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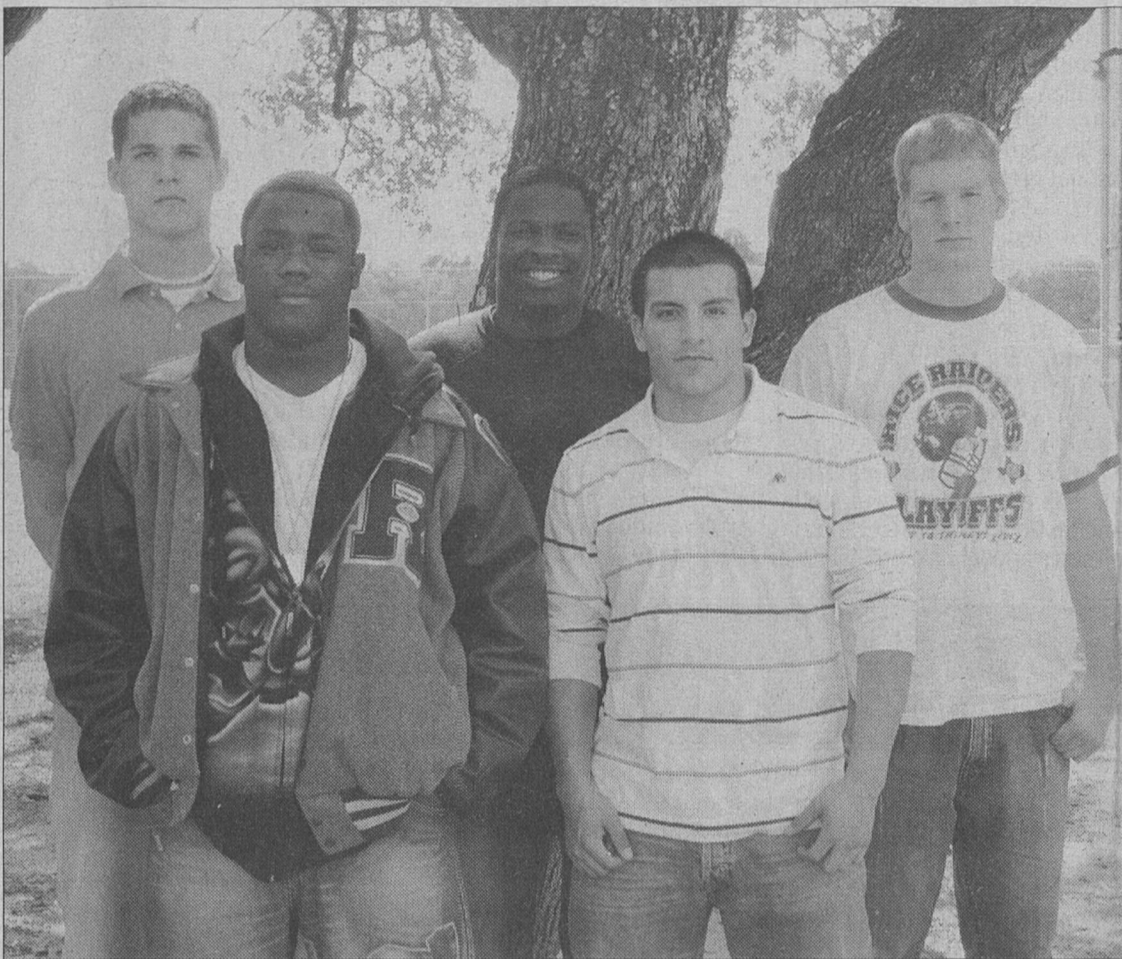
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Several Rice football players were recently named to all state teams. Back, from left: Taylor Cook, third team; Nelson Dabney, second-team; Brent Botard, third team. Front, from left: Brian Williams, honorable mention; Pablo Saurez, honorable mention.

## Filing For Local Offices Begins Soon

Filing is set to begin soon for local elections set for May 12.

The first day for filing is Feb. 10, however the tenth is a Saturday and school offices and city offices will be closed.

Applications may be picked up for the hospital district election

beginning at 8 a.m. on the Feb. 10 at the Administration office at Rice Medical Center.

Four positions held by Mark Anderson, Michael Thomas, Obie Rhodes and Robert Wilcox are up for re-election.

Rice CISD has two places up

for election. They are place five held by Carolyn Baird and place four held by Jack Vawter.

The administration office at Rice CISD will begin taking applications on Feb. 12.

The Eagle Lake City Council has three at-large seats up for election this year.

The seats are currently held by Larry Contreras, Jane Meldahl, and Dave Curry.

The City Office will begin taking application on Feb. 12.

The deadline for filing for any of the offices is March 12 at 5 p.m.

## Rice Board To Consider May Bond Election

The Rice Board of trustees held a special meeting Tue. night to discuss the possibility of a bond election in May to address facility needs.

After discussion, trustees agreed to put the matter on the agenda for the next regular meeting and take steps toward getting ready for another election.

The board must call an election by early March in order to get it on the ballot for the May 12 election.

A bond issue failed last May that would have provided funds for new a high school in Altair.

The existing high school would have been converted for use as a junior high for the entire district.

The nearly \$15 million issue failed by only about 40 votes.

Voters in Garwood and Sheridan voted overwhelmingly against the measure.

A facilities committee recommended going ahead with the election last May in order to address issues with current facilities at the Eagle Lake Elementary School.

"The building in Eagle Lake is not getting any better," said Superintendent Mike Lanier.

Tuesday, trustees discussed options for taking care of the facilities issue that still exist.

Trustees agreed that they should try and take care of as many things as possible to avoid

the potential of calling another election a few years down the road.

Board members plan to look into breaking the project down into what is absolutely necessary.

"No one ever has a problem with education expenditures," said Lanier.

Lanier said he felt that staying around \$10 million would improve the chances of a bond passing.

Rough estimates show that for a little over \$11 million would provide adequate facilities to handle sixth through eighth grade.

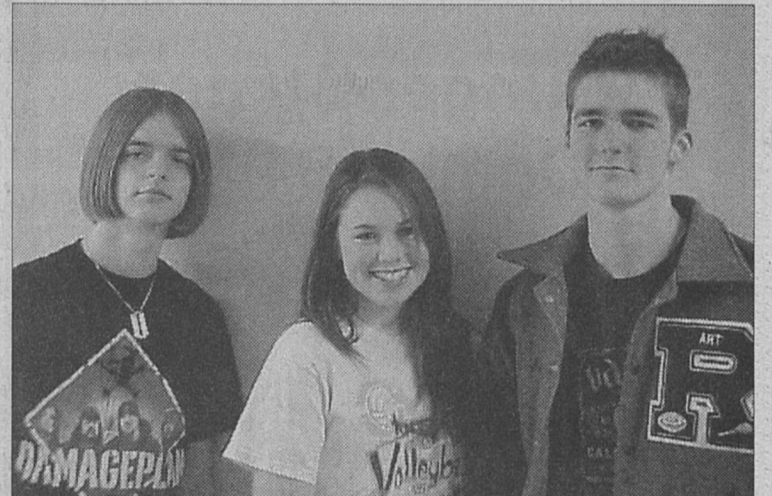
Trustees discussed a plan to just move Eagle Lake Junior High

students to the campus in Altair in hopes of garnering more support for the measure.

Trustees said that a big reason they heard from people that the previous bond failed was that folks didn't want the junior high aged kids mixed with high schoolers.

Lanier said that the expenditure should provide adequate space for all the junior high students in the district if it was decided to move the other junior high students to the central location.

Trustees agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting and to gather information from constituents about the issue.



## Rice High School Art Winners

Rice High School Winners in the recent art show were, from left: Victor Brewer, Gold Medal, Nicole Drilk, Gold Medal, and Clayton Bowen, Best In Show. (See page 6 for more)

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Brown bag lunch is Friday

The Rice Medical Center (RMC) Employee Volunteer "Brown Bag Lunch" will be held Friday, Feb. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The lunch will consist of a grilled burger, chips, dessert and a valentine for \$5. Proceeds will benefit Rice High School scholarships. The year PJ's will hold a bake sale to coincide with the brown bag lunch to raise funds for their upcoming play, Dick Wittington and His Cat. If you would like to purchase tickets, please call Geri Vandermark at 234-5571.

### PJ's to hold bake sale

A bake sale benefiting PJ's Prairie Edge Museum Children's Theatre will be held Friday, Feb. 9 at First National Bank in Eagle Lake. The sale will start at 9 a.m. PJ's play is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 25 at 4 p.m.

### Little League registration scheduled

Eagle Lake Little League has scheduled registration for T-ball through Jr. League. Registration will be held at Eagle Lake Insurance Associates, 101 S. Lake St. on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Saturday, Feb. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call 979-234-5743.

### Sisterhood schedules meeting

Chapter FB of the P.E.O. Sisterhood will meet Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. in La Grange; Feb. 24 at 10 a.m. in Bastrop and March 10 at 10 a.m. in Eagle Lake. P.E.O. is an international philanthropic and educational organization interested in bringing to women increased opportunities for higher education. For more information, unaffiliated members please call Helen Craig at 979-234-2807.

### Price to speak at CHS

Dr. Randall Price, noted author, lecturer and director of the archeological excavations at the Quman Plateau, site of the Dead Sea Scroll community, will speak at Columbus High School Auditorium Friday, Feb. 9 and Saturday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 11 at 9:30 and 11 a.m. He will address topics related to the current Middle East events regarding Iran, Islam, Israel and biblical prophecy. For more information call Columbus Bible Church at 979-732-9032.

### Scholarship fundraiser is Sunday

American Legion Post #226 of East Bernard will hold their annual scholarship fundraiser Sunday, Feb. 11 at the American Legion Hall, 1-1/2 miles south of East Bernard on Hwy. 60. The meal consisting of BBQ chicken with all the trimmings will be served at 11 a.m. Plates are \$7 each. Auction at 12:30 p.m. Enjoy the free dance after the auction with music by Bobby Jones Czech Band.

### Catholic Daughters to hold fundraiser

The Catholic Daughters Court Queen of Angels is sponsoring their annual fundraiser on Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Guardian Angel Parish Hall in Wallis. The spaghetti dinner will be served from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Drawing tickets are being sold by members and available at the dinner. The drawing will be held for a number of prizes after the cake auction at 1 p.m. Proceeds from this annual event are donated to many local organizations and charities and to CDA sponsored national charities. Your support at this annual event is most appreciated.

### Relay For Life

Everyone is excited about the upcoming Colorado County Relay For Life 2007 to be held this year at the Weimar Wildcat football stadium/track April 20-21. It is not too late to organize a team to participate in this worthy fundraising event to benefit cancer research. If interested in forming a team, you may contact Valerie Harmon in Weimar at 979-725-8912 or Robin Maertz in Columbus. Team captain meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Columbus on the following dates: Feb 12 and 26, March 12 and 26, April 2, 9 and 16. See you there!!

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## Rest Home To Re-Open March 1

The old Heritage House that has laid dormant for a number of years is currently undergoing a makeover in anticipation of opening its doors to residents on March 1.

"We are pretty much updating everything in the place and making it real nice," said Wayne Smith, a spokesman for The Eagle Lake Care Home.

He said they were also adding a gazebo and some other nice features to the place.

He said that it is getting new landscaping as well.

The 43-room assisted-living facility will feature private and semi-private living options.

The facility will feature two dining rooms and beauty salon.

## Raiders At 8-3 Mark In District Play

The Rice Raider varsity boy's basketball team moved to 8-3 in district action and 14-8 on the season.

The Raiders defeated Hallettsville by a score of 59-47.

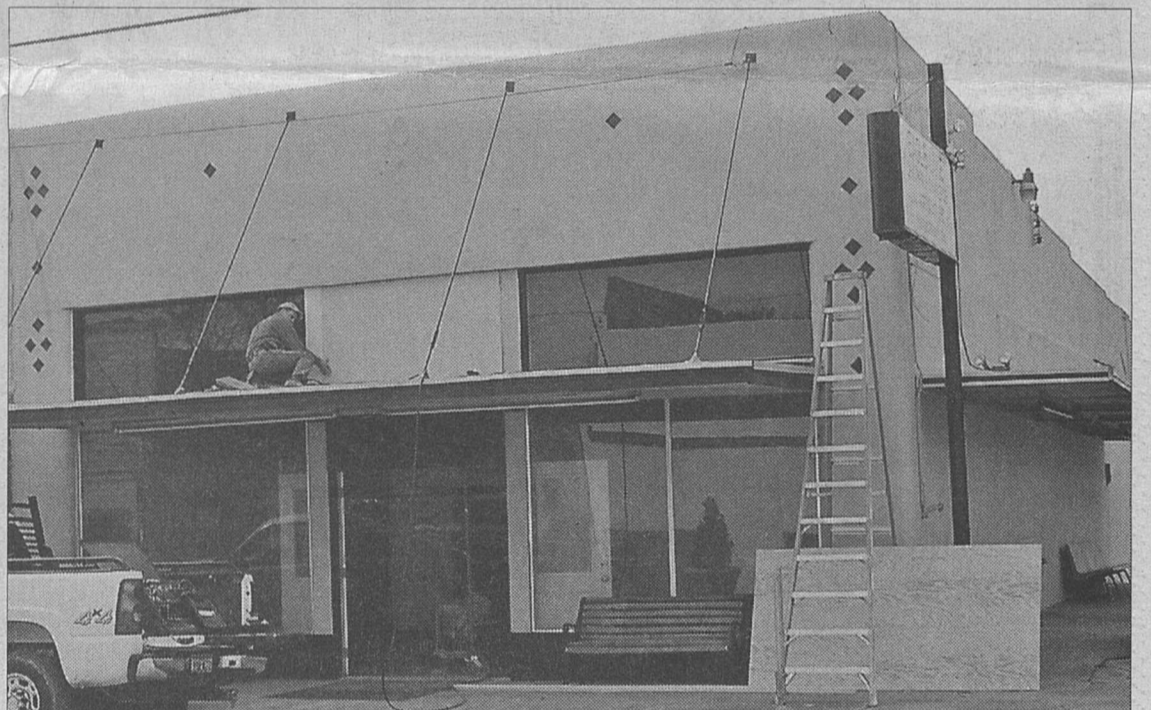
Paul Francis led the way for the Raiders by scoring 18 points, followed closely by Taylor Cook with 15. Jasmine Hemphill scored nine; Sylvester Middleton, six; and Duryel Stevenson added five points.

Cook led the rebounding with 24 and Francis pulled down seven.

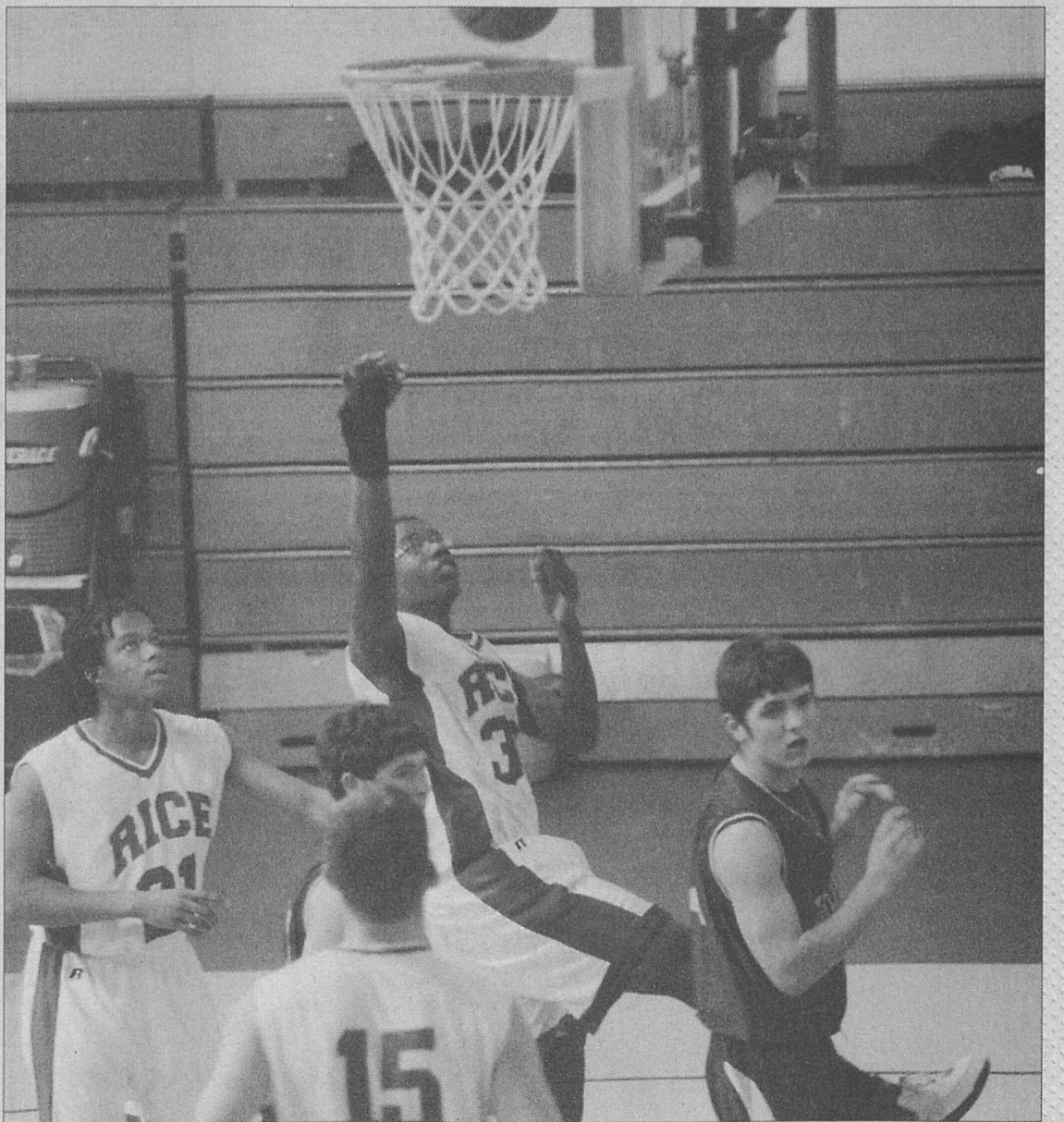
Coach's comments, "The Raiders played a solid game and moved in to second place in district. Taylor Cook had a great game with 24 rebounds to lead the Raiders."

The Raiders then faced Ga-

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The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce building got a boost on Saturday as volunteers gathered for a work day.



Jasmine Hemphill lays a shot in for the Raiders during their game against Industrial Tue. night.