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By Jeff Fraka, Sports Editor

ELMS Raiders Open Season In Needville This Thursday

The Eagle Lake Middle School Raiders will officially open their season this Thursday evening traveling to Needville for two games with the seventh graders playing at 5:30 and the eighth graders battling at 7:00.

The Raiders were originally scheduled to open the season last Thursday against Hallettsville at the ELMS Field, but the game was changed late in the week from a regular game to a scrimmage.

A large crowd of Raider supporters were on hand for the scrimmage with Hallettsville and saw some exciting action from both Raider teams.

Coaches Dale Norris and Ric Weaver were very pleased with the performances of both squads. Although the seventh graders tied at one score each, the coaches were calling it a victory. The eighth graders defeated the Brahmas by a score of 2 to 1 in their contest.

In the opening scrimmage, the seventh graders scored only one touchdown Rodney Witte, along with quarterback George Castillo, and running backs Malcolm Thomas and John Harboreh were a few standouts listed by the Raider coaches that contributed to a good running attack by the Raiders.

Linemen Jason Smith and Steve Almanza were helpful in opening the big holes for the Raiders. The ELMS coaches noted that all of the almost 30 players on the team saw action against Hallettsville, who had a considerably smaller number of players.

The Hallettsville team was using its top players throughout most of both the seventh and eighth grade games since they didn't have many players on the sideline," said Coach Norris. "Our second and third team got to see a lot of action against their best players. All the players did a good job and the experience from the scrimmage will be helpful later in the season."

8th Graders Win

The eighth grade Raiders turned in a good performance also, say the Raider coaches.

It was the Raider defense that scored the first TD for ELMS. Defensive back Rodney Parker intercepted a Brahma pass early in the scrimmage and returned about 35 yards for the score.

Anthony Williams, according to the coaches, also was a standout defensively.

Good offensive line play was a key to the Raiders' success last Thursday, with Rupert Contreras, Vernon Stevenson, Coby Shorter, Clarence Spears turning in good play, both offensively and defensively. Running backs Michael Davis, Terry Cunningham; James Amos and James Scott ran well in the scrimmage.

The coaches admitted that everyone was a little nervous in the scrimmage, but the overall performances were better than anticipated. This week the Raider coaches plan to utilize most of both their seventh and eighth grade squads once again in hopes of bringing a victory home from Needville.

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Eagle Lake Middle School 7th & 8th Grade Schedule

7th - 5:30 p.m.		8th - 7 p.m.	
Sept. 20	Needville	T	
*Sept. 27	Weimar	H	
Oct. 4	Sealy	T	
Oct. 11	Hallettsville	T	
Oct. 18	Bellville	T	
Oct. 25	La Grange	H	
Nov. 1	Royal	T	

*8th grade only - 7 p.m.

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Raiders Look For Second Win In Needville Friday Nite, 8:00

Record Drops To 1-1 With Loss To Brahmas Last Friday 20-7

The Rice High School Raiders will have their final warmup before starting District 20AA action when they travel to Needville this Friday night to take on the Blue Jays in a non-conference football game at 8:00 p.m.

The Raider freshmen and junior varsity teams will host Needville on Thursday of this week for two games starting at 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. at Raider Field in Altair.

Going into this Friday night's game, the Raider varsity will be bouncing off their first loss of the season, dropping their game with Hallettsville 20 to 7 last Friday night in Altair. Rice is now 1-1 on the season while Hallettsville upped its record to 2-0.

The loss to the state ranked Brahmas last Friday was predicted by most prognosticators, however, the Raiders had other thoughts about the outcome and they convinced Hallettsville of that early in the contest. Rice took the opening kickoff and promptly marched 79 yards in nine plays, then converted for the extra point and led 7 to 0.

"Our offensive line did a good job in that opening drive, as well as the first half," said head Raider football coach Mike Rice. "They opened up some big holes and our running backs did a good job of finding them."

Davis Sets Up TD

The big play in that initial Raider drive came on the first play from scrimmage. Quarterback Vic Davis, attempting to pass, was forced to scramble, and that he did, dodging and darting past Brahma defenders, until eventually gaining 40 yards on the play. From there two runs by running back Roger Fry picked up six yards, then on a crucial fourth down and five from the Brahma 34, Davis connected with split end Earnest Fields for 12 yards and a first on the 14 yard line.

Rice got a helping hand from Hallettsville on a major penalty that set the Raiders up first and ten on the seven. Then on the next play Fry carried in for the score and James Rhodes' kick gave Rice the early lead.

Hallettsville did not get on the scoreboard until 5:58 remaining in the second quarter. The scoring drive was an impressive one, taking 17 plays with the Brahmas using their size and power to march 61 yards on the ground for the score with quarterback Jim Skelton carrying in from two yards out to cap the drive. Leonard Grant's kick knotted the score at 7 to 7.

Providing all of the yardage in that drive, except for the final two by Skelton, were running backs Lawrence Garrison and Gerald English. Garrison picked up 33 of his 108 yards for the night in that drive. English who rushed for 39 yards in the game had 27 in the drive.

"Hallettsville is the type of team that is not going to impress you except with good defense," explained Rice. "Their offense is not going to make the big play, they'll just nickle and dime it all the way to the end zone."

Fumble Costly

The Raiders, having made a sound effort both defensively and offensively up to that point, broke their own backs, coughing up the football on the second play following the Brahma kickoff. Hallettsville recovered the fumble on Rice's 15 and moved to the 10 on an offsides penalty. English carried twice from there to the three where Skelton ran in for the score. Grants kick put Hallettsville up 14 to 7.

The quick turn of events took something out of the Raiders as the momentum had shifted in the Brahmas favor.

"That fumble really hurt," said Rice, adding, "we lost our fire at that point and everything seemed to go against us. We missed getting the calls and never got any breaks."

The Raiders struggled offensively after this point in the contest, finding it difficult to move against the strong and revitalized Brahma defense.

"We just couldn't sustain a drive," Rice said. "The key was our low percentage of pass completions."

The Raider defense proved to be stubborn throughout most of the game, holding the Brahmas to only two scoring drives.

The final score by Hallettsville came in the third period. The Brahmas took the second half kickoff and drove 87 yards in eight plays, with Freddy Blaha carrying the final 10 yards for the score. The kick failed ending the scoring at 20 to 7. It was Garrison carrying for 48 yards on the first play of the half to key the drive.

"They ran wide on us most of the night," said the Raider head coach. "A couple of our techniques were not doing the job and it hurt us."

The game turned into a defensive battle after that opening second half drive, with neither team able to penetrate the other's goal line. Although the Raiders could not muster a serious drive, the Brahmas did threaten.

However, good defensive plays by Robert Barrios and John Schneider, and an interception by Robby Cook, kept Brahma drives from getting too close.

Rice cited Barrios for having one of the better defensive plays of the night from his defensive end position when he tackled the dive back after a fake hand off. After finding out he didn't have the ball he got up and tackled the quarterback holding him to only a three yard gain.

Schneider was also a standout on defense, collecting 19 tackles for Rice in the game.

Late in the third period Rice appeared to be driving as they took over on their own 36. Davis on first down hit Robert Frazier for a 24 yard gain. The Raiders managed another first down on Hallettsville's 30 but four plays failed to get another first and the Brahmas regained possession.

With a strong wind blowing against them in the fourth quarter, the Raiders found themselves staying in poor field position, deep in their own territory. Punting into the wind, Rice gave the ball to Hallettsville at about midfield.

Barrios Stops Drive

They moved the ball down to Rice's 21 and picked up eight yards to the 13. But on fourth and two, Barrios, at defensive end, made a tackle behind the line of scrimmage to get the ball back for the Raiders.

Hallettsville's stubborn defense held Rice and got the ball back in good position again. This time Cook pulled in a Skelton pass to stop the Brahmas once more.

With the ball on the 34, Rice drove to about mid-field where the drive ended when a long pass from reserve quarterback Kenny Hyek fell incomplete on fourth down.

The Brahmas took over again in Raider territory with about 2:00 minutes remaining in the contest but time ran out and the score ended at 20 to 7.

Statistics

The Raiders gained a total of 184 yards in the contest, carrying 33 times for 116 yards and completing 4 of 15 passes for 68, good for 11 first downs. The Raiders' split end Fields caught two passes for 24 yards and Barrios pulled in one for 20. Davis ended the night rushing for a net of 31 yards in 13 carries and Barrios had 28 in 5 rushes.

Hallettsville rushed 53 times for 211 yards with Garrison leading with 108. They completed one of six aerials good for 19 yards and had 13 first downs.

Schneider punted three times for Rice averaging 26 yards while Hallettsville's punter Leon Kahanek kicked three times averaging 43 yards.

Rice had two turnovers in the game, one fumble and one interception and were penalized nine times for 99 yards. Hallettsville lost one possession on an interception and were charged 70 yards for 7 penalties.

GRID SCHEDULE

Results Last Week:
Rice Freshmen 35 Hallettsville 8
Rice JV 0 Hallettsville 26
Rice Varsity 7 Hallettsville 20
Caldwell 26 Hempstead 0
Waller 20 Huffman 13
Willis 22 Bellville 16
Columbia 21 El Campo 7
La Grange 20 Bastrop 6
Edna 10 Sweeny 7
East Bernard 67 Weimar 0
Stockdale 27 Schulenburg 7
Kincaid 14 Boling 14

Games This Thurs.:
Rice Freshmen host Needville 5:30
Rice JV host Needville 7:00
ELMS- 7th grade to Needville 5:30
ELMS 8th grade to Needville 7:00 p.m.
Garwood-Sheridan vs. Louise in Garwood, 5:00

Games This Friday:
Rice in Needville
Cameron at Bellville
East Bernard at Royal
La Grange at Columbus
Willis at Magnolia
Sealy at West Columbia
Slendora at Waller

Fayette PP Lake Paying Off For Fishermen

Ever since Fayette County Lake was impounded in 1976 and its native bass population augmented with Florida bass a year later, it has been a ripening plum in the farmlands near La Grange and Fayetteville.

Closed and closely guarded month after month, the 2,400-acre lake's forbidden fruit seemingly grew faster than grandiose rumors could fly.

Poachers shrugging off three-figure fines low-crawled the little reservoir and boasted of catching six-pounders, seven-pounders, eight-pounders and so on.

Based on sampling data collected from the lake, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Inland Fisheries Management Coordinator Bob Bounds prophesied Fayette County Lake was "going to be everything a bass fisherman could want."

In a sport where expectations rarely match reality, the fishing build-up for the "new Calaveras" in the Post Oak country could have been just so much huckster's hype.

But fantasy and fact merged beautifully on Sept. 5 when 297 anglers gained access to the lake under a permit-only, limited-entry policy and a restrictive 16-inch-minimum size, three-bass creel limit.

Fishing along old creek channels and over submerged farm ponds in the lake's bed and in the brush and trees around the lake's edge, the fisherman found the Fayette County bass to be fat and chunky and surprisingly strong.

They also found that bass weighing four or five pounds were "as common as dirt," according to one P&WD official.

According to creel survey data collected the opening day by P&WD biologists, the anglers checked in 573 bass weighing a total 2,042 pounds, an exceptional 3.56 pounds average per fish.

The lake's untested reputation as a trophy bass producer gained credence as several six-pound bass and one seven-pound, 11-ounce lunker were weighed in.

Among the impressive statistics compiled the opening day was one indicating that the average number of bass caught and retained or released by fishermen was 13.4.

The significance of this data is that under the regular 10-bass per day creel limit, the majority of the anglers could have limited, and the first day harvest would have been thousands of pounds higher than it was.

In this context, the department's experimental three-bass creel limit, designed to protect the lake from initial overharvest, appears to be having the desired results.

Indications are the anglers themselves went beyond the spirit of the restrictive regulations: only half the fishermen checked in three fish, some turned in only their single largest fish caught and some didn't bother to retain any fish at all.

With the three-bass limit controlling the bass harvest, and the 16-inch-minimum size restriction protecting the lake's primary spawners, Fayette County Lake should produce good fishing for months and, hopefully, for years to come.

P&WD fisheries biologists will continue to monitor the bass harvest from the lake throughout the year to determine the success of the experiment.

In the meantime, the Lower Colorado River Authority will continue with their limited-entry, permit-only access system. At present, the only access point is the launch ramp on FM 159 north of La Grange. Later, LCRA will open two additional ramps to facilitate access to the lake.

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BOWLING

Moonlighters League

The Moonlighters League began its fall and winter league Thurs., Sept. 6th at the Sealy Bowling Palace with four teams, Smith Furniture, Oop's Bunch, Blood and Guts and Father Tom's Alligators each winning three games.

Smith Furniture had high team series with a 2378 and Webb's Electronics top game of 862. Gary Hartman posted top individual series with a 610 and high game of 258. John Garza rolled a 234-584 series, Mike Bienek had a 592 series and Wolf Ignasiak a 221 game.

Skull Creek Mixed

In the Skull Creek Mixed League action Sept. 11, the Catfish Farmers took the lead with 7 wins; Rookies and What Can I Say are tied for second with 6 wins each and Tuesday Nite Special is fourth with 5 wins.

High team series went to Tuesday Nite Special with 2322; high team game to What Can I Say with 852.

High men's series and game were rolled by Ben Castillo with 533 - 233; rolling high women's series was Ruth Stein with 511 and game, La Verne Graham with 192. Mano Graham had a 203-529, Erwin Knippel a 516, and Floyd Spenrath a 207-526.

Moonlighters League

In the action last Thursday in the Moonlighters League, Father Tom's Alligators pulled out front with 7 wins and a total of 4869 pins while tied with six wins each are the K.C.s with 4980 pins, Blood and Guts with 4713 and Oop's Bunch with 4667 pins. The Sandbaggers hold down fifth with 5 wins and Webb's Electronics is sixth with 4 wins.

Ralph Gertson posted the top individual game last Thursday with a 241 game and Mike Bienek had high game of 546 while the K.C. team rolled high team series of 2651 and the K.C.s and Father Tom's tied for high game with 931 each.

Initial League

The 44 Magnums led Initial League bowling at the Skull Creek Lanes last Thursday with an 1112-3011 game and series. Butch Schmidt posted top individual series with a 232-571 and Ben Castillo rolled high game of 234-548. Other top scorers were: Dan Becker 212-564, Wimpy Kristek 201-556, Freddy Pelts 554, Mano Graham 204-531, Floyd Spenrath 517, Willie Moore 202-504, Tim Luedecke 503.

J. F. Miller Ford jumped off to an early lead in the league with 50 points, followed by the 44 Magnums with 37½, Altair Dryer with 34, the Imps with 31½, Johnny's Sport Shop 30, and JB's Trojans 27½.

★★★★★★District 20AA Results★★★★★★

around the league

Bellville Suffers 22 to 16 Loss

Bellville, ranked as one of the top teams in the Houston area, lost a non-district contest to Willis, 22 to 16 last Friday night in Willis.

John Jackson and Allen Ward scored both of Bellville's TDs on two yard runs and Ward and Ed Leaks both scored on two-point conversions to account for the Bellville scoring.

Willis scored on runs of seven and one yards by Sherman Straughter and scored again on a 47 yard bomb caught by Mike Wright. The other three points by Willis came on a 42 yard field goal in the first period by John Franklin.

Bellville, a 33 to 12 winner over La Grange in the season opener drops to 1-1 on the season and hosts Cameron in action this week.

Other Scores

The Waller Bulldogs accounted for the only win by a District 20AA team as they defeated Huffman 20 to 13. Waller is now 1-0-1 on the season. Hempstead dropped to 0-2 last week as they were shutout by Caldwell 26 to 0 and Magnolia, now 0-2 also, lost to Crosby 33 to 8.

Columbus, Sealy and Royal were all idle last week but will be back in action this Friday night.

Rice Kernels

[By Jeff Fraka]

Needville promises to be a much improved team over the one that Rice slipped by at Raider Field last season, according to coach Mike Rice. A big factor that the Raiders must keep in mind is the Blue Jays speed.

The Blue Jays won the state championship in track last year and most of those kids will be in the line up this Friday, says Rice.

Anthony Ketchum at quarterback and brother Dennis at running back are a pair of speedsters that the Raiders must contain. Also Clarence Green at flanker and Carlos Cadena at fullback offer a good balanced running attack for the Jays. Mitchell Todd offers a fleetfooted target at split end.

The Blue Jays have 13 letternen returning from last year headed up by senior Brian Teykl. He lines up at tackle on offense and offers good solid strength in the middle of the Jay's defensive line at nose guard.

The Jays are currently 1-0-1 having tied Waller and defeated Brazos Cons.

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WCJC Pioneers Host Navarro Sat.

Wharton County Junior College attempts to collar the Navarro Bulldogs, Saturday, September 22 in a 7:30 p.m. Texas Junior College Football Conference game at Tiger Stadium in Wharton.

The hard hitting, revitalized Pioneers face one of TJCFC's most a consistent winners in recent years and perennial challenge to WCJC since the two colleges first collided in 1948.

The Pioneer Band has announced a halftime salute to the Pioneer players.

East Bernard Romps Over Weimar 67-0

The East Bernard Brahmas stampeded to a 67 to 0 victory over the Weimar Wildcats in a non-district game in East Bernard last Friday night, bringing the Brahma record to 1-1 and the Wildcats are now 0-2.

Billy Dirba and Dexter Shavers each scored a pair of second-half touchdowns for the Brahmas. Dirba scored on runs of 1 and 5 yards and Shavers dashed for 2 and 8 yards to lead an offense that clicked for 438 yards, 305 on the ground.

J. B. Scott topped all East Bernard runners with 146 yards in 17 carries. Marvin Davis scored on runs of 9 and 1 yards in the first quarter as the Brahmas piled up a 39 to 0 halftime lead over the Wildcats. Other scores for East Bernard came on a safety and a 35 yard field goal by David Kubena.

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Freshmen Win Opener; Hallettsville Beats JV

Frosh Host Needville Thurs. At 5:30; JVs Play At 7:00

The Rice High School Freshmen Raiders won their season opener last Thursday over Hallettsville by a score of 35 to 8 in Hallettsville. The Raider junior varsity, playing their second game of the season, dropped their contest by a score of 26 to 0 to move their record to 1-1 for the season.

It was the initial win of his coaching career, as freshmen coach Wayne Zimmerhanzel led his team to an easy victory. The Raiders built up a 35 to 0 lead before allowing the Brahmas to score late in the final period.

For Rice, Rob Johnson scored the first of his two TDs of the night early in the contest on a one yard plunge. Quarterback Troy Corman added to that lead later in the half when he slipped in from one yard out for another touchdown. Eric Christal scored on the conversion after the second TD to give the Raiders a 14 to 0 half time lead.

Johnson opened up the scoring in the second half when he blasted through the Brahma defense and darted 45 yards for a score to put Rice on top 22 to 0. The extra point attempt was blocked.

Ed Thomas padded that Raider lead when he broke lose and ran 56 yards for a touchdown later in the half.

James Powell accounted for the Raiders' final tally as he scored from 27 yards out. Christal's kick made it Rice 35 and Hallettsville 0. The Brahmas picked up their only score late in the fourth quarter to end the scoring at 35 to 8.

Coach Zimmerhanzel named as his Players of the Week, Rob Johnson and Ed Thomas. Both had outstanding performances on offense and contributed to the Raider success on defense.

Other standouts who turned in good play in the season opener, according to the coach, were Eugene Kazmir at tackle, Andy Gertson at center, Dwayne Pagel at linebacker, Charlie Amos at noseguard and David Cardenas on the offensive line.

Despite the Raiders going with their ground game throughout the contest, they do possess a strong passing attack. However, an injury to the hand of quarterback Corman limited them to the running game.

This week the Raiders are expected to be back at full strength for their home opener with Needville at Raider Field beginning at 5:30. Fans are invited to attend to see the Raiders and to stay and watch the junior varsity contest immediately following at about 7:00.

JV Loses To Hallettsville

The Raider JV suffered its first loss of the early season as they dropped a 26 to 0 decision to Hallettsville last Thursday in Hallettsville.

The Raiders won their season opener against Weimar the week prior to that game so they now stand at 1-1 for the season.

Karl Hurd, the top offensive player for the Raiders, carried 14 times in the contest picking up 66 yards. John Dawson added 34 yards on 10 carries.

Defensively, Calvin Foster was the top player for Rice, collecting 13 tackles in the game. Other standouts in the contest, according to the two Raider JV coaches, were Bruce Montgomery at defensive end and Hurd at noseguard.

Hallettsville built up a 10 to 0 score after one half. The first score came after a safety when the Rice punter was trapped in his own end zone after the snap from the one yard line.

The other first half score came on a Brahma pass interception that was returned for a score. The two point conversion made it 10 to 0.

Hallettsville added two more touchdowns and conversions in the final half scoring both times on sustained scoring drives.

This Thursday night the JV hosts Needville at Raider Field and will begin play immediately following the freshmen game at about 7:00 p.m.

Rice High School Raiders '79 Freshmen Schedule
Game Time - 5:30 P.M.

Sept.	Open	
Sept. 13	Hallettsville	T
Sept. 20	Needville	H
Sept. 27	Open	
Oct. 4	Sealy	H
Oct. 11	Sealy	T
Oct. 18	Bellville	H
Oct. 25	Magnolia	T
*Nov. 1	St. Thomas	T
Nov. 8	Columbus	T

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★ SPORTS ★

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Teal Shoot Ends Sun., Kills Fair

The special nine-day teal shooting will come to an end at sundown this Sunday, Sept. 23rd. The teal shoot began last Saturday, Sept. 15th with lots of birds in the area, but they were pretty well bunched up and the general rule was a good hunt for some, not so good for others.

Shooting hours continue from sunrise to sunset through Sunday with a daily bag limit of four with a possession limit of eight.

Astros Begin Final 1979 Homestand

The Astros' final five home games for 1979 begin this Wednesday, September 19, and will go a long way in determining the Nat's League West Championship.

Houston takes a 49-27 home record against the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday and Thursday, both games with a 7:35 p.m. start time. Houston is undefeated versus the Braves in the Astrodome this season, having won all of its seven previous meetings. The final two home games against Atlanta will be a tune-up for the crucial upcoming series against the Cincinnati Reds.

Cincinnati follows the Braves in for three pivitol games Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 21-23. The games on Friday and Saturday begin at 7:35 p.m., with Sunday's game starting at 2:05 p.m.

South Zone Dove Shoot Opens Saturday

The first split of the 1979-80 mourning dove season for South Texas counties (including Colorado and surrounding counties) will commence at one-half hour before sunrise this Saturday, Sept. 22nd, with some good shooting expected in most areas.

The first split of the season will continue through Sunday, Nov. 4th. The season will then close on mourning doves until January 5th when it will reopen and remain open through Jan 20th, 1980.

Shooting hours will be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily with a daily bag limit of ten and possession limit of twenty after the first day of shooting.

The North Zone season which opened Sept. 1st will continue open through Oct. 21st, and then will be closed until the second split, Jan. 5th through 13th.

The Parks and Wildlife Dept. reminds that no person shall possess more than one daily bag of freshly killed birds in the field. Any freshly killed migratory birds given to another person, except at the residence of either the person giving or receiving the birds, must have a tag attached signed by the hunter who took the birds stating his address, total number of birds of each species and the date birds were taken.

The retention of one fully feathered wing on dressed doves is required in the South Zone at all times. Shotguns must be plugged permanently to a three-shell capacity and may not be larger than 10-gauge. Hunting doves with a rifle is prohibited.

Rail Season Open

Although they attract a lesser number of hunters, the open season on rails and gallinules also started Sept. 1 and ends Nov. 9. Shooting hours are one half hour before sunrise to sunset. The bag limit on king and clapper rails is 15 daily, possession limit 30. The bag limit on sora and Virginia rails is 25, and the possession limit also is 25. The gallinule limits are 15 per day, 30 in possession.

Columbus Area DU Plans Dinner Sept. 27

The Columbus Area Committee of Ducks Unlimited has announced that its 2nd annual banquet will be held at Country Camp on September 27 at 6:00 p.m. Committee Chairman Ron Butler of Columbus feels the fund-raising function should be much ... the calendar by anyone who is interested in the future of North America's waterfowl.

Tickets, which are $25.00 each, include a one-year DU membership and a subscription to the organization's magazine. Tickets may be purchased at the following locations: Whites Auto, Steven Draper; The Place Drive In, George Taylor and Al Wayne Shiner; Oaks Package Store, Clif Tyler and Jim Rutta; Butler Office Supply, Ron Butler and Hal Halcom; or by calling 732-5818; or by writing to P.O. Box 275, Columbus, Texas 78934.

Register For PP&K By Fri., Sept. 28

Youngsters wishing to enroll in the 1979 Punt, Pass and Kick competition to be sponsored locally by J. F. Miller Ford, Inc. are reminded that Friday, Sept. 28th is the final date for registering. The competition will be held Saturday, Sept. 29th.

All youngsters between the ages of eight and thirteen are eligible to compete. Parent or a guardian must accompany the youth at the time of registration.

Bill Appelt, local director for the competition, invites the kids to come by and register now and pick up a handy tips booklet to improve their techniques.

Garwood-Sheridan Opener In Garwood With Louise Thurs.

The Garwood-Sheridan Raiders will open their 1979 season this Thursday afternoon when they host Louise for a single game in Garwood starting at 5:00 p.m.

The Raiders traveled to Weimar last Thursday to take on Weimar Jr. High in a practice scrimmage with the Raiders coming out on top 1 to 0. The lone score in the contest came when Raider Mel Pratt intercepted a Wildcat pass and returned it 40 yards for a touchdown.

Although neither team could score after that point, the Raiders did manage to move within the Weimar 10 yard line twice.

Other standouts in the scrimmage were fullback Mark Munoz who gained 56 yards rushing and Kenny Johnson and Michael Hemphill who combined for 45 yards. Pratt, who also quarterbacks the team passed for 54 yards, completing passes of 20 yards to split end Nelson Dabney and 34 yards to tight end Mickey Reinhardt. Linebacker David Mozisek also had an interception in the scrimmage.

Raider coaches Bennie Machac and Mike Michalka commended the Raiders for a good showing against Weimar, noting that they were oversized in the contest but still managed to hold their ground.

Both the A and B units got to see action with the A teams battling for 15 offensive and defensive plays, then the B teams going at it for 10 plays. The A units returned again going for 10 plays each before ending the scrimmage.

Coach Machac reports that the Raiders are in excellent condition and will be ready for their opener this Thursday with Louise. The coaches and Raiders invite fans to plan to attend this important game and support the Raiders in their quest for another successful season.

Expected to be in the starting lineup for the Raiders this Thursday will be the following: Pecos Coble, center, Wayne Rabel right guard, Mark Ross right tackle, Mickey Reinhardt tight end, David Mozisek at left guard, Douglas Baumgarten left tackle, Glen Hefner or Nelson Dabney at split end, Mel Pratt at quarterback, Mark Munoz full back, Matthew Rohwer wing back, and either Kenny Johnson or Michael Hemphill at tail back.

Many of the Raiders will see action both ways with the following probable starters on defense: Michael Beyette nose guard, Rabel at right tackle, Ross left tackle, James Williamson right defensive end, Waligura left defensive end, Munoz and Mozisek at linebackers, Pratt and John Williamson at safety, and Hemphill and Johnson at the cornerback spots.

The Raider coaches expect these starters as well as many second stringers to see lots of action in this first outing.

Clinic For Coaches Of Girls' Basketball At Rice H.S. Sat.

An outstanding line-up of guest speakers will be on hand for the 3rd Annual Rice Coaches Clinic, hosted by Rice High School Athletic Director and boys' basketball coach Jack Grammer, scheduled for this Saturday at Rice High School in Altair.

Coaches interested in attending the clinic may register by contacting Grammer at Rice. Advanced registration is $20. Late registration may be done at Rice High School on Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. for $25.

The clinic, held in the Rice Gymnasium, is the first and only clinic of its kind for coaches of girls' basketball, according to Grammer, who led his Rice Raider team to the Class AA State finals in 1979.

Heading the impressive list of guests at this year's school is Dot Woodfin, head basketball coach of the Lady Coogs at the University of Houston. She is scheduled for two one-hour lectures during the day and will have several of her players along with her to demonstrate techniques and plays used by the Lady Coogs.

Also scheduled to speak to those attending will be Don Knodel, coach of the World Champion Houston Angels women's basketball team.

Other lecturers include Jan Lahodny of the Class AAAA State Champion Victoria Stingarettes; Wanda Bender, formerly of Texas A&M, of Success Motivation Institute; and Jack Grammer of Rice H.S.

A special attraction of this year's clinic will be a participation session in which coaches will be allowed to take part in drills and other activities to help get a better understanding of the fundamentals and techniques involved.

The fee includes free all-you-can-eat barbecue, door prizes and free social hour. The clinic will be only this Saturday, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and scheduled to end at 5:00 p.m.

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