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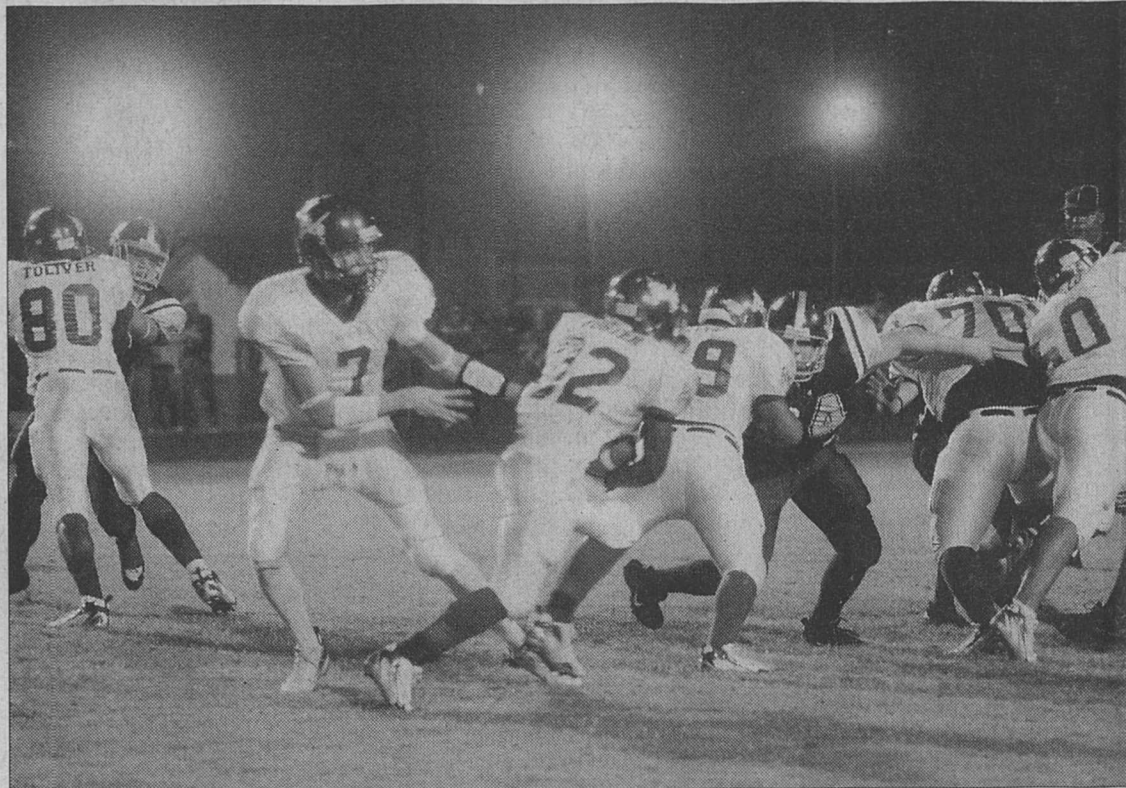
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Taylor Cook (#7) hands the ball off to Ziggy Foster as the Raider line blocks during Rice's loss last Friday night. The Raiders are in the playoffs and play Boling on Friday at 7:30 in El Campo.

Raiders Drop Final Game

The Rice Raiders lost a tough game in their final regular season contest last Friday in Industrial 27-19.

Rice had already clinched a playoff berth and will be facing Boling in the first round of the Class 2A Division I playoffs this Friday night in El Campo at 7:30 p.m.

With their win over Rice Friday, Industrial took the final playoff spot and will take on East

Bernard in the first round of the Division II playoffs.

The Raiders finished the regular season with an 8-2 record and a 5-2 district mark.

The game was stopped with a 2:15 left due to a cold front blowing in bringing with it with heavy winds and thunderstorms.

Industrial had the ball deep in Raider territory with an 8-point lead and the wind at their back when the game was stopped by

officials due to lightning.

Officials are required to delay a game if there is lightning within six miles and the game cannot be resumed until it has been 20 minutes since the last lightning strike inside six miles.

Two Rice players were injured a few plays before the game was stopped.

At that time Rice coach Brad Dumont tried to get his players to head to the locker room but they were waved off the field by officials so that play could resume.

Dumont indicated that at that particular time he was worried about the proximity of the lightning, and the safety of the players.

He said that everything was pretty chaotic when he finally reached the locker room after the game was stopped.

He indicated that most of the players were worked-up because two of his players had been taken by ambulance to the emergency room.

He said he had no idea what was going on exactly when he found out they had been taken.

He said that after this, he contacted the officials and told them they would not finish the game after the delay given the

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Eagle Lake Water District Request Tabled By County

Colorado County commissioners, meeting Monday, voted to table consideration of a resolution by the city of Eagle Lake requesting that commissioners appoint a committee to study submitting a plan to create a groundwater district.

The vote was unanimous to table the issue.

Two residents spoke in favor of action to appoint a committee and two were opposed.

Arthur Mahaltic, who described himself as a farmer in the south part of the county, said he supported the resolution.

Another resident Cliff Masarik said he had concerns about creation of a district.

"I'm not for big government," he said.

Pat Bubela also spoke against creation of a district.

He questioned the ability of water districts to effectively regulate water pumping.

"A water district is a false sense of security," he said.

He also said the San Antonio Water System has sued the Gonzales Water District over regulations they have put in place.

Travis Wegenhoft spoke in favor of a district.

"We need to do something to protect groundwater. The threat is not a groundwater district," he said.

Wegenhoft said that Bubela has not offered any positive proposals.

"We need to work together and not fight," he said.

County Judge Al Jamison noted that voters had turned down proposed water districts twice in the past.

He then suggested that the issue be tabled and the vote carried unanimously.

In other action, commissioners:

--Approved a resolution recognizing the week of Nov. 12 as County Extension Agent Week.

--Approved a resolution to apply for a \$350,000 grant to make improvements to the Rock Island Water system. If approved, the county would provide \$17,500 for the project.

--Approved an agreement to allow Columbus High School health students to ride with EMS.

--Authorized the periodic loan of Colorado County School Census records to the Nesbitt Memorial Library for preparation of an historical database of names

that could be assessable on the Internet.

--Approved salary guidelines for the coming fiscal year. The guidelines change the maximum salary that can be granted to 10 percent, up from 8 percent currently.

--Approved the purchase of a stamp machine and scale for \$4,381 from Neopost Inc., based on their low bid.

--Approved allowing county employees and equipment to be used in the "Colorado County Deputy Santa Program."

--Approved paying approximately \$27,000 in accrued overtime to employees in the sheriff's department. Sheriff Curly Wied said the money will come from within his budget and noted that some vacancies have not been immediately filled, providing some of the funds.

--Were told by Auditor Raymie Kana that the county could end up with a slight surplus at the end of the year.

Through the end of October, she said, the surplus was \$291,000, but noted that could go up or down, depending on spending in the last two months.

NEWSBRIEFS

Bonfire, pep rally is tonight

A pep rally and bonfire will be held tonight, Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. at the high school. Come and support the Raiders as they start playoff action. If more information is needed please call the school at 234-3535.

E.H. Henry alumni meeting is tonight

The E.H. Henry and Ex-students will hold a meeting Thursday, Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. All interested persons are asked to meet at White Cloud Baptist Church.

Historical meeting is tonight in Weimar

The Colorado County Historical Commission (CCHC) will hold a meeting Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. at Sammy's Steak House, 117 N. Mechanic in Weimar. John O. Boettcher will present the program, "History of the Insell-Goete Building."

Livestock judging practices scheduled

Livestock judging practices have been scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 5 and Monday, Jan. 22 (2007). Please contact Mr. Rankin to see if these practices will be held at the Extension office or elsewhere.

Nutcracker kicks off Plaza Christmas

East Bernard's Keller Academy of Performing Arts will perform The Nutcracker Ballet at the Plaza Theatre on the Square in Wharton on Saturday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m. (in conjunction with Cowboy Christmas) and Sunday, November 19 at 2:30 p.m. Reservations required. For tickets or reservations, visit the Plaza Box Office at Hensley Medical Claims, 212-B North Richmond Road, call 979-282-2970 or click on www.whartonplazatheatre.org. Tickets are \$8, with half the proceeds supporting the Light Up The Square Fund for the restoration of the historic theater.

First National garage sale is Saturday

First National Bank (FNB) will hold a garage sale Saturday, Nov. 18 to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. It will be held in the drive thru lanes from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mt. Sinai first annual musical

Mount Sinai Evangelical Ministries, 5588 Hwy. 90-A in Eagle Lake will hold their first annual musical Saturday, Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m. Theme: "Make A Joyful Noise" - Psalm 100:01. Rev. Thomas E. Kuykendall, pastor; Bro. Audre Hatton, minister of music; and Sis. Regena Phillips, asst.

Thanksgiving Program Set Sunday

The Greater Union Baptist Church (GUBC) youth department will hold a Thanksgiving program Sunday, Nov. 19 at 3 p.m. Rev. L.D. Smith and the New Mt. Sinai Community Church of Houston will bring the message. So if you want to be blessed and hear from (Holy Ghost Headquarters) come out and receive your blessings. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Sheriff's bake sale is Sunday

The Colorado County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) will hold a bake sale Sunday, Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wal-Mart in Columbus. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

State swine validation is Nov. 20

State swine validation for Colorado County is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 20 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the old Colorado County Fair Grounds behind the Columbus football field. The youth exhibiting the animal and a parent or legal guardian must be present at the time of validation. For more information call the Colorado County Extension office or your local ag science teacher.

Big baller tournament registration set

Power Unlimited will hold its Big Baller Tournament, Dec. 1-3 at the Eagle Lake Primary School. Deadline to register is Nov. 20. This

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Raiders Play Boling Friday Night

The Rice Raiders will start the 2006 playoffs against Boling in El Campo Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

A bonfire and pep rally will be held Thursday night starting at 6 p.m. at the High School.

Boling finished the season with a 7-2 record and a 3-2 district mark in 27AA.

Boling boasts a potent running attack with running back B.W. Mcleod and quarterback Wayland

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Kringle Cash Returns

Warm your pockets with a little extra cash this holiday season by entering The Eagle Lake Headlight's Kris Kringle Christmas Cash Giveaway Contest.

Starting next week in the Nov. 23 edition, lucky readers can win \$50 a week for their holiday shopping.

Each week a special Christmas symbol will be placed in

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Veteran's Day Marked At City Hall

A Veteran's Day ceremony was held at City Hall on Saturday. Pictured from left are Melvin Stanick, Billy Salazar, August Servantes, Harry Supak, Joe Duncan and Len Matula.



Gayle and Susan Gertson are pictured with Jay Pense (Clint Gertson's roommate and a member of the same Army sniper team) and Rice Superintendent Michael Lanier at the dedication of a memorial to Clint Gertson, a Rice High School graduate who died in Iraq in the Spring of 2005 while serving in the Army.

Gertson Memorial Dedicated At RHS

A memorial ceremony was held Thursday, Nov. 9 at Rice High School to honor fallen soldier, Clint Gertson.

The Raider Band Ensemble played the National Anthem.

Trey Staff, FFA president led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and also gave the

welcome and introductions.

Melody Grigar made acknowledgements.

Staff then proceeded to give a biography on Gertson.

Later, Kandi Gertson read the poem "Freedom Is Not Free".

The program was then turned over to Jay Pense, a member of

the 3-man sniper team Clint was on and he was also Clint's roommate.

Thereafter followed a "Tribute to Iraq" video.

Staff, Dillan Gertson and Kandi Gertson made the Dedication of Memorial.