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RICE LADY RAIDERS 2010 CLASS 2A STATE TRACK CHAMPIONS



Following are members of the 2010 Lady Raider Class 2A State Champion Track Team. Sitting, from left: Takeshia Hodge (4x1), Nihla Perry (Student Trainer), Jaquita Woods (100 Hurdles, 300 Hurdles, 4x4), Briana Faas (Alternate). Kneeling, from left: Allyssa Krpec (4x4), Porshia Morris (Alternate), Coach Bob Lantelme. Middle Row, from left: Coach Dean Schendel, Felice Smith (4x1, 4x2, 4x4), Clarencia Weeks (4x1, 4x2), Annicia Williams (4x1, 4x2, 4x4), Rebecca Dota (4x2), Coach Rachel Patton, Brit-tany Parker (Shot Put). Back Row, from left: Coach Gary Zeinert, Coach DB Smith, Head Coach Brad Dumont, Coach Freda Evans, Head Coach Mark Pustojvsky.

Lady Raiders Capture 2nd Team State Championship In School History

Mother nature looked like she was going to make the most headlines at the 2010 State Track Meet held May 14-15 in Austin, but after a long, weather delayed first day, the clouds parted on Saturday and the Lady Raiders took to the track and field, winning only the second team State Championship in Rice High School history.

Technically speaking the Lady Raiders are Co-State Champions with Centerville, who finished in a 36-point tie with Rice. There is no tiebreaker, so both teams are

State Champions.

That doesn't diminish the significance for Rice Coach Brad Dumont.

"I can't explain how happy I am right now," said Dumont in an interview right after the award ceremony.

"It's a special moment and a special feeling," he said.

"I am happy for our kids and our community. It's a special day here in Austin," he added.

Rice High School's first state title came in boy's basketball in

the '80s.

Brittany Parker was up first on Saturday morning for the Lady Raiders in the shot put.

It was her second year at the state track meet and she finished with a strong throw of 39'8", good enough for fifth place and 2 points for the Lady Raiders heading into the running session in the afternoon.

The next event for Rice was the 4x100 meter relay and Takeshia Hodge, Annicia Williams, Clarencia Weeks and Felice Smith ran a solid race with a fifth place finish and a time of 49.75 seconds. They earned four more team points for the Lady Raiders (re-lays earn double points).

Next in the blocks was Jaquita Woods in the 100 meter hurdles.

She ran hard and finished fourth, just off the podium, but added another four points to the Rice total. Her time was 15.37, just 4/100ths of a second from third place.

The next race for Rice was the 4x200 meter and the team of Rebecca Dota, Williams, Weeks and Smith took the bronze medal with a time of 1:45.03 and earned 12 team points.

Next, Woods was back on the track for the 300 meter hurdles.

She ran a great race, winning the State Championship with a time of 44.29 and earning the Lady Raiders another 10 points.

This left only the mile relay for the Lady Raiders, the final event of the meet.

Running the mile relay for Rice were: Smith, Allyssa Krpec,

Williams, and Woods.

Going into that race, Rice was tied for first place at 32 points with Childress, but Childress did not have a team in the final event.

Brock, however, did, and they were just 12 points behind and Centerville only had 16 points, but a win in the mile relay would give them 36.

With a Brock win, the Lady Raiders would have needed a fourth place finish to tie and a third place to win. Centerville needed a first place to take the

lead and a second to tie, assuming Rice scored no points.

With the title hanging in the balance on the final event, the Lady Raiders ran hard for a fifth place finish in a time of 4:03.58, but Brock finished out of the points in seventh place. Centerville did take the win pushing them to 36 points, and Rice's four points gave them 36 as well.

This meant that Rice and Centerville share the State Championship.

NEWSBRIEFS

Farmer's market now open

The farmers market is open on Wednesdays from 4 until 6:30 p.m. at 204 Glen Flora road, in front of Eagle Tree, Lawn & Landscape. Call 979-243-4261 or email rwspal@elc.net for information about selling your locally grown garden or farm produce. Gardens are beginning to produce now, so there is a lot of fresh vegetables and homemade food items.

Rising Star fundraiser is Saturday

Greater Rising Star Baptist Church will hold a barbecue fundraiser on Saturday, May 22. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. BBQ plates are \$8.50 each and will consist of beef, sausage, ribs, potato salad, green beans, cake and soda. Call 979-232-0013 or 979-256-7084 to place your order. Plates may be picked up at the gazebo at the City Park. Thank you in advance for your support.

2010 Baccalaureate is May 23

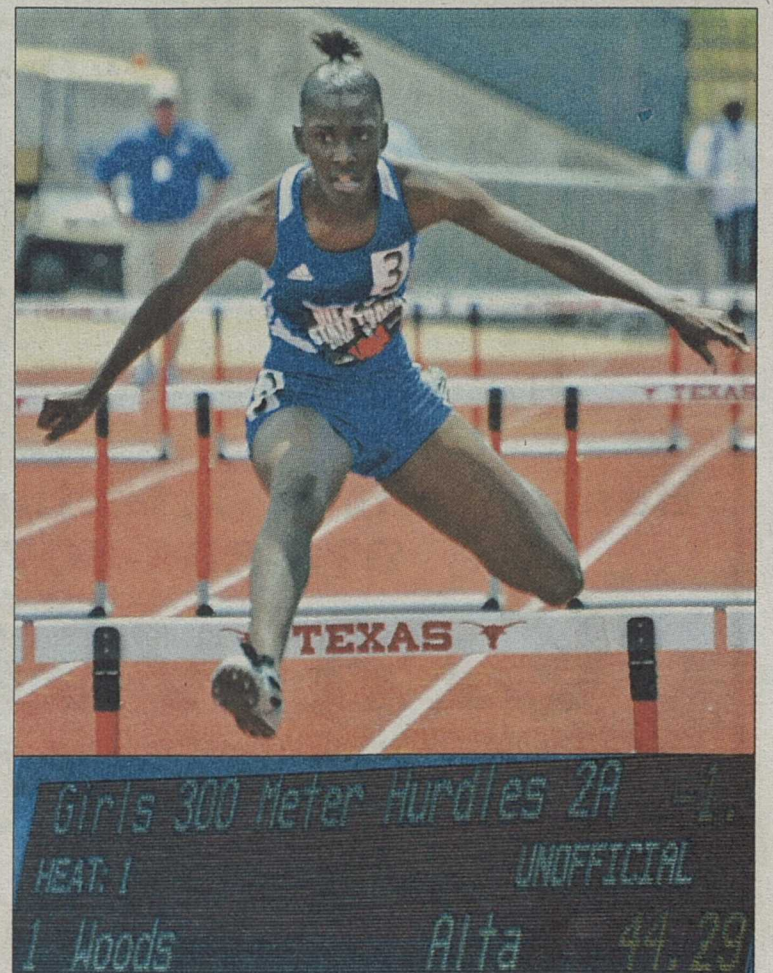
The Eagle Lake community Baccalaureate service for the class of 2010 will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 23 at First Baptist Church, located at the corner of Lake and Prairie Streets in Eagle Lake. All student of our community who are graduating from high school, whether they attend private, home school, Rice High School or neighboring public schools are invited to attend. Students other than those who attend Rice should contact Rev. Kevin Collison at 234-2157 or Alliance President Joe Fling at 234-5536, or any member of the Ministerial Alliance for details.

Athletic banquet is May 25

The RHS Annual Athletic Booster Club Banquet and Awards Presentation will be held on Tuesday, May 25, in the RHS Commons
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Chris Dorsey won the bronze medal in discus Friday night.



Jaquita Woods competed in three events, winning the 300 meter hurdles. She also ran the 100 meter hurdles and anchored the mile relay. More track meet coverage on back page.