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Chris Dorsey (72) takes down an East Bernard running back during the game on Friday.

Raiders Roll Over Brahmas

The Rice Raiders opened district play last week with a sound 35-14 win over No. 13 East Bernard. The Raiders were ranked No. 3 in the state prior to the contest and retain that spot, with fellow undefeated teams Cisco and Arp at Nos. 1 and 2.

The Raider defense had an outstanding game, holding a potent Brahma rushing attack to only 99 total yards. East Bernard had rushed for over 900 yards in their previous three games.

"Our defense is playing real well right now, they are taking the game plan and executing it," said Dumont.

Damien Stevens had another great night on defense. He had two interceptions, one returned 44-yards for a touchdown, and the other returned to the two-yard line to set up another score. He also had nine total tackles on the night.

"Damien had 17 tackles last week versus Lexington and nine versus East Bernard, two big interceptions, one for a touchdown. He watches lots of video and I am extremely proud of the way he is playing," said Dumont of his recent play.

Ziggy Foster paced the Raiders offense, running for 114 yards and two touchdowns.

Marques Toliver also had a good night, catching six of Myles Dumont's seven completions. Toliver finished the night with 57 yards and two touchdowns.

Dumont was 7 of 12 for 68 yards and two scores. He threw one interception.

"Offensively, we are progressing well. Everyone knows Ziggy and Marques are going to get the ball and it's all about timing and execution," Coach Dumont said.

East Bernard got the ball to start the game, and the Raider defense forced a three and out to set the tone for the game.

Rice got the ball at the 38, but turned the ball over on a fumble after gaining a first down to about midfield.

East Bernard made the Raiders pay by running the ball for 22 yards on four straight plays, before throwing a rare pass to the tight end on a play-action for a 29-yard gain to the two-yard line.

They punched into the end zone two plays later for the first touchdown of the game. They botched the snap on the extra

point and failed to convert.

The score was 6-0 with 3:17 left in the first quarter.

The Raiders were again forced three and out, but the Raider defense stuffed the Brahma rushing attack on their series forcing them off after three plays.

The Brahmas suffered another special teams snafu, snapping the ball way over the head of the punter and the Raiders got the ball at the seven-yard line.

Foster carried twice, scoring on a six-yard run.

Dumont nailed the extra point

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Raiders Travel To H'Ville Friday

The Rice Raiders travel to Hallettsville on Friday to take on another set of Brahmas.

The Raiders are 4-0 on the season and currently ranked No. 3 in the state by in the Texas Football/State Farm poll.

The come off a tremendous 35-14 win over No. 13 East Bernard. Hallettsville was off last week, and are 1-2 on the season. This will be their opening game of district 26AA play.

The Brahmas beat Edna (40-33), lost to No. 19 Refugio (28-25), and lost to Smithville (41-12).

Rice Coach Brad Dumont said that the Brahmas were set to take the lead against Refugio with under a minute to play, but fumbled on the goal line.

"We won a hard-fought, tight game last year, 24-21, and look for the same type game this time," said Dumont.

They have averaged 286 yards of offense this season while giving up 305 yards per game.

Through four games, Rice has given up only 92 yards per game while gaining 323 yards.

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

NEWSBRIEFS

Register for the Nov. 4 election

The deadline to register for the Nov. 4 General election is Monday, Oct. 6. For more information you can contact Colorado County Tax office at 979-732-2710.

Register to vote at Tyler Studio Oct. 5-6

Register to vote in the November 4 general elections, Sunday, October 5 from 1-6 p.m. and Monday, October 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Tyler Studio, 215 East Main. For more information contact Wilbert L. Williams at 979-733-6334.

Legion to dispose of flags

The W. Cherry - M. Perry American Legion Post #108 of Eagle Lake will hold its annual Flag Disposal Ceremony Thursday, Oct. 2. The ceremony will be held at the city park beginning at 5:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend. Citizens are urged to check their flags and, if they are faded, worn or torn, let the American Legion dispose of them properly. Worn flags may be turned in during business hours to Wallis State Bank, A.J. Struss Company, The Furniture Shoppe or the Prairie Edge Museum. For more information, telephone Commander Kenneth Craig at 234-2807.

Democrats to gather Oct. 2

The Colorado County Democrats will gather at the Headquarters at 1114 Milam in Columbus on the Courthouse square Thursday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. Planning for the upcoming election and volunteer opportunities will be discussed. Campaign materials will be available. Come and join us and bring a friend. For more information contact Susan Havelka at 979-732-9048.

Attention all photographers!!!

The Colorado County Camera Club will have its' next regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, Oct 2 at 7 p.m. at Becky's Cafe at 1237 Bowie St in Columbus. All persons interested in photography are invited to attend. This is open to pros, amateurs and folks who still have their cameras in the box! Jerry Brown will give a brief talk on "How to look at a print". We will explore Q & A sessions, photo challenges and workshops on various aspects of photography. Both film and digital will be discussed. This month's Photo Challenge is to take a "portrait" (any singular object, not necessarily a person) ...use your creativity and imagination! Bring your camera!

Senior citizen's dance is Friday

A Senior Citizen's Dance will be held Friday, Oct. 3, 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 Club to hold public dance Oct. 4

The Sealy Dance Club will host a public Dance Saturday October 4, at the American Legion Hall in Sealy. Dance time is 7:30 to 11:30. Music will be provided by "Al Sulak", the best in mixed music. The theme for this dance is "Halloween". Feel free to wear something scary. Every dance is a big party and fun time. Free cake, coffee, sandwiches, chips, dips, and door prizes. The public is invited, admission \$7.00 per person. Doors open at 6 p.m. For information call: 979 885 3489. The Sealy Dance Club is a non-profit club.

Class of 1988 to hold reunion

The Class of 1988 will hold their reunion at The Tree House in Eagle Lake from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, October 4. If anyone is interested in a family picnic, let me know that info as well! Email Leslie Sunderman at RiceHighSchoolClassof1988@yahoo.com to give her your contact information. Help spread the word.

Mentz picnic set for Oct. 5

The 154th Annual Mentz picnic will be held Sunday, Oct. 5 at St. Roch Catholic Church in Mentz. Sacrifice of Mass starts at 10 a.m. Sunday. Serving of the BBQ beef, pork and homemade sausage meal starts at 11 a.m. Adults plates are \$8; children under 12, \$4. Dine in or take out. BBQ and sausage sold by the pound. Auction begins at 1 p.m. Enjoy the grocery walk, country store and cake walk. Music throughout the day by The Czechaholics. Bingo from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Hamburgers available at 3 p.m. The public is invited.

Harvest ball is Oct. 11

Rice Medical Center Employee Volunteers' 13th Annual Harvest Ball is set for Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. This year's honoree is Mrs. Elfe Thomas. RMC Employee Volunteers

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City Council Adopts Budget

The Eagle Lake City Council approved the annual budget for the coming year during a meeting on Tuesday, September 23. The vote came following a public hearing in which no comments were made on the subject.

The budget shows revenues of \$3.59 million with expenditures of \$3.79 million, for a deficit of just over \$200,000.

The previous budget had \$3.59 million in revenues with \$3.89 million in spending, with an expected shortfall of over \$300,000.

The projected revenues for the current year show numbers of \$2.97 million and expenditures of \$2.85 million, for a surplus of

\$141,000.

Council also voted to set the tax rate at 77.590 cents.

The city will raise about \$32,000 more in taxes, despite the lower rate, due to increases in property values.

Council also voted to increase water and sewer minimum charges by \$2.50 each for every customer. The increase is expected to raise about \$88,500 more revenue for the city.

It is expected that these increases will help offset rising costs on many materials.

The city's contingency fund is at about \$291,000, with no money having been added to the account

since 2001. The money is set aside in the event of unforeseen emergencies.

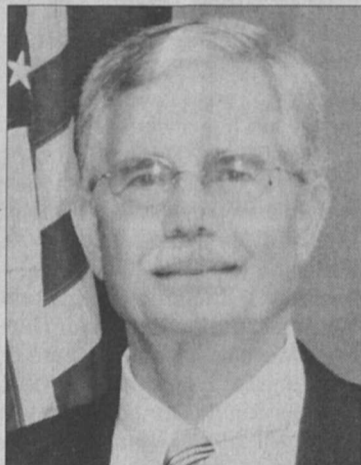
In other action:

-Council accepted the audit for 2007.

-Council authorized hiring a contract with Stephenson and Trilicek, P.C. for two years at a cost of \$12,500 per year for audit services.

-Heard a report that a study on the property at 320 Church Street will cost about \$4,000 to determine if any contamination has occurred from dry cleaning solvents. This study must be done

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County Attorney
Ken Sparks

Sparks Named Super Lawyer For 4th Time

Colorado County Attorney Ken Sparks has been selected by Texas Monthly magazine as one of its Super Lawyers in the area of criminal prosecution for the fourth year in a row. Notice of his selection will be included in the October issue of the magazine.

"As the only prosecutor in Texas who has been selected four times in a row, I am truly honored by this award," said Sparks. "The credit for this award goes to the best staff of any prosecutor's office in Texas," he added. "Carolyn Olson, Jay Johannes, Willie Mae Williams, Gloria McCain, Donna Lux, Natasha Kocian, and Genia Behrens share this award with me," he said.

Sparks has been board certified in criminal law since 1981 and has served as County Attorney with felony jurisdiction since 2001. He is unopposed on the November ballot for re-election to a new four-year term.

The selection procedure included peer nominations by judges and lawyers, 55,000 ballots mailed to Texas lawyers, a blue ribbon panel review process, and independent research on the nominees.



Pictured above is a Ford Explorer that was involved in a collision with an 18-wheeler at the intersection of 3013 and 90A on Tuesday morning. According to reports from the Eagle Lake Police Department, the Explorer, driven by Margaret Camacho of Columbus, was at the stop sign and pulled out before the truck, heading east on 90A, had cleared the intersection. The Explorer struck the rear set of wheels on the truck, almost knocking them off. The truck was driven by Peter Walker of Pearland. Both drivers were transported to Rice Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.



Pictured from left to right, Don Bendy, Vice-President of the Wintermann Foundation; Judi Johnson, Vice-President and Secretary of the Wintermann Foundation; Jack Johnson, President of the Wintermann Foundation; and Dr. Ted Wilson, representing AgriLife Research David R. Wintermann Rice Research Station. The Wintermann Foundation was recently honored by AgriLife for a land donation that the foundation made to the Rice Research Facility.