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Raiders Beat Tigers 42-27

The Rice Raiders extended their win streak to six games with a 42-27 win over Tidehaven in El Maton Friday night.

The Raiders head out on the road to take on Schulenburg next Friday night.

Rice will look for revenge for a loss at home last year against the Shorthorns.

Gametime is set for 7:30 p.m.

In a game closer than the final score would indicate, the Raiders scored 28 points in the fourth quarter for a come from behind victory.

Taylor Cook completed 12 of 21 passes on the night for 185 yards and 4 touchdowns. He also rushed for 45 yards and a touchdown.

Marquis Toliver and Mario Hull had 84 and 51 yards receiving respectively and each caught two touchdown passes.

The game got off to a slow start as each team had trouble moving the football.

Tidehaven took the ball to start the game, but Duryel Stevenson intercepted a pass on the first play from scrimmage, giving Rice the ball at the 42.

The Raiders were unable to gain a first down and attempted a fake punt, on fourth and 4, but were stopped just short, giving Tidehaven the ball at midfield.

The Raider defense stepped up and forced the Tigers to go three and out.



Marquis Toliver hauls in a catch during Rice's victory on Friday night against Tidehaven.

After a punt, the Raiders were stopped again, and were forced to punt the ball back to Tidehaven.

The Raider defense came

up big again, forcing Tidehaven to punt the ball after just three plays.

A very poor punt gave the Raiders tremendous field position at the Tiger 31 yard line.

Cook carried on first down for 15 yards and then again for another six to the 10 yard line.

Cook gained another four, two plays later for a first and goal.

After two short runs, Cook found Hull open for a three-yard touchdown pass. Luis Samaniego made the extra point for a 7-0 lead with 2:06 left in the opening quarter.

On Tidehaven's next possession, the Raiders caught a bad break when an apparent fumble by the Tiger quarterback was ruled an incomplete pass.

The very next play, the Tigers completed a 38-yard pass to the Rice 24 yard line.

A pass interference call gave them the ball at the 12 and Tidehaven pushed in for the touchdown on an eight-yard run.

The extra point was no good, making the score 7-6 in favor

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Eagle Lake Native Named Deputy Secretary Of State

AUSTIN – Secretary of State Phil Wilson recently announced the appointment of Coby Shorter, III of Austin as deputy secretary of state. In that capacity Shorter will help oversee the daily operations of the secretary of state's office, including elections, business and public filings and border and Mexican affairs.

"Coby is a dedicated and accomplished public servant and I am proud to have him join the secretary of state's office," stated Wilson. "I have known Coby for a number of years and have a high regard for his character and leadership capabilities. His experience and knowledge of government will be a tremendous asset to this agency."

Shorter is a native of Eagle Lake and a graduate of Texas A&M University. He currently serves as the deputy director of Governmental Appointments in the office of Governor Rick Perry. He has also served as director for agriculture and conservation for former Governor George W. Bush, director for agribusiness development for the Texas Department of Agriculture, and as an aide to former U.S. Senator Phil Gramm.

Shorter is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Coby Shorter, Jr. of Eagle Lake. He is a bi-vocational pastor serving the Rosewood Baptist Church of Austin for over fourteen years. He and his wife, Patricia, have one son.



Coby Shorter, III

LCRA/SAWS Plan Update Meeting

Studies on agricultural conservation, facility siting, surface water availability, groundwater for agriculture and climate change are among the topics to be discussed at an upcoming public meeting on the LCRA-SAWS Water Project.

The public is invited to attend the meeting, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at the El Campo Civic Center, 2350 N. Mechanic St. on Highway 71 in Wharton County.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

The agenda can be viewed online at www.lcra.org/lswp.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide updates on various studies of the project, which is designed to help meet long-term water needs in the lower Colorado River basin and the San Antonio area by conserving water used for agriculture, storing excess and unused surface water supplies in the holding basin for future use, and using groundwater to help

meet agricultural irrigation needs when surface water is lacking.

LCRA and SAWS are in the fourth year of an extended study period to find out if the project makes sense – technically, environmentally and financially.

The project is being studied from many angles by technical experts and their findings are being reviewed by an independent panel of nationally renowned scientists and experts in the areas of study.

NEWSBRIEFS

Esquivel Memory Walk Saturday

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.

Your response is needed!!

Rice High School Classes of 1976-81 are planning a reunion to be held in Eagle Lake Saturday, October 27, beginning at 3 p.m. Information letters have been sent to those whose addresses we have. If you don't get a letter but would like to participate, call GayeLynn Thomas 979-234-5693 or gayelynnthomas@sbcglobal.net or Lisa Hoffman 979-758-3933 or thierry@elc.net for more information. Also, we'd like to hear from any graduates of RHS Classes of 1971-75, 82 and 83 who would like to be a part of this event. The class of 1976 can contact Denise Austin Janow at 234-2418 or Carolyn Bowen Baird at 234-5864. The Class of 1979 will not be sending out invitations for the reunion. If you graduated in 1979 and plan to attend call Michael Thomas at 979-234-3251. Your response is needed to make sure enough food is prepared.

Drama Club needs props

The Rice High School Drama Club is soliciting a few props and costumes for upcoming productions. Items needed include: sofa (any size), wood chairs, twin bed frames and mattresses, lamps, stools, birdbath, small appliances (toaster, coffee pot, etc.), clothes of all kinds, especially big sizes. Please contact Drama coach Shawn Williamson at 234-3535, or swilliamson@ricecisd.org to arrange for pick up of the items. The Drama Club is currently holding auditions for *The Outsiders*.

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.

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 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.

United Way silent auction is Friday

The United Way silent auction is set for Friday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the front lobby of First National Bank. Contact Lydia Contreras at 234-3239 or Brenda Besch at 234-5058 if you are interested in donating a silent auction item(s).

Bernardo to hold Reunion Oct. 20

All former teachers, students and their families are invited to the Bernardo I.S.D. Reunion on Oct. 20, at 2 p.m. at the Bernardo Fire

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Helyn Farris was honored at the Rice Medical Harvest on Saturday night. From left to right Mark Anderson, Chairman of the Board; Kurt Sunderman, President Rice Medical Center Employee Volunteers; Dr. Russell Thomas, Emcee of Harvest Ball; (Farris Family) Helyn Farris, Honoree accepting plaque; Candyce Dixon, daughter; Bill Farris, husband; Dale Dixon, son-in-law; Melody Grigar, daughter; Michael Grigar, son-in-law.



This 1999 Dodge Pickup wasn't able to make it across the water at the underpass on FM 102. Very heavy rains on Monday afternoon and evening created a river at the underpass. The Eagle Lake Fire Department was called to the scene to assist with extracting the truck. EMS also assisted. The railroad was asked to stop all traffic while the rescue took place and an inspector will be called in to inspect the crossing for damage. The fire department is to be commended for their efforts. The driver, Beatriz Posada was issued a citation for driving around a road closed sign to get to the crossing. The Police Department says that this situation is a perfect example of why individuals should follow road warnings.