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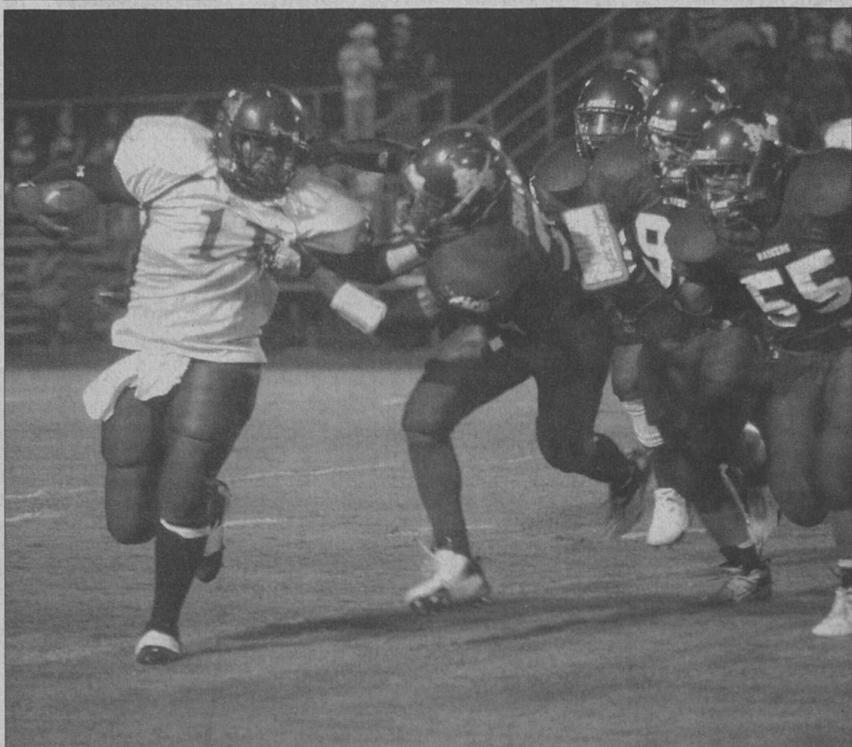
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Darkieth Pratt works to drag down a Weimar ball carrier as a host of Raiders are on hand to make sure the tackle is made.

Raiders Win District Opener

The Rice Raider football team opened district 28AA with a convincing shutout win over the Weimar Wildcats on Friday night. The final score of the contest was 47-0.

The Raiders extended to their season record to a perfect 4-0.

Sophomore Ziggy Foster paced the Raiders offensive attack with 176 yards rushing on 17 carries, one for a touchdown.

"Ziggy had another outstanding performance, he is a mail carrier and doing a super job," said Coach Brad Dumont.

Brian Williams found the endzone three times Friday night with two pass receptions for scores and a 98-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown. He had 36 yards receiving on the night.

Junior quarterback Taylor Cook turned in another good performance completing 11 of 19 passes for 115 yards and three touchdowns. Cook added another touchdown on an eight yard carry. This all despite some razzing from an opposing fan which resulted in the fan being ejected from the game.

"We tell our kids to focus on the game and it will turn out," said Dumont.

"Ignore the things that are not directly involved in the game and stay focused on the goal, winning," he added.

The Raiders dominated on offense racking up 219 yard on the ground and 115 through the air while holding the Wildcats to just 62 yards on the ground and 113 passing.

"Our defense did a tremendous job," said Dumont.

Rice opened the scoring early when Pablo Suarez sacked Weimar's quarterback Drew Quinney causing a fumble deep in Wildcat territory.

Jasmine Hemphill picked up the loose ball and took it to the endzone for the Raiders first touchdown with 10:22 left in the first quarter.

"That play set the tone for the game. We drew up that blitz and it worked just like we drew it up," said Dumont.

"We finish all defensive drills in practice with a scoop and score," which he said helped in scoring that touchdown.

Luis Samaniego made the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

Weimar started their next possession on the 35-yard line and picked up a first down after a Raider penalty and a seven-yard carry by Cassius Johnson.

The Wildcat drive stalled after a penalty on third down pushed them back to third down and six to go.

Weimar was forced to punt after a three yard rush on third down.

The Raiders took over possession on their own 41-yard line.

Rice quickly moved the ball to the Weimar 35-yard line on carries of seven and 17 yards.

After a five-yard penalty, Cook hit Ross Lobpriess for a four yard gain.

Foster then had a three-yard carry followed by an incomplete

District Told Land Purchased Rice Discusses Bottled Water Plant

Land has been purchased for a site for a proposed \$250 million water bottling plant north of Eagle Lake in the Rice School District, officials for the district have been told.

And school officials said there is a potential to gain millions of dollars in revenue for the district by taking advantage of complex tax breaks allowed by state law for economic development.

The Rice School Board met on Tuesday, Sept. 26 to discuss with their attorney the possibility of granting what is called a "tax value limitation" to the company, American PureTex Water Corp., on a water bottling plant that it proposes to build in the district.

Superintendent Michael Lanier said he had been told that PureTex has purchased land for the proposed plant. He said it is located near the intersection of FM 102 and Ramsey Rd.

Company officials had earlier said they were looking at purchasing a site covering 200 to 300 acres.

Under state law, school districts are allowed to give a tax break to businesses by limiting the tax value of a business, if it meets certain requirements pertaining to employment, size and operations.

Lanier said the district is exploring options in limiting the

tax value in order to benefit the district.

Under the law, he said the district and the business can enter a tax value limitation agreement, which is basically a ten-year contract.

The Rice district will be able to negotiate a yearly payment that could total millions of dollars from PureTex for a portion of the tax savings that the company will receive, he said.

Lanier said value of the proposed plant is still unclear, although he said he has heard numbers ranging from around \$50 million to \$250 million.

If the plant has a value of around \$250 million, that would translate to almost \$3.5 million in tax revenue to the district at its current tax rate of \$1.37047 per \$100 of valuation.

Last year, the district received around \$6 million total in local tax revenues.

State law provides that if a tax value limitation agreement is made, that the company would have to pay taxes on the full valuation for the first two years of the agreement.

Then for the next eight years,

the district could set a limit on the tax value as low as \$10 million.

The district would then negotiate a yearly cash payment to pay the district back a portion of the company's tax savings.

In theory, district officials said, the district could be paid back anything up to 100 percent of the tax savings.

"We would want their tax savings to be as large as possible, with a cash payment as large as possible, if we did this," said Assistant Superintendent Billy Hefner.

To qualify for the value limitation, the company must meet certain requirements, and the district would have to conduct an economic impact study on the company's proposed investment.

The study, which would cost around \$65,000, would be paid for by an application fee paid by the company.

The application for the limitation must be reviewed by the state comptroller, who would then make a recommendation to the school board.

For the company to meet the requirements, they would have

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NEWSBRIEFS

Closed for Columbus Day

The following will be closed in observance of Columbus Day, Oct. 9: First National Bank, Wallis State Bank, Wintermann Library, the Colorado County Courthouse (Commissioner's meeting will be held Oct. 10) and the City of Eagle Lake offices. There will be no trash collection Monday. Mondays route and Tuesdays route will be collected on Tuesday. The Eagle Lake Headlight will be open.

Hurricane Assistance Clinic slated

The deadline for appeals for assistance and recertification for victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita is October 31, 2006. Lone Star Legal Aid (LSLA) is sponsoring clinics to assist victims in Austin, Colorado, Fayette, Waller, and Washington Counties in filing the paperwork for appeals and recertification in the following locations and times: October 6, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Agricultural Extension Hall, 316 Spring, Columbus; and October 9, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 701 Church Street, Brenham. People will be seen on a first come, first serve basis. Low-income people with non-hurricane related legal issues should contact our office at (979) 865-9133 to make an application for legal services.

WCBC fish fry is Friday

The Mission Dept. of White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) will be selling fish dinners with all the trimmings Friday, Oct. 6 starting at 11 a.m. at WCBC, 316 Old Altair Rd. Orders may be placed by calling 234-5166, 234-3913 or 234-5829. For delivery call 234-3800. The WCBC family thanks you in advance for your support.

Senior citizens dance is Friday

A Senior Citizens Dance will be held Friday, Oct. 6 at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 8 to 11 p.m. This Is It will provide the music. Admission is \$6 a person. For more information call 979-234-2903.

Sealy dance club to host dance Saturday

The Sealy Dance Club will host a dance Saturday, Oct. 7 at the American Legion Hall in Sealy. Dance time is 7:30 to 11 p.m. Music will be provided by Central Texas Sounds. The theme for this dance is Halloween, so dress in your favorite scary outfit. Every dance is a big party and fun time. Enjoy free cake, coffee and door prizes. The public is invited. For more information call 979-885-3489.

Community garage sale is Saturday

The Parish of the Nativity Catholic Church will host a community garage sale Oct. 7 at 8 a.m. the pavilion on Austin Road in Eagle Lake. Donations are needed and welcomed and can be dropped off Thursday and Friday, Oct. 5 and 6 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please help us make this a success. All proceeds go to restoration of the church. For more information call Lynn Rucka, 832-623-3818, Trish English, 234-2746 or Phyllis Psencik at 234-3564.

Holy Cross Parish Bazaar is Sunday

Riverside Hall in East Bernard will be the site for the Holy Cross Parish Bazaar Sunday, Oct. 8. Dinner will be served at 11 a.m. and continue throughout the day. Stay for the auction consisting of over 300 items at 12:30 p.m. There will be games and entertainments throughout the day for young and old. The music starts at noon featuring Bobby Jones and the Dujka Brothers from 3:30 to 6 p.m. and No Limit, local musicians at 6 p.m. The drawing will be held at 8 p.m. for 96 prizes. Come join Holy Cross celebrate its 105th anniversary.

Lions Club BBQ set for Sunday

The Eagle Lake Lions Club will hold a BBQ chicken dinner Sunday, Oct. 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Golf Course. Tickets are \$6 each.

Garwood VFD burger supper is Oct. 9

The Garwood Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) will hold their hamburger supper Monday, Oct. 9 at the Garwood Fire Station. Serv-

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Study Club Nets Over \$50,000

By Betty Wilcox

All of the good guys and gals of the Eagle Lake area came to the aid of the Wintermann Library.

The 27th annual auction, held on Saturday, Sept. 16, was a resounding success.

The evening began at 5 p.m. with a great fried fish dinner served by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce under the direction of Ron Janow.

Also starting at 5 p.m. was the bake sale directed by Barbara Pidgeon and Anna Lee Higgins. All sorts of goodies were provided by Study Club members. This brought in a total of \$1,016.

The silent auction for 61 items caused great excitement for all in attendance. There were all types of items from toys to clocks to hang on the wall. This section of the auction netted \$1,284.

When Joe Herbert and Candy McCreary took over the crowd was in for an evening of bidding, laughing, teasing, and winning bids by top bidders. This auction

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Raiders To Travel To Edna

The Rice Raiders will look to extend their winning streak to five games this week when they travel to Edna to battle the Cowboys.

Gametime is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday night.

Edna's record stands at 3-1 on the season and 1-0 in district.

They defeated Tidehaven 28-22 to open district play.

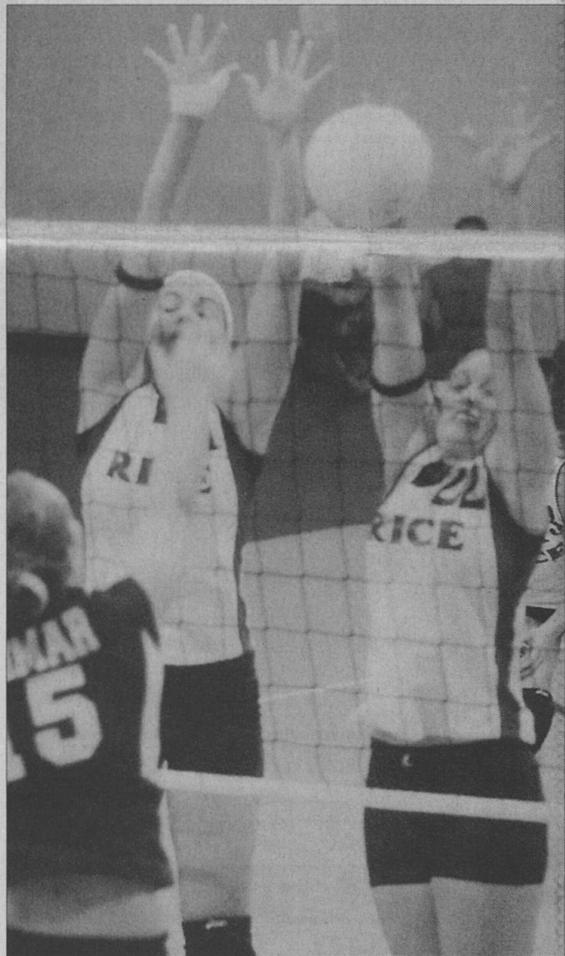
"They have super speed at running back and run from the I formation," said Rice coach Brad Dumont.

Defensively, Edna operates out of a split-6 formation and gets to the quickly advised Dumont.

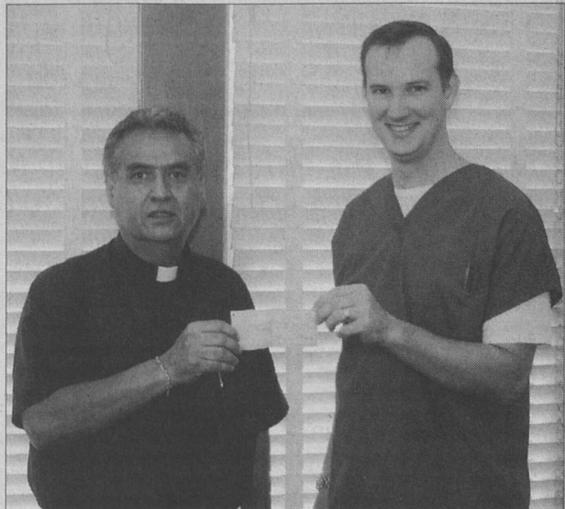
Through four games, Edna has averaged just 191 yards offensively and has given up an average of 268 yards per contest.

Senior Craig Wysong is their leading rusher with nearly 400 yards and three touchdowns.

"Keys to victory as always are to take care of the ball, don't turn it over and tackle solidly," said Dumont.



Shelly Myres, left, and Mallory Dumont go for a block against Weimar last Friday.



Parish Of Nativity Gets Donation

Pictured is Kurt Sunderman, Grand Knight of the Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus presenting Fr. Robert Guerra, Pastor of the Parish of the Nativity with a check for \$3000. The check was given to the Parish of the Nativity to help with the renovations that will be starting very soon on the Sanctuary. The Parish of the Nativity will be starting with the outside renovations within the next month and the inside renovations will begin after the Christmas season.