

SPORTS

Newsbriefs

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E.H. Henry School reunion meeting is Dec. 16

The E.H. Henry School Reunion meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. at Tyler Studio, 215 E. Main. All are encouraged to attend.

Egypt Plantation holiday tour

The Community Theatre of Wharton cordially invites the public to tour historic Egypt Plantation in her holiday finest Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 18 and 19. Costumed docents will lead you through the old plantation house and adjoining museum between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Tickets are \$5. Proceeds benefit Raise the Roof Fund to repair damage to the roof of Wharton's Plaza Theater. For reservations or tickets, stop by the theatre's box office, 212 N. Richmond, or call 979-282-2970 or click on www.whartonplazatheater.org.

Candlelight Christmas at Lissie UMC is Dec. 22

The congregation of Lissie United Methodist Church would like to invite all the community to a Candlelight Christmas service Wednesday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. at Lissie UMC. This is away to celebrate Christmas with fellow Christian, and still have Christmas eve and day for your family activities.

TCHCC 2005 calendars for sale

The 2005 Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center (TCHCC) Calendars are available for purchase. Featuring photographs of Texas Czech homes on the front and back covers, the calendars will have another collection of vintage photographs depicting the lifestyle of Texas Czechs. In addition, there will be information on given names; Czech customs, recipes, including how to make sausage; Czech idioms, and the dates of festivals, events and meetings in the Czech communities around the state. To order calendars, contact the TCHCC, P.O. Box 6, La Grange, TX 78945-0006, or call toll free at 888-785-4500.

Organizational News

CCW holds meeting

With the season of Thanksgiving behind us we now focus on the glorious

season of Christmas, the birthday celebration of Jesus Christ. This was our Christmas meeting and it was used as a thanks for everything and to push our way into January 2005.

Jo Churchill, president, started our meeting at First Baptist Church with asking Shirley Klein to open with prayer. Jo read letters of thanks and gratitude from Robert Conner, principle of Columbus Elementary School and Randy Hoyer, Administrator of Columbus Schools for our contributions to the clothes closet at Columbus Elementary School. Another letter was read detailing the needs of Children Protective Services here in Columbus. They need the support of all citizens of Columbus.

Our treasured Ecumenical Angels performed three lovely Christmas songs for our entertainment.

The group will be performing at the Shopping Extravaganza, Dec. 4, at the Veterans Memorial Hall. Joyce Gordy reported on the finances.

The Jan. meeting will be at Glidden Baptist Church on the 6th. For our Jan. meeting we are having a baby shower for Christina Hasenfluke, please come and help us celebrate this miracle of birth.

There were 60 members present at today's meeting to vote in the new officers for next year, they are as follows: President, Robyn Adams; Vice President, Nelma Strey; Publicity/Recording Secretary, Randa Simmons; Corresponding Secretary, JoDean Robb; Treasurer, Lorene Gates. Sharon Johnson has agreed to assist Nelma Strey. Committee reports were called for, Shirley Frers reported on the Country Store, which will be a part of the Shopping Extravaganza, Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Veterans Memorial Hall. Items to be sold need to be delivered between 7 and 9:30 a.m. The drawing for the winners of one of the three decorated Christmas trees will be between 1 and 2 p.m. that day. The meeting closed after the following door prizes were given-The special Mary Richter signed and numbered original painting of an angel was won by Christina Hasenfluke. Other prize winners: Helen Stritch, Barbara Hohensee, Sue Gassman, Charlene Morrison, Brenda Jax and Ann Hennicke. See you all at Glidden Baptist Church, Jan. 6 at 9:30 a.m.

7th Grade Boys A & B teams fall short

The Rice Raiders had two hard fought games verses Hempstead. The 7th grade B team lost their second consecutive game by a score of 27 to 11. Alex Cardenas lead all scores with 11. The 7th grade A team lost a nail bitter by a score of 25 to 26. Leading scorer's were J.D. Conteras with 12, Mario Hull 8, Tim Morales 3, and Carlos Sosa had 2. The Rice Raiders will face The Sealy Tigers on Thursday December 9 at Sealy.

JH Ladies lose to Hempstead

The Junior High Lady Raiders lost to Hempstead last week on December 2. The 7th Grade 'B team' lost by one point with a score of 4-5. Clarenia Weeks scored both baskets. The 7th Grade 'A team' lost with a score of 12-33 with Shametria Gonzales being the high scorer. The 8th grade team lost with a score of 7-39. The Junior High Lady Raiders will play Sealy on Monday, December 9 in Sheridan and will play in Bellville on December 13. We always appreciate the support of our fans.

Lady Raiders win Needville tournament

The Lady Raiders took first place at the Needville Basketball Tournament this past weekend. They opened the tournament against 4-A La Marque on Thursday and defeated them 53-47.

Edricka Thomas was the lead scorer for the Raiders with 22 points. Mallory Dumont had 13; Ashley Parker, nine; Vanessa Villafuerte, six; Ka'Shonda Tillman and Desiree Toliver scored two points each.

They returned to Needville Saturday to take on Van Vleck winning 68-43.

Thomas scored 22 points; Tillman, 12; Dumont, 10; Parker, eight; Kaylyn Boenisch, six; Toliver, four; Amber Cunningham, Villafuerte and Ashley Banks scored two points each.

This win placed them in the championship bracket.

The championship game played against the Needville Bluejays was a hard battle but Rice came out on the top 29-26.

Thomas had 15 points; Tillman and

Dumont each had four points. Villafuerte and Parker had three a piece.

The Lady Raiders are now 5-1. They will be participating in the Brookshire Royal Tournament this weekend.

JV Boys 3-2

The Rice Raiders boys JV basketball team has started the season 3-2. The Raiders have defeated Edna 34-19, Palacios 32-26, and Fayetteville 43-27. The Raiders have lost to Round Top-Carmine 23-30 and Hearne 25-49. Gary Francis and Derrick Frazier have been the leading scorers in all the games. The Raiders have played exceptional defense in our wins. The Raiders will play Somerville at home Tuesday night and participate in the Schulenburg Tournament this weekend.

Raider JV, freshmen boy's hoop teams open season with victories over Edna

The Rice JV and freshmen boy's hoop teams opened the 2004-05 season with victories over the Edna Cowboys on Nov. 18 at Edna Gym.

The JV team played even the first half with the score tied at 7 after a period and the Raiders holding a slight 15-11 advantage at the break. Rice widened the lead to 26-16 after three and cruised to a 34-19 finish. Gary Francis and Derrick Frazier led the way with 13 and 12 points, respectively. Also contributing to the scoring were Nelson Dabney with 5 points and Danny New and Dwight Dawson with 2 apiece.

The freshman team put on a defensive show to open up the season by

holding the Cowboys to 11 total points. Rice raced to a 7-0 advantage after a quarter, only to see Edna draw to 11-6 at the half. Rice came out after half and held the Cowboys to 2 points to hold a 17-8 lead going to the final period where they closed the game out with a 20-11 final. Duryel Stevenson led the way with 9 points and he was followed by Trey Staff with 5 points, Taylor Cook with 4, and Dustin Soto with 2.

Both teams were set to face Palacios on Nov. 30 and then travel to tournaments over the weekend the JV in Somerville on Dec. 2-4 and freshmen in Sealy on Dec. 2 and 4.

Rice Raider boy's basketball opens season with two victories

The Rice Raider boy's basketball team tipped off its season with victories over the Edna Cowboys, 43-41 on Nov. 18, and the Weimar Wildcats, 69-47 on Nov. 19.

The Raiders traveled to Edna to open the season against the Cowboys. The game started slowly for both teams with the Cowboys holding a 7-6 lead at the end of one. Rice came back to hold a slight 18-14 lead at the half, but could not sustain it as Edna came out hot in the third quarter to

lead 31-27 heading to the final period. The Cowboys held a 41-37 lead with 50 seconds to play, but the Raiders tightened up the defense to outscore the Cowboys 6-0 over the last few seconds with Robert Shaw connecting on two free throws with 5 seconds to play to lift the Raiders to victory. "The entire team showed a lot of heart and desire the last minute to pull off the win," Coach Jason Crow said. The Raiders were led by Jeramie Hemphill's 15 points and Robert Shaw's 11 points, 8 rebounds, 5 assists, and 5 steals.

Also contributing to the win were Robert Johnson, Emerson Dawson, and Deshaun Fuller with 4 points apiece, Brian Williams and Michael Morales with 2 each, and Quentin Thomas with 1.

The Raiders again took to the road on Nov. 19 to take on the Weimar Wildcats. The Raiders were relentless on defense in the first half as they jumped on the Wildcats 21-11 after a quarter. The second quarter saw the Wildcats

draw to 25-18 with 3:30 to go until halftime, only to have the Raiders close the quarter with a 16-2 run to go up 41-20 at the break. The second half was fairly even with the lead never dropping below 18 points for the Raiders, finishing up with a 69-47 final. Jon Thomas led the scoring with 16 points and Robert Shaw had another fine all-around game with 15 points, 18 rebounds, and 4 assists.

Other scorers for the Raiders were Emerson Dawson with 8 points, Quentin Thomas with 7 points and 6 steals, Brian Williams 5 points and 7 rebounds, Robert Johnson, Darkeith Pratt, Jeramie Hemphill, and Deshaun Fuller (5 assists) all with 4 points, and Michael Morales with 2. "The team is still trying to find itself right now, but we are slowly growing accustomed to one another," first year Head Coach Jason Crow said.

The Raiders were back in action Tuesday, Nov. 30 at Palacios, and Dec. 2-4 at the Weimar Tournament.

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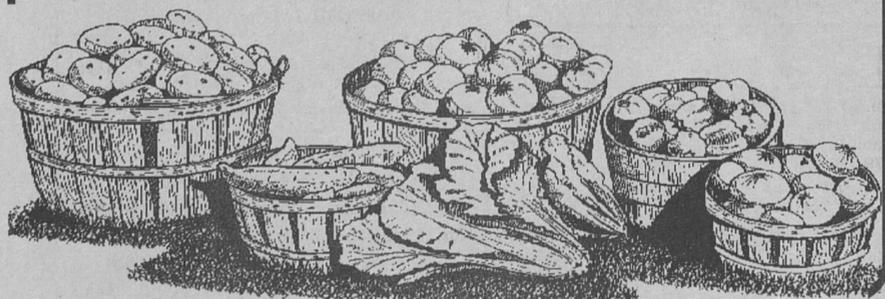
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Rice High School Fall 2004 Semester Exam Schedule

Thursday, December 16, 2004

- 8:04 a.m. - 9:34 a.m. 1st Period Exams
- 9:38 a.m. - 11:08 a.m. 4th Period Exams
- 11:08 a.m. - 11:52 a.m. LUNCH (all students)
- 11:56 a.m. - 1:26 p.m. 5th Period Exams
- 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. 7th Period Exams

Friday, December 17, 2004

- 8:04 a.m. - 9:34 a.m. 2nd Period Exams
- 9:38 a.m. - 11:08 a.m. 3rd Period Exams
- 11:12 a.m. - 12:42 p.m. 6th Period Exams
- 12:42 p.m. - 1:10 p.m. LUNCH (all students)

Busses will run at the High School at 1:15 p.m. on Friday. Busses will run at 1:30 p.m. at ELMS, ELPS, Garwood and Sheridan.

The Rice CISD Board of Trustees has formed a District Long Range Planning Committee to discuss the future needs of the Rice Consolidated Independent School District in regards to all phases of education. The committee is formed of various community members, teachers and administrators. The original focus of the committee was the status of the district facilities in regards to structure, maintenance, and future needs within the district. The discussions have included the current curriculum offerings and possible changes, changing demographics and populations, and changes caused by state and federal mandates. Several options have been discussed that include possible additions and/or renovations to current facilities, reconfiguration of grade levels at the community schools, the addition of advanced classes at the junior high level, and the addition of vocational and career interest courses at the junior high and high school level. Dr. Arnold Oates of Texas School Planning has done a facilities study and has given the committee his ideas of areas that need to be addressed in our district. Please feel free to contact any committee member listed below to discuss any areas of concern or to give any suggestions you may have for the betterment of our District. The next meeting will be held on January 10, 2005 at the Sheridan Elementary School at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend to share their ideas and expectations.

Rice CISD Long Range Planning Committee Members

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