

## Colorado County Crime Stoppers



The Colorado County Sheriff's Department is investigating a criminal mischief case involving damaged mailboxes near FM 155 south of Weimar. During the late night of Nov. 5 and very early morning of Nov. 6, subject(s) destroyed at least 12 mailboxes on CR 230, CR 215 and Hasse Road. Anyone who observed suspicious persons or vehicles

in the area is asked to contact the Colorado County Sheriff's Department.

If you have any information about this crime, or any other felony crime, call Colorado County Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-866-522-TIPS (1-866-522-8477). You never have to give your name and if your information (See Crime, Page 9)

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### 'Pink Ladies' fundraiser underway

The "Pink Ladies" Auxiliary is selling tickets for their Christmas fundraiser "A Basket of Christmas Spirit"; a huge basket filled with all kinds of "goodies". Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and may be purchased from any Pink Lady or at the hospital gift shop. The drawing will be held Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. at the gift shop. You may also contact Barbara Pidgeon at 234-2897 for tickets or more information.

### WCJC to present 'The Crucible'

Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) Greenroom Players will present "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller Nov. 13-15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Horton Foote Theatre Dusen-Hansen Fine Arts Building on the Wharton Campus. Matinee is Friday, Nov. 14, at 2:30 p.m. Admission is \$4 (WCJC students free with I.D.). For more information, call 979-532-6300.

### Turkey and dressing dinner is Friday

The Parish of the Nativity is hosting a turkey and dressing dinner at Andrew Hall Friday, Nov. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6.50 each (drive-thru available). For more information, call 234-2842 or 234-3405.

### E.H. Henry reunion meeting is Saturday

The E.H. Henry School reunion meeting will be held Saturday, Nov. 15, at 1:15 p.m. at White Cloud Missionary Baptist Church on Old Altair Rd. NOTE: A reunion meeting will be held every third Saturday of the month, same time, same location.

### Usher's Day Program slated for Sunday

You are invited to an annual Usher's Day Program Sunday, Nov. 16, at 3 p.m. at Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church (GMOBC). On this Usher's Annual, let us consider the importance of hearing our Master say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant". Guest speaker will be Rev. O. Rhodes of White Cloud Baptist Church. Rev. T.E. Kuykendall, pastor GMOBC.

### Variety shoot, youth festival is Sunday

St. Mary's Youth of Nada will hold their annual Variety Shoot & Youth Fall Festival Sunday, Nov. 16, at the Nada Community Center. The variety shoot will be from 1 to 4 p.m. and includes a variety of prizes and rounds for women and children. The festival will be from 4 to 7. Hamburgers, chili, pastries and other refreshments will be available. Activities will include bingo, cakewalk, silent auction, kid games, craft booth and will conclude with a drawing at 7.

### Chamber lunch forum is Monday

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will hold the Nov. 17 Lunch Forum at Sportsman's Restaurant at noon. Guest speaker will be John Myres, D.D.S., of Eagle Lake Dental Associates. Please call Sportsman's and let them know you will be attending so they'll have your meal prepared when you arrive. The luncheons have become quite informative to the public. So, the Chamber wishes to remind everyone the public is welcome to attend. For those who can't attend, there is an article about each speaker in the *Headlight* under organization news.

### RPG meeting is Nov. 17

Rice Project Graduation (RPG) will hold a meeting Monday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school commons. See you there!

### Turkey, dressing dinner is Nov. 19

The Rice High School (RHS) Seniors of 2004 will hold a turkey and dressing dinner Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Austin's BBQ. Tickets for the dinner are \$6 per each. Plates may be picked up at the drive-thru at Austin's in Eagle Lake or at Garwood or Sheridan Schools. Plates in Garwood and Sheridan will be ready to be picked up after 6:15 at each location. Tickets are pre-sale only. For more information, contact Delmer Krenk at 758-3044 or Penny Henske at 234-7620. You can also purchase tickets from any senior class member. The funds will help with expenses for Project Graduation Night. So, come out and support the senior class of RHS.

### Grief support group to meet Nov. 19.

A Grief Support group will meet Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the Hospice Office Family Room, 1102 N. Mechanic in El Campo from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Pat Matthes, LMSW, Professional Education Liaison will facilitate the program, "Grief and the Holidays". The group is open to anyone interested in learning more about the experience of grief and the grief process following the death of a loved one. For information, call Hospice Support Care at 979-578-0314.

### Rice Raider bonfire re-scheduled for Nov. 20

The long-awaited bonfire at Rice High School (RHS) will take place Thursday, Nov. 20, starting at 6 p.m.

### WCJC bands to perform Nov. 20

Cajun folk songs, as well as patriotic, swing and classical compositions will be performed by The Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) Concert and Jazz Bands Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Horton Foote Theatre in the Dusen-Hansen Fine Arts Building. Tickets are \$4 and may be purchased at the door. Among arrangements scheduled are Henry Fillmore's "Americans We" and Rimsky-Korsakov's fast moving "Flight of the Bumble Bee", featuring flutist Lauren Protivinsky. The band will also depict Cajun folk tales through song, plus a three-part "Overture for Winds."

### RHS Drama Club production is Nov. 22

Come see the Rice High School (RHS) Drama Club's production of *You Can't Beat The House* Saturday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m. An enchilada dinner, catered by the Diaz family, will precede the performance starting at 6. Tickets are \$5 for show only and \$10 for dinner and show. Contact Deborah Reed at 234-2601 or any Drama Club member for tickets or more information.

### MMBC gospel praise is Nov. 22

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (MMBC) of Alleyton will present a Pre-Thanksgiving Gospel Praise Fest Saturday, Nov. 22, at 5 p.m. at the church. Gospel groups from surrounding areas and around the state will be on the program. The public is invited. Admission is free.

### Beginner computer classes to be offered

The Eula and David Wintermann Library will be holding beginner computer classes Dec. 1-3 from 1 to 2 p.m. The charge for the class will be \$10. If you are interested, stop by the library and sign up. There will be a limited number of spots available.

### Christmas Parade is Dec. 13

The City of Eagle Lake Christmas "Parade of Lights" has been scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 13. This year's theme is "Meli Kalikimaka" or Merry Christmas in Hawaiian. If you are interested in entering the parade or having a con-

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## Rice to play Hallettsville in Victoria Thursday

The Rice Raiders will travel to Victoria Thursday to meet the Hallettsville Brahmas in a 3A bi-district playoff matchup. The game begins at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

Rice enters the game at 8-2; the Brahmas come in at 7-3.

Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$2 for students if purchased in advance at the Rice CISD Administration Building or at the Rice High School office. All tickets, adult and student, will be \$6 if purchased at the gate at game time.

See you Thursday in Victoria! Go, Raiders!



## CITY SPOTLIGHT

By Candy McCreary, Contributing Writer

There was a good attendance at City Council last Tuesday, Nov. 4. Thanks to all of you who came out to take part in our local government!

Steve Whiffeld of Christ Episcopal Church was the visiting preacher who started the meeting with prayer.

Ike Clayton expressed his wishes about getting water and sewer service to Highland Park.

Barbara Class explained the email that she had sent to Council members and citizens.

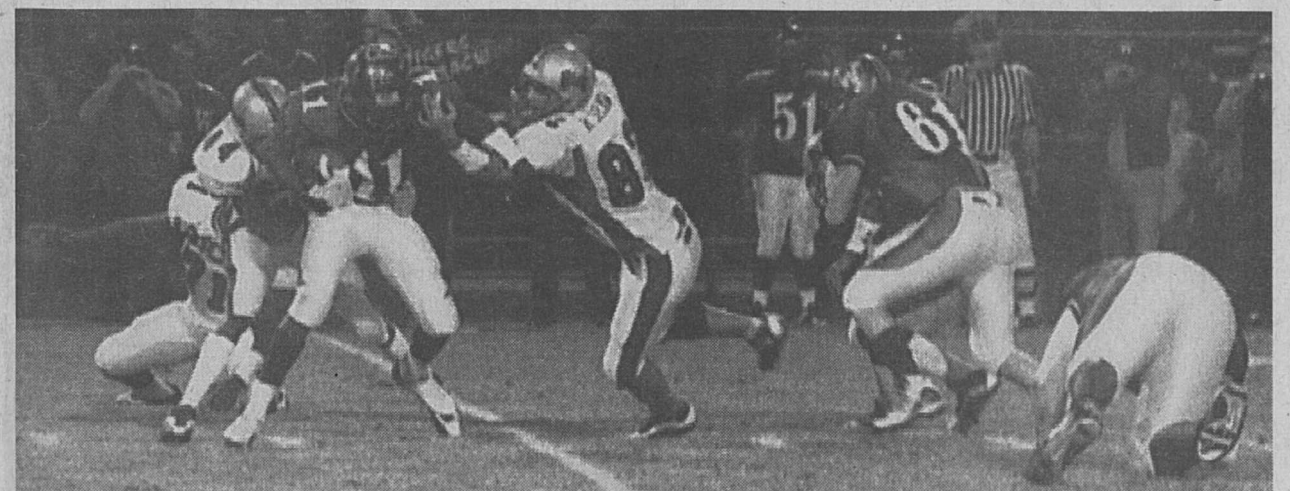
Jane Meldahl thanked Thurston Webb for making sure the Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club had an electrical outlet at 5 a.m. on a Sunday morning and for mowing the trails.

Texas Disposal was present to give a brief outline on how they are capable of helping Eagle Lake when the landfill closes.

Robert Stowers presented a recommendation from the Airport Advisory Board for Council to approve two hangars at this time.

Stowers also recommended the name be changed from Eagle Lake Airport to Eagle Lake Regional Airport.

Harry Supak was the spokesperson for citizens present to voice their concerns about the chemicals from LL Flying Service. All the citizens were vocal about being tired of having head-



The Raider defense started the second quarter of Friday's game against Wharton the same way they started the game... throwing the Tigers' quarterback for a loss. Donovan King, James Johnson and Robert Shaw combined on this sack. Unfortunately, Wharton managed to top Rice 18-23 in a hard-fought game.

aches from fumes, not being able to be outside in the summer months during crop dusting time and about trees dying.

Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce President Tom Kelley asked if the City would sponsor the annual Christmas parade as in the past with the Chamber providing the manpower.

A resolution was agreed upon to change Attwater Street to Nieto Street. Council decided upon the holiday meeting schedule for the remainder of the year.

Mercer was awarded a bid for Sportsman Motel sanitary sewer interception replacement.

The Seat Belt ordinance was passed.

Administrative and Council reports were presented.

Remember, there's a City Council meeting this week also, so look for that report in next week's *Headlight*.

### Finish season undefeated...

## JV Raiders thump Tigers 35-12!

The Rice Raider JV football team thumped the Wharton Tigers last Thursday night 35-12 to move their

mark to 10-0 on the season.

The JV's closest margin of victory this season was a 22-point victory over the Cuero Gobblers.

The Raiders have outscored their opponents 381 to 72 this season, averaging 42.3 points a game and giving up only eight.

These young men have fought hard and competed to obtain this goal.

The last three years, the JV Raiders are 29-1.

Congratulations to all the young men! 10-0!! Way to go, Raiders!!

### SCORING

Rice, first quarter, 68-yd. touch-

down run, Jaylon Pettus; PAT no good, 6-0.

Rice, 9:17, second quarter, 24-yd. touchdown run, Deshaune Fuller; PAT run good, Fuller, 14-0.

Rice, 2:23, 2-yd. run, Mike Morales; PAT good, 21-0.

Wharton, 0:33, touchdown; 21-6. Rice, 0:03, 22-yd. touchdown catch, Morales to Chance Waligura; PAT good, 28-6.

Rice, 8:45, third quarter, 14-yd. run, Pettus, PAT good, 35-6.

Wharton, 3:14, fourth quarter, touchdown; PAT no good, 35-12.

## PJs begin practice

With a cast of thousands (or maybe it just seems that way with over 70 children on stage), PJs' *Alice in Wonderland* promises to be a GRAND ADVENTURE!! There are over 30 more children involved in this year's production compared to last year's smash hit, *Peter Pan*.

Because of the overwhelming response to this new production, Director Debra Reed has written new lines and created new parts in the play and managed, as always, to make every child feel like a star.

Also new to PJs this year are volunteers to help with the choreography and vocals. With this many children involved, it is imperative there be adequate adult supervision, and so there

is... thanks to many adult and teen volunteers, as well as attentive parents.

PJs will be practicing almost every Sunday afternoon until the performance date in Feb. You can see what a huge commitment this is for these performers and their families.

The cast includes: Alice: Victoria Alvarado; Little Alice: Leslie Cavazos; Cheshire Cat: Ashley Donnelly; White Rabbit: John Reed; Caterpillar: Shawn Politisch; Frog Footman: Javier Rios; Duchess: Liliana Rios; Cook: Carrie Gobert; Queen of Hearts: Shelly Myers; King of Hearts: Daniel Goodwin; Knave of Hearts: Caleb Gould; Courtier: Brynna Lucas; Ladies of the Court: Stephanie Gertson, Amber Tristan, (See PJs, Page 9)

## There's still room

Not everyone who was a part of the Raider Booster pages last year was contacted this year. If you weren't contacted and would like to be included, there's still time. If you are a new Booster, we would welcome you to the group.

The Booster page(s) will run the entire time Rice is in the playoffs plus an additional week to congratulate them on another great season.

Call or come by *The Headlight* office (220 E. Main; 234-5521) and sign up to wish the Raiders luck and let them know we're all behind them. Also, you may e-mail your name, mailing address and phone number along with your message to headlight@elc.net.

Go, Raiders!