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Raiders Celebrate Perfect District Run; Face Lexington In Bi-District

The Rice Raider football team extended their district winning streak to 15 games with a 36-3 win over Brazos on Homecoming Night last Friday in Altair.

The Raiders had previously clinched the district title and a playoff berth.

To go along with the homecoming activities, Rice honored any Raiders from teams from the previous ten years, as Rice has made the playoffs ten consecutive years.

During that impressive streak, the Raiders have notched an unbelievable 98-24 record.

Rice travels to Navasota to take on Lexington in the first round of the playoffs this Friday.

The Raiders crushed the Brazos offense, allowing only 92 yards on the evening.

The offense gained 192 yards on the ground and 117 through the air against the Cougars.

Quarterback Myles Dumont returned after missing the previous two games with a knee injury.

"He was a little rusty, but we needed to get him out there two be ready for the playoffs," said Rice Coach Brad Dumont.

Myles was 9 of 14 on the night for 117 yards and a touchdown.

Receiver Mario Hull had 65 yards and one touchdown. He also returned a kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown.

Rice got out of the gate early and never looked back.

Brazos took the opening kickoff and the Raider defense forced a quick three and out.



The Rice Raiders take possession of the district trophy following their win over Brazos in the final regular season game. Rice has won two consecutive outright district titles and has won 15 straight district games going back to the 2007 season. They take on Lexington Friday night in Navasota in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

Brazos lined up to punt, but Brian Cardenas got through and blocked the punt. James Garner recovered it at the two-yard line and the Raiders wasted no time in pounding the ball in.

Terrance Shorter got the ball and punched it in.

The extra point failed and Rice was

up 6-0 with 10:47 left in the first quarter.

The Rice defense forced another three and out, aided by a sack by Kevin Ellis.

Rice took over at the 46.

The first play was a 33-yard pass to Hull down to the Cougar 21.

Rice ran the ball on the next five plays to score another touchdown.

Shorter ran it in from one out this time.

The extra point failed again, and the score was 12-0 with 5:53 left in the first quarter.

For a third straight possession, the Rice defense held Brazos to just three plays and a punt.

The Raiders would capitalize, scoring a

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Rice Raiders vs. Lexington, Part II

The Rice Raiders are set to take on the Lexington Eagles in the bi-district round of the playoffs on Friday night in Navasota at 7:30. (see map to stadium on page B1) The Raiders will be on the home side.

The Raiders are in a somewhat unique situation of already having played, and beaten, Lexington this season. Final score of the September 18 game was 26-22, but the Raiders needed to come from behind to secure the win on the road in the fourth quarter.

Raider Coach Brad Dumont said that having played Lexington helps because they will be more prepared for the blitzes that pestered the Raiders in the first meeting.

Dumont said the keys to winning would be protecting the quarterback and not giving up big plays.

"They score a lot on long runs or

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County Exploring Possibility For Juvenile Facility Use

Colorado County officials are discussing with the Texas National Guard the possibility of leasing the now closed Juvenile Detention facility in Eagle Lake.

County Judge Al Jamison Monday told county commissioners that the discussions are still

in the preliminary stages and no agreement has been reached.

He said the National Guard is involved a program to educate high school dropouts called the National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

Students would attend live and attend school at the facility for five and half months. Jamison estimated 150 students might be enrolled and estimated the facil-

ity could employ approximately 40 people.

Funding for the program comes from a combination of federal, state and private sources.

Jamison said a decision could be made within the next few months.

In other action commissioners:

-Approved a request from the Columbus Garden Club for

help in removing feral cats from Beason's Park. The commissioners approved authorizing the cat removal, with the assistance from the Lower Colorado River Authority.

Garden Club representative Marian Schonenberg said the club had maintained a garden at the park, but they had put the project on hold until the cat issue is resolved.

She also said the cats were being routinely fed and said she felt that feeding of feral cats should not be permitted in the park.

-Approved a resolution of support asking the Army to reconsider its decision to shift manufacture of medium tactical vehicles from BAE Systems in Sealy to a company in Wisconsin.

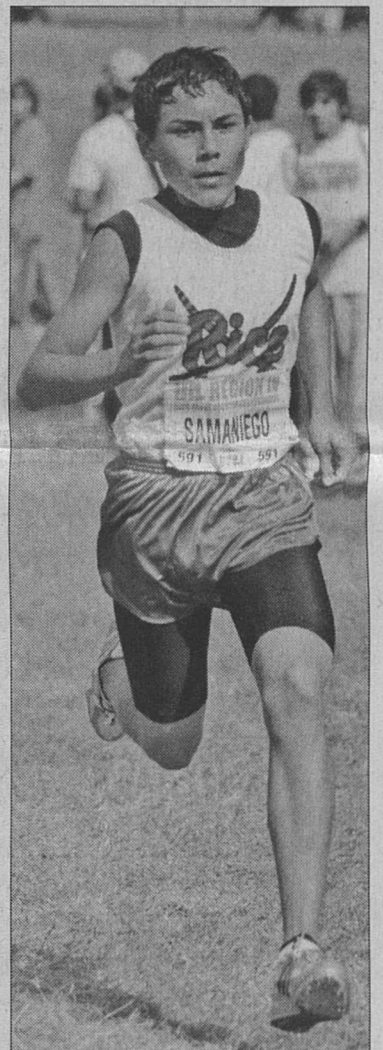
The contract for a new manufacturer is supposed to start in late 2010. The company employs approximately 3,000 workers.

-Heard that work had started on repairs to the courthouse elevator and it may be operating again in two weeks.

-Were told that repairs are in the works to the sewer line leading from the courthouse to the city of Columbus sewer lines.

County Judge Al Jamison said

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Cristian Samaniego finished 14th at Regional Cross Country this past weekend at Brooks City Air Force Base in San Antonio. The course was 3 miles and had many hills. Cristian competed against 175 runners in Region IV 2A. His time was 17:40. The top ten qualify for state. Congratulations on his successful cross country season.

NEWSBRIEFS

Calling all beauty queens!

Any girls enrolled in the RCISD, grades K through 12th or who live in the Garwood area interested in entering the 1st Annual Miss Garwood Pageant should pick up entry forms from their school office or at Larry's Super Service in Garwood. Deadline to enter is November 13. For additional information call Danielle at (979) 616-0565.

Book Sale starts Friday

The Wintermann Library will be having their annual Book Sale on Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14. The hours for the sale will be on Friday from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to buy new books for the library. Come by and support your local library.

Wesley Chapel Fish Fry Nov. 13

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church will be having a fish fry dinner with potato salad, green beans, bread and dessert on Friday, November 13 from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Columbus and Bowie Street in Altair. Plates are \$7.50. Delivery upon request. For more information please call Mary Nightingale at 234-3264 or 234-2206 or Marie Glover at 234-3164.

Old Skool presents Saddle Up

The Old Skool Organization will host its first annual trail ride starting at the Cozy Lounge leading down to the river and back where the party starts on November 14 starting at 11 a.m. Free wild game cookout. Call 832-345-9400 for more information.

Toy Drive Underway

The Cozy Lounge is having a toy drive that thru December 19. Drop off a new/unwrapped toy at The Cozy Lounge (Thursday thru Monday during hours of operation) and receive a club discount. These toys will be given to the children in our community at the Cozy Lounge on December 20. Lets help put a smile on a child's face this holiday season. For more information or to make a donation please call 832-859-9330.

RHS fall production this weekend

RHS Drama Club presents Cinderella Waltz. Show times are Saturday, November 14 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and children no charge. Tickets can be purchased from any cast/crew member or at the door. Come see the talented RHS theater students as they perform for the first time in the new RHS auditorium. This is one hoedown that promises "ta git ya Hoopin' & Hoolerin'!"

Turkey and dressing dinner Sunday

Sheridan Lions Club will be having a turkey and dressing dinner Sunday, November 15 serving from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Sheridan Community Center. Eat at the Community Center or take home. The meal consists of turkey and dressing, green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, rolls, dessert, tea and cost \$8 per plate. Contact any Sheridan Lions Club Member or call 979-234-3745 for meal tickets.

Festival, variety shoot is Sunday

St. Mary's in Nada Variety Shoot and Youth Fall Festival is Sunday, November 15 at the Nada Community Center. The variety shoot from 1-4 p.m. (variety of prizes; includes women/children round). Hamburgers and chili, pastries and other refreshments from 4-7 p.m. Cake walk, silent auction, games for the kids, bingo. The evening will conclude with a drawing at 7 p.m. Proceeds to benefit Christian Education Youth Activities.

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City Council Talks Police Change; But Does Not

The Eagle Lake City Council discussed reducing the number of officers in Eagle Lake from eight to seven during a recent council meeting.

The discussion came following the recent resignations of two Eagle Lake officers who left to take higher paying jobs elsewhere.

The discussion centered on reducing the number of officers in order to raise the salaries that the department can offer.

Police Chief Bill Lattimore said that the idea has been brought up before, but he was always against it.

He said that now he has taken a serious look at the matter, and indicated that the department could function with seven officers, but shifts would have to change and that there would be some issues.

"If it were up to me, I would

rather have eight than seven, but we can make seven work," he said. "I understand that this is an opportunity to get our salaries in line with the area."

It was noted that starting salaries in Eagle Lake are several thousand dollars lower than many other agencies in the area, including Columbus and Weimar.

Lattimore said that he has brought up the issue in the past during budgeting, but there has never been enough money to raise those salaries significantly.

He said that the salary gap has finally caught up with the city.

"It is hard to get and keep good officers when they see how much others are making just up the road," he said.

He said he also felt that the lower salaries were having an effect on officer morale.

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Colorado County Election Returns Given

Following are Colorado County voting results in the Nov. 3 Constitutional Amendment Election.

Prop. 1 - Finance buffer areas adjacent to military installations

-In favor: 650.

-Against: 688.

Prop. 2 - Regulate how homestead ad valorem taxes are calculated.

-In favor: 1,046.

-Against: 320.

Prop. 3 - Provide uniform standards for appraising property.

-In favor: 966.

-Against: 393.

Prop. 4 - University fund to assist emerging research universities.

-In favor: 644.

-Against: 681.

Prop. 5 - Single appraisal review board for adjoining entities.

-In favor: 848.

-Against: 470.

Prop. 6 - Authorize the Veter-

ans' Land Board to issue bonds.

-In favor: 903.

-Against: 408.

Prop. 7 - State Guard officer of member may hold other civil office.

-In favor: 1,047.

-Against: 288.

Prop. 8 - Authorize the state to contribute to veterans hospitals.

-In favor: 932.

-Against: 422.

Prop. 9 - Protect the right of the public to access public beaches.

-In favor: 958.

-Against: 368.

Prop. 10 - ESD Board members' terms may not exceed four years.

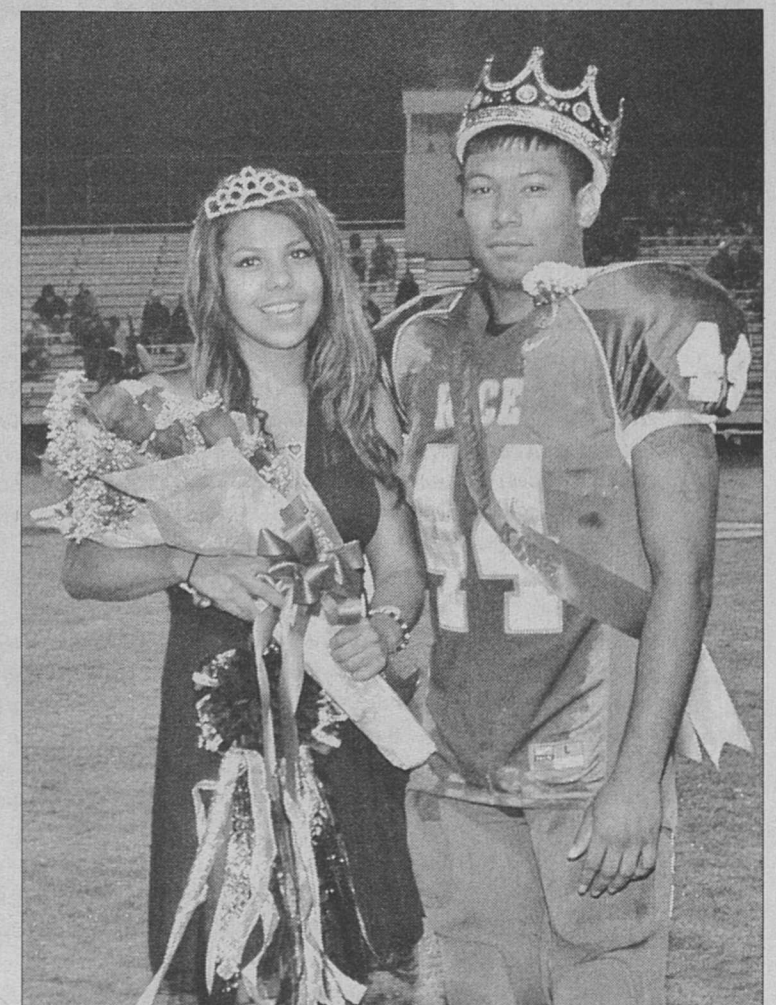
-In favor: 905.

-Against: 426.

Prop. 11 - Limit on power of eminent domain.

-In favor: 1,112.

-Against: 235.



Pictured above are the 2009 Homecoming Queen and King, Al-yssa Garcia and Francisco Vazquez during half time at Friday's game against Brazos.