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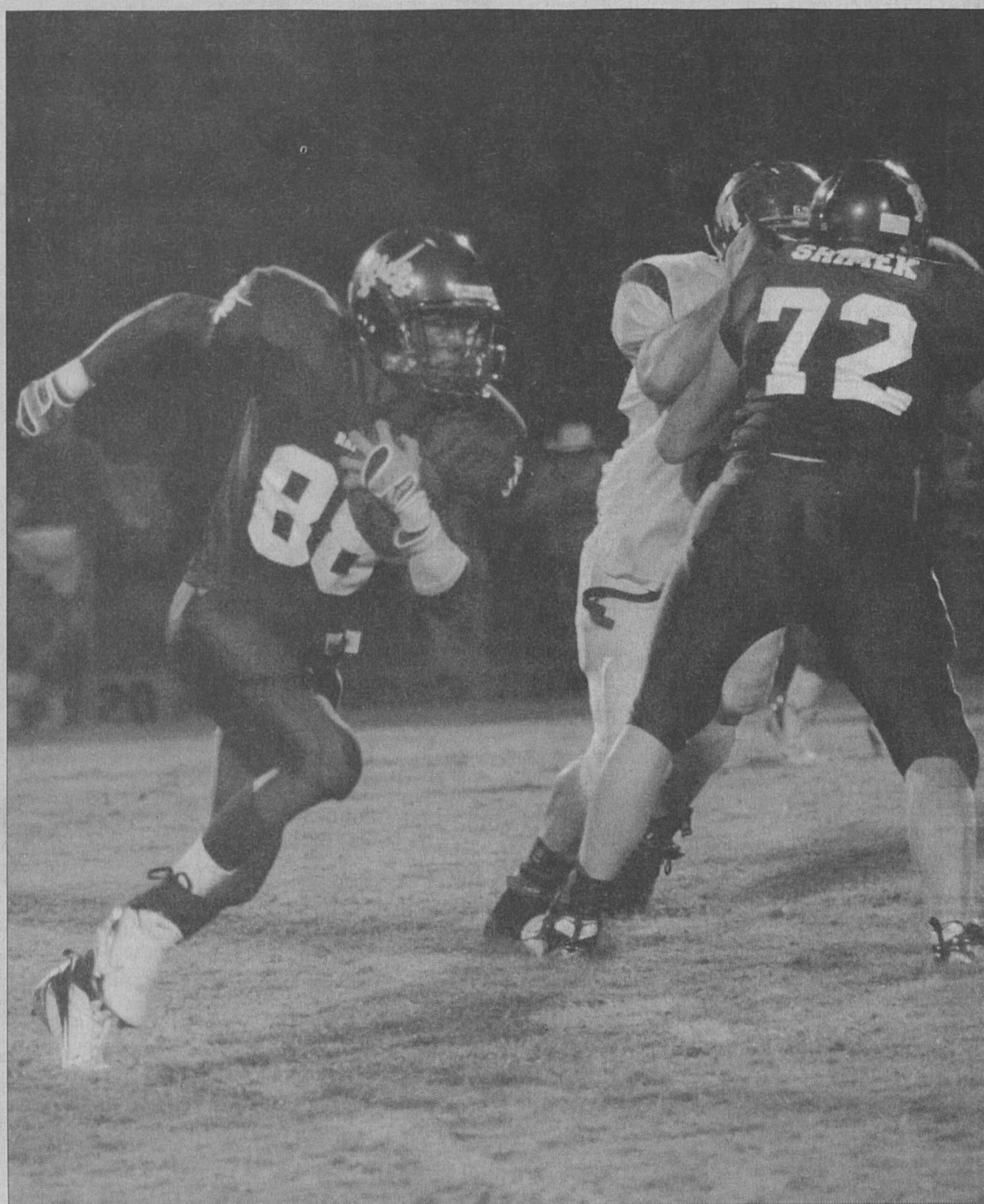
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Sylvester Middleton looks for running room as Adam Shimek blocks for him against Edna.

County Will Continue Taxing Goods In Transit

Colorado County commissioners, meeting Tuesday, approved an order to continue taxing goods in transit.

The commissioners said that the county's chief tax appraiser said there was a potential loss of \$163,000 in tax revenue if the goods were exempted from taxes.

The commissioners were required to act because of a new state law that acted to exempt goods in transit unless the taxing agency voted to levy the tax.

There was little discussion

before the vote.

The action mainly affects goods handled by large manufacturers.

In other action, commissioners --Voted to participate in a pool with other counties to reduce workers compensation costs.

--Approved an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to maintain pavement marking and trim vegetation on County Road 218 where Union Pacific is installing crossing guard

arms when the railroad crosses the road.

--Set the schedule for commissioner court meetings in 2008.

--Acknowledged a resolution from the County Historical Commissioner supporting restoration of the courthouse and a letter from Weimar Mayor Bennie Kosler also supporting the restoration.

--Went into closed session to consult with an attorney in a suit against the Eagle Lake Detention Center.

County Attynys Give Seminars

Over 900 prosecutors from Texas attended the Texas District and County Attorneys Association annual continuing legal education seminar last week in Corpus Christi.

Speakers at the seminar included Colorado County Attorney Ken Sparks and Assistant County Attorneys Carolyn Olson and Jay Johannes.

"We made history," said Sparks. "This is the first time the entire legal staff of one prosecutor's office was honored by asking

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County Attorney Office Manager Willie Mae Williams, above, was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Key Personnel (non-lawyer) section of the prosecutors association. She was also one of four people in the state recognized at the seminar as a Professional Victim Witness Advocate.

NEWSBRIEFS

Esquivel Memory Walk Planned

The Rice High School Student Council is hosting a memorial walk to raise funds for the Raul Esquivel Memorial Fund established at First National Bank. Members of the student council, cheerleader squad, National Honor Society, FTA, FCCLA, yearbook staff, and other organizations are participating. Students can also enter as individuals. The walk will be held on Saturday, October 20, from 9 a.m. until noon at the RHS track. Participants will walk three miles to earn donations for the fund. Students are currently soliciting donations from community members. Esquivel, who was a member of the Class of 2008, was killed in a traffic accident in August.

Pace to speak in Columbus

On Thursday, Oct. 11, at 11 a.m. First Baptist Church's Senior Group "ESP" will meet in the fellowship hall at 1700 Milam. Guest speaker will be Berit Pace. Berit's latest book, Aagaard's African Adventures, stories of Finn & Berit's memories of Africa. Berit's book has been reviewed by the Safari Press and suggested as one everyone should read. Don't miss this opportunity to not only hear her but to visit with her as well. Lunch will follow the program.

Old Skool Car Wash Fundraiser Oct. 13

The Old Skool organization will hold a fundraiser car wash for Zacchaeus "Ziggy" Foster on October 13 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Brookshire Brothers parking lot. The charge will be \$10 per car. All donations will go towards Ziggy's trip to play in the "Team Kamehameha Pigskin Classic" in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Habitat accepting homeowner applications

Colorado County Habitat for Humanity (CCHF) 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 CCHF 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.

Water District 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 Thursday, Oct. 18, at St. Paul Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Columbus. The presentation will be hosted by the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District temporary board of directors.

Rice Medical Harvest ball is Saturday

Rice Medical Center Employee Volunteers (RMCEV) is having their 12th annual Harvest Ball honoring Mrs. Helyn Farris on Saturday, Oct. 13. The tickets are \$30 per person and include prime rib meal, open bar and dance with live music by Tin Star. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. and dance ends at 12:30 a.m. The evening will include a silent auction and live auction. Please help support the RMCEV by purchasing a ticket or sponsorship. All proceeds go to the RMCEV lobby renovations and other much need medical equipment for your local hospital. For more information or to purchase tickets please contact Shara Sunderman or Vicky Pavlu at 979-234-5571. Thanks for supporting the RMCEV and your hospital.

Rising Star to hold Anniversary

Greater Rising Star Baptist Church (GRSBC) family and friends homecoming church anniversary to be held Sunday, October 14 at 3 p.m. Speakers are Rev. H.O. Williams of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church and Rev. Truman Scott Sr., pastor.

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Raiders Beat Edna 53-35; 2-0 In District

The Rice Raiders extended their record to 5-0 on the season with a 53-35 shootout win over Edna last Friday night in Altair.

Despite the 18-point win, the Raiders led by only three points with 6:30 left in the game.

A quick touchdown after Edna closed the gap, and then an inter-

ception and another touchdown drive closed the door on the Cowboys late in the final quarter.

Taylor Cook had his best performance of the season completing 15 of 22 passes for 352 yards and three touchdowns. He also ran for 91 yards on the night.

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Rice Travels To Tidehaven Friday

The Rice Raiders will travel to El Maton on Friday night to take on the Tidehaven Tigers. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

The Raiders will look to extend their unbeaten season to 6-0 and their district record to 3-0.

Rice defeated Edna last week 53-35 in well fought game that was closer than the final score would indicate.

Tidehaven has one of the top offenses in the district and passes the ball about 60 percent of the time, having gained about 1,050 yards in the air this season.

Quarterback Jared Ramirez leads the district with 15 touchdowns.

The Raiders are averaging about 430 yards per game and have gained a district leading 1,445 rushing yards. The Tiger defense has allowed 1,345 yards on the ground this year, worst in the district.

Rice's Ziggy Foster will look to add to his 13 touchdowns and nearly 900 yards on the season, while Cook will try to build on a stellar 350-yard, three touchdown performance of a week ago.

Public Meeting Gives Water District Info

A public meeting on Thursday, Oct. 4, on a proposed groundwater district for Colorado County attracted about 30 to 40 people at Weimar City Hall.

Voters in Colorado County will decide on Nov. 6 whether to create a district.

Other proposals to create a groundwater have been defeated twice in the past.

The group heard presentations by Rima Petrossian with the Texas Water Development Board, and David Van Dresar, general manager of the Fayette Groundwater Conservation District.

Petrossian said that about 85 percent of the groundwater in the state is regulated by groundwater districts.

She said that without a groundwater district landowners may pump and capture whatever water is available, regardless of

the effects on neighboring wells. This is also known as the "rule of capture," she said.

A groundwater district may make rules to limit groundwater production and prevent the waste of groundwater.

Van Dresar discussed the operations of the groundwater district in his county.

He said it currently operates with a tax rate of 1 cent per \$100 valuation on property and has a budget of \$184,000 annually.

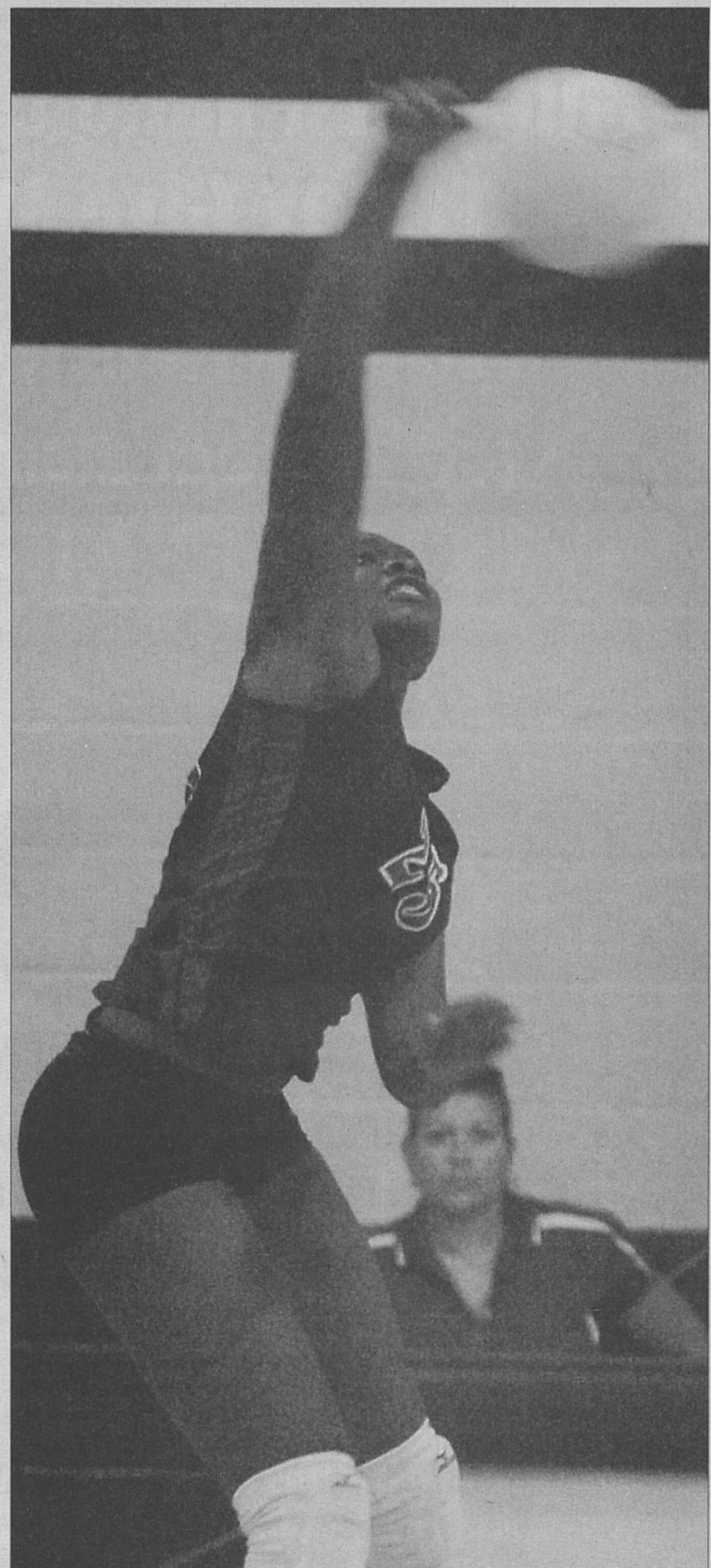
He said there are currently no registration fees for wells in his county.

One of the duties of the district, he said, is to identify wasteful water practices and notify landowners.

"We try to educate before we enforce," he said.

One member of the audience

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Brittnee Stevenson spikes the ball for the Lady Raiders in a recent match in Altair.