



Pictured above is Lauren Shimek grabbing an out at a recent Lady Raider game.

Raiders Now 1-2 On The Diamond For Season

The Rice Raider baseball team participated in a tournament held in Columbus recently. The Raiders beat Houston Reagan, 11-1. Trent Popp was the winning

pitcher for the Raiders. Hitting for the Raiders were Matt Sosa, 2 for 4, 2B, 3R, 2 RBI's; Popp, 1 for 3, RBI; Kevin Ellis, 3R; Johnny Castenada, 1 for 1, 3R; Adam Shimek, 2 for 3, 2B; Dustin

Soto, 2 for 3, 2B, 3B, 2 RBI's. The Raiders lost to the Columbus Cardinals, 3-13. Stephen Appelt was the winning pitcher for the Cardinals, Sosa, was the losing pitcher.

1 for 3, 2B, RBI; and Castenada, 1 for 3. The Raiders will hold their 3rd Annual Rice Booster Club Baseball Tournament in Altair, Feb. 28-March 1.

Hitters for the Raiders were Mario Hull, 1 for 3, 2B; Popp, 1 for 1, 2BB; Ellis, 1 for 3, 2B, RBI; Sosa,

Come on out and watch some great baseball. Bracket on page 7.

Rice Raider Golfers Compete In Hempstead

The Rice Raider Boys golf teams competed at The Bellville High School Golf Tournament on Monday, February 25, held at Legendary Oaks in Hempstead.

The team consisting of Adam Shimek, Travis Kaley, Wesley Arrison, Carlos Sosa and Nick Duarte carded a team total of 351

finishing 4th behind Brenham, Caldwell and Columbus.

Myles Dumont, Trent Popp and Nick Pagel competed as Medalist. Leading scorer for the Raiders was Adam Shimek. He fired an 85.

The Raider boys next tournament is at Brazos.

Lady Raiders Win One, Lose One

The Lady Raider Softball team played Luling on February 19 and won 3-2.

The winning pitcher was Kourtney Korenek with 10 strikeouts and gave up three hits.

Leading hitters were Brooke Popp and Kayli Kallina were one for four; Kourtney Korenek,

Delilah Gentry and Violette Villafuerte, one for three; and Jaquita Woods was two for three.

The Lady Raider Softball team played Van Vleck on February 23 and lost 0-5.

The losing pitcher was Chelsea Korenek. The Ladies are now 5-2.



Pictured above is Delilah Gentry trying to get a hand on the ball at a recent Lady Raider game.

Quickbooks Night Course Scheduled At Blinn

A two-night class in the basic level of QuickBooks 2007 Pro Edition is being offered by the Small Business Development Center at Blinn College in Brenham.

The class will meet from 6-9:30 p.m. on March 4 and March 6.

The cost is \$60 per person. Pre-registration is required, and there is a \$10 discount when paid before March 4.

To register or to get more information call 979-830-4137 in Brenham or 979-627-7560 in Sealy, or email carol.doersom@blinn.edu.

The course will be taught by Shirley Beum of Seidel Schroeder & Co. of Brenham, a certified QuickBooks instructor. The class

will be held in the computer lab Room 121 in the Bullock Building on College

Avenue at Prairie Lea Street on the Blinn campus.

The course topics include setting up a company from scratch, charting accounts, customers and vendors, accounts payable and receivable, bank and credit card account reconciliation, controlling inventory, budgeting and financial reports. No prior knowledge of QuickBooks is required.

The SBDC at Blinn College is a business consulting and training center that is part of the University of Houston Small Business Development Center Network, which serves 32 counties in Southeast Texas. The center provides free one-on-one consulting and low-cost training seminars.

The center at Blinn College serves Austin, Colorado, and Washington Counties.

Cattle Inventory Up 5 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in Texas feedlots with capacities of 1,000 head or more totaled 2.93 million head on Feb. 1, up 5 percent from a year ago.

According to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office, the estimate was down 1 percent from the Jan. 1 level.

Producers placed 400,000 head in commercial feedlots during January, up 18 percent from a year ago, and up 5 percent from the December 2007 total.

Texas commercial feeders marketed 420,000 head during January, up 8 percent from last year, but the same as last month.

On Feb. 1, there were 2.48 million head of cattle and calves on feed in the Northern High Plains, 85 percent of the state's total.

The number on feed across the area was up 5 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the January total.

January placements in the Northern High Plains totaled 342,000 head, up 7 percent from the December total.

Marketings were down 2 percent from last month to 365,000 head.

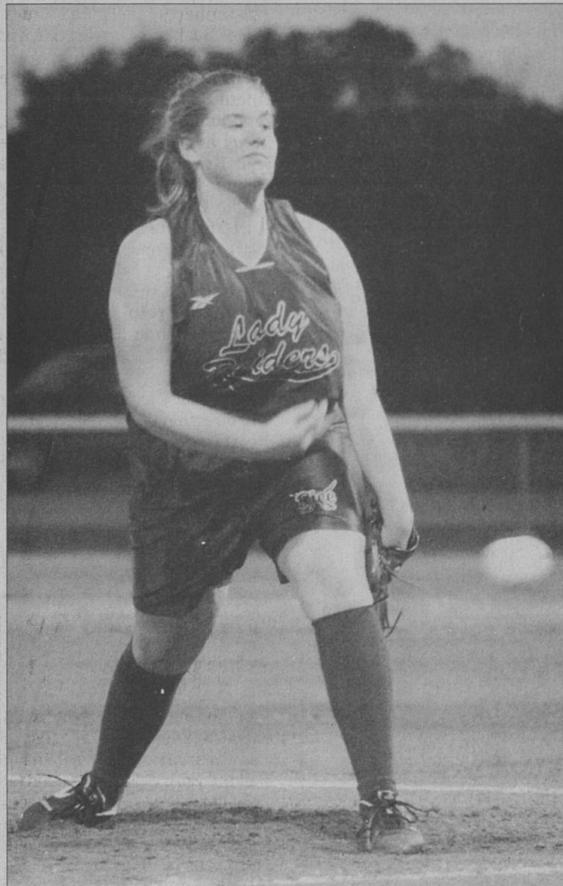
Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with capacities of 1,000 head or more totaled 12.0 million head on Feb. 1, 2008.

This inventory was 2 percent above that of Feb. 1, 2007.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.79 million head, 6 percent above January 2007.

January placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 400,000 head; 600-699 pounds totaled 467,000 head; 700-799 pounds totaled 525,000 head and 800 pounds and greater totaled 395,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.86 million head, 1 percent above 2007.



Pictured above is Kaytlyn Ford making a pitch during a recent JV game.

Thomas On SFA Dean's List For Fall Semester

Jessica C. Thomas, of Eagle Lake, nursing major, has been named to the Dean's List at Stephen F. Austin (SFA) State University for the fall semester.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours and maintain a grade point average of no less than 3.5.

She graduated in December.

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Early Treatment of Stroke Recommended

A stroke may occur in response to reduced blood supply to the brain. When this happens, brain tissue does not receive adequate oxygen and nutrients, which can lead to death of brain cells. It is very important that treatment of a stroke begin as soon as possible to limit the amount of damage to the brain. Signs and symptoms of a stroke typically occur suddenly and include weakness or numbness in one side of the body, difficulty speaking, blurred vision, and dizziness.

Immediate treatment of a stroke is crucial. Tissue plasminogen activator drugs, such as alteplase (*Activase*) and reteplase (*Retavase*), are often injected into the vein to dissolve a blood clot. However, these types of medications must be used *within three hours* of the occurrence of the stroke. Persons who experience an ischemic stroke may not receive this type of treatment if the length of time between symptom onset and treatment is too long. Physicians may also prescribe medications for the prevention of the recurrence of ischemic stroke in persons who have experienced a previous ischemic stroke. Anti-platelet medications, such as clopidogrel (*Plavix*) and ticlopidine (*Ticlid*), reduce the likelihood of clot formation. Anticoagulant medications, such as heparin and warfarin (*Coumadin*), also work to affect blood clotting.

DOUG WESSELS

COLORADO COUNTY COMMISSIONER

PRECINCT 1

Accomplishments

- Improved maintenance on roads
- Key player on improving all county collections
- Improved road safety, cleaning blind corners, signs, mowing, and trimming
- Improved major drainage in Glidden, Rock Island, Columbus, Garwood and Nada
- Continue to work with the canal company to improve one lane canal bridges in the county
- Support the Colorado County Fair
- Supporting our Veterans and their projects
- Supported all school districts
- Work with and support the City of Columbus and all rural water and sewer districts in Rock Island, Garwood, and Glidden
- Work with the Dept. of Public Transportation on improving safety issues on State highways.
- Supported little league projects, all youth activities in the county and will continue to support them
- Low county tax rate while still providing services to the citizens of the county
- Supported EMS, sheriff's department, all county fire departments, and libraries
- Supported grants that could improve the county

Community

- Active Members of St. Anthony's Catholic Church
- Columbus FFA Alumni members - 1993 - present
- Columbus Cardinal Booster Club
- Colorado County Fair Livestock Committee members - 1995 - present
- Buckle sponsor - Colorado County Fair - 1996 - present
- Buckle sponsor - Columbus FFA Livestock show - 1997 - present
- Helped establish the Colorado River Coop in 2001 - President 6 years
- Active Director of Colorado County Wildlife Association
- Active members of Coastal Conservation Association - Live Oak Chapter
- Active Combined Community Action board member - 2000 - present

Family

- Married to Anne Koehl, native of Colorado County, for 26 years
- Two Children, Clayton and Casey, both attend Texas A&M University in College Station, TX

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VOTE FOR DOUG WESSELS

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