

Our hearts and prayers go out to anyone touched by the terrorist bombings on the East Coast.

"God bless the victims. God bless their families. And, God bless the United States of America." — President George W. Bush

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NEWSBRIEFS

Study Club needs auction donations

The Eagle Lake Study Club is gearing up for the Annual Study Club Auction scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 27. The Club asks you get your donations to them as soon as possible. For more information, contact Study Club President Fair Wells, Betty Wilcox or any committee member. Or, you may even take your donations to the library. Thank you in advance for your support.

ELPS PTO meeting is Sept. 18

The Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) PTO will hold its monthly meeting at the ELPS cafeteria Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m. All interested parents are invited to attend.

Benefit bake sale is Friday

A benefit bake sale for Archie Salazar will be held Friday, Sept. 14, in front of the First National Bank starting at 9 a.m. For more information, you may contact Becky Almanza at 234-3822.

Sheridan Lions Dinner is Sunday

The Sheridan Lions Club will host a Mexican Dinner Sunday, Sept. 16. Serving will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Sheridan Community Center. Plates are \$6 each, eat at the center or take it to go. The meal will be prepared by Sheridan Lions Club members.

Legion flag disposal set for Sept. 25

The Eagle Lake American Legion Post #108 will hold its annual flag disposal ceremony Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the City Park Gazebo. In case of inclement weather, it will be moved to the cover of the Community Center. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Flags which are no longer serviceable may be turned in for disposal at this time at the following businesses: Wallis State Bank, A.J. Struss Auto Supply, The Furniture Shoppe or the Prairie Edge Museum.

Benefit for Munoz is Saturday

A benefit barbecue for Thomas Munoz will be held Saturday, Sept. 15, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of El Zarape Bar. Tickets are \$5 per plate and include barbecue chicken, rice, beans and potato salad. Please pre-purchase your tickets by calling Jackie Morales at 979-234-3714. Thomas was recently diagnosed with cancer and your support will be greatly appreciated by the Munoz family.

GUBC anniversary, homecoming is Sunday

Greater Union Baptist Church (GUBC) 57th Church Anniversary and Homecoming is set for Sunday, Sept. 16, at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. A.C. Gardner of Sandridge Baptist Church. Rev. Lawrence Robertson is pastor of GUBC. The public is invited to attend.

Sheridan Library sets public hearing

The Sheridan Memorial Library will hold a public hearing Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 6 p.m. at the Sheridan Community Center for the purpose of discussing Internet use, Internet policy and filtering. According to Library Director Lillian Gohlke, these items need to be discussed openly in order to continue receiving e-rates funding.

RHS blood drive is Sept. 25

In preparation for the upcoming Fall Blood Drive Sept. 25, the Rice High School (RHS) Student Council is sponsoring an informational assembly in the gym at RHS Tuesday, Sept. 18, from 12:30 p.m. to approximately 1:15 p.m. The program, which is open to the public, will be aimed at the junior and senior class members and attempt to emphasize the importance of giving blood. The program is provided by the Gulf Coast Medical Center and will feature former RHS student Thomas Carter and others. Please help us share the gift of life by giving blood.

Chamber to host County Attorney Sparks Sept. 26

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Colorado County Attorney Ken Sparks who will speak on "Hot Check Writing" Wednesday, Sept. 26, in the City Council Chambers. The time will be announced soon.

St. Paul BBQ is Sept. 23

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Wallis will hold its annual chicken barbecue and LWML Country Store Sunday, Sept. 23, at the Wallis American Legion Hall. A short worship service will be held by Pastor Ray Spitzenberger in the hall at 9 a.m.; serving starts at 11 a.m. Plates are \$6 and include half a chicken, potatoes, green beans, slaw, bread, trimmings and a drink.

Senior Friends traveling to Harrah's

Senior Friends will be traveling to Harrah's Lake Charles Casino Thursday, Sept. 20. Cost is \$10 per person. You will receive a \$5 coin voucher and \$5 food voucher. Your reservation will be confirmed by payment only. Call Carol at 979-282-6090 or Robin at 282-6808.

CAD office to close for computer training

The Colorado County Central Appraisal District (CAD) is installing a new computer system. In order to do this, the office will be closed Sept. 18 and 19 so the staff will be able to receive maximum benefit from the training made available. Please plan any business with the CAD around these dates. They apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Rotary Club needs your help

When Hurricane Mitch struck the Latin American country of Nicaragua, 11,000 people lost their lives. Since then, survivors have been faced with the monumental task of rebuilding their country. They've been able to plant and harvest a crop using small hand tools. A grand accomplishment, but not near enough to sustain them. The Rotary Club of Eagle Lake has taken on the project

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Munoz family needs your help, prayers

Our thoughts and prayers are with Thomas Munoz, son of Pete and Yolanda (Morales) Munoz, formerly of Eagle Lake.

Thomas was diagnosed with cancer recently and is beginning the first stages of chemotherapy.

Many challenges face Thomas and his family and they are asking for your support. They ask that Thomas and his family be in your prayers.

A barbecue fund raiser will be held

Saturday, Sept. 15 in front of El Zarape Bar from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each and include barbecue chicken, rice, beans and potato salad.

Please pre-purchase your tickets by calling Jackie Morales at 979-234-3714.

Help support Thomas and his family in their time of need.

Send letters or donations to Yolanda Munoz, P.O. Box 149, Louise, Texas 77455 or call 979-648-2892.

Raiders crush C.C. West Oso, 43-0

After finally getting to play, the Rice Raider varsity football team rolled to a solid 43-0 victory over Corpus Christi West Oso.

The victory, in Victoria's Memorial Stadium, moved Rice's record to 2-0 on the season.

The game opened up slowly for the Raiders in their first possession. The Raiders ran three plays and punted.

The Raider defense, led by 12 tackles from senior linebacker Jermal Wright, held the Bears after two first downs.

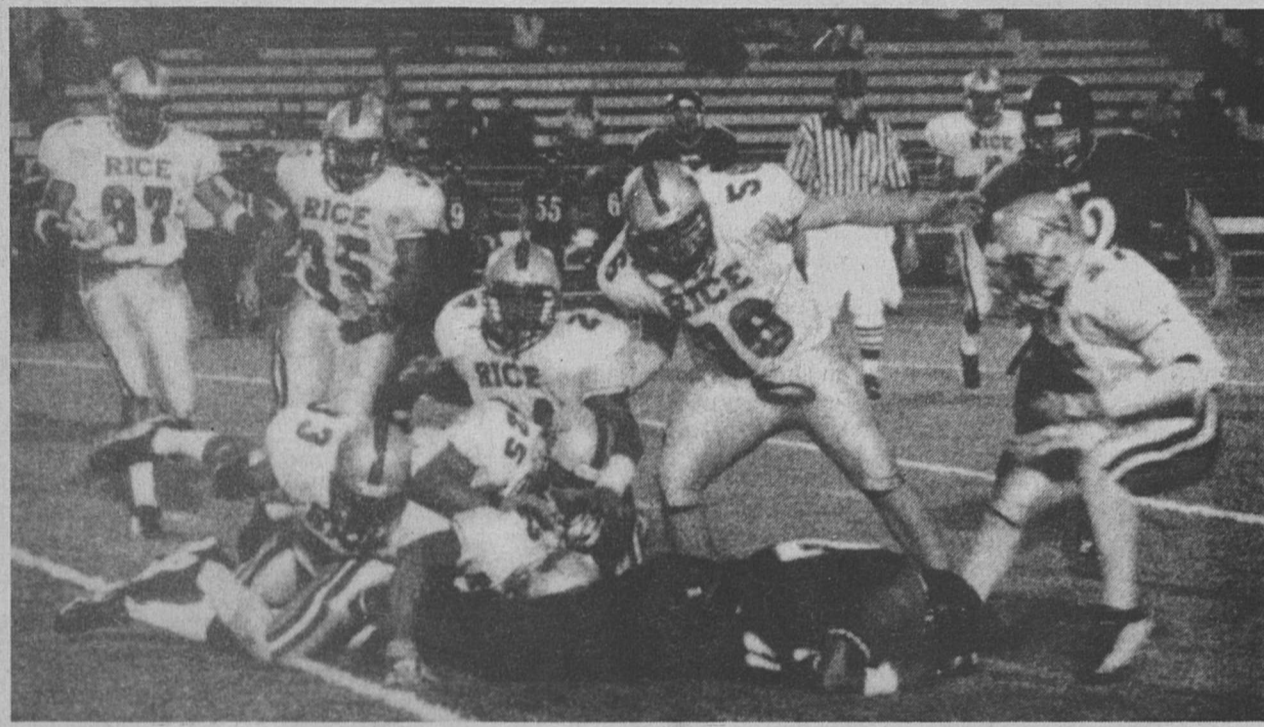
Shortly after, quarterback Patrick Milentz connected with flanker Jessie Upson on a beautiful 79-yard scoring strike.

The PAT was missed as Rice took an early 6-0 lead.

Once again, the Raider defense, which gave up only 67 total yards and four first downs the entire contest, held the Bears to only four yards and a punt.

After a slick punt return by Michael Spears, the Raider offense took over at the 42.

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It's defensive plays like this that helped the Rice Raiders hand Corpus Christi West Oso Bears a shut-out last Thursday night. This group of defensive Raiders stopped the Oso runner at the line of scrimmage. A couple of plays later, Raider #87, Quentin Whitfield, blocked Oso's punt which turned into seven more points for Rice when #80, Jason Godley, scored.

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A Memorial Message

As I write this memorial message with tear-filled eyes, it brings back those awful fears and grief we felt.

It has been 10 years since the fatal crash of Flight 2574 on September 11, 1991.

It came to a terrible end, crashing and burning in a field outside your town of Eagle Lake. The horrible truth that caused this crash (maintenance forgetting 47 screws and supervisors signing-off like the work was com-

plete) has haunted me and will forever.

Our son, Brad, was a devoted pilot and loved his work; he had wanted to be a pilot since he was a little boy. He was a loving son, husband, father,

brother and uncle.

This has bestowed infinite grief and loss on our family and friends. I know also the same is true of the families of all the others aboard and the crew (second pilot and flight attendant).

We want to thank all the caring people of Eagle Lake, especially Mr. Larry Dulany, Mr. and Mrs. (George and Margie) Cason, Mrs. Jean Thornton and the Mahalic family who welcomed us into their home the day after the crash.

In memory of our loving son and all 13 persons on that fatal Flight 2574, our prayers go out to all the families.

May God bless them and all of Eagle Lake.

A sister's thoughts

a card. I really miss that call.

Yes, I truly believe in Heaven and know that he is in a wonderful place and is watching over all of us. I know I used to believe everything happens for a reason. I can't say I really believe that anymore, because, other than knowing what not to say to someone who loses a loved one, I haven't found the reason yet.

I can think of many more selfish reasons why I wish he were still with us... to see his wonderful little boy, who also turned 10 this year, grow up to be a very special, thoughtful, caring young man; to see him play Little League; to hear him read the Bible; to just watch him walk and stand and have so many mannerisms like his father he can't remember; all the growing up things I know Brad would have been a big part of.

I can't help but wonder how Brad would have changed. He was always so slender, tall and handsome. I imagine he would have filled out some. What would his red hair look like with a little gray in it? I'll never know. He probably wouldn't have had much gray yet, he would have only been 39.

I miss you and love you so much, Brad.

Your loving sister,
Connie Partridge-Eason

Mr. and Mrs. Max Patridge
La Mirada, California

Raider sub-varsity football teams at home Thursday

The Freshmen and JV Raider football teams play at home this Thursday, Sept. 13.

The freshmen play Yoakum at 5

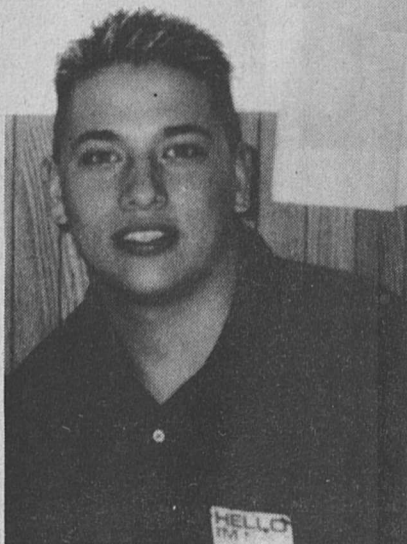
p.m. The JV team will follow, playing Brazos at 7.

Come out and support the sub-varsity Raiders this Thursday night.



2001 Fair royalty

Kelli Grunewald, front row, left, was crowned 2001 Colorado County Fair Queen at the pageant held Saturday, Sept. 8, in the Columbus High School auditorium. Stacey Markwardt, front row, right, was named the 2001 Membership Queen, selling \$13,195 worth of tickets, nearly three times the record of \$4,860 set by Mindy Mazoch in 1998. Among the other winners were, in back, from left, Ashlie Hall, first runner-up; Kaylee Robinson, second runner-up; Brittany Waligura, Miss Congeniality; and Hilary Stavinoha, first runner-up membership queen. The sales of all queen contestants was also a record with \$29,395 worth of tickets and memberships being sold, exceeding the 1996 record of \$17,285, according to Pam Potter, pageant director. Photo Courtesy of the Banner Press Newspaper



Thomas Munoz