

Colorado County Crime Stoppers



On July 21, Eagle Lake Police officers met with the victim of a burglary of a motor vehicle which took place in the 500 block of East State Street. The victim reported that unknown suspect(s) removed a grey Echo lawn trimmer from a 1990 four-door Honda. The victim said the vehicle was unlocked. The crime took place

between the evening hours of July 20 and the morning hours of July 21.

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 leads to an

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NEWSBRIEFS

Closing for the Thanksgiving holiday

The City of Eagle Lake offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27 and 28, for the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no trash collection on those days. Trash collection will resume Monday, Dec. 1, with Monday's route. The Colorado County Courthouse will also be closed Thursday and Friday. The Wintermann Library will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, while The First National Bank and Wallis State Bank will be closed Thursday. Wallis State Bank will close at 4:30 p.m. Friday. *The Headlight* will be closed Thursday, but will be open Friday.

Thanksgiving worship service scheduled

Southpoint Missionary Baptist Church will hold a Thanksgiving morning worship service from 10 to 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come and give thanks. Pastor Dave Curry will give the sermon.

'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.

Applications for Habitat House now available

Persons currently living in substandard housing who would like to be considered for home ownership for the next new Weimar Habitat House should call 979-732-5677 or 732-3549 for an application. Applications must be completed and returned by Jan. 1, 2004.

Beginner computer classes to be offered

The Eula & 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.

FFA meeting is Dec. 1

There will be a Rice FFA meeting Monday, Dec. 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Rice High School commons. All Rice FFA members need to attend.

Senior Citizen's Dance is Dec. 5

The public is invited to a Senior Citizen's Dance, a place to meet old and new friends, Friday, Dec. 5, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Daniel and The Country Boys will provide the music. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call 979-234-3795.

MMBC Pageant is Dec. 6

The Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (MMBC) in Alleyton will sponsor its annual Miss Christian Teen and Princess Pageant Saturday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. in Sealy at the Hill Community Center. The public is invited. Admission is free. For more information, call 281-342-7557 or 936-825-6354.

Arts and crafts show is Dec. 6 in Sealy

The 2003 Holiday Arts and Crafts Show will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, in Sealy with prize drawings each hour from noon to 5 p.m. The final drawing will be for a \$500 holiday shopping spree. Stop by the sign up station in front of Sealy City Hall and sign up! You need not be present to win!

Cookie Fest is Dec. 6

Another new event for Sealy's 2003 Fantasy of Lights will be Cookie Fest. If you want to pick from a wide assortment of homemade Christmas cookies and not have to bake them, this is the event for you! Saturday, Dec. 6, at the First United Methodist Church on Atchison and Main Street in Sealy from 10 a.m. until they are gone! This event benefits the Sealy Ministerial Alliance and Sealy Chamber of Commerce.

Garwood/Nada Health Fair is Dec. 7

Rice Medical Center is sponsoring a Health Fair at St. Mary's School in Nada Sunday, Dec. 7, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Come and see what your local healthcare facility has to offer. Get free health screenings including blood pressure, bone densitometry, pulmonary function test, glucose, cholesterol, PSA and occult blood screens. You can also get a pneumonia or flu vaccine for a small fee. There'll be activities for the kids (fish pond, face painting and finger printing). Please come out and let our family care for yours. The health fair is being held in conjunction with the Nada KC blood drive.

Band Booster lasagna dinner is Dec. 8

The Rice Band Boosters will hold their second annual lasagna dinner in conjunction with the annual Christmas Concert Monday, Dec. 8. Lasagna, rolls, salad, dessert and tea will be served. Tickets will be on sale through Dec. 6 for \$6 each. Dine in or take it to go. Contact your favorite band member or Kara Supak, band booster secretary, at 234-2866 to purchase a ticket.

WCJC hosts 'A Christmas Memory'

"A Christmas Memory," a one-act play based on Truman Capote's heart-warming story of the love between Aunt Sook and her nephew Buddy, will be

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Cook NOT running for 5th term

In a statement issued by his office this week, Representative Robert L. "Robby" Cook (D-Eagle Lake) announced his intention to serve out the remainder of his term but will not run for re-election to the Texas House of Representatives.

Cook's current term expires Jan. 2005 when the 79th Legislature convenes.

"This has been one of the toughest decisions I have ever made," Cook said. "I have enjoyed serving in the Texas Legislature and representing the interests of the people of rural Central Texas. I have had the privilege of serving many counties, including Bastrop, Brazos, Burleson, Colorado, Fayette and Lee Counties and formerly Wharton County."

"I am proud of the accomplishments we have made over the last 8 years," Cook continued. "I have had the privilege of working on ground-breaking water legislation on behalf of

my constituents including Senate Bills 1 and 2 and the historic LCRA/SAWS legislation that I believe will be a model for the future."

"In addition to the many things we have accomplished together, I've made great friendships during my tenure in the Texas Legislature and will always cherish the years I have spent in ser-

vice to the great State of Texas and its people. However, as I see my children growing older, I know I need to concentrate on my family and that's where my time should be spent."

Cook has been a public servant for over a decade, first as a City Council member, then as Mayor of Eagle Lake and finally as State Representative.

"I would like to sincerely thank the citizens of my district for the opportunity they have given me to serve them," Cook added. "My heartfelt thanks to my staff for their dedication and professionalism in their service to the people of District 17. Finally, I cannot thank my family enough for their continuing love and support."

Rice-Devine Regional playoff game is Saturday in San Antonio

The Rice Raiders (10-2) will play host to the Devine Warhorses (7-5) Saturday afternoon at noon in the Alamodome in San Antonio.

The Raiders advanced to the third round by virtue of their 41-21 victory over the Wimberley Texans. The War-

horses advanced by knocking out Lyford 28-16.

Devine has not advanced past the third round since 1960. The Raiders have never advanced past the third round in their 33 year history. The 2001 Raiders advanced into the third round

before losing to a great Giddings team.

Tickets will be on sale throughout the week at all school campuses, with advanced student prices at \$3 each. All adult ticket prices will be \$7, both pre-sale and at the gate. Tickets will also

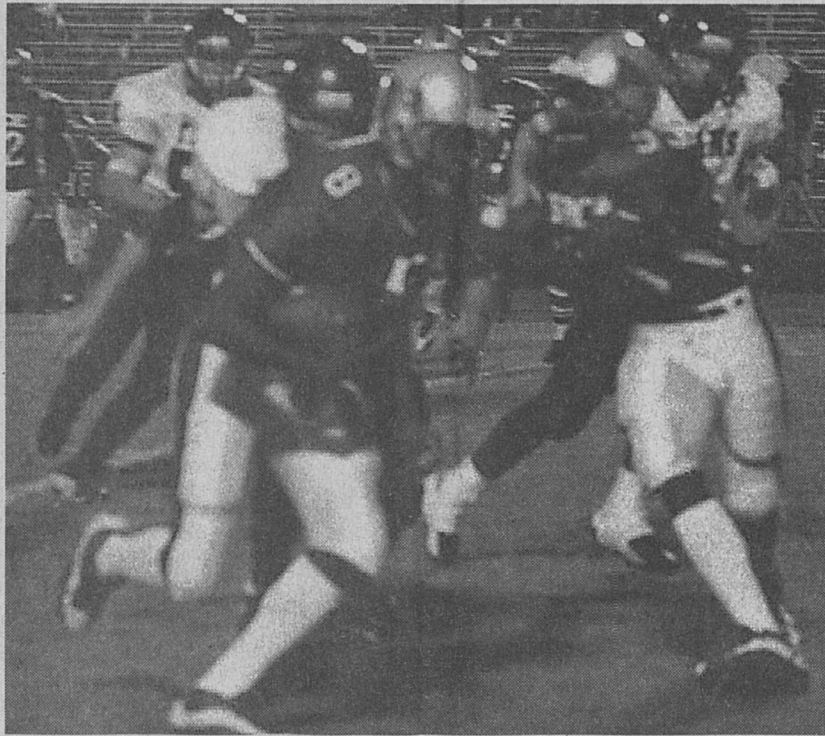
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There were a lot more people at the Saturday afternoon send-off than were expected by its organizers. The fans cheered for and visited with the team before they left for El Campo. The team would like to thank the people who put encouraging signs along Hwy. 71 all the way to New Taitton.

In the blink of an eye, Raider #8, Jeramie Hemphill, let Wimberley know what they were up against as he picked off a Texans' pass on the first play of Saturday's game. When Hemphill crossed the goal line, only NINE seconds had run off the clock. It happened so fast, the photographer didn't have time to focus.

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Raiders whoop up on Texans, 41-21

In reality, the Raiders game against the Wimberley Texans wasn't even as close as the score insinuates. Rice had a 21-0 lead with 4:23 left in the first quarter.

To start the contest Saturday in El Campo, the Raiders kicked off to Wimberley and they started their first offensive drive from the 20 yard line with a pass play.

Before anyone could get settled in the stands, Rice junior Jeramie Hemphill plucked the ball out of the air and headed for the goal line. It was 0-7 with only nine seconds gone in the game.

Hemphill picked off a another Wimberley pass during the second quarter.

The Raiders added two more touchdowns in the first stanza, both from running back Charles Huffman who had to sit out the week before with an injury. Huffman carried 14 times during the game for 171 yards and three TDs.

Also scoring for Rice were Michael Spears on a 51-yard run late in the

fourth quarter and Branden Jenkins on a 30-yard pass from quarterback Stuart Ray shortly before halftime.

The Texans were unable to mount any offense until the fourth quarter when most of the Raider starters were resting on the bench. That's when they picked up a big chunk of their 356 yards of offense for the night.

Also picking up yardage for the Raiders were Derland Sanford with eight carries and 36 yards; Jeramie Hemphill, 1 for 6; and Derrick Frazier, 2 for 5.

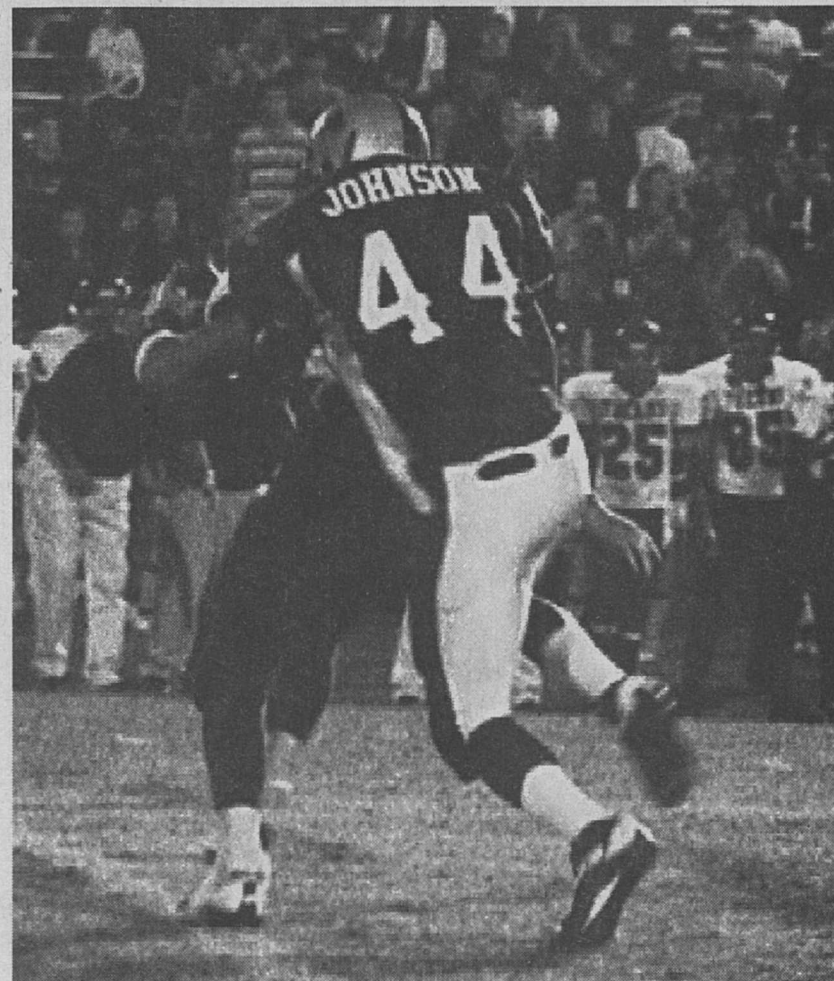
Leading the Raider defense was James Johnson with nine tackles, four of them for loss of yards, as well as three sacks.

Just behind Johnson were Joe Cooper with eight tackles; Sanford, Donovan King, Robert Shaw and Rusty Moore each had six with King adding a sack.

Jonathan Thomas had five tackles to his credit before he injured his ankle.

Overall Players of the Game went

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It was plays like this sack for a 12-yard loss that earned James Johnson share of the Defensive Player of the Game designation.



WEEKLY BIRD REPORT



The following migratory bird hunting report, prepared for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department by Bink Grimes, was last updated Nov. 19.

Coastal Prairies: Snow geese continue to arrive daily over the prairies of Katy, Garwood, Eagle Lake, Altair, Lissie and El Campo.

The northern most portions of Jackson and Wharton County, respectively, are holding impressive amounts of snows and specklebellies.

Decoying action has been solid, despite less clear skies and light winds. Hunters over the weekend enjoyed heavy straps under fog that held

through midmorning.

Duck hunting has been spotty, though some limit shoots have been posted. Gadwalls, wigeons, shovellers and teal are showing up most often. Pintails continue to decoy over duck and goose spreads, though they are not legal to harvest in the South Zone until Dec. 11.

The region received heavy rains early this week that should recharge roost ponds and flooded fields that were evaporating from the warmer than normal temperatures.

Prospects are fair to good for ducks and good for geese.

A Message Of Thanks To Our Customers!

As part of the Thanksgiving tradition, we're counting our blessings and are truly thankful for your valued patronage. Here's hoping you have a wonderful holiday complete with all the trimmings that make it so special.

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Jeannine, Carol, Shirley, Cathy & "Doc"