



Be A Part Of The Colorado County Fair

Sept. 14-17

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Fine Arts and Home Economics entries.

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Rice Raiders dominate first scrimmage

The Rice Raiders football squad, competing in a three-way scrimmage Saturday night, made the most of the evening by overwhelming both Bell-

ville and Brookshire-Royal. Royal and Bellville have both been picked in all pre-season polls and magazine to advance to the post-sea-

son playoffs.

That's good news for Rice fans, who saw a smothering Raider defense and an efficient and opportunistic offense.

The highlight of the evening proved to be a stingy Raider defense.

The Raiders #1 defense did not allow a single score in either scrimmage and, furthermore, only gave up three first downs in 30 plays.

Meanwhile, the Raider offense, led by quarterback Patrick Milentz and Nick Sharp, pounded out three touchdowns and over 320 yards of total offense.

Scoring for the Raider varsity unit was running back Bennie Glover on a six-yard scamper. Also, tight end Anthony Salinas got in on the scoring act with a 27-yard reception from Milentz.

Finishing out the scoring was junior fullback Conrad Diggs on an explosive 63-yard off-tackle play. Diggs finished the evening with 102 yards rushing on only five carries.

Offensive Coordinator Ryan Roark said, "We played very hard against two quality opponents. Even though we made lots of mistakes, we proved to everyone, and ourselves,

that we will be a force to be reckoned with this season. I'm pretty excited about the future of Raider football."

As Head Coach Russell Roark watched his troops play physical, hard-nose football, he couldn't help but smile a little.

"We still have a long way to go, but I'm very pleased with our first scrimmage and our kids' efforts. Their attitudes are excellent to boot."

Coach Brad Dumont, taking over this season as an experienced defensive coordinator, summed up his thoughts by saying, "We have several players on defense who play a relentless, get-after-it style of football. Our team gang-tackling was super. Quentin Whitfield, our defensive end, was a completely dominating player. He was in the backfield disrupting things all night."

Roark's Raiders barely have the chance to relax, as they will face highly touted state-ranked Cuero Thursday night at Raider Stadium. The freshmen scrimmage will begin at 5 p.m. with the JV and varsity following accordingly.

Let's pack the stadium and show our upstart Raiders our full support.



New face on Council

Eagle Lake Mayor Michael Cooper administered the oath of office to incoming Councilman Larry Contreras, at left, during the Aug. 22 City Council meeting.

Contreras was selected to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Wayne Bowen who resigned recently in order for his father-in-law, Thurston Webb, to take the position of Director of Public Works for the City.

State law prohibits the hiring of family members by Council.

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NEWSBRIEFS

P.J.s fall production is coming...

Mark your calendar! P.J.s fall production is getting under way. This fall, P.J.s will present "101 Dalmatians." Reading and registration begins Sunday, Sept. 3, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Prairie Edge Museum. Auditions to follow. Call Deborah Reed at 234-2601 for more information.

Will the pool open weekends?

The Eagle Lake Pool will continue to be open Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. as long as there is a large enough turn out each weekend. Admission remains at \$2 per person.

PCF Committee meeting is Aug. 31

The Eagle Lake Prairie Chicken Festival (PCF) Committee will be meeting Thursday, Aug. 31, at 6 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers. Everyone is invited to the meetings to be part of the Festival. Your ideas are wanted!

HMO program set for Aug. 28

Medicare HMOs... here today, gone tomorrow. Confused? Frustrated? Medicare Select can provide plans that offer what you want in affordable Medicare Supplement Insurance. Join us for a FREE seminar Monday, Aug. 28, at the El Campo Civic Center. Three times to choose from 10 a.m., 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. For more information, call 979-531-0212. The seminars are jointly sponsored by Gulf Coast Medical Center.

Free pizza and live music for teens!

Who says there's nothing for teens to do in Eagle Lake? Friday and Saturday nights come to the Lighthouse, "Commons Grounds", a weekend-night teen club. Check out the live music drama, fun and free pizza! all in a safe, drug and alcohol-free, Christian environment. Commons Grounds is open every Friday and Saturday night from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Lighthouse. Join them on Friday from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. for Bible study for 4th through 6th graders; and from 5 to 6 p.m. for 7th and 8th graders.

ELPA to place second landmark

Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance (ELPA) will place a local historic landmark plaque on the Norris Building, 113 E. Main Street, Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 12 noon. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

RMC invites public to open house

Rice Medical Center (RMC) invites the public to an Open House for Dr. Ramon Cantu and his family Wednesday, Aug. 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Thomas Clinic. Join them as they extend a warm welcome to Dr. Cantu and his family. Refreshments will be served.

'Family Fun Day in the Park' set for Sept. 16

Main Street Eagle Lake will be hosting "Family Fun Day in the Park" Saturday, Sept. 16. Activities will include tennis, horseshoe and domino tournaments, kids' games and an ice cream "make your own sundae" social hour. For more information, contact any member of the Promotion Committee or call the Main Street Office at 979-234-6933. Proceeds will be used for landscape and streetscape improvements.

Grandparent's Day celebration is Sept. 6

Join Senior Friends of Gulf Coast Medical Center Wednesday, Sept. 6, for a Grandparent's Day Celebration Luncheon and Travel 2001 Program. It will be at Fibber's at 11 a.m. Cost is \$2 per person. You must RSVP to Sherri at 979-282-6808.

Sponsorships for Fair still available

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for this year's Colorado County Fair, being held during the third week of Sept. Benefits of sponsorship are individual/business advertising while supporting the Fair. A banner, recognizing the sponsor, will be displayed during the Fair. Contact Mark Robinson at 979-732-6413 for rodeo arena sponsorship details; or James Weishuhn at 732-2842 for show/sale pavilion details.

Seminar to be held Aug. 25-26

A seminar entitled Women and the Church, God's Word to Women in the 21st Century, will be presented by Drs. Eddie and Susan Hyatt Friday evening, Aug. 25, and Saturday, Aug. 26. The event, sponsored by God's Word to Women ministries, will be held at 600 Partridge Lane in Eagle Lake. For more information, call Gay Anderson at 979-234-2376 or go to the website at www.godswordtowomen.org.

Main Street consultant to visit Aug. 31

Texas Main Street design/building consultant Bill Lindstrom, from Austin, will be visiting Eagle Lake Thursday, Aug. 31. This is one of many services the Main Street Program offers free of charge to the business and building owners in the Main Street District. Business and buildings owners who wish to have a free consultation for guidance and ideas in their revitalization efforts and/or to request a rendering of their business or building will need to make an appointment by calling the Main Street Office at 979-234-6933. Appointments are required.

Season football tickets on sale

Season tickets for Rice High School home football games are on sale at the Rice CISD business office on a "first-come, first-serve" basis through Friday, Sept. 1. The cost for season tickets for all home games is \$24 per set. (We have six home games this year.) Cost at the gate will be \$5 per game. There will be no reserved seats sold for individual games. Call Jennifer Korenek at 234-3531 for additional information. Adult pre-game general admission tickets will also be sold for \$4 and will be available only at the high school on Thursday and Friday until 3 p.m.

'The Remember When Show' is Aug. 29

On Aug. 29, join Senior Friends at Branson in Houston: "The Remember When Show" with Mike Radford-nostalgic comedy-set in "Grandma's Attic" with a patriotic salute you will always remember! At the Stafford Civic Center; lunch on your own at Luby's at 11:30 a.m. and then off to the show at 1 p.m. Cost is \$26 per person. Call Sherri at 979-282-6808 for more information.

Main Street Matters

Myths About

Downtown Revitalization!

Many myths about downtown revitalization exist today. And, through experience, those involved in downtown programs know that these myths must be dispelled for a successful downtown program.

The booklet, *How to Revitalize Your Downtown*, written by consulting firm HyettPalma Inc., lists then 10 most commonly held downtown myths. Here is the first one...

This myth holds that downtown revitalization is nothing more than an attempt to save a few declining businesses and that revitalization efforts will only benefit those businesses which are located in downtown. Downtown revitalization is not just a cause which benefits only a few - it is an investment in the future health of an entire community.

Communities all across the country have learned the hard way that an

economically depressed downtown drags the rest of the city down as well. This is because the conditions of downtown have come to be viewed as a barometer of two factors that are critical to investors:

- (1) a community's overall economic health, and
- (2) public sector leaders.

Investors, prospects and potential residents tend to look at a community's downtown as an indication of the quality of life offered by that community.

Revitalization of a town is not a one person, me, or I effort. Everyone needs to work towards the revitalization effort in Eagle Lake.

By Venetta Seals, Program Manager

We all live here. It's our town. It's up to all of us to make it better and we must maintain a positive "can do" attitude.

We have to start today for a better and more progressive tomorrow. Let's all work together.

Shop with your merchants in Eagle Lake first!

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending Aug. 21

On Aug. 15, at 7:25 a.m., Officer Michael Krenek was advised of a male juvenile crying in the park. The juvenile told Officer Krenek that his stomach hurt and he had been kicked off the school bus for fighting.

Officer Krenek gave the juvenile a

ride to school and advised the principal of the incident.

At 7:48 a.m., Officer Krenek was dispatched to 801 S. McCarty Ave. in regards to a gas drive off. Information was taken and the case is under investigation. Lt. Clem Johnson later did a follow up on the case and found out the subject had paid with a credit card.

At 4:47 p.m., a passing motorist advised Sgt. Tim Crume and Officer Krenek, that a semi-truck was swerving all over the road. The officers stopped the truck at 800 E. Main St. and learned the driver was a diabetic. EMS was dispatched to the scene and the driver was transported to the Rice Medical Center.

On Aug. 17, at 5:33 p.m., Dominik Moszkowicz, owner of Eagles Services on FM 3013 east, called to report money being stolen from his shop. Sgt. Bill Lattimore began an investigation into the incident.

On Aug. 18, at 9:35 a.m., Officer Wendy Alley conducted a traffic stop on Maria Martinez in the 1600 block of E. Main St. for a child not being secured in the seat. Martinez was found to have an outstanding warrant from 1996 for no insurance.

At 3:02 p.m., while on patrol, Officer Alley found a bicycle in the front yard of an abandoned house at 816 East C Street. Officer Alley retrieved the bike and placed it at the police department.

On Aug. 19, at 12:47 a.m., Officer Stephen Nelson stopped a green Pontiac Firebird at 1700 E. Main for no license plate light. The stop resulted in Officer Nelson issuing a citation to a minor for possession of tobacco-cigarettes.

At 11:49 a.m., officers met with a subject at 402 Glen Meadow in regards to a stolen bicycle. The subject did not want to file charges, but does want his bike back.

At 9:52 p.m., Officer Alley was dispatched to 308 Fourth St. in regards to a person attempting to forcefully break into the house. Officer Alley checked the area, but was unable to locate any suspicious activity.

Sgt. Lattimore arrested Tonia Frazier Washington on an outstanding warrant for assault by contact. Washington was processed and transported to the Colorado County Detention Center (CCDC).

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Appraisal District lists 2000 property values

Billy Youens, Chief Appraiser for the Colorado County Central Appraisal District, recently released the following property values used for taxing purposes in the County. The list includes major categories that have changed for the 2000 taxing year.

Please note the changes have been rounded off and are before exemptions, freezes or abatements.

Jurisdiction	Change	Value
County		
Residential	up	\$31,260,000
Oil & Gas	up	28,490,300
Utilities	up	14,679,800
Business Real Personal	up	9,288,500

(See Values, Page 8)

BE PART OF THE COLORADO COUNTY FAIR

Sept. 14-17

Fine Arts

Residents of Colorado County are invited to enter the Art Show, Photography Contest and the Western Art Contest to be held in conjunction with the County Fair, Sept. 14-17.

The Art Show will offer divisions for pre-school art, youth art from elementary through high school and for adult amateurs. The show is open to all subject matter and media including sculpture. All work will be judged on its own individual merit. First, second and third place ribbons will be given.

All blue ribbon works in each division will compete for a Best of Show rosette to be awarded the most outstanding entry in each division.

Further information can be obtained from Art Show Chairman Charlotte Fox at 979-732-3472.

The Photography Contest is open to youth and adults. The youth will be divided into three groups for

judging: primary, ages four to eight; junior, ages nine to 13; and senior, ages 14 to 18.

The adult work will be grouped into three sections: amateur, semi-professional and professional. Color and black and white photographs will be accepted.

Adult entries must be enlarged to 8x10 inches or larger. Youth entries need not be enlarged must be mounted or matted so they can be hung.

Additional information is available from Photography Contest Chairman Norma Draper at 732-6106.

All elementary, junior and senior high school students of Colorado County are eligible to enter the Western Art Contest. All work must depict a western theme. Elementary, junior high and high school work will be judged separately.

There will be three section in the contest: illustrations, cartoons and

three-dimensional work such as sculptures made of clay or other types of constructions. Students may enter one piece in each section, if they so desire. There is no entry fee for the Western Art Contest.

Chairman Rita Ruffeno can be reached for additional information at home at 732-5966 or at her office at 732-3832.

Entry forms and Fair Catalogues with complete rules for all three contests are available at the County Extension Office and Potter's Western Store in Columbus, Weimar City Hall, First National Bank in Eagle Lake, Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg, Bernardo Farm and Ranch Supply, Schulz's General Store in New Ulm, Larry's Super Service in Garwood, Nada Grocery and Sandy Creek Drive-In in Sheridan.

The deadline to pre-register entries in all three contest is Friday,

Sept. 8. No exceptions.

Home Economics

This year's festivities will be the first Fair at the new grounds. We invite you to be a part of this year's Fair. Your participation will make it a huge success.

The Home Economics Department consists of items in the following divisions: needlework, handicraft, clothing, canned products, baked goods, decorated baked goods, floriculture, farm produce, favorite recipe contest, Texana and collective hobbies.

Any individual entering 16 or more quality items in the Home Economics Department of the Fair at check-in time will receive a free season pass.

A special youth awards division is offered to encourage youth participation. (See Fair, Page 10)