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The Raider defense swarms to make a tackle in the game against Weimar.

## Rice Beats Weimar 53-21

The Rice Raiders opened district play last Friday night with a convincing 53-21 win over in-county rival Weimar.

The Raiders racked up 440 yards rushing on the night paced by Ziggy Foster with 244 yards and three touchdowns.

The Raiders seemed to run the ball at will in the contest.

"We felt like we could run the ball, but the early success had

a lot to do with it," Coach Brad Dumont said commenting on the impressive ground performance.

Taylor Cook, Dominique Weeks, Travis Kaley and Tanner Williams each scored a touchdown on the ground as well.

The Raider defense played well against a spread offense that featured a good deal of pre snap movement.

"We have changed our defense

scheme to defend the spread as more teams have gone to it," said Dumont.

The Raiders were led by Damien Stevens with 11 total tackles, Williams had 10 and Dewey Pettus added eight more.

The Raiders jumped out in front early when Duryel Stevenson intercepted a pass on Weimar's opening drive and returned it 57 yards for a touchdown.

Luis Samaniego made the extra point for a 7-0 Raider lead with 9:50 left in the first quarter.

Weimar fumbled the ball on the first play of their next drive and Peyton Arrison recovered for the Raiders on the Raider 48.

Foster carried the ball twice for nine yards, but a third and one play came up short for Rice.

The Raiders opted to go for the first down and Taylor Cook kept the ball on a sneak play, but he broke through the line and, after losing the ball for a moment, regained control and rambled 39 yards for a touchdown.

The extra point attempt was

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## Annual Study Club Auction Raises Over \$60,000

By Sidney Struss

Wow is the word to describe the generosity and participation by the more than 250 people who attended the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Study Club Auction from Eagle Lake and the surrounding communities. New all-time records were set at the 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary auction which raised over \$60,000 on September 22.

All the revenues generated help support the Eula and David Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake.

Fair Wells of the Eagle Lake Study Club welcomed everyone to the 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Auction. She also ensures everyone that the funds raised will go to many of the needs of the Eula and David Wintermann Library and appreciates everyone's participation.

She also thanked the many people who worked hard to help make the event a tremendous success.

To kick the evening off, a wonderful fried chicken supper was served by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce. And, after eating supper, many enjoyed a tasteful desert purchased at the Bakery Booth.

Thanks to many contributions from talented desert makers, the booth was able to add significantly to the overall funds raised during the evening.

The silent auction took place during the evening meal and before the live auction began. It was very successful, with more items donated than in any of the previous years.

As the Silent Auction ended and before the main auction began, Fair Wells introduced Grace Dell Cooper to present the Annual Wall of Honor award.

Each year nominations are received for those who have given many hours of service and time in support of the library. This year's award recipients were Elle Thomas and Betty and Robert Wilcox. Their names will be inscribed on the plaque on display in the library.

One of the first records broken was the total funds contributed for

the live and silent auctions, the raffle, and bakery items sold. The total is \$ 30,471.90.

This total is a record high over the previous twenty-seven years. One of the contributing assets again at this year's auction that helped achieve this record-breaking figure was the raffle items donated.

The total of the raffle tickets sold was \$10,000. This successful idea was dreamed up four years ago by Dianne Tucker and Linda

Balas and was a huge success.

The Study Club, as in years past, had numerous volunteers who helped make this year's auction a giant success.

And, a big thanks goes to the Wintermann Foundation for their matching dollar for dollar all funds raised by the hard working volunteers and the successful bidders throughout the evening.

The official total mentioned above, \$30,471.90, is being matched

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Joe Herbert and Candy McCreary hosted the live auction for the evening for the 25<sup>th</sup> year. The McCreary's were given a beautiful plaque honoring them for 25 years at the auction podium.

The McCreary's thanked everyone for letting them be part of such a worthwhile event for all these years. The Study Club had four "spotters" for the evening, Clark Powers, Martin Herman, Lonnie Sommerlatte, and Tom Kelly.

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Holiday Trash Collection

The city will close on Monday, October 8 for Columbus Day and there will be no trash collection on Monday. Monday's and Tuesday's route will be collected on Tuesday.

### Courthouse to be closed Oct. 8

Colorado County Courthouse will be closed on October 8 in observance of Columbus Day.

### Habitat accepting applications

Colorado County Habitat for Humanity (CCHFH) is now accepting applications for a "homeowner partner" for a house to be built in Eagle Lake in 2008. Applicants must have a need for suitable housing, have the ability to make mortgage payments, and be willing to partner with Habitat. To request an application or to learn more about the program, contact the CCHFH office at 979-732-5677.

### Farmers market is Thursday

The Farmers Market will be open every Thursday from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center pavilion. Top items are baked goods, soup mixes, squash and herbs.

### TWDB public seminars set

Groundwater Conservation Districts, a public information seminar, will be presented by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The seminar will be offered at 7 p.m. in Columbus, Eagle Lake, and Weimar. The dates and locations include: Thursday, Oct. 4, Weimar City Municipal Building; Wednesday, Oct. 10, Eagle Lake City Municipal Building; Thursday, Oct. 18, Colorado County Services Facility in Columbus. The presentations are hosted by the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District temporary board of directors.

### Senior citizen's dance is Friday

A Senior Citizen's Dance will be held Friday, Oct. 5 from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Community Center in Eagle Lake. Music will be provided by This Is It. The public is invited to attend.

### Sealy Dance Club to hold dance Oct. 6

The Sealy Dance Club meets at the American Legion Hall on Saturday, October 6 at 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. the public is invited. Al Sulak's Orchestra will provide the music. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided. The theme for the dance is Halloween. Wear your Halloween outfit.

### Bible Truth Church seminar Oct. 6-7

Bible Truth Apostolic Church will be holding teachings Oct. 6 from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. The topic will be "Teaching How to be Successful in Business" by Dr. Richard Eberiga. On Sunday Oct. 7 a special anointed service will be held at 11 a.m. with preaching and prophesying and praying for the sick and deliverance. For further information call Bible Truth Apostolic Church at 979-543-2331. Corner of First and Wharton Street in El Campo.

### Lions Club to hold BBQ dinner

The Eagle Lake Lions Club is hold a BBQ Chicken dinner on Sunday, October 7. The cost is \$7 per plate. Serving from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Golf Course.

### Mentz picnic set for Oct. 7

The 153<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mentz picnic will be held at St. Roch's Church, Sunday, Oct. 7 Holy mass at 10 a.m. Serving of the barbecue beef, pork and sausage meal begins at 11 a.m. Dine in or take out. Plates are \$7.50 for adults, children 12 and under, \$3.50 (tea included). Hamburgers starting at 3 p.m. Drive thru line with BBQ and sausage sold at pit by the pound. Auction at 1 p.m. and drawing. Music throughout the day by Texas Legacy-Czech Band. Bingo will be held from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. There will also be a country store, cakewalk and grocery walk.

## Water Board Schedules Info Meetings

Members of the temporary board of directors of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District, meeting Tuesday night, discussed plans for public outreach and education before the Nov. 6 election.

Voters at the election will determine whether to create a permanent district that would draw rules for use of groundwater in the county.

The directors met at the Colorado County Services Facility in Columbus.

They noted that presentations are planned at three locations as well as a "meet the candidates" forum.

The presentations include:

—Thursday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. at Weimar City Hall. Two officials with the Texas Water Development Board will make presentations as will the executive director of the Fayette Groundwater Conservation District, David Van Dresar.

The meeting will be moderated by Bill Briscoe and David

Kahllich.

—Wednesday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. at Eagle Lake Municipal Building. The Wharton Groundwater Conservation District Manager Neil Hudgin will make a presentation, as will two water development officials. The moderator will be Tom Kelley.

—Thursday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Fellowship Hall at 201 Veterans Drive in Columbus. Van Dresar and the water development officials will make presentations with Clayton

Wallin serving as moderator.

The directors said that after the presentations, questions will be answered.

A "meet the candidates" forum has been scheduled for Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. The location is the Colorado County Services Facility at 305 Radio Lane, but directors said they wanted to explore moving it to a larger facility.

Directors also noted that presentations were being made to

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## Rice Takes On Edna Friday

The Rice Raiders are set to take on the Edna Cowboys in the second week of district play on Friday night in Altair.

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. The Raiders come into the game off of a stellar 53-21 victory over the Weimar Wildcats last Friday and are 4-0 on the season.

Edna is also 4-0 on the season and comes off a 54-35 win over Tidehaven last week.

"Edna is very explosive," said Coach Brad Dumont.

"They have a speedy quarterback, Kam Jones, who runs and throws great. We will have to try and slow him down," he added.



Pictured above is the posh new waiting area at Rice Medical Center.

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