

DPS Troopers Say Drink, Drive, Go To Jail For Labor Day

Texans planning to celebrate the last three-day weekend of the summer should know that the Texas Highway Patrol will be out in force looking for people who are driving while intoxicated.

During the Labor Day weekend (Aug. 31 to Sept. 3), all avail-

able state troopers will be out on Texas roadways in support of the "Drink. Drive. Go to Jail." program.

"We are serious about enforcing this law," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the Texas Dept. of Public Safety. "Too many

innocent people are killed every year in this state when drivers choose to consume alcohol and then operate a motor vehicle.

We intend to do our part to find those intoxicated drivers and get them off the road."

It is illegal in Texas to operate

a motor vehicle with a breath alcohol content of 0.08 or above.

During the Labor Day weekend in 2006, DPS troopers arrested 887 people across the state for driving while intoxicated.

The punishment for a DWI conviction:

First offense: Fine not to exceed \$2,000 and/or a jail term of 72 hours to 180 days; participation in an alcohol education and treatment program even if probation is granted; license suspension from three months to one year.

Second Offense: Fine up to \$4,000 and/or jail term of 30 days to one year; mandatory 72 hours in jail even if probation is granted;

license suspension from six months to two years.

Third Offense: Fine not to exceed \$10,000; prison term of two years to 10 years; mandatory jail term of 10 days even if probation is granted; license suspension from six months to two years.

Intoxication manslaughter: Fine up to \$10,000, prison term of two to 20 years, license suspension from six months to two years.

DPS also is a participant in Operation CARE-Combined Accident Reduction Effort—a nationwide effort by police agencies to reduce fatalities on major interstate highways during holiday weekends.

In addition to intoxicated drivers, troopers will be looking for speeders and those who are not wearing seatbelts as required by law.

Egg Production Down Slightly

July 2007 egg production in Texas totaled 418 million eggs, down slightly from July 2006 but up three percent from June 2007, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during July averaged 18.5 million, down from last year, but up from June 2007's 18.4 million.

Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,259 eggs, up from last year's 2,246 eggs and up two percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 56.2 million, up three percent from last year.

United States egg production

totalled 7.57 billion eggs during July 2007, down one percent from a year ago.

Production included 6.44 billion table eggs, 1.07 billion broiler-type-hatching eggs and 66 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 339 million during July 2007, down one percent from a year ago.

Production per 100 layers was 2,234 eggs, down slightly from

July 2006.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 35.6 million, up nine percent from July 2006.

The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 821 million, was up two percent from July of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.91 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2007, up seven percent from July 2006.

Naturalist Signups Ongoing

Texas Master Naturalist Gideon Lincecum Chapter announces the last chance to sign up for fall training classes in La Grange on Monday evenings from Sept. 17 through Dec. 3.

For more information, or to request registration packet, call Jan Redden at 936-878-1988 or David Vogel at 979-247-4504.

Deadline to sign up: Saturday, Sept. 1.

Raiders

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Sylvester Middleton (18). Mario Hull also threw a touchdown pass of 11 yards to Nick Duarte. Tanner Williams added the fifth score on a 1-yard TD run to end the scrimmage.

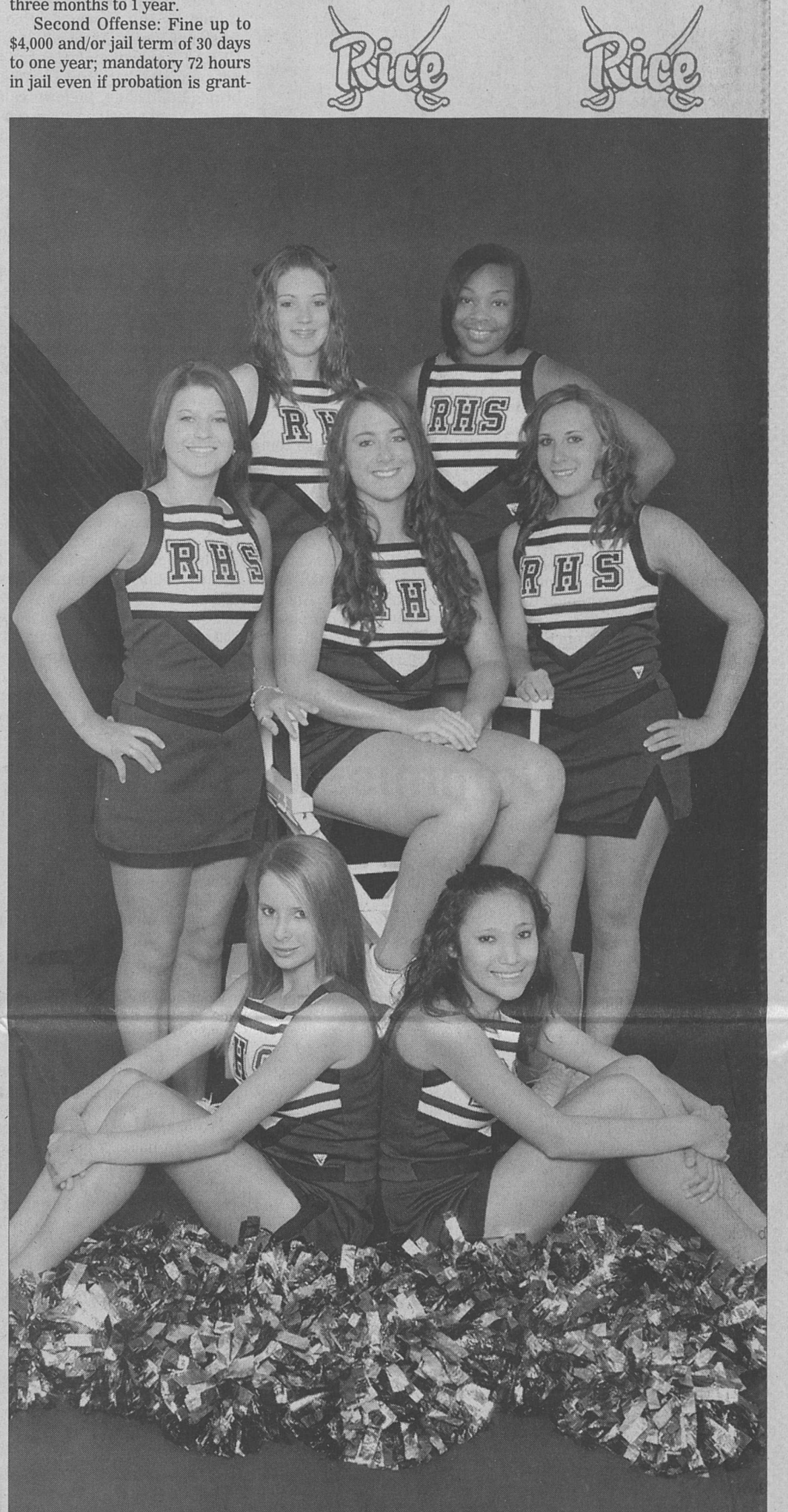
Leading rusher was Zacchaeus Foster with seven carries for 42 yards.

Taylor Cook was the leading passer with nine completions on 13 attempts and 192 yards. The leading receiver was Marquis Toliver with three catches for 78 yards.

The Raiders defense allowed 75 rushing yards on 29 carries and 142 passing yards on seven completions. The Raiders defense surrendered 12 first downs, but came up with three fumble recoveries. Leading tackler Damian Stevens had 12.



Sylvester Middleton hauls in a pass for the Raiders against Columbus.



Junior Varsity Cheerleaders

Sitting left to right: Katie Moss, Maggie Mendoza. Second row left to right Courtney Ross, Jordan Mahalite, Stefani Gertson. Back row left to right Paige Vandermark, Machelsea Thomas.

Hometown support for Harper's

Pat Sowa never dreamed she would find exactly the furniture she was looking for in Sealy.

But one trip to Harper's Furniture in downtown Sealy and she had two recliners and a sofa that fit perfectly into her western theme.

"I had been looking around for some recliners and my sister mentioned a store downtown with recliners for sale so we went to look," she said.

Q: How was the selection at Harper's?

A: "I found exactly what I wanted and was surprised to find it in a hometown store. I knew the recliners immediately when I saw them, then bought the couch because it has a western look."

Q: What did you think of the service at Harper's?

A: "They were very, very cooperative and helpful. I knew the color I wanted before I walked in and they helped me a lot with matching the color scheme."

Q: Did you find plenty of options to choose from?

A: The showroom was very nice and they had a good selection; it was all right there. If I

had not have seen what I wanted I'd have looked at the books at all the other options."

Q: How long did it take to get your new furniture home?

A: "It was immediately delivered. It was very surprising. There was no delivery charge and they even got rid of the furniture I had that I did not want anymore. I was worried about what I was going to do with it and they took care of it all, for free."

Q: Now that you have your furniture home how is it fitting in?

A: "I've had a lot of compliments on them. And it is good quality, and rugged enough for my grandchildren too. It was made very well."

Q: So your experience at Harper's was a good one?

A: "It was an all around good business experience. It was a wonderful place to go. I will definitely go back next time I need new furniture."

Q: Would you recommend Harper's to other people?

A: "Yes, Harper's is great and it is in our hometown. Everyone should go look, it is very nice."

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