



About Town...



Jennifer "Jen" Gouldie, daughter of Bob and Joyce Gouldie of Bakersfield, California and granddaughter of Troy and Betty Krenok of Garwood graduated with a Master of Social Work degree from Baylor University in Waco.

Jen is presently employed at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. She will be working as a Social Worker in the dialysis unit. Her family and friends wish her much success in her new position!

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NEWSBRIEFS

Closing in observance of Veteran's Day

The following businesses will be closed Thursday Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran's Day: First National Bank, Wallis State Bank, Wintermann Library and the Eagle Lake Post Office.

Raider decals now on sale

The Rice Raider Booster Club is selling window decals. Contact Rice High School, Sheridan or the Garwood School offices or Ramona ray at 234-2493 or 234-3620. The Booster Club is also taking orders for custom athletic decals. Contact Janis Danklefs at 758-3914, Charlotte Smith, 758-3868, Cynthia Boensch, 758-3587, Becky Lobpriess, 758-3909, Darnell Varley, 234-2426 or Ray at the numbers above.

EMT class

Are you interested in becoming an EMT? Colorado County EMS is planning an EMT-Basic class to start around the beginning of the year in Eagle Lake. If you are interested and/or would like more information please call Carolyn Baird at 979-234-5864 or Jonna Bowen at 234-7855.

ELPA meeting is tonight

Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance, Inc. (ELPA) invites all interested citizens to a preservation meeting Thursday, Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m. to be held at "The Calaboose" next to Dairy Queen on McCarty Ave. Please join them for an informative meeting and refreshments.

Booster Club to hold tailgate party

The Rice Raider Booster Club will hold a tailgate party Friday Nov. 5 starting at 6 p.m. This will be the last home game for the Raiders against the Bellville Brahmas.

BBQ plate sale set for Friday

White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) will sponsor a BBQ chicken and sausage plates Friday, Nov. 5 at the WCBC. Serving starts at 11 a.m. For delivery call 234-3800 or 234-2467. Thank you in advance for donations.

Fifth quarter to be held Friday

Fifth quarter will be held Friday night at First Baptist Church. There will be food, fun and games until midnight.

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, Nov. 5, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The Lazy Farmers will provide the music. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call 979-234-3795.

Vine of the Lord to hold special service

The Vine of the Lord, 1300 State St., invites you to a special service, Saturday, Nov. 6 at 2 p.m. There will be preaching and prayer for the sick and those in need. Come and receive your blessing. Sis. Tatiana Castillo, pastor, evangelist and prophet of Nicaragua will be the guest. Music will be provided by brothers from Church on the Rock of Richmond. All are welcome. For more information call 713-203-4451. God bless you.

La Vina tendra servicio especial Sabado

La Vina del Senior, 1300 State St. les invita a un culto especial sabado 6 de noviembre a las 2 p.m. Estara predicando y orando por los enfermos, y necesidades, venga a recibir la bendicion de Dios. La Hermana Tatiana Castillo de Nicaragua, pastor y evangelista y profeta. La musica los Hermanos de Church on the Rock de Richmond. Los esperamos todos son bienvenidos. Que Dios los bendiga. Pastor. Rev. Paul y Bertha Aguilar. Por mas informacion llame a 713-203-4451.

E.H. Henry Scholarship fundraiser is Saturday

Attention! Please come and go with us! E.H. Henry Scholarship Fund walk-a-thon, bike-a-thon, trike-a-thon and scooter-a-thon will be held Saturday, Nov. 6 at 7 a.m. starting at White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) going to the City Park and return back to WCBC (five miles). Price is \$1 per mile. Donations are accepted. For more information contact Jessie Banks Mosley at 758-3515, Raphael Harrison at 758-3000 or Gloria Boutte at 234-2766. First place winners in each event will receive a prize.

Cub Scouts to hold bake sale Saturday

The Eagle Lake Cub Scouts will hold a bake sale, Saturday, Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of B&B Grocery. Come and purchase some baked goods, homemade jams and much more. All proceeds benefit the Cub Scouts.

Garage sale, cat adoption is Nov. 6

A huge garage sale and cat adoption will be held Saturday November 6, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 236 Dewees in Columbus (corner Front & Dewees). Stop by and check out the antique & newer, furniture, old floor lamps, antique glassware, vintage china, linens and prints, old doors & windows, new fabric, much more! All proceeds go to fund Cat Care Alliance, a non-profit feral cat rescue group. Rain date is November 13, 2004.

PJ's auditions set for Sunday

Children age 5 years to 15 years who are interested in being in the upcoming PJ's performance of

"The Emperor's New Clothes" should pick up registration forms and scripts at the Wintermann Library. Auditions for speaking roles will be held Sunday, November 7 1:30 to 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Footlitters seek talent for contest

Auditions for the Community Theatre of Wharton's first Talent Extravaganza! will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Wharton County Historical Museum, 3615 N. Richmond Rd. The competition will be held Dec. 12 at the InnKeeper, which, along with KULP Radio, is a co-sponsor of the event. Entry fee is \$25. Proceeds benefit the repair of the plaza theater. For more information call 979-282-9159 or 713-703-0343 or visit www.whartonplazatheater.org.

ELPS Book fair is Nov. 8-12

The Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) will hold their Scholastic Book Fair the week of Nov. 8-12 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the school library. There will be a special family event Wednesday, Nov. 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. for those parents who want to come and choose books to buy for their children or as gifts. The Book Fair serves as a fundraiser for the school.

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Bellville ISD Principal honored by peers

West End Elementary Principal Charles Abel of Bellville ISD was named District 6 TEPSAN of the Year for the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA).

Each year, members from the 20 TEPSA districts across the state honor a colleague who makes a difference in the lives of Texas students. The TEPSANs of the Year will be recognized at TEPSA's Fall Conference in early Nov. in Arlington and at the Summer Conference next June in Austin.

"This annual award is presented to TEPSA members for their tireless commitment to serving children and improving their association," said TEPSA Executive Director Sandi Borden. "Professional educators like Charles propel improvement for our school."

TEPSA represents more than 5,100 elementary and middle school leaders, including principals, assistant princi-



pals, central office administrators and supervisors of reading, mathematics, science, special education and other disciplines. Formed in 1917, TEPSA was created to improve children's futures by bettering education at the elementary level.

Number 18 in a series of remembrance of our World War II dead

Remembering Louis D. Vaughan

By Joe C. Fling

Does anyone in Colorado County remember Louis Donald Vaughan? This young man died in the Pacific in the fall of 1944, and is included in the War Department's list of World War II dead from Colorado County, but searches of local courthouses and school records show no signs of the family.

In the Pacific, Oct. 1944 was the month that McArthur returned to the Philippines. Louis Donald Vaughan of Sheridan was killed on Oct. 26, 1944, almost certainly in the fighting for the Philippines. The Philippines were fought over twice in World War II. First when the Japanese captured the islands in the winter and spring of 1942 and again in the fall and winter of 1944-45 when the Americans drove the invaders out.

Vaughan was the son of Jessie Picard Vaughan, who lived in Sheridan at the time of Vaughan's death. Vaughan was in the United States Navy, serving as a Aviation Radioman 3rd Class. This would no doubt have meant that he was on one of the three-man carrier-based bombers. These planes, including the *Dauntless* and *Avenger* dive-bombers, carried a pilot, a gunner and a radioman.

Vaughan's date of death indicates that he was killed in the fighting immediately after the American landings on Luzon Island. The major air and sea battles, which came to be known as the Battle of Leyte Gulf, were fought there beginning on Oct. 24, 1944. These battles marked the final destruction of the Japanese navy as a viable fighting force. The first fight-

ing was done by American destroyers, but carrier-based planes later became involved and pursued the defeated Japanese fleet as it fled from the battle.

Vaughan was listed by the Navy as "Missing in Action or buried at sea." Vaughan's name is included on the Tablets of the Missing at the Manila American Cemetery in Manila, the Philippines. This cemetery at Manila is the largest American military cemetery outside of the United States. The cemetery includes the graves of 17,206 American dead, and commemorates another 36,282 missing in action. This one cemetery marks the final resting place of more men than were killed in many of the lesser conflicts and wars fought by the United States.

Vaughan's name was reported to Colorado County as a war death after the plaque at the Colorado County courthouse was cast, which leads to the conclusion that he may have been listed as missing for an extended time before the final finding of lost at sea or killed in action was made.

Since Vaughan's name does not appear from any search of local records, perhaps his father had come to Sheridan for employment at Shell, and the family left no lasting record of their presence. I would appreciate any information from any source that would enlighten us on the subject. Where did Vaughan come from? What became of his family? Does anyone remember? The passage of time should not make the sacrifices of life that were made by so many of our young men fade from memory.

City Council Meeting Cancelled

By Contributing Writer, Sidney Struss

Many concerned citizens filled the chambers because of two major items on the agenda. (1) the discussion of an ordinance for preventing more than one family from living in a single-family dwelling and (2) substantial rate increases for the community center rental and other miscellaneous proposed rate hikes. There was but only a few chairs empty as citizens gathered early to get a seat.

It was two weeks ago that the council voted to leave Councilman Morales's chair vacant for the next seven months. This was after a request by citizens during public comment to have it filled so that the city would have full representation at every meeting. However, on the first meeting following the vote of the council to leave Mayor Morales's seat vacant, a quorum was never obtained and the Mayor announced they could not have a meeting. You must have at least three councilmen present to begin the meeting.

When it came time for the meeting to begin at 7:30, Councilmen Dave Curry and John Young were not present. The City Secretary, Sylvia Rucka, made telephone calls to both of the councilmen, but had no success. At 7:45 p.m., Mayor Morales announced that there would not be a meeting due to not having at least three councilmen at the meeting. The next meeting will be held on November 9.

Highlighting the items that will be on the agenda will be Increasing Community Center Rental Rates, Various Fee Schedule Changes, Ordinance Prohibiting More Than One Family Living in a Household, Temporary Sign Ordinance, and a Year-End Bonus for City Employees.

Rep. Robby Cook wins still no clear President as of early Wednesday

A record number of Colorado County voters turned out Tuesday to vote. Not only for the main race, President, but for a various number of the other offices that were up for election.

In the State Representative race for District 17, voting across the district was: Jean Kilgore, 3350, 44.32%; Robby Cook, 4142, 54.81%; and Darrell R. Grear, 65, 0.86%.

Other results in Colorado County: United States Representative, District 15: Michael D. Thamm, 4008, 60.85%; Ruben Hinojosa, 2456, 37.29%; William R. Cady, 122, 1.85%.

Railroad Commissioner: Victor G. Carrillo, 4062, 57.23%; Bob Scarborough, 2863, 40.34%; Anthony Garcia, 172, 2.42%.

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3: Harriet O'Neill, 5083, 100.00%.

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5: Paul Green, 5055, 100.00%.

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9: Scott Bristler, 4735, 67.81%; David Van Os, 2247, 32.18%.

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2: Lawrence "Larry" Meyers, 4993, 90.56%; Quannah Parker, 520, 9.43%.

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5: Cheryl Johnson, 5026, 91.28%; Tom Oxford, 480, 8.71%.

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6: Michael E. Keasler, 4472, 64.79%; J. R. Molina, 2430, 35.20%.

Chief Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District: Sherry Radack, 4928, 100.00%.

Chief Justice, 14th Court of Appeals District: Adele Hedges, 4982, 100.00%.

Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District, Place 2: Jane Bland, 4928, 100.00%.

Justice, 1st Court of Appeals District, Place 6: George C. Hanks, Jr., 4925, 100.00%.

Justice, 14th Court of Appeals District, Place 2: Leslie Brock Yates, 4947, 100.00%.

Justice, 14th Court of Appeals District, Place 9: Eva Guzman, 4955, 100.00%.

District Judge, 2nd 25th Judicial District: W. C. (Bud) Kirkendall, 5088, 100.00%.

District Judge, 25th Judicial District: Dwight E. Peschel, 5207, 100.00%.

All results from the Colorado County Judges office and from the Office of the Secretary of State website, www.sos.state.tx.us.

Raiders Tame Tigers ...Clinch playoff spot



Raiders fighting till the end of Friday nights game at Tiger Stadium in Sealy.

Headlight Photo by Dwight Hadley

The Rice Raiders held off a strong second half charge from the Sealy Tigers to win a place in the 2004 3A state playoffs. The final score was 24-14 in a hard fought battle in Sealy.

The Raiders jumped out to a 17-0 lead in the first half behind great defense and the power running of Charles Huffman and counter runs by Jay Thomas.

This win clinched the Raiders fifth straight appearance in the playoffs.

The offensive line had maybe their best game of the year as the Raiders ran for 322 yards on a Sealy defense that usually gives up about half that much. The line includes tackles by Emerson Dawson and Curtis Williams, guards Aaron Labay and Trent Fields, and center Jose Elizondo.

Also tight ends Robert Shaw, Jeremy Hill and Donovan King had good nights. Huffman had a very workman like game with 30 carries for 179 yards and one touchdown but what surprised Sealy was Thomas running 16 times for a season high 113 yards and two touchdowns.

This balance between two backs was what the Raiders will need in the playoffs.

Shaw kicked a 22-yard field goal and also caught a two-point conversion pass from Stuart Ray. The Raider defense was its usual tough self and held Sealy to only 188 yards of offense for the night. Leading tacklers for the Raiders were Joe Cooper, 12; Robert Scott, 11; King, nine; and Shaw, eight.

Darkeith Pratt and Jeramie Hemphill sealed the win for the Raiders with interceptions late in the fourth quarter. The 14 points given up by the Raiders moves their scoring defense to 9.9 points per game, which is outstanding.

The Raiders end the regular season versus Bellville at Raider Stadium at 7:30 Friday night. If the Raiders win they will be 5-0 in district 20-3A and will be the district champions. It looks like the Raiders will be playing the Rockdale Tigers in the opening round of the 2004 state playoffs. The site and date have yet to be determined for this game. The Raiders are very excited about having the opportunity to win a district title and to begin chasing a chance at a state championship.

Coach Dumont states, "It has been a great season to this point as we reached our first goal of making the playoffs. Now we want to get a district championship. The team has continued to improve week after week and still has better things to come."

Come out Friday night to see the last home game for a great group of seniors for the Raiders. Seniors are Joe Cooper, Jay Thomas, Jeramie Hemphill, Stuart Ray, Ivan Rodriguez, Jake Staff, Charles Huffman, Robert Scott, Emerson Dawson, Aaron Labay, Will Lund, Jose Elizondo, Robert Shaw, Chance Waligura and Donovan King.

This week will be "All Blue" Week. Everyone is encouraged to wear their Raider Blue to the game to offset the Red by Bellville.