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J. J. Reggins heads upfield after making an interception in the Raiders' victory over Weimar last Friday night. Damien Stevens looks for someone to block.

City Council Hears Railroad Quiet Zone Presentation

The Eagle Lake City Council heard a presentation by Leslie Lerner on the possibility of making Eagle Lake a quiet zone for trains.

This would mean that trains coming through would not be able to blow their whistles under normal circumstances.

She said that having the quiet zone would reduce noise and could possibly help with economic growth because the trains are a deterrent for people looking to move into the area.

She also argues that it could increase property values as well.

In order to create a quiet zone, medians would be installed on either side of the tracks that would prevent vehicles from driving around the crossing guards. The medians would likely be concrete and six to nine inches tall and a specified width.

Lerner said that she thinks less than \$50,000 would be needed for the project and proponents suggested that perhaps it could be paid for through private donations.

The plan would also include the closing of the crossing at Commerce Street as well as closing Post Office Street at Lake Ave. Lerner said that the railroad would pay the city to close a crossing. She did not have an estimate of how much, but said that some numbers she had heard were between \$10,000 and \$30,000.

Council raised some questions about how this might affect emergency services such as the fire department.

Lerner said that some things would change, but she felt that after everyone got used to the changes, having the quiet zone would be a benefit.

She also said that statistics indicate that areas with quiet zones tend to be safer as far as accidents are concerned because traffic cannot cross the tracks when the guards are down.

In addition to the medians, signs would be put up that made it clear that trains would not blow their whistles. This would help to alert traffic and pedestrians especially.

She said that the trains can still blow their whistles, but only under certain scenarios, like if there are workers on the track or there was some type of malfunction.

Another concern raised by council was how the large trucks

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RCISD Names Post Rice Junior High Principal

The Rice CISD Board of Trustees voted during their regular meeting October 13 to name current Garwood Principal John Henry Post as the Principal of the new Rice Junior High School for the 2009-210 school year.

The school is still under construction and due to be complete July of 2009.

Superintendent Michael La-

nier said that they needed to go ahead and name the administrator for that campus because the person would need to be involved in some planning and decision making pertaining to the new school.

He said that Post would finish the school year at Garwood with minimal interruption.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Fall Festival is Saturday

A Fall Festival fundraiser for the Retirement Celebration for The Rev. Dr. Obie Rhodes will be held at E.H. Henry Park ("Flat Area" - old E.H. Henry School area) on Saturday, October 25, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The public is invited. A food booth, garage sale, bake sale, and fun games for the children are planned activities. Proceeds will be used for the Rev. Dr. Obie Rhodes retirement banquet celebration. Thank you for your support. For information call 979-234-2879 or 979-234-2778.

Big Band rescheduled at Blinn

Houston-based Ronnie Renfrow will perform on Oct. 26 at Blinn College's W.W. O'Donnell Center. This concert had to be rescheduled because of Hurricane Ike. The Big Band show will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the Blinn College Student Center ticket office and by calling 979-830-4024. Tickets originally sold for the Sept. 11 concert will be honored.

GRSBC selling plates Saturday

Greater Rising Star Baptist Church pastors aide will be selling fish plates on Saturday, October 25 starting at 11 a.m. Plates are \$7 and will consist of fried fish, green beans, corn, cake and bread. Call 979-234-2423 or 979-453-1279. Thanks in advance for your support!

Lions Club BBQ is Oct. 26

The Eagle Lake Lions Club will hold their annual barbecue dinner Sunday, Oct. 26. Plates are \$7 each. Serving will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Golf Course.

Relay for Life meeting Oct. 28

The Colorado County Relay for Life will hold a meeting on October 28 at 5:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church fellowship hall in Columbus with light refreshments and drinks. Please make plans to attend this meeting. The event chair Robin Maertz is looking for volunteers to help put on next years event which will be on April 17, 2009 at the Columbus High school football field. If interested and can't make the meeting please contact her at 979-732-1687.

WCBC fish fry is Oct. 31

White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) will hold a fish fry on Friday, Oct. 31 starting at 11 a.m. Plates are \$7. For delivery call 979-234-3800 or pick your plate(s) up at the church at 1493 Old Altair Road. Thank you in advance for your donation.

Komensky school reunion is Nov. 2

The 16th Komensky School reunion will be held Sunday, Nov. 2 at the Moravia Dining Hall. All former students teachers, trustees, residents and their spouses, and also anyone interested in the Komensky Community are invited to attend. Registration starts at 10 a.m. followed by a catered noon meal consisting of fried chicken and trimmings (\$5 adults). Bring sweets. Also bring an item for the silent auction. After the noon meal, a short meeting will be held followed by door prizes and social. Do come for a great time! Reply only if attending (361-596-4930, Martha Pavlicek); (361-596-7001 or 361-772-6409 Barbara Janak).

ELJH to hold Book Fair!

The Eagle Lake Junior High (ELJH) will hold their Scholastic Book Fair the week of November 3-7 in the library at 7:45 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. This will be a great time to buy early Christmas presents and support the ELJH library. So, come to the ELJH School and check out the book fair!

Fire Department needs your support

The Eagle Lake Fire Department will hold their annual stew supper and silent auction on Tuesday, Nov. 4. They'd love for you to dine-in and visit with the firemen and look at the equipment. A drive thru will be available as well. You may purchase your tickets from any fireman. If you'd like to donate a much needed item to their silent auction, you can contact Kurt Sunderman at 979-234-7175. The fire department truly appreciates everyone's support.

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Raiders Beat Weimar, Move To 6-0 On Season

The Raiders got their sixth win of the season, dispatching the Weimar Wildcats, 35-8 last Friday night in Altair. They are 6-0 on the season with a 3-0 district mark.

Myles Dumont turned in a great performance completing 15 of 22 passes for 241 yards and four touchdowns.

Marques Toliver also had a solid night with seven catches, three for touchdowns and 121 yards.

Ziggy Foster rushed for 111 yards and caught one pass for a 39-yard touchdown.

Mario Hull returned from an arm injury and caught four passes for 51-yards. He also had an interception of the defensive side of the ball.

The Wildcats got the ball at the 29 to start the game and completed two passes for 30 and seven yards to move quickly into Raider territory.

An offside penalty gave Weimar a first down at the Rice 29.

Two plays later they completed a pass for 16 yards to the 15.

After pushing to the nine, Weimar opted to go for it on fourth and four. The Raider defense held and Rice took over on their own nine.

Foster carried for 11, then 16 yards out to the 36.

They gave him the ball again for five, then six more to the 47.

He picked up 13 more yards on the next play to the Weimar

Rice Travels To Schulenburg Friday Night

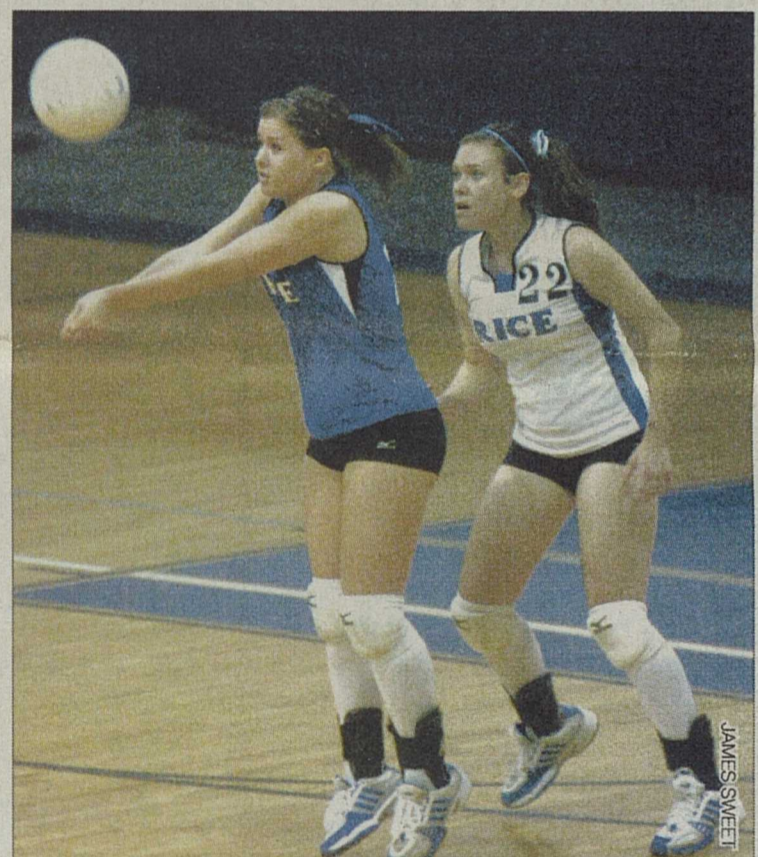
The Rice Raiders travel to Schulenburg this Friday to take on the Shorthorns.

The Shorthorns have been somewhat of a nemesis for the Raiders, spoiling hopes of an undefeated season two consecutive years.

Rice Coach Brad Dumont said that he hopes the fact that the Raiders have lost to Schulenburg the last two years will help to motivate the team towards victory.

Rice rolls into the game 6-0 on the season with a 3-0 district mark.

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Kristyna Lobpries passes the ball while Cynthia Quinney backs her up during the game against Weimar Friday



The Wintermann Foundation recently made a \$200,000 donation to an endowment fund for the library. Pictured from left are: Martin Herman, Jack Johnson, Beverly Moulder and Lisa Hoffman.

\$200,000 Endowment Donation To Library

On September 24, 2008, the Wintermann Foundation presented the Eula and David Wintermann Library with an Endowment Fund of \$500,000.00 with the first installment being a grant of \$200,000.00.

The purpose of the grant is to continue their ongoing support of the library and the library's contri-

bution to the community.

Once the fund has reached the \$500,000.00 total, the library may then use 10% of the assets for capital expenditures for building improvements and repairs, furniture, fixtures and various other teaching or instructional aids for the library.

The Wintermann Foundation also supports the library through matching funds of the annual auction, bakery booth and drawing.

Anyone interested in making a contribution to the endowment fund may do so by sending their check or bringing it to the library and marking it specifically for the fund.