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Kevin Ellis, Damien Stevens, and Jacob Munoz tackle East Bernard runner during Rice's win on Friday night.

Raiders Roll Brahmas 38-6

The Rice Raider football team opened district play with a convincing 38-6 win over East Bernard last Friday night.

The Raiders had 489 yards of offense while holding the Brahmas to just 181 yards, seven passing.

Quarterback Myles Dumont

and his favorite target Mario Hull had big nights for the Raiders.

Dumont was 15 for 24 passing with 319 yards and 3 touchdowns. He also had 39 rushing yard and two scores on the ground.

Hull caught six passes for 190 yards and two touchdowns. Tim Morales also caught four passes

for 65 yards and a touchdown.

The Raiders had an improved rushing game, with Michael Scott picking up 105 yards and scored a touchdown.

Total rushing yards for the Raiders was 170 on 27 carries.

The Raider defense had three takeaways on the night, two fumbles recovered by Carlos Sosa and Brian Cardenas and an interception by Patrick Dota.

The Brahmas got the ball to start the game and the Rice defense was ready right out of the gate.

They held East Bernard to a three and out on the first series and the Brahmas punted to the Rice 23.

On the Raiders first play Dumont threw to Hull in the flat to the right and he took it 77 yards for a touchdown.

The extra point was good by Cristian Samaniego and Rice was on top 7-0 with 9:28 in the first.

The Brahmas gained ten yards to start their next drive, but then the Raider defense dug in and forced a punt three plays later.

Rice took over at the 31 and went right to work.

Dumont carried for 13 yards; then threw to J. J. Reggins on the next play for about 13.

Two plays later Hull caught a pass and took it down inside the Brahma five-yard line.

Dumont took it in from the one two plays later.

The extra point attempt failed and the Raiders were ahead 13-0 with 5:23 left in the quarter.

The Raider defense allowed East Bernard only three play for the second time and Rice go the ball back at the 23.

Dumont threw to Terris Shorter on the first play for a 12-yard gain.

The Raiders pounded the ball the next three plays with Scott carries for seven, then ten, then nine yards to the Brahma 40.

Next, Dumont threw to Hull,
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Council Approves Budget For Year, Tax Increase

Following a public hearing on September 22, the Eagle Lake City Council voted to adopt a budget and tax rate for the coming year.

There was no one in attendance to speak at either public hearing that was held on the matter.

The budget and tax rate were approved by unanimous vote.

The new tax rate is 84.275 cents per \$100 of valuation. The

rate is just below the rollback rate, which would trigger a general election for voters to approve the rate.

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

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

The city will earn about \$34,000 more than last year with the approved rate.

Major items in the approved budget include a three percent pay raise for city employees, \$10,000 for repairs at the fire station, money for a future police vehicle purchase, and money for a city inspector/electrician.

The tax rate and budget were approved without discussion.

Council also voted to raise new building construction permit fees from three cents per square foot

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County Oks Restoration Work With Drymalla

Colorado County commissioners, meeting Monday authorized the county judge to negotiate a contract for courthouse restoration with Drymalla Construction Co.

The action came after commissioners voted to withdraw the other company who had applied for the contract, SpawGlass Corp., from consideration after it failed to respond to the county's request for information about the length of

completion.

In July, SpawGlass had submitted a proposal for a fee of \$395,348 and completion within 330 days.

Drymalla had submitted a proposal for \$443,165 and completion in 730 days.

County Judge Al Jamison said that the county's architect had said its experience on similar type restoration was 558 days.

Jamison said SpawGlass did

not respond to repeated requests for more information about its time for completion.

Commissioners were also briefed on plans for a new 450-foot high new radio tower, to be built west of Columbus.

Chuck Rogers, the county's emergency management coordinator, said the county had received an \$860,000 grant from the federal Department of Homeland

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NEWSBRIEFS

Farmer's market open Thursdays

The autumnal equinox has passed, and as we head toward the winter solstice and shorter days the farmers market is changing its hours to stay in the light. Our new hours are from 3:30 until 6 p.m. on Thursdays, as usual, under the community center pavilion. Come sell your goods or come buy fresh produce and homemade items. For information about the market send email to rwspal@elc.net, or call 979.243.4261.

Chamber seeking new board members

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce is still working on its slate of nominees for 2010 to 2012 Board of Directors. If you're interested in serving on the Board and are a member of the Chamber, be sure to throw your name in the game by calling the Chamber at 234-2780. If you are not currently a member of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, we need you! The final slate of nominees will be submitted to the Board for approval on Oct. 6 and Chamber members will be voting shortly thereafter. The Chamber also wishes to announce the hiring of Mary Parr, former County Executive Director of USDA - Colorado County Farm Service Agency as your part-time Office Manager with new office hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Girls scouts meetings underway

The Brownies and Daisies meet every Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church (pink church). If you are not already registered you can do so at the meeting.

Raider food drive is Friday

The Rice Raider football team will be proudly sponsoring a non-perishable food drive on Friday, Oct. 2. All items will be accepted at the front entry gate at game time. Any donor that brings 10 items or more will be automatically entered into a drawing for 10 prizes. Raiders will draw for prizes and winners will be announced at the game. Please support the football team's effort - Raiders Helping Raiders!

Fine rides autofest Saturday

The 8th Annual Wallis Fine Rides Autofest will be held Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Guardian Angel Church Grounds in Wallis (rain or shine). This is an open car show and all cars are welcome. First, second and third place divisional awards. Enjoy 50's rock and roll music. Great door prizes for entrants. For more information call 979-478-6712 or for entry forms go to www.wallistexas.org.

Singing Women Concert at First Baptist

The Singing Women of Texas will perform Sunday, October 4 at 6 p.m. in a free public concert at the First Baptist Church (FBC) of Eagle Lake. The repertoire of this noted traveling choir includes contemporary and traditional sacred music, with a few southern gospel and patriotic selections. Learn more at www.singingwomen.com or call 979-234-2571. FBC is located on the corner of Lake and Prairie, 527 N. Lake Ave.

Mentz picnic is Sunday

The 155th Annual Mentz picnic will be held Sunday, Oct. 4 at St. Roch Catholic Church in Mentz. BBQ beef, pork and homemade sausage with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Adults, \$8; children under 12, \$4. Dine in AC comfort or under pavilion. Drive thru line available. Hamburgers available at 3 p.m. Grocery walk, country store and cake walk. Auction at 1. Bingo from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Music throughout the day by Leroy Rybak's Swinging Orchestra. BBQ and sausage sold at the pit by the pound.

Garwood Hamburger supper is Oct. 5

The Garwood Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) will hold their hamburger supper on Monday, Oct. 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the fire station in Garwood. Eat in or take out. The GVFD thanks you in advance for your support.

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Raiders Host H'ville On Friday

The Rice Raiders host Hallettsville on Friday for the second district game.

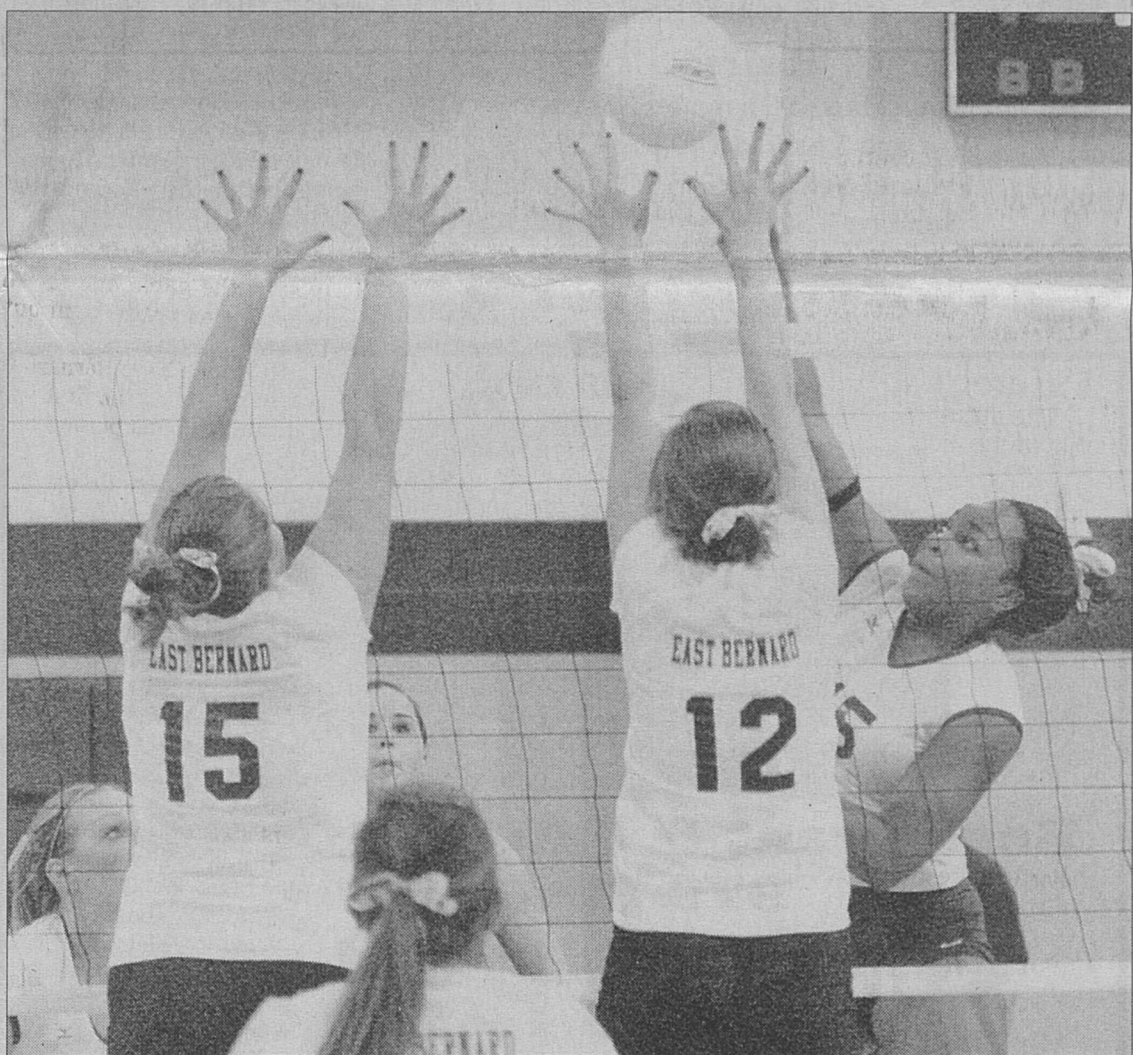
The Raiders will look to move to 2-0 in district and 4-1 overall.

Hallettsville was off last week, and are still looking for their first win of the season.

So far, they have given up a district-worst 319 yards per game while gaining only 248 yards per game.

They have scored only 49 points on the year compared to the Raiders' 131.

Game time is set for 7:30 in the Swamp.



Machelsea Thomas spikes the ball past two East Bernard blockers during the Lady Raiders' win last Friday.

Study Club Raises Over \$70,000

This year's study club auction was once again a huge success.

The total raised from the Main Auction, Silent Auction, Drawing Benefit Tickets and Bakery Booth is \$36,921.

Thanks to the Wintermann Foundation, each dollar that was raised through the efforts of the many volunteers and bidders is matched 100%.

The official total for the evening with the matching funds is \$73,842. The revenues generated help support the Eula and David Wintermann Library.

Study Club president, Grace Dell Cooper welcomed everyone to the 30th annual auction held on Saturday, September 19 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Prior to the activities of the evening,

a fried chicken dinner prepared by the Dairy Delite and sponsored by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce was served.

Those present for the dinner and auction were able to visit the bakery booth and make selections from a large variety of baked goods prepared by Study Club members. Anna Lee Higgins and Grace Dell

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Pictured are many of the participants in the Eagle Lake Study Club Auction. The dinner held prior to the auction was sponsored by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce.