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Tim Morales and Michael Scott wrap up a ball carrier during the Wharton game.

## City Proposes Tax Increase; Schedules Public Hearings

The Eagle Lake City Council, during their regular meeting August 25, voted to propose a tax rate of 84.275 cents per \$100 of valuation for the coming year.

The proposed tax rate is an increase from last year's rate of 77.590 cents.

The action came following a workshop prior to the meeting.

The tax rate will be voted on after public hearings are held on September 8 and 15 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall.

The proposed rate is the highest rate the city could propose without triggering a tax rollback election.

The rate at which the city would earn the same amount of money as last year, the effective rate, is 79.554 cents.

The tax increase on an average value home in the city would be about \$28 over last year. Last year's average home was valued at about \$56,000 compared to

about \$55,000 this year.

It was also noted by council that there have been no major tax increases in several years by the city.

The city would earn about \$34,000 more than last year at the proposed tax rate. That figure is based on tax values in the city of about \$82.4 million. Last year's roll was about \$85.1 million.

It was noted by council that they have not discussed raising city utility rates this year.

Some of the major items council

is trying to work into this year's budget include an across the board pay raise for city employees, \$10,000 for fire station repairs, and money to replace a police vehicle.

In other council action:

-Council approved proceeding with a plan by the Chamber of Commerce to install banners downtown that promote the city. The city would help install the banners, but the chamber will pay for the banners themselves.

## Rice Wins Weather Shortened Game

The Rice Raiders opened the season last Friday in Wharton with a 14-12 victory in a game shortened by weather.

The game was called during the halftime break, after waiting to see if stormy skies would clear out.

Rain started falling just about the end of halftime and lightning

and thunder followed shortly after.

The officials waited about forty minutes before making the call to end the game.

Rice was ahead going into halftime 14-12.

"We struggled running the ball and that will be our major work this week," Rice Coach Brad Dumont said evaluating his offense.

"We have to run the ball to win and be successful," he added.

Rice managed only 33 rushing yards in the two quarters played.

The Raiders fared better through the air, where Myles Dumont completed 7 of 14 passes for 135 yards and two touchdowns.

Mario Hull grabbed six of the passes, including both touchdowns. He finished the night with 106 yards.

"Mario and Myles have worked well together but we have other receivers that we need to get involved," said Dumont.

Rice opened the scoring in the first quarter with a 33-yard touchdown connection between Dumont and Hull with just over a

minute off the clock.

Rice got the ball back after an interception by Carlos Sosa with about five minutes left in the first quarter.

Dumont found Hull open on the second play of the drive for a 27-yard gain to the 46.

After a couple of running plays, Dumont threw to Hull again, this time for 12 yards and a first down at the Wharton 41.

Pass interference on the next play moved the ball to the 26.

Four plays later, Dumont hit Hull wide open in the end zone for a 14-yard score.

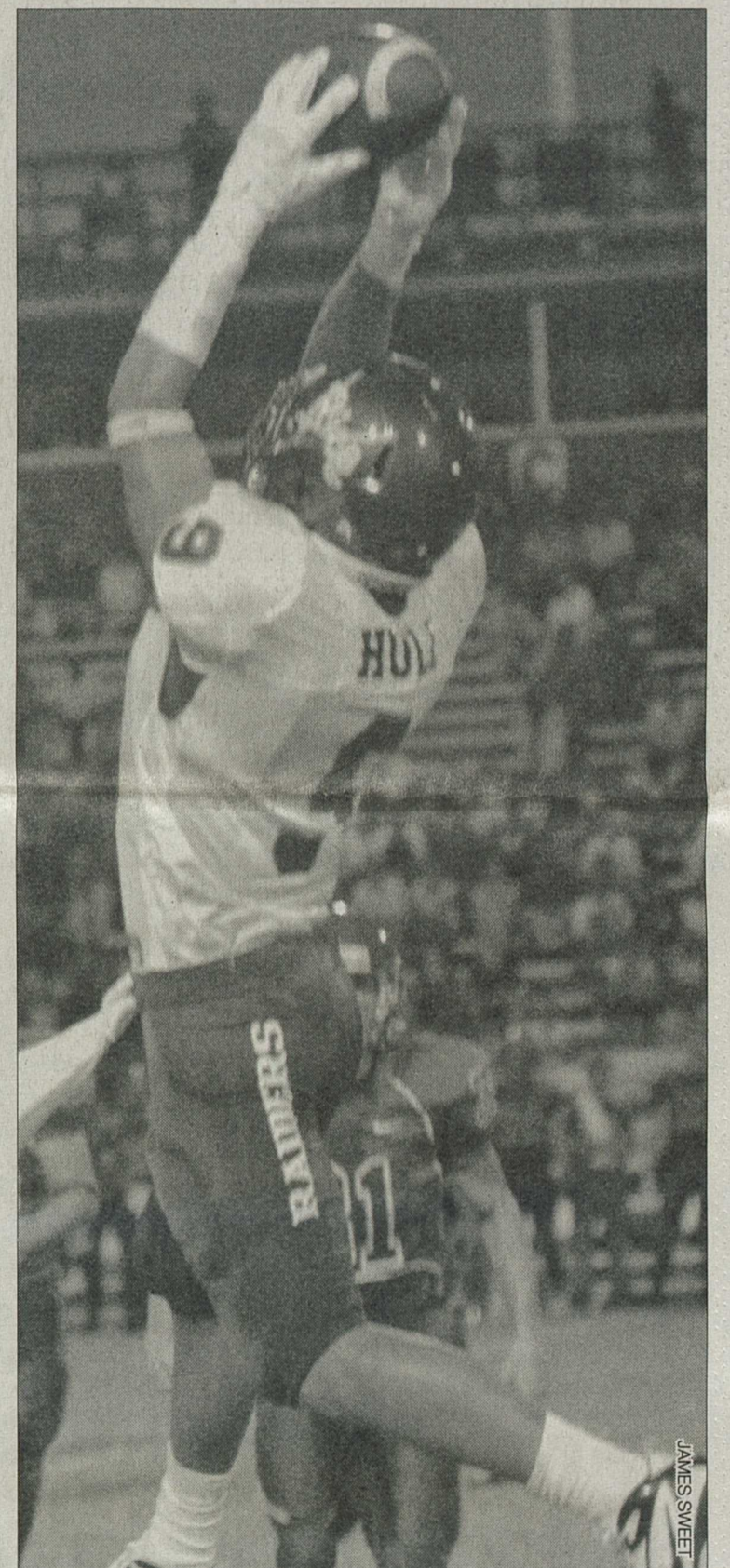
Cristian Samaniego hit the extra point to make the score 14-0 with 39 seconds left in the first quarter.

Wharton got on the board following an interception at the Raider 30.

A botched snap resulted in a failed extra point and the score was 14-6, with 7:03 left in the half.

Wharton capitalized off an

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Mario Hull makes a leaping grab in Rice's opening game in Wharton. Before weather called the game at halftime, Hull hauled in two touchdowns from quarterback Myles Dumont.

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Friday's football game has been rescheduled

Friday's Raider varsity football game with Edna has been cancelled. A game has been scheduled to replace it in Victoria on Friday against the Freer Buckaroos at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium. All season tickets will be good there. Tickets at the gate are all \$5. District passes will be accepted. No parking fees.

### Farmers Market Open Thursday's

The Eagle Lake farmers' market will be open on Thursday at the community center pavilion from 4-6:30 p.m. Gardeners and farmers, come and share your locally grown food with your neighbors. Just show up and set up under the pavilion roof. You are welcome if you have a lot to sell, or just a little. Contact Randall Spalinger at rwsopal@elc.net or call 979-243-4261. Late season produce is still available, as are home canned items.

### Mandatory safety meeting set

A mandatory safety meeting for 4-H Archery Project - Colorado County Shooting Sports will be held at the Columbus High School Cafeteria on Sept. 3, from 7-8 p.m. All area folks that wish to participate in the 2009 - 2010 4-H Archery Project must attend this safety meeting. Participants must be either nine years old, or be in the 3rd grade through 18 years of age. Bows, arrows, targets all provided. Cost is \$1 per archer for the entire season.

### Senior citizen's dance is Friday

A senior citizen's dance will be held Friday, Sept. 4 from 8-11 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Rabb's Creek Band will provide the musical entertainment. For more information call 979-234-2903. The public is invited to attend.

### St. Mary's Parish festival is Sunday

St. Mary's Parish annual festival and homecoming will be held on Sept. 6 at the Nada Community Center. BBQ beef and sausage dinner served from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Adults, \$7.50, children under 12, \$4 includes tea and dessert. Drive-thru plates to go will be available until 1 p.m. Enjoy dinner music while you dine in the air-cooled hall and see what the ladies have to offer in the bazaar and pastry booths. An auction begins at 1 p.m. Food and refreshments will be served all day and evening. Activities throughout the day include bingo, variety walk, kids games, train ride, bouncing buddies, special appearance by "Rainbow the Clown," and entertainment by DJ "Big Mo" and karaoke by Frankie C. Antique tractor and equipment exhibition from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; parade of tractors at 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. A drawing at 8:30 concludes the festivities.

### Sealy Dance Club dance Sept. 5

Sealy Dance Club will be hosting a dance Saturday, September 5 at the American Legion Hall in Sealy. Dance time is 7:30-11:30 p.m. Music will be provided by "Country Knights". Great mixed music. The theme for this dance is Fiesta Days. Put on your Spanish attire and come dance. Every dance is a big party and fun time. Open to the public. Free cake, coffee, sandwiches, chips, dips, and door prizes. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

### Bazaar, homecoming set for Sunday

You are invited to attend the annual bazaar and homecoming of Immaculate Conception Church, at the KC Hall in Sealy, Sunday, Sept. 6. BBQ dinner of pork, beef, chicken and sausage plus Mexican food beginning at 10:30 a.m. Plates to go available. Music provided by Krenek's inside the hall during lunch and outside in the afternoon. Auction at 1 p.m. Entertainment throughout the day, kiddie rides and games, plant stand, grocery stand, country store, cake walk, rock climbing wall and 23 big prize drawing in the afternoon.

### Labor Day Closings

The following businesses will be closed in observance of Labor Day. The City of Eagle Lake, First National Bank, Wallis State Bank, Wintermann Library, Eagle Lake Post Office, and the Colorado County Courthouse.

### Study Club to meet Sept. 9

The Eagle Lake Study Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9 at 2 p.m. at the Wintermann Library meeting room. Randall Spalinger will be the guest speaker. His topic will be solar power and how it is used at his country home in Eagle Lake. Please make

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## Edna Game Cancelled; Will Play Freer Instead

The Rice Raiders' football game in Altair against Edna Friday night has been cancelled.

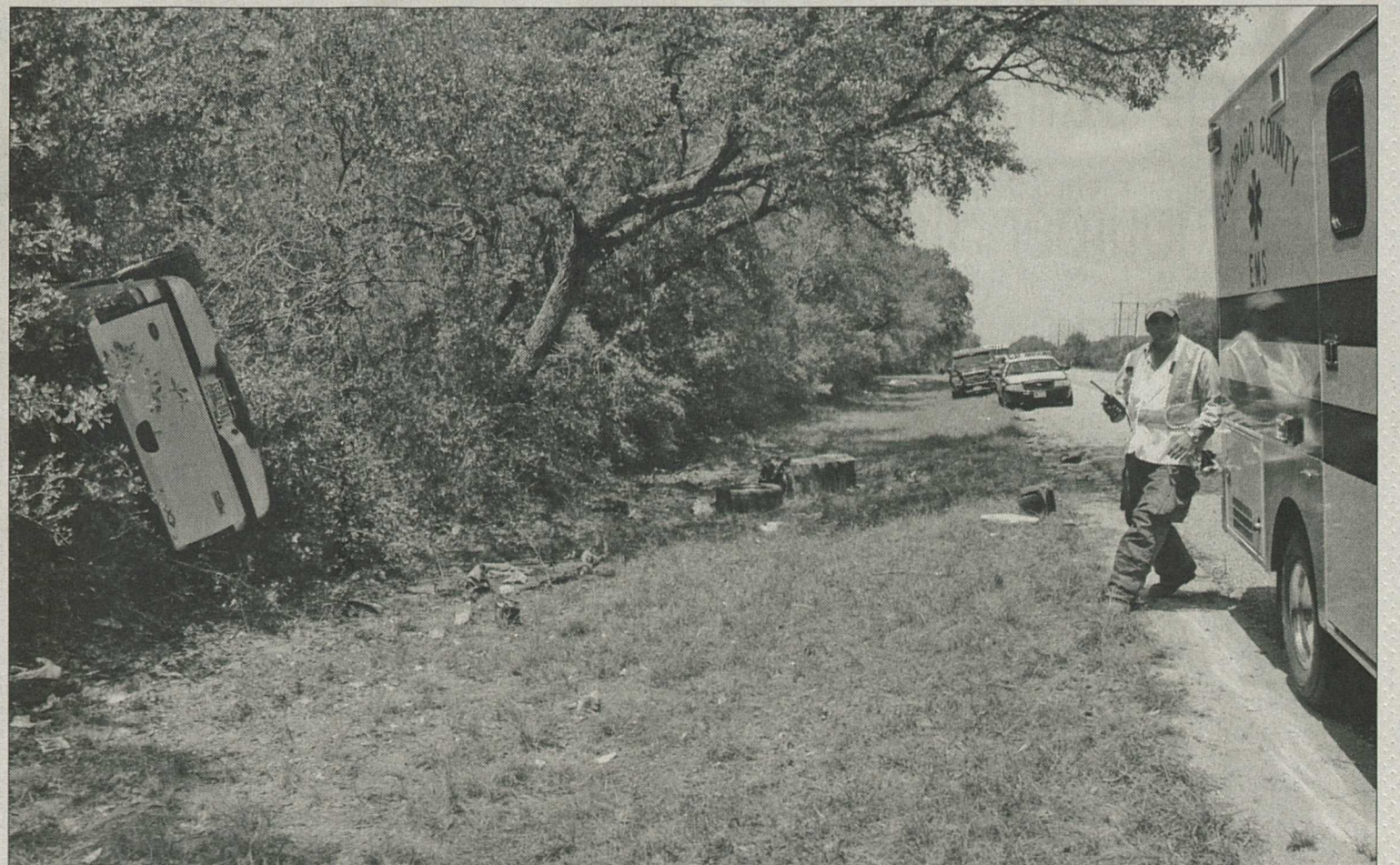
Instead the Raiders will play against Freer from district 31AA at Memorial Stadium in Victoria Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

The Buckaroos defeated Bena-

vides 19-0 in their opening game.

Freer favored the run in that win, rushing for 189 yards while only passing for 20.

The Raiders come off a 14-12 win over Wharton in a game that only went two quarters due to weather.



The Eagle Lake Fire Department responded to a one car accident on Hwy. 71 about a mile south of Altair last Wednesday about 1 p.m. A pickup truck rolled over and ended up in the brush. A full accident report was not available as of press time. The accident was investigated by Texas DPS.