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Freshmen Raiders mangled by Tigers 13-6

The Rice Raider freshmen football team traveled to Sealy Thursday, Nov. 9. Despite playing well both offensively and defensively, the Raiders lost to Sealy's JV team by the score of 13 to 6. That's right folks... Sealy's JV team. Offensively, the Raiders were shut out in the first half despite moving the football well.

A couple of miscues by the offense gave Sealy good field position and the Tigers led 13 to 0 at the half. The second half was a different story. The Raider defense held Sealy scoreless. Offensively, the Raiders scored on a pass from Stephen Moore to Anthony Palmer. However, when the dust settled, the Raiders were short 13-6. Offensive standouts were Jess

Little, Garrett Flores, Dustin Krenke, Rusty Moore, Jesus Ortiz, Palmer, Jason Godley, Marcus Woods, Cleve Scott and Brandon Jenkins. Defensive standouts were Little, Flores, Jasmine Smith, Andrew Varley, Ed Thomas, Godley, Palmer, Michael Cooper, Krenke, Woods, Ricky Cunningham and Jenkin. The Freshmen Raiders ended their season with a winning record of 6-4.

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Texas fall hunting forecast 2000

Despite summer's high temperatures and lack of rain, this fall's hunting prospects could have plenty in store for the avid Texas outdoorsman, state wildlife biologists say. In Texas, hunting injects about \$3 million into the state's economy. Perhaps equally significant is Texas' hunting heritage. Last year, nearly a million hunters took the field in pursuit of an abundance of game ranging from squirrel to white-tailed deer. Based on recent field census, Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) biologists are suggesting the following general outlook for the upcoming 2000-2001 hunting seasons in Texas.

tended drought. He added the Trans Pecos has been impacted by the drought for all wildlife species, including white-tailed deer.

The Hill Country is showing signs of below-average poult survival. There are adequate numbers of mature turkeys in the traditionally good areas, but bird may be hard to find in the marginal areas. "It will take several good years of production and poult survival to get the birds dispersed deep into the marginal areas again," he said.

Savannah region received below average to poor acorn production last year, according to TPW biologist Kevin Herriman. "This will result in lower squirrel numbers this fall where mast production was poor. Mast production is always spotty throughout the region with some areas producing abundant mast, so there should be local areas where squirrels are abundant," he explained. "Some preseason scouting will be beneficial this season."

White-Tailed Deer
Statewide: Texas boasts a white-tail population in excess of 4 million animals and more are heading into the fall in good condition. Last year, 516,000 Texas hunters collectively took 420,000 deer.

Mule Deer
Statewide: According to Canyon-based TPW biologist Danny Swepston, mule deer populations in the Panhandle should be in good to excellent shape heading into the fall. "Rains came a little late for best antler development, but I would still call it good over much of the area," he noted. "Mule deer range is not continuous in the Panhandle, but rainfall is supporting them well where they range."

Waterfowl
Statewide: The key to good duck and goose hunting is cold weather and snow in the north and good habitat conditions in Texas, according to migratory game program director Vernon Beville.

Quail
Statewide: Quail production has not been very well distributed this year. Deeper, finer-textured soil are expected to have had average to above average production in South Texas, according to Pleasanton-based biologist Joe Herrera. "The prospects for quail look good in spite of no significant rainfall in over 40 days," said Herrera. "We're beginning to see a lot of coveys on private ranches but no so on our roadside quail survey lines. Climate and habitat conditions were ripe in early and late spring for a good hatch this year." Hunting conditions in the Panhandle should be better than last year. The outlook for the remainder of the state will depend entirely on how well range conditions and cover have been maintained locally.

According to TPW Director Gary Graham, timely spring rains resulted in range conditions that helped jump-start antler development in most areas of the state.

Pronghorn Antelope
Statewide: Graham reports overall antelope numbers are at a 20-year low, according to TPW estimates; however, older age-class bucks (too old to survive) will be available in some areas. The antelope population in the Panhandle is stable, and an average number of permits (400-500) will be issued by TPW this fall, with a similar offering in the Trans Pecos.

A near record fall flight is expected for Texas, and water conditions in the Panhandle plays and pot holes and stock ponds in East Texas should support good waterfowl hunting. More rain is needed to produce native wetland foods by late Oct. and Nov.

Exceptions: Traweck said biologist in the Hill Country are seeing below-average chick survival and below-average availability of birds in those few areas of the region that usually support significant numbers of quail.

Biologists are urging hunters to harvest antlerless deer early in the season in areas with high deer densities and below-normal range conditions. The outlook for deer is above average to excellent, particularly in the Pineywoods, which should hold a considerable number of mature (3.5 year old) bucks thanks to a record fawn crop in 1997.

Fall Turkey
Statewide: Traditionally in Texas, fall turkey hunting has been a byproduct of deer hunting. Last year, according to Jerry Cooke, TPW big game and upland ecology program director, almost 114,000 hunters pursued Rio Grande birds in Texas, claiming more than 32,000 turkeys.

White-fronted geese that come to the Eastern Goose Zone are in great shape, as are Canada geese that come to the Western Goose Zone, so hunters should enjoy a fine season of dark geese. All-in-all, the upcoming waterfowl season should be above average to excellent.

Pheasant
Statewide: Panhandle rains should have favored nesting in the region and hunts should be slightly better than last year, according to Swepston.

Hunting should also be above average in parts of the Panhandle where deer range is suitable and in South Texas. Mast crop production in the Post Oak and Gulf Prairies should help carry deer into the winter in those regions, and early fall rains should help provide additional forage.

According to TPW surveys, hunting should be best in the eastern part of the Panhandle, but hunters can expect to find birds in areas where suitable habitat is available.

Exceptions: Last fall, said Beville, the Texas coast was so dry that most ducks seemed to move farther south by mid to late Dec. because of the lack of food and water. Conditions along the coast are currently worse than last year.

Exceptions: Poor water availability along the coast is expected to have affected production in that region, said Graham, with a corresponding impact on harvest this fall.

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Local schools participate in ag field day

Colorado County Farm Bureau (CCFB) in conjunction with the FFA Department of Columbus and Weimar High Schools sponsored their third annual ag field day Oct. 3 at the Columbus Ag Grounds. Schools participating in the program were Garwood, Weimar, Columbus, St. Anthony, St. Michael's, Sheridan and Eagle Lake. Some 292 third graders and about 108 visitors and participants visited and participated in the 14 stations which included milk (butter making) by Nan Cramer, R.D., L.D., of Dairy Mix; chicks and laying hens exhibit by Leon Hattermann and Carol Sломinski of Weimar and Hallettsville; antique tractors and corn grinding by Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Wostarek of Schulenburg; tractor, farm and lawn mower safety programs by the Weimar FFA;

Also, plant propagation demonstrated by Columbus FFA; rice display and its many uses by Monica Staff of Garwood; the use of hand tools and safety by the Columbus FFA; Forestry Service Program presented by Daniel Lewis of La Grange; Donald Hoeninghaus of Weimar enlightened the classes about hogs and pigs; Glen Weishuhn and Dr. Bill Rudgley, showed how 99% of every beef animal is used one way or the other and how the animals are kept

healthy. Angling by Columbus FFA was enjoyed by the third graders, equine (horses) program told of how horses were being used in the early day and present time, horse shoeing, etc. by Sheryl and Tim Carnes of Garwood; cotton gin history and demonstration of ginning was presented by Bernard Mitchell, Colorado County Ag Extension Agent and Sally Garrett of Family and Consumer Science. Students reached the ag grounds

about 9:15 a.m. and visited each station for 15 minutes taking a break around noon to enjoy corn dogs, chips, fruit and milk. Texas Farm Bureau President Donald Patman noted that one of the most effective way to teach about agriculture is allowing students to see and touch things related to agriculture. CCFB thanks all those hard workers who helped these students "make the connection."

Guide produced by Waddell Club

Plants and animals found along the lakeside Wintermann Nature Trail in the Eagle Lake Municipal Park are listed in a handout available without charge to both county citizens and tourists. This folded brochure has been produced by the Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club (TWONC) in cooperation with officials at Eagle Lake City Hall. Club members have included in this list 35 of the most conspicuous

plants and an overwhelming 345 species of vertebrate animals. Careful observers, for example, might glimpse at least some of the 52 cold-blooded vertebrates (salamanders, toads, frogs, turtles, lizards, snakes, and alligator). However, finding the 40 species of mammals will be a tougher chore since many are small and nocturnal. As expected, the bird life is the most conspicuous and colorful with an amazing 253 kinds apt to visit the Trail

area at one time of the year or another. Better bring along your binoculars for most efficient bird watching. The TWONC hopes that study of this leaflet will encourage Trail users to gain a greater appreciation for the diversity of our local plant/animal life. Please report the presence of any kinds of flora/fauna not on the printed list to a Club member or to the receptionist at Eagle Lake's Prairie Edge Museum. Occasional revisions will be made to the list.

To the Voters of Colorado County Pct. 4:

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The CHS business meeting will begin at 1 p.m. with President Frank Mikula presiding. There will be cultural exhibits on display featuring musical instruments including Clarence Pertl's exhibit on the art of violin craftsmanship. Chapter members who wish to reserve a booth should call Hrna at 1-877-566-9800. There is no charge for exhibits, but a \$25 fee is charged for vendors. Chapter presidents are reminded to call Mr. Hrna as to how many from their chapter will be attending.

Did You Know...
 •Hawaii was originally known as the Sandwich Islands.
 •Though Charles Lindbergh's solo flight is more well-known, the first nonstop, transatlantic flight, from Newfoundland to Ireland, was actually accomplished in 1919 by pilot John William Alcock and navigator Arthur W. Brown.