

Raiders to face tough football opponent in new district

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Football is just about a month away for the Rice High School Raiders — the season opens on Friday night, Sept. 7, at El Campo when Coach Clifton Darden's Raiders are scheduled to tangle with the Ricebirds of District 12-4A.

District 26-AAA competition for the Raiders does not begin until

Friday, Oct. 12; however the Rice gridders have a whale of a non-conference schedule before then. So, Raider fans should get all set early.

Rice Consolidated returns seven offensive and eight defensive players to the 1984 squad with high hopes of improving on its 3-6-1 record of last season. Quarterback David

Morgan returns along with halfbacks Malcom Thomas and Dennis Hemphill. Speedster halfback Cleve Scott, a 4.6 runner, at six feet, 170 pounds, is expected to lead the Raiders' running attack.

Defensive standouts at Rice are expected to be guard Tony Hosman (6-3, 120); tackles Doug Baumgarten (6-3, 210) and Michael Mota (6-3,

280); center Peron Cable; and defensive tackle Jason Smith.

Others expected to make notable contributions to the Raider effort during the upcoming grid season include tight end Keith Pesnell (6-2, 180) and linebackers Rodney Williams (6-3, 215) and Ernest Lemons. The Raiders open District 26-AAA activity

on Friday, Oct. 12, at Raider Stadium when the Rice outfit plays host to Edna's gridders.

Other teams, in addition to Rice and Edna, in the tough 3A district include neighboring Columbus, Hallettsville, Yoakum and Gonzales. Gonzales is a newcomer to this district's University League

alignment — the Apaches drop to 3-A this year from Class 4-A, where last fall they finished third in their tough conference. The first two teams in the Gonzales 4-A district last year were two Class 4-A quarterfinalists, Fredericksburg and New Braunfels. Gonzales should be favored to take all the apples this year; however there are other strong teams in the district.

Edna had a 6-3-1 record last year and has five starters both ways returning. Yoakum welcomes back seven offensive and 10 defensive holdovers from a 5-5 squad. And Columbus returns seven offensive and nine defensive regulars from last year's 6-4 team.

Hallettsville will be rebuilding from a 4-6 record. Texas Football magazine's summer edition, now on the newsstands for the 25th year, picks the district race to end this way: 1) Gonzales, 2) Edna, 3) Columbus, 4) Yoakum, 5) Rice Consolidated, 6) Hallettsville.

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News Briefs

Community garage sale for museum scheduled

There still are a few roof leaks to fix before the opening of the Prairie Edge Museum, so once again the Museum Committee is giving the community an opportunity to help by contributing to the garage sale.

Anything is acceptable. At present there is a good dryer, washer and double door refrigerator, chairs, sofas and pictures to sell. Remember "Someone else's trash is someone else's treasure." So bring anything of no use or you don't want anymore.

The last garage sale there, was very little left, mostly clothes, and nothing went to waste. The items left were given to a Catholic girls' home, the Heritage House, Eagle Lake Baptist Mission and Good Will.

The museum will be open from 8-10 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. every day Monday-Thursday, August 13-16 so that items may be brought at that time. The sale will be held all day August 17 and 18 at the museum on Main Street.

Should anyone need assistance, call Mrs. Ada Cook (234-2713), Mrs. Sam Boothe (234-2028), Elfe Thomas (234-2063), Franklin Reese (234-3190), Rollin and Mary Baker (234-2027), Pat Cook (234-3480), or anyone else on the Museum Committee.

Come visit the museum and see what progress is being made — and bring a saleable item or too when you come.

Benefit tourney in Mentz

The Jerry Lewis Telethon baseball tournament will be held at St. Roch's parish grounds in Mentz this Saturday, August 4 starting at 10 a.m. and Sunday, August 12 at 10 a.m.

Teams participating are from Bernardo, East Bernard, Katy, New Ulm and other teams from South Texas Amateur League.

Admission is \$2 per day. Cold drinks and food will be available.

There will be a dance on August 11 from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. with music by Family Tradition. There will be an auction held at 10 p.m. at the dance.

All proceeds will be presented to Jerry Lewis Telethon on Channel 2 on Labor Day weekend.

Pool shark to perform

The legendary "Fast Eddie," world trick shot champion, has come out of retirement and having recently returned from a European USO tour for the department of defense, will be performing a pool shooting exhibition at the Back Door on Friday, August 10 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Fast Eddie began playing pool at the age of nine. When he was a teenager, he was tutored by the late, great Benny Allen, who was three-times world champion in Missouri.

After a tour of duty in the Navy, Fast Eddie moved to California and resumed his career as a money player. It was while he was shooting pool in Kentucky that his nickname and two exploits of his life found their way into the mind and pen of a young author.

"It is a sport in which women can compete equally with men, because a man's superior strength will not help him," Fast Eddie explained. "Pool is a sport requiring finesse, and we all know that women certainly have more finesse than the men. It is a sport in which male and female, young and old can participate and enjoy equally."

Band picnic Thursday

The Raider band members and their parents are invited to a get acquainted picnic this Thursday, August 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Rice High School.

Everyone is asked to bring their own picnic basket. Let's spread a blanket and eat — then enjoy games, contests and surprises!

Everyone come and let's get the year started on a great note!



A very large job

Workmen and cement trucks were busy most of the day Tuesday at the Eagle Lake Rice Dryer, completing what was described as the largest concrete pour in Eagle Lake. More than 800 cubic yards of

concrete were formed into the base of what will be a new dryer, just south of the present structure. Although the base of present dryer is larger, it was built in three stages.

'84 fair schedule is longer

When the gates to the 1984 edition of the Colorado County Fair open this September, the public will find more activity spread over two weekends as improvements in the six year old event continue to be made, according to T.J. Smith of Eagle Lake, fair association president.

The main schedule for this year's fair is from Friday through Sunday, September 14-16.

Life membership sales are only one of the many new ideas spawned during last year's fair, for implementation this year. "That one idea," said fair executive director Tom Northrup, "will add more to our future than

anything else we will do, because life members will become the backbone of our effort to secure permanent fairgrounds and facilities." The fair's board of directors hope to begin presenting the fair on permanent fairgrounds and in permanent facilities in 1986, coinciding with the Texas Sesquicentennial.

In addition to new events, like a full-fledged rodeo, the schedule will encompass two weekend-a. The queen's contest has been moved ahead a week, and will be held in the Columbus High School Auditorium on Saturday, September 8. That should alleviate the rush of Saturday night activities during the

main fair weekend.

The next day, the annual fair horse show will be held in the fairgrounds arena.

When the fairgrounds open to the public for the main events, it will be following a special ceremony about 5 p.m. Friday, September 14. Not only will that ceremony mark the opening of the fair, but it will be conducted by state sesquicentennial officers designating Colorado County an official sesquicentennial participant.

The traditional opening parade, which formerly marked the fair opening on Thursday, has been moved to Saturday morning starting at 10 a.m.

Another reason for the calendar change, President Smith said, was to give the volunteers more time to handle exhibit check in and set up. The rules and regulations handbook for the Home Economics Department will be published by August 15, and will detail schedule changes.

Admission to this year's fair will be through advanced "family button" sales as in year's past. Contestants for Miss Colorado County Fair 1984 will be offering the memberships that allow a family of four (two adults and two children) admission. Cost this year will be \$15.

Library now has tapes and cassettes to be checked out

Remember these lines from days past? "Gotta clean out that closet one of these days!" "Oh, is that you Myrt?"

Many people will perhaps remember, most will not. Movies include The Alamo, Allen, Annie Hall, Chariots of Fire, Coal Miner's Daughter, West Side Story, My Fair Lady, Star Wars and many others.

These were famous lines by Fibber McGee and Molly, on the famous radio show of the local library is part old, "Fibber McGee and Molly."

These sayings were brought to mind in a conversation Tuesday with June Pirtle, librarian at the Eula and David Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake.

Mrs. Pirtle was explaining to the Headlight that the library now is loaning tapes of many old radio shows and also has many VHS movie tapes. These cassette tapes of radio shows and video tapes of movies can be checked out of the library like books, the librarian said.

Some of the radio shows include Burns and Allen, Amos 'n' Andy, Fred Allen Show, Mr. District Attorney, historic radio addresses by Winston Churchill, Harry S. Truman, Douglas MacArthur, General Eisenhower

"We felt there would be interest in this new program," Mrs. Pirtle said. "So, we decided to become involved."

The library summer program is winding down this week. The reading program for youngsters age four through the fifth grade attracted 131 children this summer who read 10 books or more each. The highest number of books read by one student was 89, Mrs. Pirtle said. Needless to say, the library here has an elaborate program for "our children."

DAILY TELEVISION SCHEDULES

Headlight dropping listings due to cost

Because of the sharp, 13 percent, increase in printing costs, several changes are being made in The Headlight. The only noticeable one is the deletion of the television listings as of this week.

The cost of printing The Headlight has increased 44 percent since printing was switched from Rosenberg to Smithville in June, 1982. Printing now is again being done in Rosenberg.

The cost-increases forced a choice of deleting the television listings, or increasing subscription prices by \$1 per year. Because the state legislature will require buyers to pay sales taxes on subscriptions this fall, the subscriber will be forced to pay more the newspaper anyway. Also, the U.S. Postal Service is contemplating an increase in second class postage rates — as well as other rates — which may cause subscriptions to increase.

Also, the newspaper has made arrangements with George Ferguson, veteran newsmen and former sports writer now living in Eagle Lake, to cover football this year, which will increase the amount of sports news we will print. Because we will not be devoting pages to television, we will be able to print additional sports pages when necessary.

All in all, with the future holding increased costs in two areas, we felt it best not to increase prices at this time, when there were other options. — John Fearing, Co-Publisher



Song books donated

Song books bound by the Bay City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority were given Tuesday morning to residents of the Heritage House here. In the photo are Doris Postell, Heritage House Auxiliary volunteer, residents Edith Morris and Ronnie Ingram, and Mae Price, social activities director for the house. Area members of the sorority are Mrs. Claudine Shorter, Mrs. Marian Woolridge and Mrs. Helen Glover. All concerned expressed special thanks to Debra Marshall and Marsha McTear, and to Dr. Jose Ugarte for furnishing the copying equipment.