$60. The next classes will be Jan. 5-

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## Roark resumes duties at Rice

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District (RCISD) announced Tuesday that Athletic Director and Head Coach Rusty Roark has resumed his duties following a two-week suspension.

Coach Roark was placed on suspension after his involvement in an incident which took place the evening of Oct. 3, 2003, at the Wharton football stadium. As media reports regarding

the events of that evening have varied, the District issued this statement to clarify the situation for the community and share the results of its investigation of this matter.

RCISD has learned that on the evening of Oct. 3 (a date on which the Rice team was not playing) Coach Roark and several coaches from neighboring districts attended the game at Wharton's stadium. Roark did con-

sume beer prior to driving and transported beer in the vehicle he drove that night. Both actions are in violation of RCISD policies prohibiting employees from using or possessing alcohol while using a school vehicle or when attending school-related or school-sponsored activities.

At half-time, Roark and three other coaches returned to the vehicle to listen to scores from other games. While

they were sitting in the vehicle, an individual in a uniform approached. Although he did not identify himself as such, the individual was later identified as a commissioned peace officer. The officer apparently sought to ask a question of the driver, Coach Roark.

As Roark began to drive away, the officer hopped on the running board of the suburban and then jumped off after it had traveled a short distance. Roark was later arrested and the information available to the District indicates he was charged with assaulting a peace officer and evading arrest.

RCISD has received no information indicating the officer was seriously harmed. Furthermore, the District does not have the details of the Wharton Police investigation regarding possible criminal action against Roark at the present time.

The District does not condone Roark's behavior. It insists on exemplary behavior from all its employees. Coach Roark has expressed remorse and assured the District that his conduct will be nothing less than professional in the future.

The two-week suspension was issued as disciplinary action for disregarding a peace officer's directive and violating the District's alcohol policies.

The period of suspension is now complete, and, at this time, the District has no grounds to believe that the incident of Oct. 3 will diminish Roark's ability to continue to serve as an excellent athletic director for RCISD.

However, in the event of any additional misconduct (in particular, a violation of the district's alcohol policies) or in the event serious criminal penalties result from the events of Oct. 3, the District will take additional disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

At the regular meeting of the Rice CISD Board of Trustees on Oct. 13, dozens of individuals (many of them student athletes) appeared to express their support for Coach Roark, as have many individuals in the community.

RCISD appreciates the community's input and support regarding this matter. It's this kind of spirit that will make our schools, and our athletic teams, a success.



All these Sweeny Bulldogs could do was watch as Rice senior Jasmine Smith, #42, took down their quarterback for a 9-yard loss to end the third quarter of Friday's game. Smith handed the Raiders' opponents a fourth-and-18 to start the final stanza of the game.

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## Raiders go to 6-1 as 'D Unit' dismantles Bulldogs, 14-0

The Rice Raiders, behind a stout defensive effort from the "D-Unit", shut out the fast and talented Sweeny Bulldogs 14-0 in Sweeny Friday.

Both teams entered the showdown with identical 5-1 season records. The victory raised Rice's record to 6-1 for the season and 2-0 in district 28-3A.

Rice is now co-leader in district play with a 2-0 record, tied with the Wharton Tigers.

The Raiders played sloppy on offense, fumbling five different plays during the game and losing two of them.

The defense turned in a stellar performance, holding a fast Bulldog running attack to 137 total yards. Heavily recruited Bulldog back Shedrick Johnson was held in check with 84 yards on 18 carries. Johnson is being recruited nation-wide by Oklahoma,

Nebraska, USC and others.

The "D-Unit" had several players with big nights. Derland Sanford had seven tackles. Jeramie Hemphill had eight tackles and a caused fumble. Michael Spears had two tackles and an interception, his sixth of the season.

Jasmine Smith had seven tackles, a sack and a big fumble recovery. Dustin Krenek had five tackles and caused a

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## This Saturday, Oct. 25, it's the day!

What's the day? The 24th Eagle Lake Study Club Auction!

In the last 23 years, this fundraiser has produced more than \$350,000 for the support of the Eula & David Wintermann Library.

Through the years, there have been beautiful gift items, delicious dinner parties and lots of "fun" items sold to the generous participants of our area.

The Eagle Lake Supermarket has donated gift certificates for four turkeys to be used as door prizes. This could be the start for your Thanksgiving dinner.

Wal Mart in Columbus has donated a \$50 gift certificate for their store.

For the fishermen in the crowd, there will be a Coastal Fishing Trip for two on Ernie Rodgers' boat. With Ernie as your guide, it should be a great trip.

Longtime supporters, Steve and Linda Balas, owners of Eagle Lake Radio Shack, have given a combination DVD-VCR player.

Do you need a tree for your yard?

There will be a Leland Cypress tree donated by the Glueck Tree Farm. The Gluecks are Mrs. Ray Cantu's parents and new donors to the auction.

The evening will start with the Eagle Lake Volunteer Firemen's Stew Supper at 5 p.m., serving until 7.

The Study Club Bakery Booth will open at 5 with goodies of all sorts for the coming holidays. Come check out all the good cooks' contributions.

From 5 to 6:45 p.m., the Silent Auction will be open for bidding. A number of unique items have been donated this year, including art objects, sweets, dinners and gifts.

Bid spotters for the Main Auction at 7 will be Robbie Cook, Martin Herman, Jim Wiese, Louis Schorlemmer, Sidney Struss and Lonnie Sommerlatte. The Study Club is grateful to all the men and the whole community for their support.

Come to Didner Hall for an evening of fun and excitement and support two worthy organizations at the same time!



On hand for the grant presentation were, from left, John Gertson, Jean Wiese, Laura Witte, Inez Matura, Louis Schorlemmer and Sandy Bendy.

Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas

## Royal Cleaners gets Main Street grants

Main Street Advisory Board President Jean Wiese, along with Treasurer John Gertson and Board Member Sandy Bendy, presented Royal Cleaners owners, Inez Matura and Laura Witte, a check for a matching grant for renovating the façade and replacing windows of their business, as well as a grant for new signage.

The Board congratulates them on their hard work and effort to retain the integrity of the building. They did a wonder job.

During the presentation Matura

read the following thank you note to Main Street, "We would like to thank Main Street Eagle Lake personnel for their support and encouragement in opening our business, Royal Cleaners. We are proud to be from a town that has others' interest at heart. Thanks for the many words of encouragement and helpful ideas and just for being there for us. The flower arrangement is special and matches our colors perfectly."

She also wanted to thank everyone who supported them and helped get

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