

Eagle Lake Headlight

Serving Southern Colorado County
www.eaglelakeheadlight.com

50¢

50¢

VOLUME 104 NUMBER 25

EAGLE LAKE, TEXAS

SEPTEMBER 6, 2007



The Raiders opened the 2007 Season with a 33-6 win in Luling last Friday night. Nick Jump tries to rip out the ball while J.J. Reggins makes a hit.

Raiders Open Season With Win

The Rice Raiders began the season with a win over the Luling Eagles 33 to 6. The first half saw the Raiders miss a couple of scoring opportunities due to turnovers as they took a halftime lead of 7-0 into the locker room. Zacchaeus Foster

had the lone score on a 6-yard run with 32 seconds left in the first quarter followed by an extra point by Luis Samaniego.

In the second half, the Raiders took control of the game as the Raiders scored three times, out scoring the Eagles 19 to 6 in the third quarter. Taylor Cook scored on runs of one and seven yards and completed a 13-yard pass to Foster.

The Raiders added one more touchdown in the fourth quarter when Cook scampered in from 10 yards. The offense was very productive controlling the ball with 29 first downs on 350 rushing yards.

The Eagles lone score occurred in the third quarter when Carlos Gonzales completed a touchdown pass to Greg Suarez with 6:01 left in the quarter.

The Raider defense limited the Eagles to 11 first downs on 234 yards total offense and produced two interceptions by Dewey Pettus and JJ Reggins. Senior defensive lineman, Jasmine Hemphill led the defense with 11 tackles and 4 tackles for a loss.

Foster paced the offense with 21 carries for 211 yards and a touchdown. He also caught one pass for a touchdown.

Cook carried the ball 13 times for 97 yards with three scores and threw for 65 yards and one touchdown.

The Raiders started the game on defense and, after giving up a 14-yard run for a first down, the defense forced Luling to punt the ball.

The Raiders took over at the 39-yard line and went to work on the ground right away.

Foster carried for four yards followed by Cook with seven for a first down.

Continued on B1

Raiders Set To Play Sealy Friday

The Rice Raiders are set to host former district foe Sealy in the Raiders' first game in The Swamp in 2007.

The Raiders come off of a decisive 33-6 opening week win over Luling last Friday night in Luling.

Sealy lost their first game of the season against Bellville last week 35-7.

Game-time is set for 7:30 p.m. in Altair on Friday night.

Columbus Mayor Criticizes County Judge In Letter

Columbus Mayor Richard Heffley has issued an open letter criticizing County Judge Al Jamison for what Heffley said were failures to communicate about public safety issues.

He also said the Columbus City Council discussed those issues during a two-hour session on Thursday, Aug. 30.

Heffley had asked for a joint meeting with Colorado County Commissioners Court, but the commissioners had voted against a meeting on a 3-2 vote.

"We want to meet to resolve these issues," Heffley said, referring communication between the county and city.

Heffley said he had received a phone call from Jamison offering to meet privately with him and the Columbus city manager.

However, Heffley said he declined the offer and said he felt the communications should be in a public session, noting that the commissioners had discussed some of the issues in a public session.

When contacted, Jamison said he had offered to meet privately and repeated earlier comments that he felt that a public meeting was not necessary.

He said Heffley's letter contained "half truths and innuendo," but added: "I'm not going to try to respond in the newspaper."

In his letter of Aug. 29, Heffley said: "At least four public examples are documents which display the Judge's repeated refusal to communicate on issues of public safety." The latest incident occurred on Aug. 17, involving an attempt by the Texas Department of Transportation to setup a site to refuel buses on the grounds of the County Ag Complex.

Heffley said the city was not informed of the plans, which ran into problems because of wet grounds.

He said the city devised an alternative plan using service roads on the Highway 71 bypass.

Heffley said when he asked Jamison why the city was not informed of the plans, he said Jamison told him: "There are some things you do not need to know."

During commissioners court last week, Commissioner Darrell Gertson noted that it was the state and not the county that was involved in setting up the fueling station.

An earlier incident in June involved a situation in which the Columbus Fire Department was asked to assist at the scene of a medical emergency.

Heffley said an "ill-advised" letter was written criticizing the fire chief.

"As the issue escalated, the

judge continued to decline repeated attempts to resolve the issue," Heffley said.

Heffley also cited two other more distance events.

He said that during the mass evacuation of Hurricane Rita, the judge never called him with any updates on the situation.

The mayor also said that in 2004, the judge cancelled workers compensation insurance for volunteer fire fighters without approval of commissioner's court, which later reinstated the coverage.

"Unfortunately, the city has learned from these four incidents that the Colorado County Judge will not communicate with this city regarding emergency management," Heffley said. "The residents of our city are not well served by the judge's conduct."

Wintermann Library Receives LCRA Grant

The Eula and David Wintermann Library has received a grant from the Lower Colorado River Authority Community Development Partnership Program in the amount of \$4,995.00. The funds from the grant will be used to remodel the three restrooms, kitchen area and the break room area in the library. The library was built in 1976 and these areas were in need of repair and upgrading.

In 1995 the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 219 authorizing LCRA to provide economic and community development programs, grants and in-kind services in its electric and water service area.

The Community Development Partnership Program (CDPP) provides grants to communities

in LCRA's service area for capital projects that support community and economic development and benefit the public. LCRA and its wholesale electric and water customers award the grants to local governments and nonprofit groups like cities, counties, volunteer fire departments, emergency medical services, schools and libraries.

"The CDPP grant funds will allow us to enhance the appearance of the library. Patrons and visitors will recognize the efforts we are taking to care for our facilities," said Vicki Powers, Library Director. "If we can prove to our patrons that we care for our facilities, we hope they will frequent the library on a more regular basis."

NEWSBRIEFS

Hamburgers to be sold Friday

The Rice FFA Booster Club will again be selling hamburgers at the home football games. They will start the season off this Friday, Sept. 7 when Rice plays Sealy.

Yearbooks are In!

The Rice High School yearbooks have arrived. Books can be picked up in Room 1 at the following times: 7:45 - 8 a.m., 11 - 1:15 p.m., and 3 - 3:30 p.m. Any balance due must be paid in full. There are some extra books for sale at a price of \$45. Graduation pictures are also in. Graduation pictures can be picked up in the office of Rice High School during regular school hours.

County Fair Season passes on sale

Colorado County Fair season passes will be on sale at the following locations in Colorado County from Thursday, September 6 through Thursday, September 13 Columbus State Bank, First State Bank, and Potter's Western Store in Columbus, Hill Bank in Weimar, First National Bank in Eagle Lake, Bernardo Farm and Ranch Supply, Leopold Grain in Nada and Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg.

Senior citizens dance is Friday

A Senior Citizens Dance will be held Friday, Sept. 7 at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 8 to 11 p.m. Music will be provided by the Lazy Farmers. For more information call 979-234-2903.

Church to hold rummage sale Sept. 7-8

Its here! Parish of the Nativity annual rummage sale September 7-8 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. 545 S. Austin Road at the Parish Pavilion. Donation's welcome. Drop off September 6 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Co-ed softball registration underway

Power Unlimited's co-ed registration is currently underway. The first co-ed game is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 9. Call for your registration packet today at 979-758-2244.

Coffee Klatch is Sept. 11

The Garwood Veteran Memorial Library will hold their monthly coffee klatch on Tuesday, Sept. 11 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

Library seeking nominations

The Wintermann Library Board of Directors is taking nominations for the Eula and David Wintermann Wall of Honor. Nominees should be those who have taken part in the accomplishments and/or support of the library. The inductee this year will be presented at the Study Club Auction on Sept. 22. If you are interested in nominating someone, stop by the library and pick up an application. Nominations must be made before Sept. 11.

Project Graduation meeting Sept. 11

Rice Project Graduation will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rice High School Commons. Seniors and parents are encouraged to come. Board members will be elected. If you should have any questions, please call Missy Jurica at 758-2213.

Study Club to hold meeting Sept. 12

The Eagle Lake Study Club will begin the 2007 with the theme, "The People I Wish I had Known". The monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, September 12 at 2 p.m. at the Wintermann Library. Mrs. Anna Lee Higgins will present the program on the 135 year anniversary of the congregation of the United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake.

Entries needed for fair parade

The Colorado County Fair Parade Committee is seeking entries for this year's fair parade. The parade is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 in downtown Columbus. You can pick up entry forms at the Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau and at Potter's Western Store. For more information call Kim Dyer at 979-732-8385 or Melissa

Continued on page 14



The Lady Raiders get instructions during a time-out during their game Tuesday night in Edna.



The parking lot behind First National Bank is currently getting an overhaul.