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City Council Votes To Repeal Ambulance License Ordinance

The Eagle Lake City Council voted to repeal a recently approved ordinance that established a licensing fee for operating an ambulance inside the city limits.

The action came after the council was addressed by Dr. Russell Thomas on the issue.

Thomas stated that he is the medical director for Colorado County EMS and holds the same position with the private ambulance service Phoenix, which operates in the county doing transfers.

Thomas said that he was addressing council because he believed that the ordinance was not in the best interest of the citizens of Eagle Lake.

He explained that ambulance transfers for patients are arranged by doctors and that the doctors are responsible for making sure that the patient is taken care of during the transfer.

He said that staff at the hospital recently had to delay a transfer

because an ambulance could not be found to make the transfer.

He said that this situation arrived because Phoenix has not been making transfers because the licensing ordinance is not agreeable. He noted that unlicensed ambulances are allowed to make transfers if no licensed ambulance can be found.

He indicated that in this area, there is not enough demand for transfers for the company to do the permits and that the company might feel slighted that they have been serving the area for a while and all of sudden they are essentially not good enough.

Thomas said that private ambulance services are essential in some situations like if a ventilator is needed because the county does not have that equipment on any ambulances.

Thomas said that he understands the ordinance was intended to ensure a higher level of care, by making sure that ambulances

are properly licensed, but he felt that in a smaller area that it is just not necessary.

He said that the ordinance, in the case that came up with the transfer delay, actually lowered the level of care to the patient.

Thomas said that he felt the city should do away with the ordinance and trust the medical care professionals to make the best decisions for the patients, which includes finding suitable transfers.

Council voted unanimously to repeal the ordinance.

In other council action:

Several motions were approved pertaining to airport and community development grants in the city.

Heard that the fire department will receive a grant from the Wintermann Foundation for \$50,000 to help purchase a new grass fire truck and thermal imaging equipment.

County Fair Queen, Membership Contest Slated For Sept. 8

Ten young ladies from across the county have entered the competition for Colorado County Fair Queen and Membership Queen.

The contest is slated for Saturday, Sept. 8 at Columbus High School auditorium.

The contestants are competing for \$4,250 in scholarships to be awarded at the pageant.

To qualify for the contest, contestants are selling season passes to the 29th annual fair for \$20 each.

To help contestants with their sales, citizens are asked to contact one of the following girls to purchase season passes:

Bethany Chance, daughter of Mary and Dave Cameron and Tim Chance, at (979) 733-8655;
Ashley Charles, daughter of

Debbie and Lee Charles, at (979) 732-5686;

Kendall Field, daughter of Heather Emery, at (281) 831-0638;

Kayla Gerik, daughter of Rhonda and Doug Gerik, at (979) 733-7897;

Stefani Gertson, daughter of Gail and Darrell Gertson, at (979) 234-5488;

Simone Petrosky, daughter of Deborah and Greg Petrosky, at (979) 732-3564;

Brandy Rossignol, daughter of Geneva and Terry Rossignol, at (979) 732-9307;

Bre' Anna Sutton, daughter of Wanda and Michael Sutton, at (979) 733-8696;

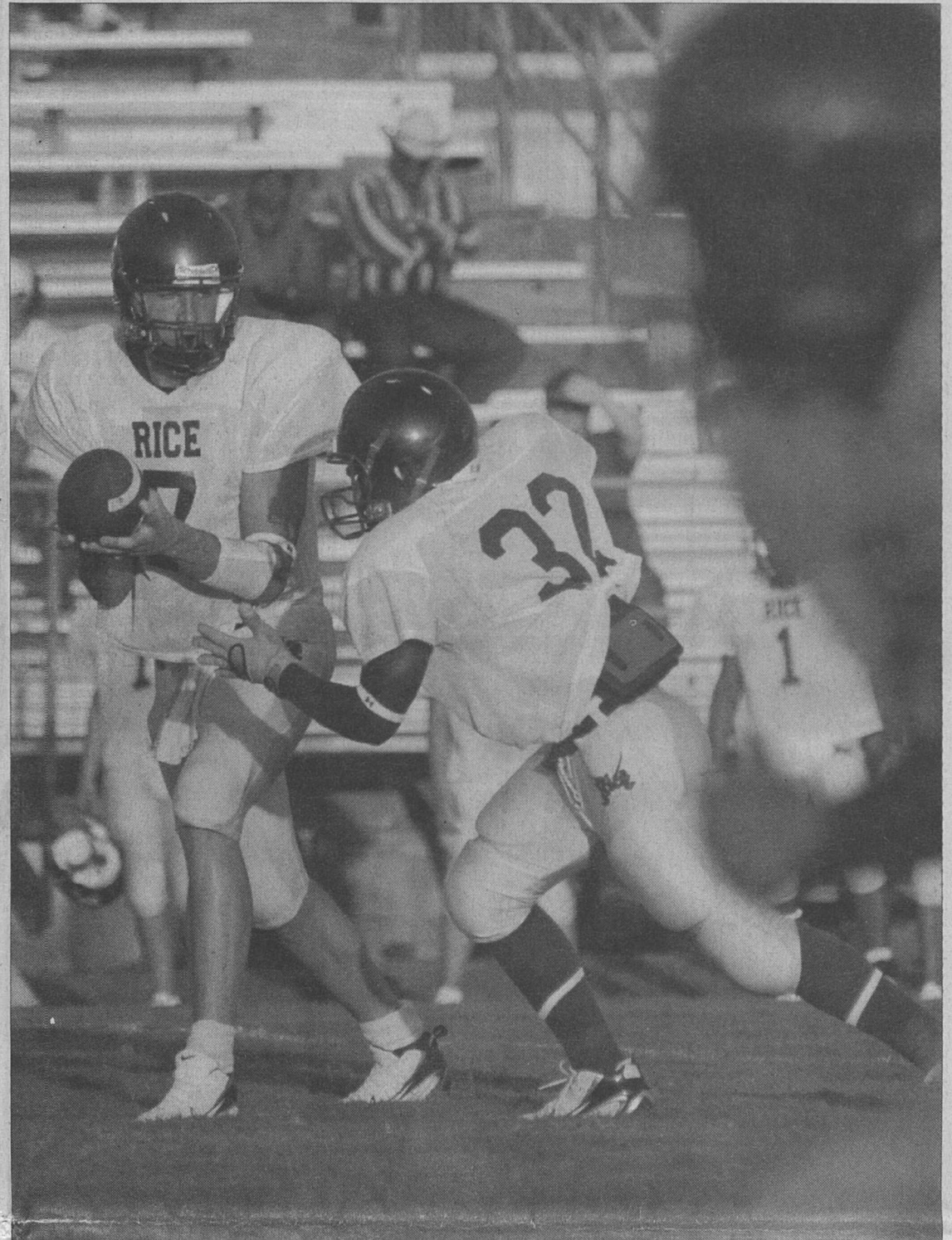
Cortney Urban, daughter of Rose and Larry Urban at (979) 732-3217;

And Kylee Werland, daughter of Kamla and Larry Hillmer, at (979) 732-5228.

The contestants will sell passes through Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Nashville recording artist Tracy Lawrence will be the headliner at this year's fair, which will run Sept. 13-16.

Photos of the contestants are on page 7.



Taylor Cook hands the ball off to Ziggy Foster during the Raider's scrimmage on Saturday against Needville.

NEWSBRIEFS

Reading logs available

Children who were involved with the reading program at the Wintermann Library need to come by and pick up their reading log, certificate and book if they met their goals and check to see if they get to go shopping in the "store".

Season tickets now on sale

Season tickets for Rice High School (RHS) home football games are on sale at the Rice CISD Administration office. As of Monday, Aug. 20 those who have not held season tickets may purchase them on a first-come, first serve basis through Aug. 24. Cost for season tickets for all home games is \$30 per set (we have 5 home games this year). Cost at the gate will be \$6 per game. No refunds will be honored for any of the games. Reserved seats for individual games will cost \$7 at the gate. Call 234-3531 for more information. Adult pre-game admission tickets will also be sold at \$6 each and will be available at RHS Thursday and Friday until 3 p.m. Also, this year All-Sports Pass for all sports EXCEPT varsity football will be available for \$75.

Meet the Teachers is tonight

Rice Consolidated School District invites all parents and students starting Pre-K this school year to "Meet the Teachers" Thursday, August 23 from 5 to 6 pm at Eagle Lake Jr. High cafeteria.

Kindergarten meet the teachers is

The Eagle Lake Elementary School will hold a "Meet the Teachers" for kindergarten classes only on Thursday, Aug. 23 from 6 to 7 p.m.

ELJH book pick-up is Aug. 23-24

Thursday, Aug. 23 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, Aug. 24 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. will be textbook pick up day for all 6th grade students at Eagle Lake Jr. High (ELJH). Please come by the school and get your child's books on either of these days. 7th and 8th grade students will receive their books on the first day of school.

Stress reliever workshop is tonight

A Stress Reliever Workshop will be held Thursday, Aug. 23 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Youth and Family Services, 1336 Fannin in Columbus. The workshop is free to the public. Snacks will be provided. No daycare or child care will be provided. For more information call 979-732-8355. The stress reliever workshop will help the parent learn how to cope with stress at home and will focus on stress reduction and family activity ideas.

Ole Skool Dance to be held Saturday

Ole Skool Dance will be held Saturday, August 25 at the Eagle Lake Community Center at 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. Presale tickets are \$10; at the door are \$15. Battle of the DJ's, food and plenty of dancing so put on your dancing shoes and let's have a good time. Sponsors are Ms. O. Batiste of Hair So Silky, Ms. M. Lemons of Furniture Discount, Mr. R. Carroll of Shaky Juke Joint, Mr. C. Upson of Upson and Sons, Mr. J. Martin of Jake's Diesel, Ms. K. Davidson of You'Nique Hair Care, Mr. M. Black of The Place, and Mr. I. Collins of Mark IV. Call Ms.

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Raiders Have Strong First Scrimmage

The Rice Raiders kicked off the 2007 football season against the Needville Bluejays. The Raiders rushed for 55 yards on 15 carries and completed six of nine passes for 80 yards versus Needville's first team defense.

Needville rushed for 132 yards on 22 carries and completed two of four passes for 16 yards on Rice's first team defense.

Rice scored once and had nine first downs, while Needville failed to score and has 10 first downs.

On offense, the Raiders lead-

ing rusher Zaccheaus Foster had seven carries for 30 yards, leading passer Taylor Cook was six for nine and 80 yards, and leading receiver Marquis Toliver had four catches for 53 yards.

Defensively, the Raiders forced two fumbles and were led in tackles by Damian Stevens with 12 and Tanner Williams with 10.

The Raiders will scrimmage at Columbus, August 23 and will open the season at Luling, August 31.

Lady Raiders Get Season Going

The Rice Lady Raiders Volleyball team is off to a 4-3 start for the season.

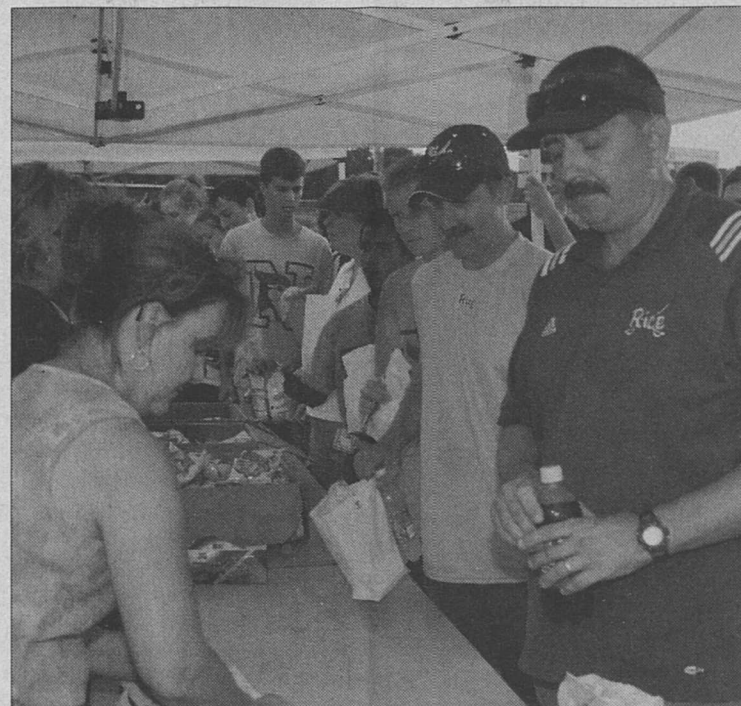
They opened play with a win over Burton and then played in the Columbus Tournament.

Following are stats for the first

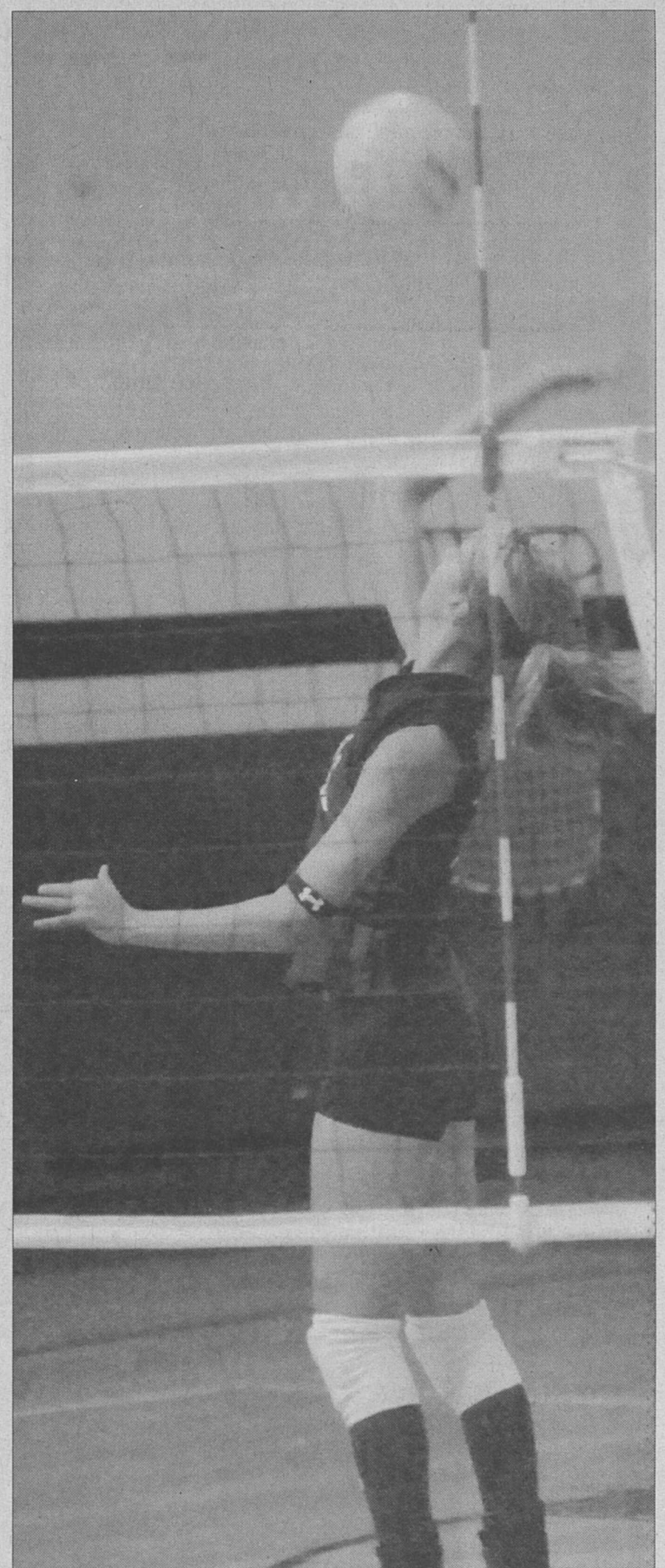
seven games.

Rice vs Burton
Scores: 27-29, 25-8, 25-17, 25-12
Kaci Kazmir: 15 kills, 12 digs, 8 blocks

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Eager customers wait for their hamburgers at the Booster Club's tent during the scrimmage on Saturday.



Kaci Kazmir hits the ball during one of the Lady Raiders first games of the season.