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NEWSBRIEFS

Life After Loss meeting is Jan. 8

The Life After Loss support group, sponsored by Hospice Support Care, will meet Tuesday, Jan. 8, 3-4:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1717 Pioneer in Wharton. The group is for anyone interested in learning more about grief following the death of a loved one. The program "Reflections After The Holidays" will be presented by Kay Bergen, Bereavement Coordinator, Houston Hospice. For more information, call 979-578-0314.

Senior Serve meeting is Jan. 7

A senior Serve meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 7, at 6 p.m. in the commons area of the high school. All chairpersons need to attend. The final touches will be made, so please attend. Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday!

Senior Friends trip is Jan. 17

Senior Friends will be traveling to Katy Mills Mall on Thursday, Jan. 17, for a day of shopping the after-holiday sales and maybe taking in a movie. Lunch will be at the popular Rain Forest Cafe. Cost is \$30 per person which includes lunch and transportation. To sign up, call Robin at 979-282-6808.

Defensive driving course slated for Jan.

A six-hour defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel for Jan. 9 and 10 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Agriculture Building, 316 Spring St. in Columbus. To pre-register for the course call 979-732-2734 or arrive a few minutes early the first evening.

Rice CISD closed until Jan. 7

Rice Consolidated ISD is closed for Christmas break through Jan. 4. The office will re-open Monday, Jan. 7, 2002. Students will return to class Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002.

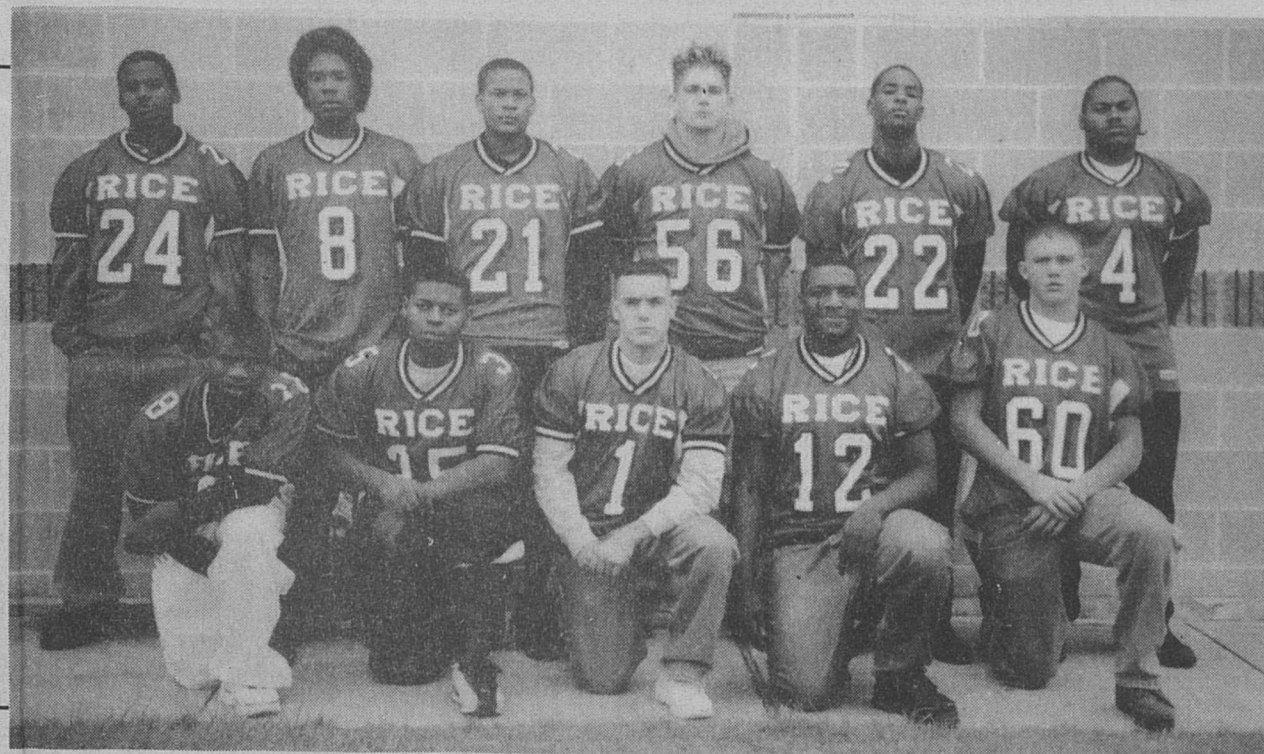
Senior Citizen's Dance is Friday

The public is invited to a Senior Citizen's Dance, a place to meet old and new friends, Friday, Jan. 4, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by Tim Kulhanek. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call 979-234-3795.

All-District Football Team

Members of the 2001 Rice Raiders named to the All-District Football Team were, in back, from left, Jerry Cleveland, Adrian Middleton, Jessie Upson, Trent Korenek, Gerald Williams and Jermal Wright. In front are Michael Spears, Tyreance Dabney, Ben Ortiz, Conrad Diggs and Garrett Cranek.

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Looking back at 2001...

JAN.

Clay Cerny moved up to fourth in the National Rodeo Finals.

Harvey Lee James lost his life in a house fire.

The demolition of what used to be Austin's Grocery was underway.

Walter and Beatrice Schoellmann celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Delores Cordova was killed in his home on Jan. 4.

Clayton Bowen and Cullen Wiese won Best of Show honors in an art contest held Jan. 6 in conjunction with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Mary Lou Anderson was named "Woman of the Year" by Xi Psi Psi and Alpha Delta Phi Sororities.

Imelda and Fernando Rodriguez are the parents of the first baby of 2001. Daniela Rodriguez weighed seven pounds, eight ounces.

Eagle Lake Middle School students Savannah Spears and George Pierce were recognized for poems they had written that were to be published.

Two locals, Roberto "Bobby" Mendieta and Gilbert Mendoza, were arrested and charged with the murder of Delores Cordova.

Mary Ann Kaluza took over as president of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce.

FEB.

Arthur J. Lopez III received Best of Show honors for his artwork in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

2000 All State Football team members were Conrad Diggs, Gerald Williams, Jerry Cleveland, Norris Powell and Quentin Whitfield.

All District 2000 football team members were Jerry Cleveland, Conrad Diggs, Jacob Little, John Michael Rucka, Trent Korenek, Jermal Wright, Dante Fuller, Adrian Espinosa, Jessie Upson, Norris Powell, Quentin Whitfield and Gerald Williams.

The third arrest was made in the Cordova murder when 17-year-old Hector Granillo was taken into custody.

The Lady Raiders captured the first place trophy in Rice Powerlifting Tournament. Members of the team were Maria Najera, Amanda Burrow, Rebecca Lopez, Aimee Bubela, Rhonda Peroni, Kristen Thompson, Shelley Boenisch, Nikki Maxie, Sarah Gould and Jennifer Saucedo.

Jannet Edwards retired after 28

years of service to Rice CISD.

ing events.

MARCH

Members of the Lady Raider Basketball team chosen All District were Odyssey Johnson, Cookie Johnson, Janna Janish, Erica Dunmore, Keisha Sewell and Crystal Alcaral.

Laura Lynne and Orville Powers of Eagle Lake celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Roxanne Cano of Sheridan lost her life in a car accident.

The Rice High School twirlers advanced to state. They are Lana Engstrom, Misty Morales, Amber Mahalic and Brandy Meitzen.

Gilbert Alvarado III advanced to the AAU National Tae Kwon Do championship.

Eagle Lake lost renowned physician Raymond R. Thomas.

Eagle Lake residents John and Jodie Canaris celebrated 42 years of marriage.

Sarah Gold and Shelley Boenisch took first place in the state powerlift-

APRIL

Lawrence and Janette Stallman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Koehl Cranek qualified for the Region finals in tennis.

Clayton Bowen, an Eagle Lake Middle School art student, won Best of Show in the Eagle Lake Prairie Chicken Festival art contest.

Winners in the Prairie Chicken Festival art contest from the Eagle Lake Primary School were Christina Lopez, Juan Martinez, Giselle Polanco, Johnny Castaneda, Dominic Castillo and Miranda Lopez.

MAY

Helen Craig is chosen as Alpha Delta Phi and Xi Psi Psi "Lady of the Year".

The Texas House honored Dr. Raymond Thomas.

Wayne Dupre and Mae Kainer (See 2001, Page 7)



Channel 13 reporter Patrick Nolan, in center, along with his cameraman Bernard, visited Eagle Lake last week. As part of their report, Mary Ann Kaluza, president of the Chamber of Commerce, was interviewed.

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Channel 13 visits Eagle Lake

By Mary Ann Kaluza
Chamber of Commerce President

Eagle Lake was honored to have KTRK-TV Channel 13 News in town Friday, Dec. 28. News Reporter/Anchor Patrick Nolan and Cameraman Bernard were very impressed with Eagle Lake.

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce wanted to show what Eagle Lake has to offer in addition to the goose hunting.

The group met with Bobby and Shelly Wied and toured their business, B&S Taxidermy.

Tim Kelley of Waterfowl Outfitters Unlimited was interviewed, giving an insight into the rice fields which draw the geese to Eagle Lake.

Eagle Lake proudly showed off the renovations to the historic buildings in the downtown area in progress.

Private water well screening set

The Colorado County office of Texas Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a water well screening for

Channel 13 was able to see Robert Lujan in action, painting the trim work on the second floor windows of one of the buildings.

We thanked KTRK-TV for coming to Eagle Lake and hope they will return soon.

county residents Jan. 23 at the County Extension Office, 316 Spring St. in Columbus.

Results from the tests will be available at the County Extension Office Jan. 24 from 3 to 6 p.m.

This well screening day is designed to inform private water well owners and users of possible contamination of their well water from two common contaminants: fecal coliform and nitrate.

The presence of fecal coliform in water indicates feces (bodily waste from humans or animals) may have contaminated the water. Water contaminated with feces have microorganisms present which can cause a number of "waterborne" diseases such as cholera, typhoid and dysentery.

Nitrates in ground water at levels (See Water, Page 3)



RMC employees adopt family

Thanks to Rice Medical Center employees, these folks know what Christmas is all about; the spirit of giving and caring about your neighbor.



Frank Miller and Mable Williams, seated in front, were recipients of the spirit of Christmas from the employees and staff at Rice Medical Center. Williams and Miller were in below-standard housing until RMC stepped in and provided the couple with a place to live (Kevin Courts), furniture, food and all the accessories to fill the apartment.

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WEEKLY MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING REPORT

The following report, produced for Texas Parks and Wildlife by Bink Grines, was updated Dec. 19.

Coastal Prairies: Decoying action for snow geese and specklebellies has been tough, unless hunters are stationed close to roosts with wind and a low ceiling.

Canada geese are building daily. Pintails, gadwalls, shovelers and teal are the ducks showing on hunters'

straps. A few mallards have been working the dikes.

Duck hunting has been spotty at best with an over abundance of water. Ducks are scattered and able to roost on numerous puddles and flooded fields due to saturating rainfall.

Decoying action improved over the weekend with a switch to southerly winds.

Prospects are fair to good for ducks and geese.