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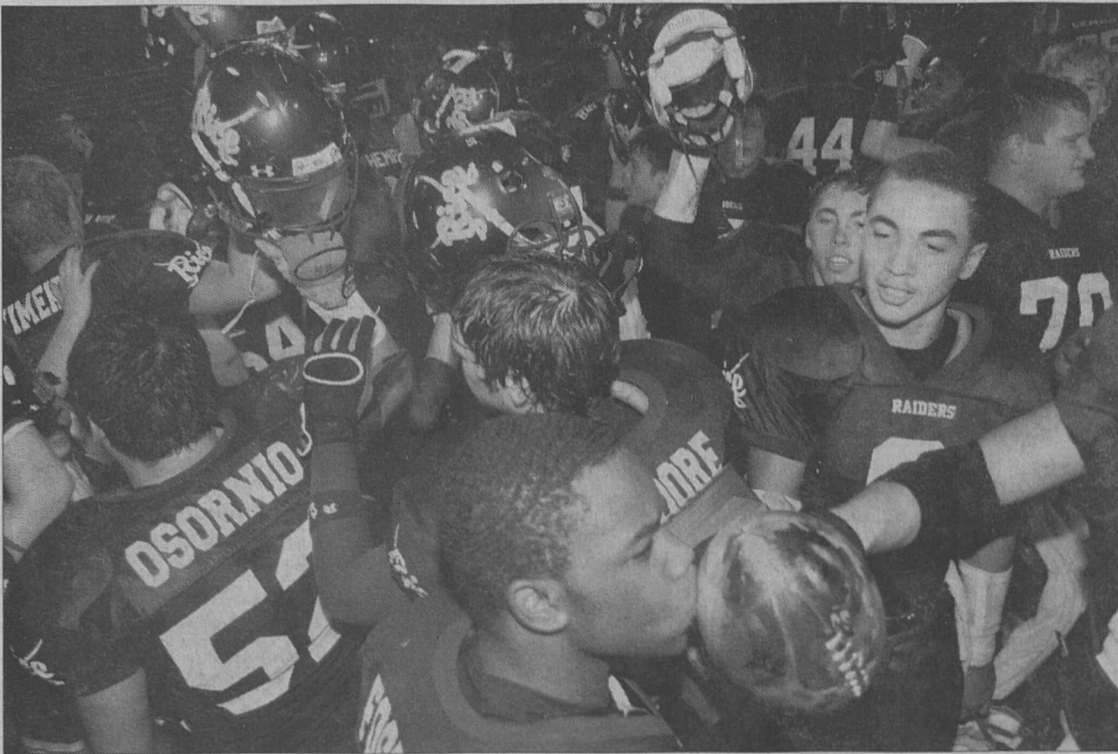
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Foster Runs For 436, Seven Touchdowns Rice Raiders Win District 28AA Championship Face Brazos In Katy Friday At 7:30

The Rice Raiders clenched the District 28AA Championship with a 64-38 win over Industrial on Homecoming Night in Altair last Friday.

"The District Championship is what we have worked hard for each year. In an eight team district, it is difficult to go through and win it. That why it is so special," said Coach Brad Dumont.

Ziggy Foster turned in a school record performance racking-up 436 rushing yards and seven touchdowns. He also had 54 return yards on the night.

"He is a great running back, but he will tell you it is the O-Line that gives him that opportunity," Dumont said of Foster's performance.

The Raiders will square off

against Brazos in bi-district action on Friday night in the first round of the playoffs.

The game is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday in Katy at Rhodes Stadium.

Rice finished the regular season with a 9-1 record, and a 6-1 district mark.

Rice Superintendent Michael Lanier presented the championship trophy to the ecstatic Raider team following the conclusion of the game.

The Raiders jumped on top early when Chris Dorsey forced a fumble during Industrial's first possession and Tanner Williams returned it 25 yards for a touchdown.

Luis Samaniego made the extra point and the score was

7-0 with 10:03 left in the first quarter.

Industrial answered back promptly when they returned the kickoff down to the Raider 15 and scored four plays later. The extra point missed and the Raiders had a 7-6 lead with 8:02 left in the quarter.

Rice started their first possession at the 40 and Foster snapped off 16 with his first carry.

Taylor Cook connected with Mario Hull for 14 yards to the Industrial 37 on the next play and then Foster carried for 18 more to the 19.

Foster got the call again, and broke free to the end zone.

Samaniego made the extra point for a 14-6 lead with 6:04 left
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Above: Ziggy Foster kisses the District Championship Trophy after the Raiders' win on Friday night. Foster ran for over 400 yards and seven touchdowns in the game.

Doggett Challenges Corridor

U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, in questioning U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary E. Peters, blasted the secretive process by which the State of Texas and the federal government have collaborated to promote the Trans-Texas Corridor (TTC).

"I've seen the signs on fenceposts and talked with people from Colorado County concerning the Trans-Texas Corridor," said Congressman Doggett.

"While we want an adequate transportation system, it should not come at the expense of our property rights and our way of life."

At a recent hearing of the House Budget Committee, Rep. Doggett told Secretary Peters that, "The Administration seemingly wants to encourage a secretive process to build a 10-mile-wide highway - perhaps built by a foreign firm - that would separate someone's century-old farmhouse or ranch home from their pastures and fields.

"Our farmers and ranchers are treated as roadkill when it comes to participation in the
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Junior High Honors Vets With Program

The Eagle Lake Junior High showed their patriotism by putting on a Veteran's Day program for all area veterans.

Michala Herrera, student council president led the pledges to the American and Texas flags. The Star Spangled Banner was then played.

Bonnie Kolacek recognized the visiting veterans and read the presidential proclamation.

"What is Veteran's Day", was read by Jody Rowe.

Ruth Belman then read "A Soldier Known But To God."

"In Flanders Field" was read by Xzavier Ortiz.

There was then a Power Point Presentation.

Special readings were given by Megan Contreras, Chastity Aguilar, Nick Tristan and Christina Lopez. After Megan's reading "God Bless the USA" by Lee Greenwood was played. "Battle Hymn of the Republic was played after Lopez read "We Stood For Freedom".

To honor of the POW/MIA Flag Sandra Vega read, "You are not forgotten so long as there is one left in whom your memory remains."

After a moment of the silence the classes then exited to the playing of "Taps".



Macelsy Thomas was crowned 2007 Homecoming Queen on Friday night during halftime. Luis Samaniego was crowned Homecoming King during the pep rally earlier that day.

NEWSBRIEFS

Chamber office now open

A reminder to the citizens of Eagle Lake, the Chamber Office is now open Monday thru Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Farmers market closing for the year

The farmer's market will close on November 15 for the year, and will open next year in the early spring. The actual reopen date will be determined by weather and how our gardens grow. Gardeners and farmers, plan now to bring your abundant harvests to the farmer's market. Thank you to those who did business with us this, our first, season.

Bonfire and Pep Rally to be held Thursday

A pep rally and bonfire will be held tomorrow night, Thursday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Rice High School. Come out and support the Raiders as they start their playoff action. If more information is needed call the school at 234-3534.

E.H. Henry Alumni to hold meeting Nov. 15

E.H. Henry alumni and ex students will meet Thursday, November 15 at 6 p.m. at the White Cloud Baptist Church.

Extravaganza to be held Dec. 1

The Pilot Club of Columbus will present the 6th annual Holiday Extravaganza on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Center in Columbus. Admission is \$2 (12 and over). New this year gift wrapping booth and Mary Lynn's Helping Hand. Door prizes drawn hourly.

CCF to host conference

Christian City Fellowship (CCF) is hosting the Beyond These Shores Missions Network (BTS) Building Bridges 2007 Leadership Conference, Nov. 14-17. You are invited to attend Leadership tracks and General Sessions featuring speakers from the U.S., U.K., and Africa. Registration is free, but required for morning sessions. Evening sessions are open to the public and include special children's ministry. Nursery (infant - 4 years) is provided for daytime sessions. To register, for schedule, or for more information contact CCF at 979-885-3113 or BTS at www.beyondtheseshores.com.

GRSBC bake sale is Saturday

Greater Rising Star Baptist Church (GRSBC) will hold a bake sale Saturday, Nov. 17 at 1101 E. Main St in front of Elizabeth's Garden. The bake sale is sponsored by Pastor's Aid President Doris Foster. Please call 979-234-5324 for all your baked goodies.

Senior Serve meeting is Nov. 19

A Senior Serve meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school commons area. All parents and seniors are encouraged to attend.

GRSBC program is Dec. 2

Greater Rising Star Baptist Church (GRSBC) 9th Pastor Aid Program will be held Sunday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m. Speaker will be Rev. K. Wicks, Rev. Truman Scott, Sr. pastor.



The John Everett Chapter DAR awarded its first Humanitarian Award in recent memory to Lyle and Dana Anderson of Eagle Lake. Pictured, from left, are: Dana Anderson, Fair Wells (presenting the award), and Lyle Anderson.

DAR Honors Andersons With Award

The John Everett Chapter DAR awarded its first Humanitarian Award in recent memory to Lyle and Dana Anderson of Eagle Lake.

The Andersons have spent three afternoons a week for the last four years, providing a meal, tutoring, counseling, computer and art classes for at risk youth of Eagle Lake. They call their meeting place the Lighthouse. Fair Wells, John Everett Chapter Vice Regent and volunteer at the

Lighthouse, presented the award along with a donation from the chapter.

Since feeling led by God to open the center and to love and nurture these youth, crime has declined by 20% in the city. Teens are discovering they have computer skills and artistic abilities and self worth.

Dana served 10,000 servings before getting volunteer help with

meals and each day the center is open, from 60 to 75 kids come. Several volunteers now come by to offer their talent as mentors, cooks and helpers and there is always room for more. The Andersons believe in Eagle Lake's youth and want to show them that good behavior and hard work can make them respectable citizens of their community and leaders of tomorrow.



VFW Post 8783 Honors Vets

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8783 held a wreath laying ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at the City Hall Building on Nov. 12, 2007. Present for the service were from left to right, Quartermaster Earl Rodgers, Adjutant Melvin Stancik, Officer of the Day Billy Salazar, Sr. Vice Commander August Servantes, Commander Len Matula, Jr. Vice Commander Isidro Ramirez and Chaplain Harry Supak.