

Pre-sale tickets on sale

According to Coach Russell Roark, tickets are available for Friday's game in Victoria against Sinton. Adult (\$4) and student (\$2) tickets are available at the Rice High School office or the Administration Building.



All tickets at the gate will be \$5, making it well worth the drive to Altair to purchase pre-game tickets.

Keep on paintin'

Unfortunately, the goal of painting all the fire hydrants in Eagle Lake by Sept. 11 was not achieved.

But, those who have been painting (and anyone who would like to begin) will continue through Sept.

The "crew" sends thanks to Len Matula, Chaundra Johnson, Steve Torrez, Mark Salazar & Family, John Paul Supak, Greg Contreras, Larry Lippman and City Employees Juan Rodriguez and Terrance Carter.

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NEWSBRIEFS

MAYC golf tournament is Sept. 14

The 4th Annual Mexican American Youth Council (MAYC) Mike V. Duarte Memorial Scholarship golf tournament will be held Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Eagle Lake Golf Course. The four-player golf scramble will have 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. shotgun starts. Entry fee is \$160 per team. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, longest drive and closest to the pin. Be a hole sponsor! A bargain at only \$75. For more information, call Daniel Contreras at 979-543-7291; Michael Duarte, 234-2630; or Ruben Salinas, 281-470-1257.

GCMC conference is Sept. 14

Mark Saturday, Sept. 14, on your calendar! Gulf Coast Medical Center (GCMC) will be honoring women with a conference called "Today's Woman at Her Best". Speakers included Marilyn Miglin, author, international cosmetic executive, motivational speaker; Helen Perry, corporate and personal image consultant and humorist; Dr. Jody Gilstrap from GC Family Medicine on "Women and Osteoporosis" and Elizabeth Noser, M.D., speaking on "Women and Strokes". Ted Lashley from El Campo will perform his "Magic and Melody" show during the salad luncheon by Pat-A-Cake. Begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. Call 979-282-6808 to request a registration form or check your local newspaper. Registration fee is \$20 and includes lunch.

GUBC Annual Homecoming is Sept. 15

The Greater Union Baptist Church (GUBC) will hold their Annual Homecoming on Sunday, Sept. 15, starting at 3 p.m. Rev. L. Robertson is the pastor of GUBC. Rev. A.C. Gardner will be the guest speaker.

Go Texan competition is Sunday, Sept. 15

The Colorado County Go-Texan horseshoe pitching and washer pitching contest will be held Sunday, Sept. 15, at the Colorado County Fairgrounds. Sign up is at 12 noon; competition starts at 1 p.m.

Project Graduation meeting is Sept. 16

Rice Project Graduation 2002-03 will hold a meeting in the high school commons area Monday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m. It's time to start planning Powder Puff and Senior Serve. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Seniors start earning your points NOW!

WCJC to present concert

The Fine Arts Department of Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) will present the annual *Something Old/Something New* concert, Thursday, Sept. 19 in the Horton Foote Theatre in the Duson-Hansen Fine Arts Building on the Wharton Campus at 7:30 p.m. The faculty members of the Fine Arts Department will present light, fun, humorous, and very entertaining music, readings, and skits to honor donors of the Fine Arts. The public is also invited. For more information, contact the Fine Arts Division Secretary at 979-532-6300. This is a free concert.

GMOBC Pastor's Aide Service is Sept. 21

Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church (GMOBC), 709 N. Lake Ave., cordially invites everyone to attend the Pastor's Aide Service, Sunday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m. honoring Rev. Thomas Kuykendall. Guest speaker will be Rev. James Wilkins of Post Oak Baptist Church of Brenham.

UMC Brown Bag Lunch is Sept. 22

The United Methodist Church (UMC) of Eagle Lake is sponsoring a Hamburger Brown Bag Lunch, Sunday, Sept. 22 from noon until 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 each and may be purchased at the church office or from Sandy Bandy (234-3925 or 234-3776). You may pick up your brown bag lunch at the back driveway of the church, entering from Cemetery Avenue. Proceeds of this fund raiser will go toward a pledge to Mt. Wesley, a spiritual retreat center, and to help a church in Bolivia.

MMBC Gospel fest is Sept. 20-22

The 5th Annual Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (MMBC) Outdoor Gospel Fest and Fair will be held Sept. 20-22 in Alleyton. The event will feature food, crafts, game booths, carnival rides, entertainment for the kids, an early morning yard sale and two live auctions. There will be gospel music from bands from Wharton, Bay City, Austin, Killen and Houston. Special guests will come from New Orleans and New Mexico. Events start Friday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 21, at 7 a.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 22, 2:30-8 p.m. For more information, call 281-342-7557.

RHS Classes to hold combined reunion

The Rice High School (RHS) Classes of 1991, 1992 and 1993 will hold a combined reunion at the Treehouse in Eagle Lake, Saturday, Oct. 12, starting at 5 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish and/or snacks. Former members of the RHS classes of 1991, 1992 and 1993 who want more information (See Newsbriefs, Page 4)



A bunch of dirty guys

This bunch of dirty guys put in a hard day's work Saturday, loading used tires into two trailers during the Main Street Tire Clean Up. Pictured, from left, are Gary Obenhaus (who stopped by at 8 a.m. and stayed all day), John Gertson, Tom Kelley, Taylor Cook, Doug Schwemm and Robby Cook. (See article and additional picture on Page 5.)

Photo Courtesy of Leslie Lerner

Raiders roast Gobblers, 6-28

In their home opener Friday night, Sept. 6, the Rice Raiders overcame an awful start then exploded in the second quarter to beat the visiting Cuero Gobblers, 6-28.

The Raiders had several miscues in the opening stanza, which kept their young defense on the field almost the entire first quarter. They showed their resilience and continually turned away the Gobblers.

Less than three minutes into the second quarter, Rice outside linebacker Michael Spears scooped up a Cuero fumble and rambled 88 yards for the opening score of the night.

Patrick Milentz added the PAT and the Raiders led 7-0.

Rice got on the board again with 4:28 left in the second on a seven-yard run by Charles Huffman.

On the PAT, Spears threw to Rusty Moore for the two points, giving the hometown Raiders a 15-0 lead.

The Raiders extended their lead to 22-0 just before intermission on a two-yard run by Jermaine Williams and a PAT by Milentz.

After the half, the Raiders came out determined not to let the Gobblers back into the game. Their stifling defense shut down the Cuero offense time and time again.

Cuero finally got onto the scoreboard late in the third quarter on a scramble up the middle by quarterback Brandon Mays.

The PAT failed, leaving the score 22-6 in favor of the Raiders.

Neither team moved the ball very successfully the remainder of the game until late in the fourth quarter after a Rice interception by Michael Cooper.

The Raiders put together one last drive to end the scoring when Huffman slashed his way in from 14 yards out, making the final score 28-6.

Award recipients this week for the Raiders include Gatorade Player of the Week Jess Little. Jess graded out very high on his offensive line play and his leadership and play from the linebacker spot on defense. He had 13 tackles.

Offensive Player of the Game was tight end Nick Sharp who did an outstanding job of blocking against the Gobblers.

The Raiders had Co-Defensive Players of the Game, Rusty Moore and Jasmine Smith.

Rusty led the team in tackles with 14. He had two sacks and one tackle for a loss.

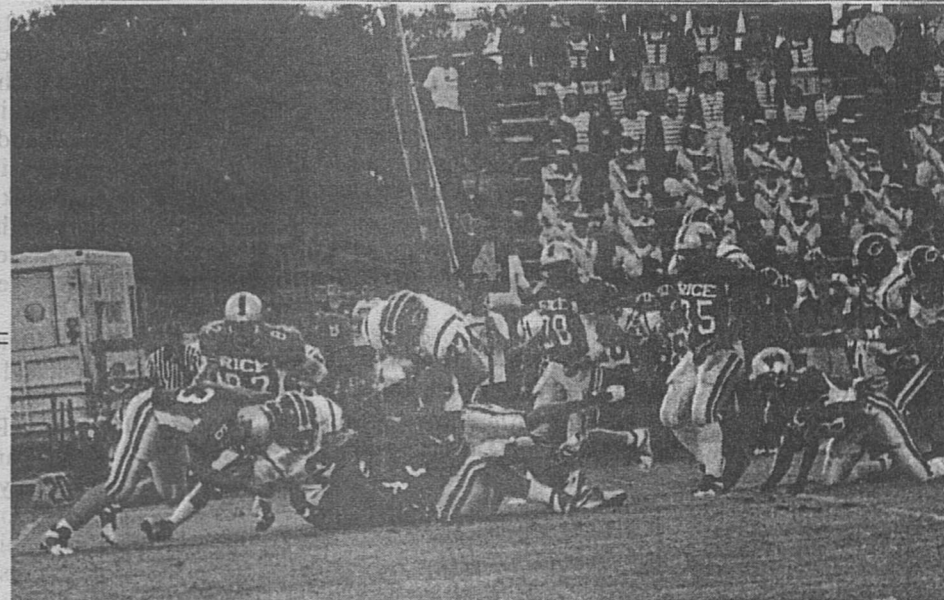
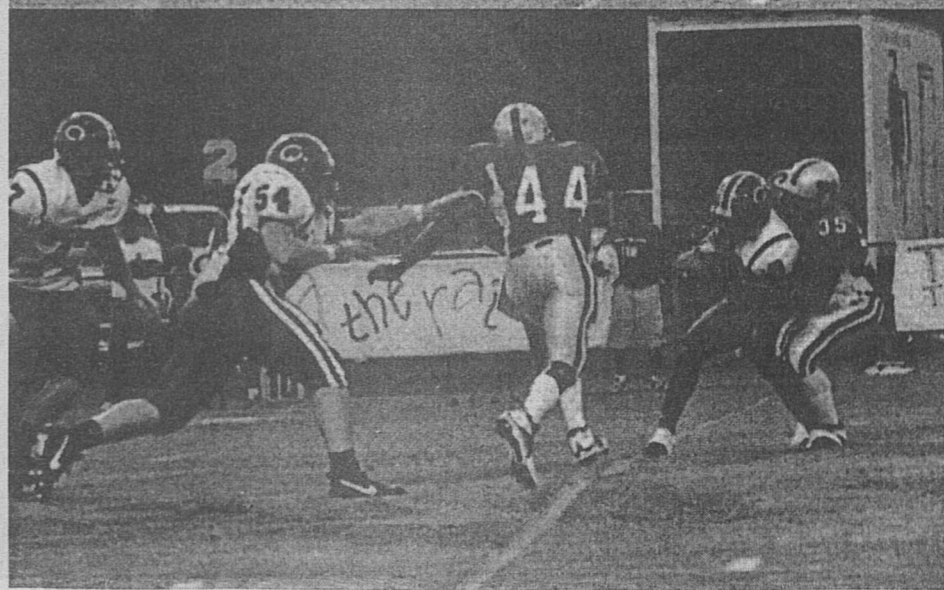
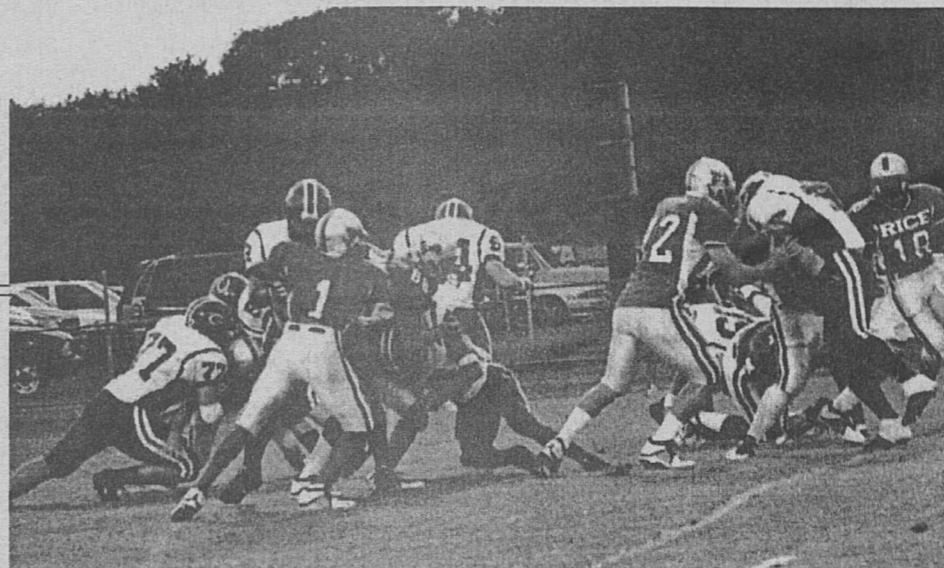
Jasmine only had four tackles, three for losses, but he was playing across from the Gobblers all-everything offensive lineman Cody (See Raiders, Page 6)

It was defensive plays (like the ones shown here) that kept Cuero from scoring more than a lone touchdown Friday night. What could be called a goal-line stand, this series of downs for Cuero started at the Rice nine yard line. In the top photo, a whole gang of Raiders got to the Cuero runner to drop him for a loss of one.

On the next play, center photo, Raider senior Tyreance Dabney dropped the Gobblers' quarterback for a loss of five, giving them third and 15.

On the next play, Rice junior Rusty Moore sacked the quarterback on the 24, bringing up fourth and 24.

Then, in the bottom photo, Rice juniors Jasmine Smith, #42, and Anthony Palmer, #1, stopped Cuero at the 22 yard line to give the Raiders the ball. Headlight Photos



Don't miss the Fair this weekend!

Planners of and participants in the Colorado County Fair are in full swing with everyone working hard to assure this year's Fair will be another great success.

This year's entertainment line-up is packed full of headlining and rising stars. MCA Nashville recording artist Gary Allan will be the headliner for the 24th Annual Colorado County Fair, Sept. 12-15.

For the third year, the Fair will be at the Colorado County Ag Complex just northwest of Columbus, at the intersection of Hwy. 90 and the Hwy. 71 Bypass. Directional signs posted at the first exit of the bypass will lead drivers to the Fair.

The hard work and dedication of young area 4-H and FFA exhibitors will pay off when 160 market show entries move into the Eddie Orange Livestock Barn during the Fair. This year's entries include four pen-of-three-heifers, 18 commercial heifers, nine market steers, 34 market goats, 46 market hogs, 29 market lambs, 15 pens of broilers and 15 pens of fryer rabbits.

Work begins prior to March for many of these exhibitors and is not complete until their animal project is sold at the Sept. 14 sale.

This year's Junior Show and Sale activities kick-off Thursday afternoon with animal weigh-ins.

Friday morning, the schedule of events begins at 7 a.m. with the market hog show.

Saturday morning, 4-H and FFA members will have their livestock projects judged, beginning at 8 a.m.

In addition, an open dairy show will begin at 10 a.m.

At 10:30, the 24th Annual Colorado County Fair Parade will pull out of downtown Columbus and at 2 p.m.

the Junior Sale will begin, back at the fairgrounds in the sale barn.

Each year, Colorado County sup-

porters including individuals, businesses and buyers groups have helped contribute to the sale by helping

these young exhibitors realize and fulfill their dreams.

(See Fair, Page 5)



Fair Queens

Courtney Swyden, right front, was crowned the 2002 Colorado County Fair Queen at the pageant last Saturday night at the Columbus High School auditorium while Mindy Malatek, left front, was named the 2002 Membership Queen as she sold the most tickets. Among the other honorees were, in back, from left, Kaylee Robinson, first runner-up Membership; Michele Wostarek, Fair Queen second runner-up; Amanda Corliss, second runner-up Membership; and Amanda Glaeser, Fair Queen first runner-up. The 24th Annual Colorado County Fair opens tonight (Thursday) and runs through Sunday at the Colorado County Ag Complex in Columbus. (See additional photos, Page 5.)

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