

Colorado County Crime Stoppers



During the first half of the football game Friday, Oct. 24, between Weimar and Schulenburg, five (5) vehicles were broken into while they were parked at the game. Four (4) of these vehicles were parked in the field across from the football field (the site of the new baseball field). The other was parked in the lot in front of the Administration build-

ing at the Weimar High School. Purses, containing cash, checks, credit cards and various forms of information, were taken in each of these burglaries.

On that same night, four (4) vehicles were similarly burglarized at the Columbus football field during their game. (See Crime, Page 9)

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NEWSBRIEFS

CCW community meeting is tonight

All area women, especially those new to Colorado County, are invited to participate in all Columbus Christian Women's (CCW) community projects. Plan to attend the CCW meeting scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 6, 9:30 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Columbus.

4-H fruit, pecans, nuts sale orders due

The Colorado County 4-H fruit, pecans and nuts sale orders must be in by Friday, Nov. 7. Order now! Texas navel oranges and sweet grapefruit, apples, pears, pecans, peanuts, cashew, walnuts and gift packs are available. Contact a local 4-H member or Eagle Lake 4-H Club Manager Claudine Shorter at 234-2778; Assistant 4-H Manager Erma McGrew, 234-2086; or the Extension Office, 979-732-2530. Fruits and nuts will arrive Dec. 5.

Senior Citizen's Dance is Friday

The public is invited to a Senior Citizen's Dance, a place to meet old and new friends, Friday, Nov. 7, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The Lazy Farmers will provide the music. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call 979-234-3795.

Thrift Shop open Saturday

The Prairie Edge Museum Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stop by... you never know what you'll find!

RMC offering 'drive-thru' flu shots

Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon, drive through the front entrance of Rice Medical Center (RMC) for your flu shot... without getting out of your car! RMC nurses at a cost of \$18 will administer flu shots.

Legion to honor deceased veterans

The W.Cherry-M. Perry American Legion Post #108 of Eagle Lake will honor deceased veterans buried in local cemeteries on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, by placing American flags by their gravesites. The flags will be placed in the designated holders by the gravesites on the morning of Saturday, Nov. 8, and be retrieved Wednesday, Nov. 12. The flag holders are white and red, white and blue stripes at the top, and are placed, where possible, to the immediate left of the gravesite or marker. If we have missed a veteran's grave in the past, please contact Robert Griffith at 234-2058 or Hugh Sheridan at 234-5464, as it is our intention to honor ALL veterans of ALL services.

'Pink Ladies' fund raiser underway

The "Pink Ladies" Auxiliary is selling tickets for their Christmas fundraiser "A Basket of Christmas Spirit". This will be a huge basket filled with all kinds of "goodies". Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Tickets may be purchased from any Pink Lady or at the hospital gift shop. The drawing will be held Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. at the gift shop. You may also contact Barbara Pidgeon at 234-2897 for tickets or more information.

Legion to dispose of flags

The U.S. Flag Code states that when an American flag has served its useful purpose and is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. The W.Cherry-M. Perry American Legion Post #108 of Eagle Lake will hold its annual flag disposal ceremony Tuesday, Nov. 11, Veteran's Day, at 6 p.m. at the City Park. The public is encouraged to attend. Those who have unserviceable American flags may turn them in at Furniture Shoppe, Prairie Edge Museum or Struss Auto for proper disposal.

ELMS PTO meeting is Nov. 11

The Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) PTO will meet Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 6:30 p.m. After a short meeting, students will present a Veteran's Day program.

Study Club meeting is Nov. 12

The Eagle Lake Study Club will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Wintermann Library. Weesie Brock, Maudie Thomas and Maxine Price of Edna will present the program on volunteerism, some dealing with the Brookwood Community. This will be the Club's Thanksgiving program so everyone come and please bring a friend.

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Raiders squash Needville 41-7; clinch playoff berth

The Rice Raiders routed the Needville Bluejays 41-7 Friday night to clinch the top-seed in the 3A Division II playoffs.

Rice raised its season record to 8-1 and 4-0 in 28AAA loop play.

The Raiders must still play at Wharton this Friday for the outright district championship. The game will simply be for bragging rights as Rice, as well as Wharton, have clinched spots and are locked in as Div. I and Div. II champs.

Needville dropped to 4-5 for the season and 2-2 in district action. They can still clinch the third and final playoff spot with a win over Edna Friday.

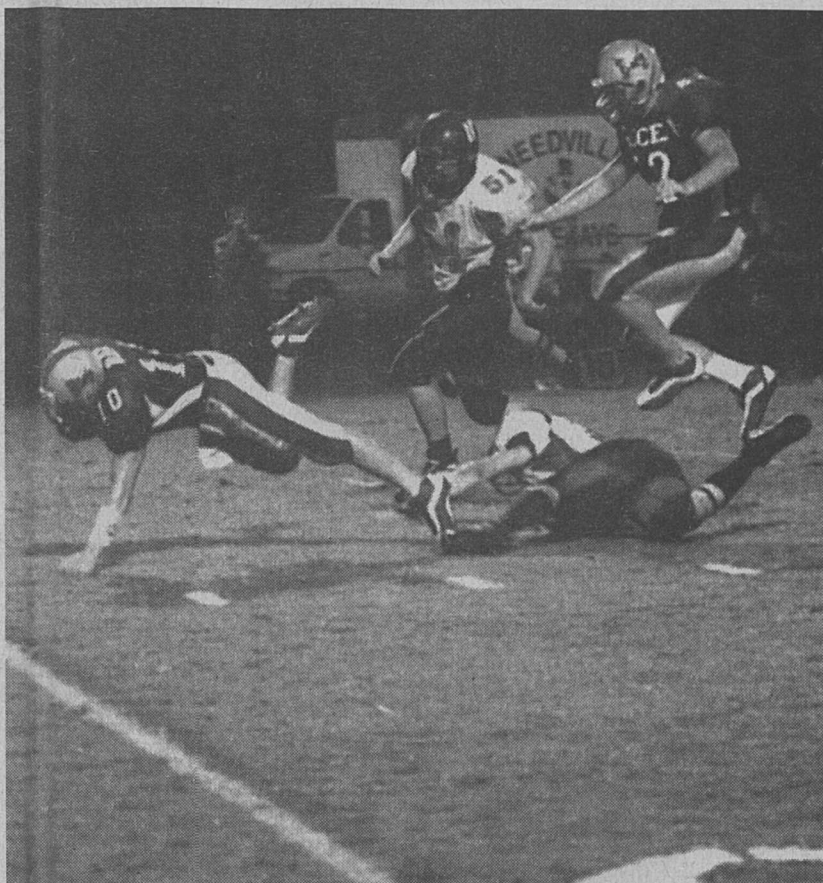
Edna can clinch the final spot only if they beat Needville by 3 or more points (because of the district tie-breaker system).

Rice has also been moving up the statewide polls the past three weeks and is now currently ranked between 5th and 8th in 3A, depending on which one you consult.

The Raiders scored on every possession during last Friday's game, except for one which ended in a 41-yard punt from Stuart Ray.

The Raiders explosive ground attack rolled over the Bluejays for 361 yards, many with second and third teamers doing the damage in the second half.

Senior Michael Spears and junior Charles Huffman once again displayed



Rice quarterback Stuart Ray literally dove across the goal line to score the Raiders' fifth touchdown Friday night against Needville. Ray, filling in for injured starter Steven Moore, turned in an outstanding performance. "It was a good game to give him some minutes and get his feet wet in preparation for the playoffs. He did a good job," commented Coach Ryan Roark about Ray's performance.

a great 1-2 punch for the playoff-bound Raiders.

Huffman gained 120 yards on 16 carries and had an explosive 80-yard touchdown called back which would have pushed him over 200 yards.

Spears darted his way to 140 yards on 13 carries and three touchdowns... all in the first half.

Junior halfback Jonathan Thomas netted 65 yards on only six carries.

Also worth noting is new starting quarterback Stuart Ray who had two rushing touchdowns in his debut. Ray is filling in for the remainder of the season for starter Steven Moore, who is out with a broken ankle. Ray was also one-of-two passing for 24 yards in a limited, and not needed, passing attack against the hapless 'Jays.

Junior reserve fullback Robert Scott scored the final touchdown for the Raiders in the 4th quarter.

Probably the highlight of the evening was the domination of the offensive and defensive lines. They line corps completely dominated the Bluejays fronts, thus allowing for big nights from the offensive backs and the Raider linebackers.

Senior standout tackle Kevin Shimek probably had the best game of his career in totally overpowering anyone who got in his way. Linemen Jess Little, James Ochoa, Dustin Krenek and Chad Mahalitic and tight ends Garrett Flores and Ed Thomas also played superbly in the trenches.

Ed Thomas, at a second tight end, gives the Raiders greater ability to use the power game when needed. Thomas, Flores and Robert Shaw give the Raiders three excellent athletes at the tight end position.

Shaw looks to return to full speed this week after nursing a sore knee.

Defensively, the Raiders posted another great game in holding the 'Jays (See Varsity, Page 8)

Brighten your holiday season!

Only one month left to enter the Eagle Lake Holiday of Lights Parade. This year's parade is going to be bigger and better than ever! The City of Eagle Lake and the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce wants YOUR participation!

The annual Holiday of Lights Parade, going Hawaiian this year, will be held **Saturday, Dec. 13**. So, take out your Hawaiian shirts, skirts, leis, Hawaiian holiday spirit and start preparing for the "Huladay" festivities.

Individuals, businesses, schools, service organizations, a group of friends, etc. can have a float, walk or march in the parade. You can even have a concession booth or join in for "Caroling on the Square" at 5 p.m. This can be fun for all! Santa will be on "the

square" following the parade.

Judges will award prizes in the following categories: Annual Chamber President's Award (Grand Prize), Judge's Special Award (2nd), Grand Marshall's Award (3rd), Theme Award (Hawaiian Christmas), Traditional Christmas Award, Best Lights, Most Spirited, Most Original/Unique Entry and Best Musical Entry.

Judging will be between 5:30 and 6:45 with the parade beginning at 6:45.

Awards will be presented as entries pass the announcement stand. Lighting entries is a must and entries cannot include a live Santa or Mrs. Clause.

For safety reasons, candy or other items cannot be thrown.

Entry forms for the parade and concession booths must be returned

to the Chamber of Commerce, 210 Golf Course Road, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434 or faxed to 979-234-7516 by Monday, Dec. 1

Placement in the parade is on a first-come, first-serve basis. A parade (See Parade, Page 9)

Veterans Day

By Senator Kay Hutchison

"From Valley Forge to Vietnam, through war and peace, valiant Americans have answered the call to duty with honor and dignity. Americans throughout this great land set aside Veterans Day for special remembrance of the men and women who have served to protect our freedom. The sound of bugles playing taps will pierce the air at countless ceremonies around the country and at our bases overseas in tribute to those who gave their lives in order to safeguard human liberty."

This proclamation, issued by President Reagan in 1981, came 27 years after President Eisenhower signed a bill declaring November 11 as Veterans Day to honor all who have served. That day in November was originally set aside as Armistice Day in 1918, when a truce between the Allies and Central Powers ended the fighting in World War I.

This year, we continue that legacy of honor, paying tribute to the men and women who have placed their lives in danger to preserve ours. We remember those who lost their lives in the line of duty and express sincere gratitude for those who continue to serve to protect our freedom. We honor their families, who also sacrifice in service of our country.

In Congress, I serve on the Veterans Affairs Committee and have always worked with my colleagues to ensure we are giving the best resources and care to our veterans. In recent years, we've passed a range of legislation that addressed the needs of our veteran community: the Veterans' Opportunities Act, which created new life insurance and health care benefits for up to two million eligible spouses and children of veterans; the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance

Act that authorized \$1 billion to aid homeless veterans and prevent veterans from becoming homeless; and the Veterans Education and Benefits Expansion Act, which authorized more than \$3.1 billion over five years to expand and increase educational, housing, burial and disability benefits.

Earlier this year we introduced legislation to assist Medicare-eligible veterans struggling with the costs of prescription medications. And, we have continued to pass strong Defense Appropriations bills, including the \$87 billion supplemental appropriation for Iraq, which will ensure our troops are fully equipped to face the enemy.

On the heels of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom, this Veterans Day is particularly significant. American and allied soldiers continue to fight and die in defense of our freedoms. Many are face-to-face with danger at this moment.

It is these remarkable men and women, past and present, who embody the democratic ideals that are the foundation of our great nation.

As with every war, soldiers now fighting in the deserts of Iraq exemplify the heroism and bravery we have come to expect from our armed forces. But of all the reports we have heard, one story rises above and exemplifies the best of our military.

The rescue of young Private First Class Jessica Lynch remains one of the most touching stories of this conflict. It was incredible. But it was not just what happened inside the hospital that tells this story. It was action taken outside the hospital that made me realize how special these men and women are.

Our soldiers swarmed the hospital (See Veterans, Page 4)



District Champs!

The Rice Freshmen volleyball team finished the season 10-0, making them District Champs. Pictured are team members, in front, Cunneisha Foster, Morgan Dumont and Brinnan Pierce. In the middle are Krystal Mason, Coach Andrea Machac and Kayla Robertson. In back are La'Brittany Hemphill, Desiree Toliver, Jerinessa Crystal, Mallory Dumont and Megan Hinze.

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Pecan Food Show scheduled for Nov. 24

By Sally Garrett
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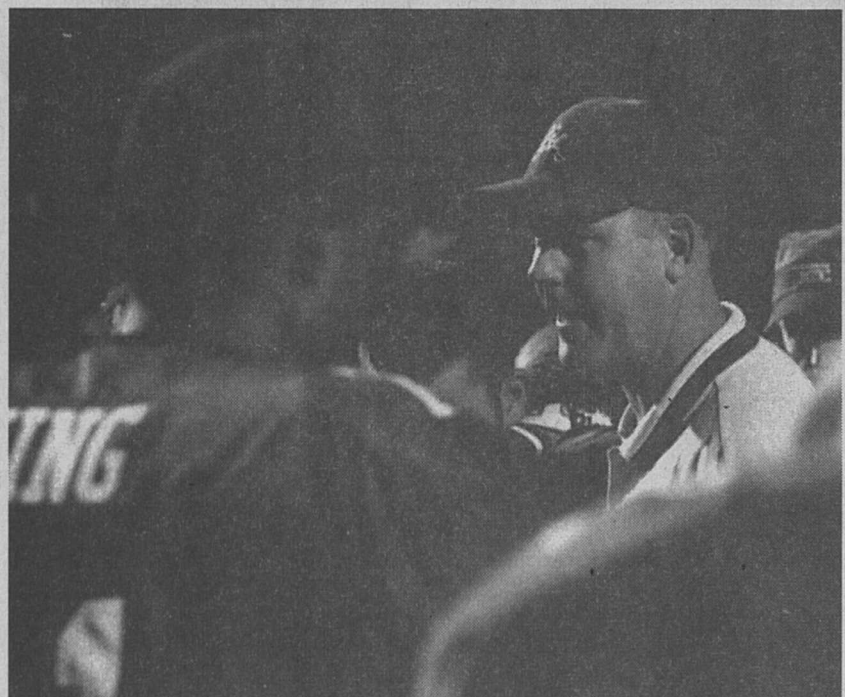
The Pecan Show and Food Show will be held Monday, Nov. 24, at the Colorado County Ag. Building in Columbus.

The show has two divisions: adult, including anyone 19 years and older, and youth, including any youth in third grade through age 18.

There will be six classes for each age division: cookies, cakes, candy, pies, quick breads and miscellaneous.

A person may have only one entry per class. An entry fee of \$1 per entry will be charged to offset the expenses of the show. Individuals will have the opportunity to sell their items.

All recipes must contain at least one-half cup of pecans. Recipes using a commercial mix will be accepted. Refrigerated items will not be accepted. All entries should be wrapped in transparent paper and be on disposable plates or containers. Containers (See Show, Page 6)



Preparing his 'troops'

After the Rice victory over Needville Friday night, Head Coach Rusty Roark informed his Raiders they were the number one seed in small school and added, "Don't let anything distract you from your goal."

It was as if he was preparing them for the possibility that materialized late Tuesday when a Wharton County Grand Jury indicted Roark on the charges filed in connection with the Oct. 3rd incident during the Wharton football game.

Even though District Attorney Josh McCown said the arraignment will likely be sometime next month, it must be pointed out that an indictment does not point to guilt or innocence, but means the grand jury heard what they thought was enough evidence to send the case to trial.

When contacted late Tuesday evening, Rice CISD Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott had not yet been informed of the indictments and therefore could not make a comment.