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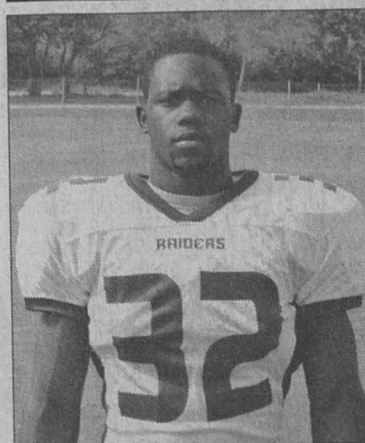
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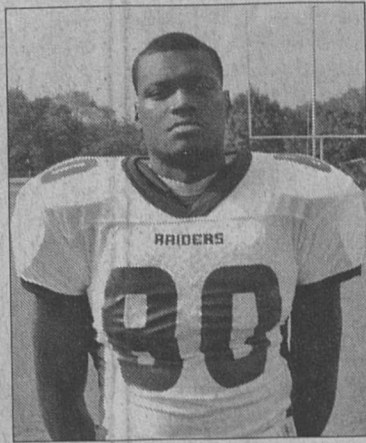
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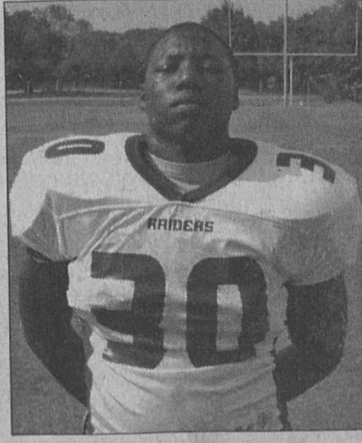
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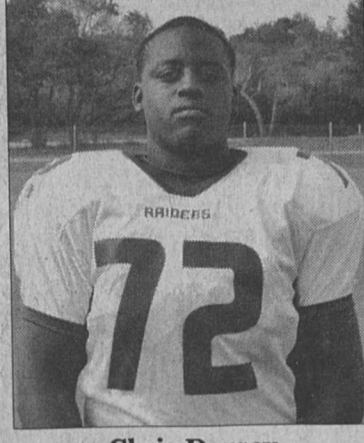
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Seven Raiders Make All State Teams

Seven Rice Raider football players have been named to the All State and Academic All State Football Teams for the 2008 season.

Named Honorable Mention All State on offense were senior running back Zaccheus "Ziggy" Foster and senior receiver Marques Toliver.

On the defensive side, Damian Stevens and Chris Dorsey were named Honorable Mention All State.

Three Raiders have also been named to the Academic All State Team.

They are Nick Duarte, Garreth Casper and Trent Popp.

Variety Of Celebrations Slated For Christmas

Eagle Lake residents will celebrate Christmas with a variety of family and religious services. A number of churches will be holding special services.

Here are some of the observances planned:

United Methodist of Eagle Lake

Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be held at 7 p.m.

December 31, Watch Night Gathering, 8 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. The

service will then be moved into the chapel to pray in the New Year.

Lehrer Memorial United Methodist Church of Garwood

Christmas Eve Candlelight services will be held at 5 p.m.

Parish of the Nativity of Eagle Lake

Wednesday, December 24 at 6 p.m. Midnight Mass at 12 a.m.

The Vine of the Lord

Wednesday, December 31

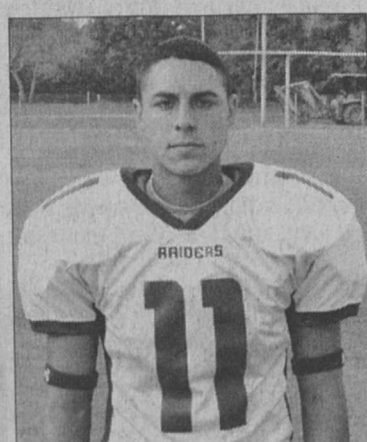
from 7:30 p.m. to midnight.

Shepherd's Way Church

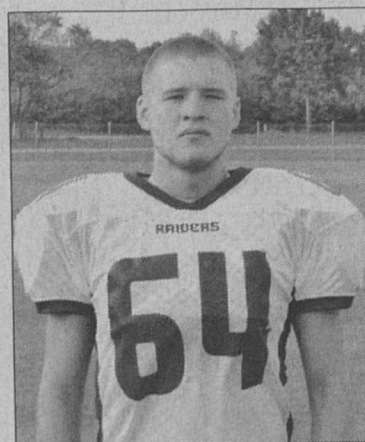
New Year's Eve services Wednesday, December 31 at 10 p.m. Praise and worship and testimonies until midnight.

Christian City Fellowship

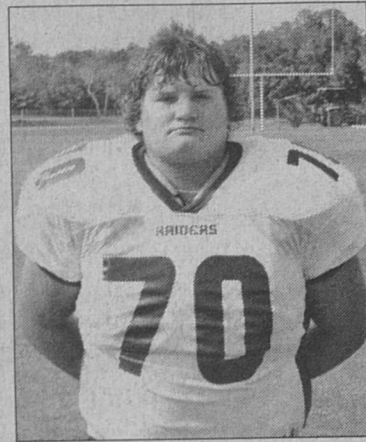
Family Christmas Eve service Wednesday, December 24, at 7 p.m. Much love and many blessings this Christmas season from Pastors Rusty and Anne Griffin!



Nick Duarte
Academic All State



Garreth Casper
Academic All State



Trent Popp
Academic All State

DPS Encouraging Safe Holiday Driving

The DPS is asking Texas drivers to exhibit a little Christmas spirit on our roadways over the holidays. "Remembering that Christmas is a time of peace, love, and joy, Texas motorists need to be respectful of other drivers," said Senior Trooper Gary

Pfughaup.

DPS Troopers and other law enforcement officers will be out in force working overtime for the Christmas and New Year's holidays, looking for speeders, drunk drivers and seat belt violators.

The DPS will be participating

in Operation Holiday.

Operation Holiday allows the assignment of other departmental uniformed personnel from the Driver License Division to supplement Highway Patrol traffic enforcement.

Operation Holiday Christmas will start Wednesday, December 24 and end Sunday, December 28. Operation Holiday New Year's will begin Wednesday, December 31 and conclude Thursday, January 1, 2009.

During the Christmas and New Year's holidays last year, DPS troopers issued a total of 28,000 citations and 14,000 warnings, including 919 DWI arrests, 19,612 speeding tickets and 3,379 safety restraint violations.

DPS statistics suggest tickets and drunken driving arrests by troopers double during holiday enforcement periods.

"Alcohol is always a concern during the holidays. Those individuals who think they must operate a motor vehicle after consuming alcohol, pose a tremendous risk, not only to themselves, but to innocent citizens as well," said Pfughaup.

"DPS prefers voluntary compliance, but we write citations and arrest drunk drivers to save lives," Pfughaup added.

Here are some good driving habits to employ:

Slow down - speed is the number one killer on Texas roads.

Don't drink and drive; get a designated driver.

Buckle up everyone in the vehicle.

Keep cell phone chatter to a minimum and avoid texting.

Drive with courtesy; spread the Christmas cheer.

Slow down in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

Avoid drowsy driving. Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained.

NEWSBRIEFS

New Year's Closings

The Colorado County Courthouse will close on January 1. The City will close on Thursday, January 1. There will be no trash collection on Thursday. Thursday and Friday's route will be collected on Friday. The First National Bank will be closed on New Year's Day. The Wallis State Bank will close at 2 p.m. on Wednesday and will be closed on Thursday. The Wintermann Library will be closed at 2 p.m. on New Year's Eve and Closed New Year's Day. The Headlight will be closed New Year's Day.

Fireworks show set for Dec. 31

A firework's show will be held New Year's Eve on Calhoun Road in Eagle Lake. The annual celebration is open to the public and will blast off at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, however, donations will be accepted. For more information call 979-232-0233.

Senior citizen's dance is Jan. 2

A senior citizen's dance will be held Friday, Jan. 2 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The Fabulous 4 will provide the musical entertainment. For more information call 979-234-2903.

Y&FS Workshop starts Jan. 5

Youth & Family Services (Y&FS) will host a six week Successful Parenting Workshop at Y&FS in Columbus. Classes will meet Monday evenings, Jan. 5- Feb. 23 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. There will be no meeting on Jan. 19 due to Martin Luther King Day or Feb. 16 due to President's Day. Call 979-732-8355 by Jan. 5 to register or for more information. The workshop is free and snacks will be provided. Please note that there will be no childcare provided.

CCHC To appoint members

Colorado County Historical Commission (CCHC) has been very active in preserving the history of our County. Commissioners Court will appoint members to the 2009-2010 term of the CHC at their January 12 meeting. Anyone interested in being appointed to the Commission should contact the County Judge's Office 979-732-2604 prior to January 7.

Attention all photographers!!!

The Live Oak Photographic Society will have its Jan. meeting on Thursday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Art Guild of Rural Texas in Fayetteville. We are excited to be partnering with the Art Guild of Rural Texas and the Live Oak Art Center for our meetings! Please note this meeting will not be our normal first Thursday due to New Year's Day. We will be alternating every other month between the two locations. All persons interested in photography are invited to attend. This is open to pros, amateurs and folks who still have their cameras in the box! :-). We will explore Q & A sessions, photo challenges and workshops on various aspects of photography. Both film and digital will be discussed. Once again, this month's PHOTO CHALLENGE is a "Freebie"...2-3 photos to show and discuss, any topic...and bring them to the meeting for discussion...use your creativity and imagination! Bring your camera!!! Go to www.ACriticalEye.org for more information.

Masonic Lodge meeting

Eagle Lake Masonic Lodge #366 meet the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. All brothers are welcome to attend. Refreshments are served at 6:45 p.m.

Planning for the spring garden

A gardening program has been scheduled for Monday, Jan. 12, 2009 at the Colorado County Services Facility from 8:45 a.m. - 12 noon. Three CEUs will be offered. Topics to include planning considerations for the spring garden, vegetable plant/management tips, vegetable insect management and mole & gopher control. Sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service Leadership Advisory Board and Bluebon-

Sheridan Food Drive Nets 3,500 Pounds

Sheridan Elementary School ended their Holiday Food Drive on Friday, December 12, collecting 3,533 pounds.

This year 109 students, members of the faculty and staff participated in this event.

The Sheridan student Council also held a Christmas drawing to raise money to donate to the Colorado County Youth and Family Services.

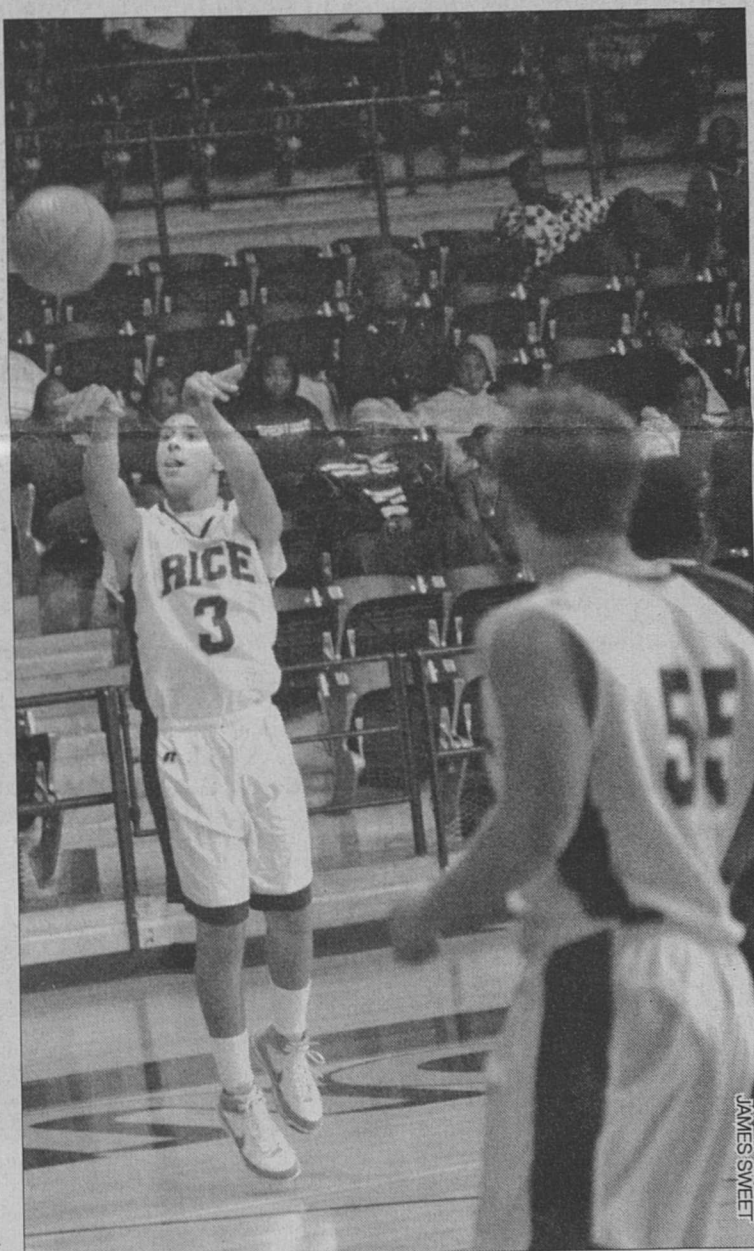
They collected \$311.50. This money will help purchase Christmas presents for the children.

We would like to thank all the business places, families and individuals for their generosity that

helped make our efforts a success this year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

From Sheridan Elementary and Jr. High School



Nick Duarte lets a shot fly for the Raiders during a recent game in Altair. (Story page 5)



Eagle Lake Medic 3 was called out to a one-vehicle rollover on December 18 at approximately 8:25 a.m. Douglas Wallin, of Eagle Lake was traveling north on FM 102 in a 2001 Chevrolet Suburban when the vehicle began to hydroplane on a curve and subsequently entered the east ditch ending up on its left side.

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