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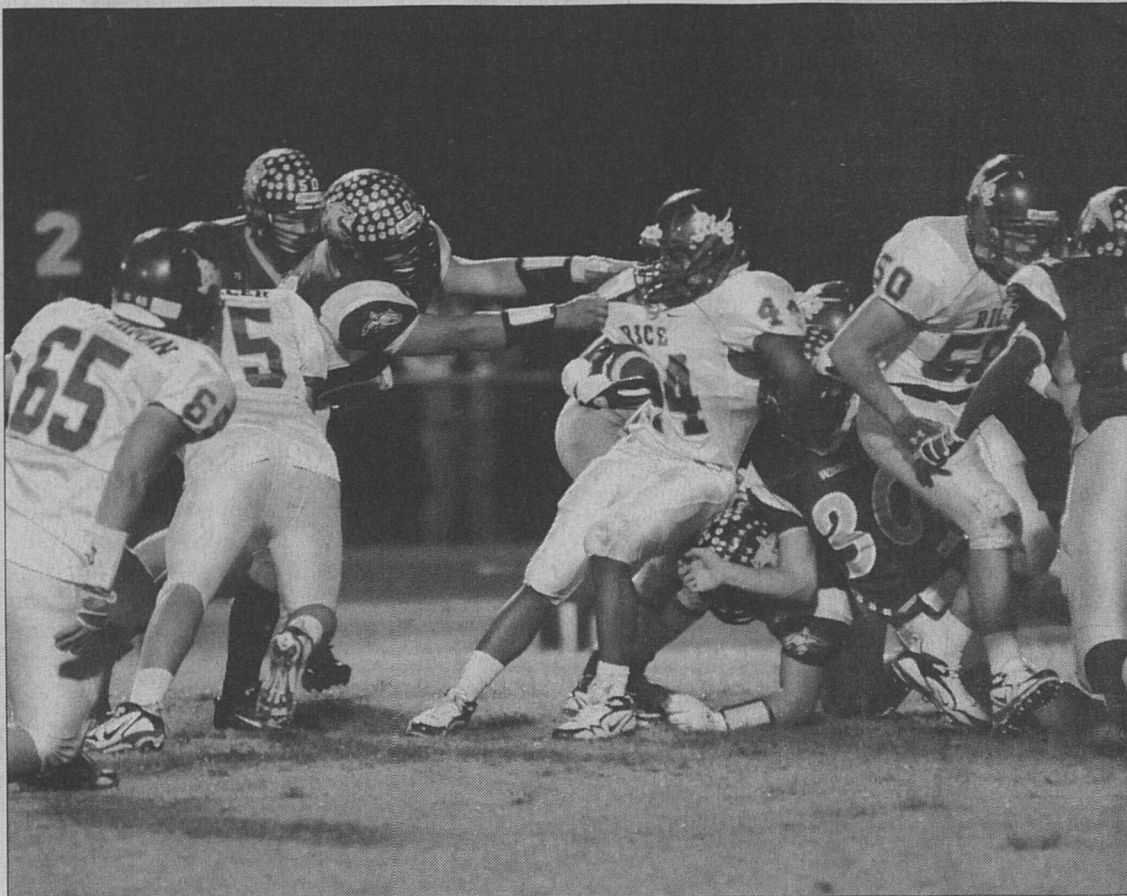
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Francisco Vazquez tries to get loose from a Wildcat tackler. Other Raiders in the photo include Stephen Lafferman, Kody Miller, and Spence Spencer.

Win Would Clinch Playoffs Raiders Host Schulenburg Friday

The Rice Raiders (5-1, 3-0) are set to host the Schulenburg Short-horns (4-4, 2-2) on Friday night in Altair. Kickoff is set for 7:30. Friday night is also Sr. Band and Cheerleaders' Parents' night.

A win Friday will clinch playoff berth for the Raiders.

"Schulenburg is still alive for a playoff berth, and they will

be playing for their last chance Friday," said Rice Coach Brad Dumont.

"They have a great quarterback in Bludau and an explosive weapon in Houston," he said.

Dumont also indicated that they are a very big team.

"We will need a perfect game," he added.

They are averaging 294 yards on offense and give up 294 yards on defense.

Kyle Bludau has thrown for 1,045 yards and 8 touchdowns on the year and David Houston has rushed for 479 and 6 touchdowns.

Schulenburg lost to Hallettsville 40-29 last week.

Raiders Beat Weimar; Now 3-0 In District Play

The Rice Raider (5-1, 3-0) football team won a tough battle 21-13 against Weimar (7-1, 2-1) last Friday night in Weimar.

After a 7-7 tie game at the half, the Raiders fell behind 13-7 before taking the lead in the fourth quarter.

The win positions the Raiders in a tie for first in district with Hempstead.

A win this Friday against Schulenburg (4-4, 2-2) would secure a playoff berth for the Raiders.

The Raiders defense played a strong game against Weimar, holding their offense to 134 rushing and 129 passing yards, well under their season averages of nearly 200 and 168 respectively.

The defense also intercepted three passes from district leading quarterback Brix Hawthorne on the evening.

"Our defense did what they were coached to do. Coach Pustejovsky and his defensive staff did a great job preparing the kids," said Rice Coach Brad Dumont.

Dumont credits work during the summer on the 7-on-7 team for their success both defending the pass attack as well as on offensive side of the ball.

"Our kids understand the passing game on both offense and defense," Dumont said.

The Raider offense ran the ball well on the night, gaining 200 yards on 40 carries.

Terrance Shorter paced the running attack with 88 yards on 14 carries and one touchdown.

Dumont said that they wanted to run the ball effectively to keep the defense off the field as long as possible to keep them rested against the Weimar passing attack.

Myles Dumont was 7 of 12 passing for 165 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Mario Hull caught 4 of those passes for 113 yards, including the go ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter on a 74-yard strike.

Hull played both ways a good portion of the game often lining up as a safety or corner back. He had an interception for the Raiders on that side of the ball, giving him three on the year, tied for the most in the district.

Coach Dumont said that the run game also helped set up the

big play to Hull.

"We were looking for an opportunity to go deep, and running helped," said coach Dumont.

Weimar got the ball to start the game and was moving toward midfield, but the Raider defense buckled down and forced them to punt.

The Raiders took over at the 31 and went right to work with Dumont throwing to Ryan Moore for 27 yards on the first play.

Dumont ran the ball on the next play for 22 more to the Weimar 20.

Two plays later Dumont threw to Chris Dorsey for a 17-yard touchdown and the Raiders were in business.

Cristian Samaniego made the extra point for a 7-0 Raider lead with 7:30 left in the first quarter.

The Raider defense forced a three and out on the next drive, but an interception gave the ball right back to Weimar.

The Raider defense pushed the Wildcats backwards, and they were forced to punt again after three plays.

Rice moved the ball for a first down, but fumbled giving the ball back to Weimar at the 44.

Two plays later Rice took the ball back with an interception by Damien Stevens.

Rice went to work pounding the ball with the running game.

After a four-yard gain on a carry by Hull, Shorter picked up 23, then three more. Next, Francisco Vazquez carried for 17 more to the Weimar 24.

Shorter got the ball two more times for four, then six yards to the 14.

The drive stalled there, and three plays later Rice brought on the field goal unit.

The kick by Samaniego missed the mark, and the score remained 7-0 with 9:15 left in the first half.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Farmer's market open Thursdays

The Eagle Lake farmers' market is open on Thursdays at the community center pavilion from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Come 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. Come to the market to buy fresh vegetables and other goodies. rwspal@elc.net or call 979.243.4261.

CDA Banquet, auction Saturday

The 20th Century District Association (CDA) Scholarship Banquet and Auction will be held Saturday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center, 100 N. Walnut St. in Eagle Lake.

Make a Difference Day is Saturday

Citizens of the Garwood/Nada area who are eighty (80) and over are invited to the annual Make A Difference Day social and luncheon on October 24 at 11 a.m. at the Lehrer Memorial United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. This event is sponsored by the Nada/Garwood Gadabouts to recognize the area citizens who have contributed so much to the communities.

Marker dedication is Sunday

A historic marker dedication for Clear Creek Cemetery will be held on Sunday, October 25 at 2:30 p.m. The cemetery is located on County Road 250 near Oakland. For more information call 254-773-0155.

Habitat Get-Together

On October 27, Colorado County Habitat For Humanity will sponsor a Get-to-Know-Habitat Ice Cream Social at 7 p.m. at the Eula and David Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake, 101 N. Walnut. The purpose of the gathering is to share the history of Habitat and the local affiliate, to outline the Affiliates plan for future houses, and to explain the behind-the-scenes activities that support the house construction. Individuals interested in the mission of Habitat are invited to join us for an hour of information and ice cream. For additional information, call 979-732-5677.

White Cloud fish fry Oct. 30

White Cloud Baptist Church is having a fish fry on October 30 at 1493 Old Altair Rd Eagle Lake. For delivery call 979-234-3800.

Chamber to hold Haunted House

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce invites you to the Chamber's House of Terror! Enter if you dare! Doors creek open on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 6 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$1 per person. Halloween costume and screaming contest starts at 4 p.m. There will also be a pumpkin contest (carved/decorated). Pumpkins are due by Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. For more information call 979-234-2780 or visit www.visitaglelake.com for more detailed information.

Putting championship set for Oct. 31

The Eagle Lake Rotary Club will sponsor their first Annual Goose Hunting Capital of the World Putting Championship Saturday, Oct. 31. Entry fee is a \$20 donation. Proceeds benefit the Rotary Scholarship Fund. The 9-hole event gets underway at 9 a.m. with the lowest score winning. Early sign up is greatly appreciated. Sign-up deadline is 8:45 a.m. (10/31/09). For more information call Jane at 979-234-5981 or John at 234-3525 or sign up at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/eaglelakeroary>. Open to anyone. Limited to first 66 putters to sign up.

Ceremony to honor vets is Oct. 31

John A. Wharton, 8th Texas Cavalry camp of Son's of Confederate Veterans will hold a ceremony for Confederate Veterans buried at Lakeside Cemetery on Saturday, Oct. 31 at 1 p.m. The event is open to the public. If anyone has an ancestor buried there, who served in the Confederate Army or Navy, we would love to hear from you. Call 979-578-3531.

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Ty Prause To Run For County Judge

Ty Prause has formally announced his candidacy for Colorado County Judge in the March 2010 Republican primary and wants to serve the citizens of Colorado County as their next County Judge.

Prause was born in Columbus in 1963 to Dan and Mary Ellen Prause. Prause attended St. Anthony's School and graduated from Columbus High School in 1981. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a specialty in Business Management from Texas A & M University in 1985 and his law degree from St. Mary's Law School in 1988.

He has been an attorney with the firm of Gates, Stein, Prause & Gillespie since 1988. His primary areas of law practice include Administrative Law, Real Estate, Probate, Estate Planning, Oil & Gas and Business Transactions. He has represented the City of Columbus as City Attorney and Municipal Court Prosecutor since 1991 to present, and represented the cities of Eagle Lake, Weimar and Fayetteville in years past.

He and the former Julie Smith of El Campo were married at St. Roch's Catholic Church of Mentz, Texas in 1994 and are parishioners at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Columbus. They have lived in northern Colorado County for the past fifteen years. Julie is a teacher of the blind and visually impaired students for the Columbus and Weimar school districts.

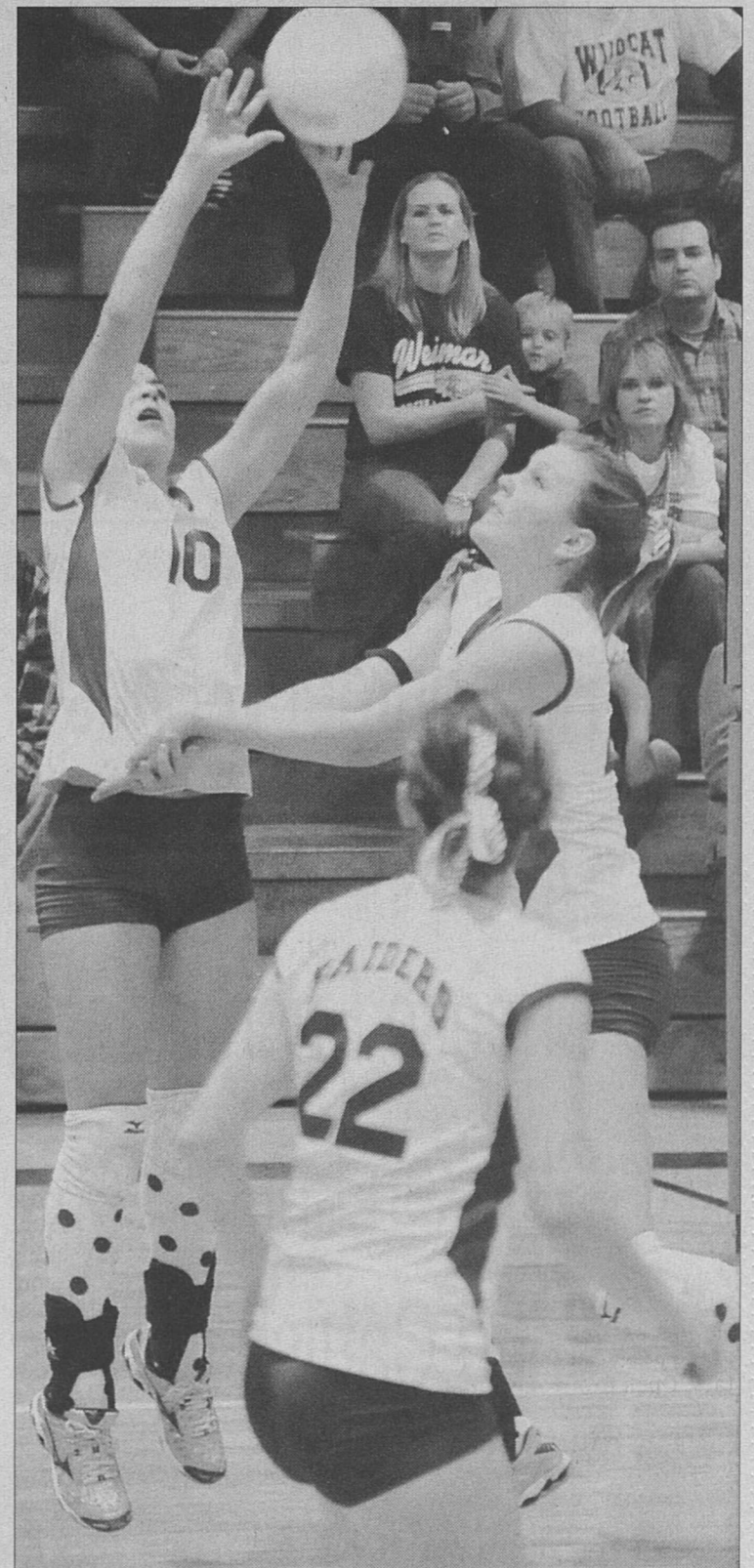
Prause belongs to and has served on various state and local organizations, including the Texas State Bar Grievance Committee, Columbus Hospital Board of Trustees, Knights of Columbus, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and Texas City Attorneys Association. Prause said that he is very appreciative of having had the opportunity to be a lawyer and represent individuals and businesses in Colorado County for the past 21 years.

Now Prause wants to serve the citizens of Colorado County as their next County Judge. He believes his experience as a lawyer, small business owner and his years of work representing

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Kurt Sunderman, President of RMC Employee Volunteers presents Crystal Award of Appreciation to Dr. Ronald Mahoney during the RMC Harvest Ball held on Saturday.



Kelsey Danklefs beats Lauren Shimek to the ball as Cynthia Quinney looks on during the game against Weimar Friday.