



Views Around The Lake

by Cindy Klopsteck

Aliens Invade Eagle Lake
Snow White and Flash Gordon were laughing and having a great time.

Of course, that was before the wicked Queen showed up.
But all I can say is: "Thank heaven for those aliens!"

If all this peaks your interest and makes you wonder about the safety and sanity of things in Eagle Lake, then you need to view the newest production by the PJ's - Eagle Lake's young resident theatrical group formally known as the "Prairie Juniors" of renowned Prairie Edge Museum fame. Play director Val Loveday and choreographer Vickie Kelley, with an enthusiastic young cast, invite you to attend their play "Snow White and the Seven Aliens".

I decided to check out this interesting group at their last formal practice before dress rehearsal. A few of the characters showed up in costume and visited with me prior to rehearsal.

Amid rollicking background music, impromptu dance steps and youthful chatter, I was able to get some exciting comments from the eager young stars.

Flash Gordon, alias Trevor: "Fun! And nobody dies at the end!"

Narrator, alias Ashley: "Interesting and exciting!"

"Quirky" and "out of this world" were terms also used by various cast members.

"The preparation for the play is so much fun, and I can't wait for the performance. This year is a thriller!" Summed up Snow White (alias Emma Kelley), quite fetching in her bright yellow and blue

traditional Snow White gown. She was probably the one traditional figure in the group, as aliens and royalty and questionable characters gathered near the stage for practice.

In fact, Emma's little sister Sophie Kelley, better known as Goulash at this production, was ready to present her lines as she donned a most untraditional wig



Pictured are some of the cast of Snow White and the Seven Aliens. Left to right: back row - Trevor Bullard (Flash Gordon), Emma Kelley (Snow White), Ashley Cook (Narrator); and front row - Sophie Kelley (Goulash).

and bright costume. These boys and girls were having lots of fun and learning about theatrical arts at the same time. And between just the four young actors introduced here, we are talking about an impressive number of at least 25-30 plays having been performed by them.

I became interested in this production when I read Val's an-

nouncement in the Eagle Lake Headlight about an up-and-coming "pantomime" performance.

That term had not been heard by me for some time, so decided I needed a quick refresher course. The very British Mrs. Loveday was totally correct in it's various theatrical definitions, but particularly, says Webster: "a British theatrical entertainment (especially at the Christmas season) based on a nursery tale and featuring topical songs...and dances...drama with bodily and/or facial movements."

This is what the young performers have been so excited about - there's lots of movement and dance and also audience involvement.

The thirty participants range in age from five to fifteen, and are excited about seeing a full house for their coming performances.

Join the fun on Saturday, February 20 at 7 pm, or Sunday, February 21 at 4 pm.

Tickets may be purchased at the Wintermann Library, Eagle Lake Drug Store and on Sunday rehearsal days at the museum, or call Val Loveday at 234-5529. All proceeds go to the museum preservation.

"This is my third pantomime here at the museum," says Val, "and it has been a pleasure to work with such great, talented

kids. They have worked so hard to learn their lines and to come to all the rehearsals. I know they can't wait to perform to a live

audience." Don't you want to know if Snow White and her hero, Flash Gordon, will live happily ever after?

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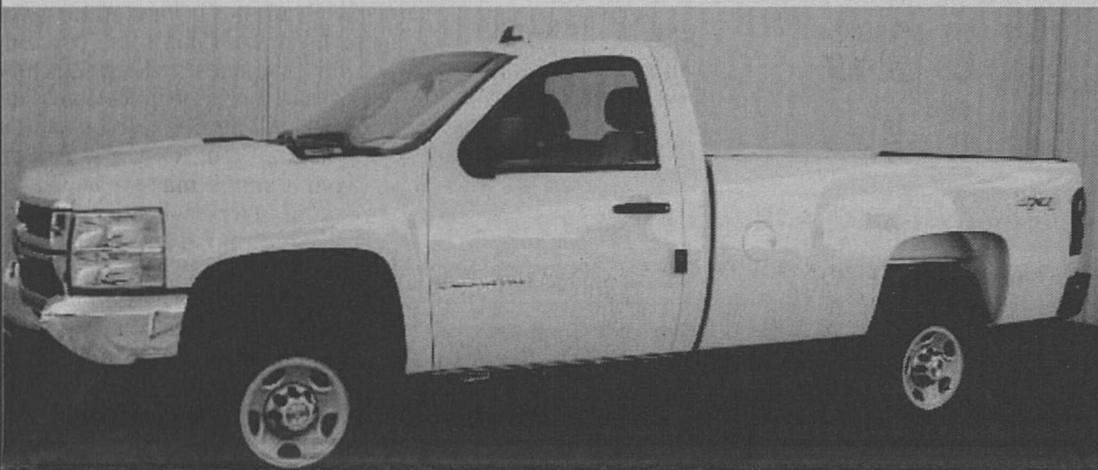
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Raider Roundball Roundup

Lady Raider Varsity

The Lady Raiders lost two in a row. They fell to Schulenburg last Tuesday night 42-63. Matchless Thomas led the way with 15 points. Annicia Williams had nine points, Adrianna Ruiz eight points, Brooke Popp six points, Jaquita Woods and Dynasty Johnson had two points each.

The Lady Raiders hosted undefeated Hempstead this past Friday night. The girls were not able to gain control of the game from the tip off. Woods played a hard game scoring 11 points, Thomas followed behind with nine points, Williams six points, Popp and Johnson five points, Kaydi Gold two points, and Kaycie Rathburn one point.

The final score was 39-63.

The girls were to travel to Brazos for their last district game of the season on Tuesday. Hempstead won the district, Hallettsville second, and Schulenburg finished third.

The Lady Raiders are tied for fourth place with East Bernard.

Raider Varsity

The Rice Raider varsity boy's

basketball team lost to the Schulenburg Shorthorns, 39-52 on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

Scoring by quarter was as follows: Rice, 8, 9, 7, 15; Schulenburg, 14, 8, 14, and 16.

Cody Lantelme led the way for the Raiders with 10 points. Jared Kaster added eight points. Corey Farrow and Damian Stevens each scored six points. Terris Shorter, five, while Myles Dumont and Spence Spencer each scored two points.

Leading rebounder was Kaster with three offensive and four defensive rebounds. Dumont had five defensive rebounds. Farrow and Stevens each had four rebounds. Lantelme had three; Spencer and Shorter each had one rebound.

The Raider varsity boy's basketball team lost to Hempstead, 34-50 on Friday, Feb. 5.

Scoring by quarter was as follows: Rice, 8, 4, 10, 12; Hempstead, 8, 15, 14, and 13.

Kaster lead the way for the Raiders scoring 11 points. Farrow had 10; Lantelme, seven; Dumont, four; and Spencer, two.

Farrow was the leading re-

bouncer with nine; Dumont, seven; Stevens, six; Lantelme and Kaster each had five rebounds; Spencer, two; and Terris Shorter had one defensive rebound.

Lady Raider JV

Tuesday, Feb. 2, the Lady Raiders traveled to Schulenburg where the JV were the defeated for the fourth time in district play.

With this district loss the JV is now 6-4 in district and 17-7 for the season.

The final score was 37-32.

Leading scorer for the Lady Raiders were Destinea Williams with 16 points.

Others who contributed points were Lindsey Lantelme and Britnee Flowers with four each, Take-shia Hodge with three, Danielle Dopslauf and Jordyn Pausewang with two each and Kesley Perez with one point.

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