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Rice High School's Cheerleaders



School spirit at Rice High School is running high this year and these five young ladies get a lot of the credit for their efforts as cheerleaders for 1976-77. They will be leading the Raider cheering sections at the approaching football games

beginning with the opener between the Raiders and the Columbus Cardinals at Raider Stadium at 8 p.m. this Friday, Sept. 3rd. The cheerleaders are, from left to right, Denise Rucka, Sherry Fajkus, Brenda Kallina, Kathy Frázar and Julia Thomas.

21 Called For Grand Jury Duty Tues.

Expected To Study El Police Dept. Records

Twenty-one persons have been notified to appear for duty as grand jurors for the September session of the 25th Judicial District Court at Columbus with Judge B. B. Schraub presiding, at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7th.

Among the items which will be up for consideration of the grand jurors will be investigation of the police department inconsistencies and shortages in Eagle Lake.

Texas Ranger Ray Scholton has been investigating the Eagle Lake police matter and he and county attorney Jim Whitcomb and district attorney Houston Munson are expected to present their findings to the grand jury for its action. No charges have been filed in the matter to date.

Eagle Lake City Council instituted an independent audit of the records of the police department and corporation court after some inconsistencies were revealed. An audit by Wm. Pierce Arthur, C.P.A. of Columbus, revealed shortages totaling \$4,809.93 for the period Feb. 25, 1975 to June 21, 1976. Also fifty-two original receipts were reported missing from police department receipt books and all records prior to Feb. 25, 1975 are missing, according to the audit report.

After the audit report was presented to the Eagle Lake City Council, Chief of Police Roy Chisum resigned from the position which he held for over seven years.

The grand jury will also consider criminal matters brought to its attention by the county attorney and the district attorney.

Grand Jurors Named
The list of grand jurors for the September session includes twenty-one persons when ordinarily twenty are named. The jury commission which selected the grand jurors on July 6th, 1976, for some unreported reason named 21 to the list instead of the customary 20.

Those called for grand jury duty Tuesday are: Mrs. Helen E. Craig and Mrs. Daisy I. Aull of Eagle Lake; Mrs. Leona Launis, Frank B. Gallaher, Mrs. Marianna Untermyer, Carl Anderson, A. E. Glegham, Lloyd Carter, Herbert Aschenbeck, Donnie Ray Templeton and L. J. Stewart of Columbus;

Also, August J. Cernoch, Horace R. Parks, Virginia M. Kubesch, Alan Anders of Weimar; Clemmon Venghaus of Rt. 1, Cat Spring; Melvin Sims, Jr., of Sheridan; Ray Braden of Alleyton; Rose Ann Carpenter of Garwood; Johnny Batla of Rt. 1, Sealy; and Chester McGhee of Rt. 2, Alleyton.

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Record County Budget Includes 5% Pay Hikes

\$1,779,681 Budget Proposed; Hearing Set Sept. 13

Colorado County Commissioners' Court has called a public hearing at 2:00 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13th in the county courtroom of the county courthouse in Columbus on a record \$1,779,681.95 budget for the year of 1977 including five percent pay increases for county officials and employees. A few employees, including one Justice of the Peace and deputy sheriffs, will get slightly larger pay increases if the budget is adopted Sept. 13th as proposed by County Judge Lester J. Cranek and County Auditor Lee Briscoe.

The Commissioners' Court met last Friday for a preliminary discussion of the proposed budget and spent most of the time talking about proposed pay increases. The key topics of discussion centered on a request by County Treasurer Mrs. Martha Bodungen for an increase of \$1200 in excess of the five percent to compensate for additional work in handling the accounts of the emergency Ambulance Funds. But in the end the commissioners decided to leave the proposed pay increase at five percent, raising the county treasurer's pay from \$3400 to \$3820 annually.

The pay increases for sheriff's deputies also came in for considerable debate. The proposed budget increases deputies' pay over the five percent level in order to get salaries more in line with others paid in the area. The chief deputy's pay increase amounted to 14.25 percent, increased in amounts ranging from 7.4 to 16 percent increases. The 16 percent increase is proposed for dispatcher Al Behrens, raising his pay to \$600 per month due to the fact that he spends additional time in the performance of duties as the sheriff's dispatcher.

Other Increases Proposed
The budget proposes to raise the pay of the County Judge, County Clerk, Sheriff and Assessor-Collector from \$11,810.04 to \$12,400.56; a \$590.52 increase; of the District Clerk and County Attorney from \$11,296.56 to \$11,861.40, an increase of \$564.84; and of the four Precinct Commissioners from \$10,098.15 to \$10,608.08, an increase of \$509.93.

The county judge also receives \$1200 for serving as county juvenile judge and \$600 for in-county expenses and \$1,000 maximum for out of county expenses paid only on bills submitted, and also draws \$2,600 from the state, and not from the county budget, for serving as ex-officio county school superintendent.

The commissioners also get

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Mahalite With Plaque



Arthur Mahalite of Eagle Lake displays the coveted Honorary Lone Star Farmer Degree plaque, the top award of the Texas Association of the Future Farmers of America, presented to him recently at the Area III meeting in Bryan.

Arthur Mahalite Receives Top FFA Award

Arthur Mahalite, prominent Eagle Lake farmer and agriculture leader, was honored by the Texas Association of Future Farmers of America by being named to the coveted honor of being a recipient of the Honorary Lone Star Farmer Degree. The award, presented to Mr. Mahalite at the Area III FFA meeting in Bryan, was in recognition of "outstanding service to vocational agriculture and the Future Farmers of America."

Mr. Mahalite is an honorary member of the Rice High School FFA Chapter and serves on the advisory board

of directors for the construction of the Rice FFA Show barn. He is also a consistent Rice FFA Sale buyer and supporter.

He has actively supported the Rice FFA program and other youth programs in the area with his participation as an advisor and with the aid of equipment that has enabled many of the youngsters who are less fortunate to get a start in the agriculture program.

Bake Sale Sat.

The Lissie Community Improvement Association will sponsor a pre-Labor Day bake sale beginning at 9:30 a.m. Sat., Sept. 4th in front of the First National Bank building in Eagle Lake.

Delicious homemade baked items of all kinds will be offered for sale.

Raiders Host Columbus For Grid Opener Fri.

Kickoff For Only Non-Dist. Game Set For 8 P.M.

The Rice High School Raiders football team will make its debut for the 1976 season this Friday night at 8:00 p.m. when the Raiders host the Columbus Cardinals for their only non-district game of the year.

Dee Mackey's Raiders, short in numbers and inexperience, expect to make up the difference with desire and determination.

A big factor in the Raider play will be senior Steve Epps who will alternate at quarterback and fullback on offense and linebacker on defense and he will also do the punting and place kicking for the Raiders. The 170 pound senior was ineligible to play varsity ball last year since he was a newcomer to the Rice school.

When Epps is not filling the quarterback slot, the duties of that position will fall to 165 pound junior Gregory Bubela and 156 pound junior Clayton Smith. Danny Henderson, a 178 pound senior, will also see action at fullback. Running backs will be 164 pound senior Dwight Rhodes and 154 pound senior Thomas Glover, and also 160 pound junior Michael Cotton will see action.

Terry Krenak, a 138 pound senior, will play split end and will be one of the favorite targets for the Raider aerial attack. The other end will be filled by 167 pound senior Lloyd Powell and 146 pound junior Preston Jenkins.

In the line at tackles will be 158 pound junior James Moore, 190 pound senior Milton Anderson and 161 pound junior

Rice Raider Boosters To Meet Tuesday

The Rice High School Booster Club will meet Tuesday evening, Sept. 7th at Rice High School at 8:00 o'clock.

Year-end reports will be heard and an election of officers held.

Parents of all athletes and interested persons are urged to attend, said president Wayne Beheler.

Monday Is A Holiday Here

Monday, Sept. 6th will be an official holiday in Eagle Lake and most business firms will be closed all day in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

The postoffice and the First National Bank will be among those closing. The offices in the county courthouse in Columbus will also be closed in observance of the holiday.

All schools in the Rice District will be closed all day Sept. 6 for the Labor Day holiday.

Special Dinner

The Jack Listowskis invite one and all to enjoy an "eat all you want" special featuring fried shrimp from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. this Thurs., Sept. 2nd only.

Headlight Office Closed All Day Mon.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the office of the Eagle Lake Headlight will be closed all day Monday, Sept. 6th.

Because of the limited time for preparation of copy and ads, the staff will appreciate getting all copy and advertisement possible not later than 10 a.m. Saturday. Only current news and correspondent reports will be handled Tuesday.

New Hours at Marvin's

Marvin Tyler announces new hours for his restaurant in Altair.

The restaurant will be open from 5 PM to 10 PM Tuesday through Saturday and from 11 AM to 10 PM Sundays.

No Garbage Pickup Monday

There will be no garbage pickup service in Eagle Lake Monday, September 6 (Labor Day). The Sanitation Department will collect the normal Monday refuse on Tuesday. The Tuesday and Wednesday routes will be combined and serviced on Wednesday.

Normal servicing of the Thursday and Friday routes will resume on schedule on those days.

Your cooperation will be appreciated, said city manager T. J. Smith.

St. Mary's Home Coming Sunday

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada will hold its annual Parish Festival and Homecoming this Sunday, Sept. 5th and citizens throughout the area are invited to make plans to attend.

The day's activities will begin with Masses at St. Mary's Church at 7:30 p.m. Sat., Sept. 4 and at 9:30 a.m. Sun., Sept. 5.

A barbecued beef and sausage dinner with all the trimmings will be served at the K.J.T. Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$2.25 per plate for adults and \$1.75 per plate for children eight years and under. All plates to go will be \$2.25. Supper will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. and there will be refreshments all afternoon and barbecue sandwiches after 1:00 p.m.

Entertainment will continue in the afternoon and night and a country fair and auction sale will be an event of 2:00 p.m.

In addition to music during the day by Sammy and the Midnighters there will be a free dance from 8 to 12.

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Rice High School Raider Varsity Football Team



THE RICE HIGH SCHOOL RAIDERS football team will open its 1976 schedule by hosting the Columbus Cardinals in the only non-conference game of the season kicking off at 8:00 p.m. this Friday night in Raider Stadium. Comprising the varsity unit this year will be: seated, in front, left to right: No. 70 tackle James Moore; No. 50 guard Richard Lujan; No. 15 defensive halfback Russell Scott; No. 62 guard Kenneth Danklefs; No. 60 guard Gerald Hurd; No. 55 center Gale Thompson; No. 81 end Pervis Foster; kneeling in the second row, l. to r., manager Ricky Kristynik; No. 10 quarterback Steve Epps; No. 12 quarterback Gregory

Bubela; No. 20 halfback Dwight Rhodes; No. 22 halfback Michael Cotton; No. 32 halfback Thomas Glover; No. 40 quarterback Clayton Smith; No. 42 fullback Danny Henderson; No. 44 fullback Tony Black; No. 83 end Terry Krenak; and manager Dale Thompson; standing in the back row, l. to r., trainer Mark Krivacka; No. 63 guard Jack Mann; No. 64 guard Michael Thompson; No. 85 center Tommy Garza; No. 72 tackle Milton Anderson; No. 73 tackle Shane Crumpton; No. 74 tackle James Perry; No. 80 end Lloyd Powell; No. 82 end Preston Jenkins; No. 84 end Marvin Thomas; and manager Clyde Cunningham.

Steelman Welcomed On Visit Here



Paul Causey is shown greeting Congressman Alan Steelman of Dallas, candidate for the United States Senate in the November 2nd election, on his visit to this community last Wednesday. His visit here was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Causey. Shown welcoming Mr. Steelman are, left to right, Mrs. Evelyn Vinnau, president of the Colorado County Republican Women's Club; Jay Anderson; Mr. Causey; Cong. Steelman; Mrs. Causey; and Sue Briscoe, Republican District Committeewoman.