

Raiders 7 On 7 Football State Bound

The Rice 7 on 7 Club qualified for the State 7 on 7 Tourney for the second straight year by winning the Championship at the La Villa State Qualifying Tourney Saturday May 23 in Mercedes.

The Raiders won Pool "A" with victories over Hidalgo 28-12, Palacios 32-13 and Lyford 22-18.

After a 30 minute break the Raiders played Lago Vista Pool "B" Champs. After trailing 7-0

the Raiders ran off 32 straight for a 32-7 halftime lead and cruised to a 43-29 Championship game victory.

"The guys had a great day both on offense and defense," stated Coach Charlie Sosa. Mario Hull and Myles Dumont led the offense and Damien Stevens, Chito Vasquez, and Kevin Ellis led the defense with 6 interceptions.

Other Team members were: Cody Lantelme, Sean Torres, Terris Shorter, Terrance Shorter, Mike Scott, Tim Morales, Carlos Sosa, Lance Howard, Derek Sewell, Mark Sosa, Patrick Dota, Tremaine Tillman and JJ Reggins. Other Coaches are David Sosa and Brian Ellis.

The Raiders will play in the Brookshire Royal 7 on 7 league every Tuesday starting June 9th. Game times will be 6 and 7 p.m.

Teams in the league are: Brookshire Royal, Rice, Hempstead, Weimar, Katy Morton Ranch, Fort Bend Bush, Foster and Bellville. You can click on the summer schedules on the Rice CISD web site for details.

The Raiders will be participating in the State Tourney July 9th and 10th in College Station. Game times for the Pool Play are 1, 2, and 3 p.m. on the 9th. Bracket Play will begin at 8 a.m. on the 10th. You can get all State info at state7on7.com.

The 7 on 7 Club will be doing a fundraiser meal check the paper and radio for details and anyone that would like to make a donation for the State Tourney can do so at First National Bank of Eagle Lake.



Rice Medical Center (RMC) Employee Volunteers awarded four (4) \$500.00 scholarships to the following Rice High School graduating seniors. From left to right, Matt Hernandez, Chelsea Korenek, Tori Rathburn and Nick Duarte.

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Juneteenth festival June 20

The 4th annual Juneteenth Festival will be Saturday, June 20 at Roadside Park in Altair. Fun, food, festivities, contests, music and more. Saturday parade line up at 11:30 a.m. (anyone wanting to participate in parade should meet at Hwy 71 Main in Altair). The parade will start at noon with festivities starting at 1 p.m. at park. There will be domino and card tournaments. Come on out and have some fun! Bring lawn chairs! Door prizes!

Frnka family reunion June 21

The 71 Frnka family reunion will be held on Sunday, June 21 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church Assembly Hall, 1031 Church Lane, Frelsburg. There will be a business meeting, potluck lunch, and auction. So please bring a main dish, side dish, appetizer and/or dessert and an auction item. Entertainment and games will be provided for the children.

Organizing underway for Freedom Fest

Organizers of the 2009 Wharton County Freedom Fest urge vendors, bbq cookoff teams, softball teams and car, motorcycle and antique tractor buffs to file their applications now to participate in the two-day celebration, slated for June 26 and 27 in and around Wharton. The festival opens Friday, June 26 with a bbq cookoff and dance in Riverfront Park. Saturday kicks off with the Farmers' Market in Guffey Park, softball at Pleasure Park, a Veterans' Salute and courthouse tours on Monterey Square, the car show, a children's theatre production of Annie Jr. at the Plaza, arts, crafts, games and food booths, and of course fireworks and dancing in the streets until midnight. Applications for vendor booths, the barbecue cookoff, and the car, motorcycle and antique tractor show may be obtained at the Wharton County Chamber of Commerce, 225 North Richmond Road, or online at whartontexas.com (click on Freedom Fest in the upper right of the page). To register for the softball tournament call 979-487-0031 or 979-532-0491.

Grigar Receives Achievement Medal

The Department of the Navy awarded the navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal to Aviation Electrician's Mate 3rd Class, John J. Grigar, IV, United States Navy for professional achievement as the line division night shift supervisor at Electronic Attack Squadron One Two Nine from July 2007 to July 2009.

Demonstrating exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication to the fleet replacement squadron's mission, he flawlessly directed the efforts of 13 junior personnel in the support of launch and recovery operations.

Petty Officer Grigar's in-depth knowledge of line maintenance directly contributed to the suc-

cessful completion of 25 squadron detachments.

Additionally, he played a pivotal role during the training and qualification of ten brake-riders, nine duct divers, five flight deck observers, and the designation of three Viking plane captains significantly increasing the maintenance department's depth of expertise.

His efforts and commitment to the squadron contributed greatly to mission success.

Petty Officer Grigar's exceptional professionalism, unrelenting perseverance, and loyal devotion to duty reflected credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.



Petty Officer Grigar is the son of Janet and J.J. Grigar of Lockhart and grandson of Angie Grigar of East Bernard and Fred and Eunice Frnka of Eagle Lake and nephew of Jeff Frnka of Eagle Lake. He is stationed in Oak Harbor, Washington.

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