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RHS names Vasquez, Mills Homecoming royalty



Rice High School crowned Josh Vasquez and Tatianna Mills Homecoming King and Queen for 2023. Photo / Jaden Newman

By Alaysia Middleton

The 2023 RHS Homecoming Queen and King are Tatianna Mills and Josh Vasquez. The crowning took place Friday, Sept. 15.

Tatianna Mills is the daughter of Glenn Mills and Latoya Pipkins. She has played Varsity basketball,softball, and track since she was a Freshman.

Her special honors include being awarded MVP in Track and Field and advancing to Area for the 100 meter hurdles.

After high school, Tatianna plans to attend Sam Houston State University.

She has plans to become a dentist and also hopes to continue her dad's business by being a funeral director.

Josh Vasquez is the son of Gerado and Ruth Vasquez.

He played many sports since his Freshman year, including four years in cross country, three years in track, two years in soccer, and one year in powerlifting and tennis.

Josh has also been a part of the National Honor Society since his junior year and he also went to regionals for Powerlifting.

After high school, he plans to attend the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor to pursue a degree in Automotive Engineering.



Homecoming Queen contestants, from left: Jasmine Juarez, Jackalynn Marquez, Tatianna Mills, Lelany Toriz and Adalyn Rodgers. Photo / Jaden Newman



Students in Mrs. America's Spanish classes made posters to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. The posters and decor aare on display throughout the school Sept. 15 - Oct. 15.

Can you guess the teacher?

By Abigail Hoelscher

This person has coached for 20 years and taught for 31 years

This teacher is known for the process

This teacher attended Texas A&M

This teacher has a Bachelor of

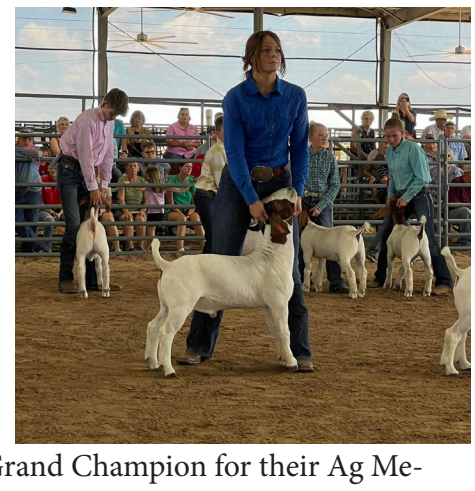
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The Raiders came out of the tunnel Sept. 29 at their game in Brazos. The Raiders lost 14-7 to Brazos. Stats from the game will be in the next edition of the Rewind. Photo / Jaden Newman

RICE SHINES AT COLORADO COUNTY FAIR





Aaron Drlik and Julian Gasca won Grand Champion for their Ag Mechanics project. Right: Taylor Rohan won Reserve Senior Showmanship.

By Ava Frazier

Rice High School students had a good presence in the Colorado County Fair LIvestock Show on Sept. 7- Sept. 9.

The following students were exhibitors: Tori Belota, Avery Brown,Taylor Eichelberger, Alinna Elizondo, Kobe Evens, De'Ordrick Fitzgerald, Lawson Floyd, Weston Floyd, Willa Fucik, Addyson Fucik, Ty Grounds, Zeaya Henderson, Abigail Hoelsher, Lauren Joins, Tatianna Mills, Raelee Nelson, Karla Ontiveros Alajandra Palacios, Arianna Palacios, Abigail Peacock, Adalyn Rodgers,Reyna Rodgers, Ty Rodgers, Taylor Rohan, Jayden Standford, Sawyer

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Raiders take homecoming win, drop game to Tidehaven

By Deveron Bennett

The Raiders hosted the Palacios Sharks, and took a big homecoming win Sept. 15.

The Raider defense played a big role in the Raiders' win, holding the Sharks to only a total of 74 total yards.

Junior Dae'Drick Johnson got the defense going, picking up a fumble recovery for a 30-yard touchdown.

Junior O'Marion Johnson had an interception, but was tackled after a short gain.

The Raider defense wasn't the only one getting it done. Freshman

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Raider Sports

Slow come up for Raider XC





Raider and Lady Raider cross country runners in a cross country meet. Photo/Noah Gonzales

By Ja'Darius Fitzgerald

The Raider cross country team recently had a meet in Corpus Christi.The meet had over 300 people competing.

Despite the heat the team showed great Raider spirit and placed well.

Top Raider runners were Payton Engelbrecht coming in 22nd with a time of 18:37, Jael Valles finished in 54th with a time of 19:36, and Hayes Dingler placed 56th with a time of 19:40.

As a team, the Raiders placed 10th.

Round Rock meet

The Raiders competed in Round Rock Sept. 22, and the results were shocking! Coming in first place on the team was Jael Valles, Hayes Dingler was second , and Payton Engelbrecht was third.

Since Payton usually gets first, that was the shocker.

Furthermore, Ja'Darius Fitzgerald came in ninth on the team, where he usually comes in fourth.

The last two meets were challenging, but hopefully Raider cross country will be ready when district begins.

As a team the Raiders got 12th in Round Rock, which is not too big of a setback, but certainly not a position to be comfortable in.

LADY RAIDERS PICK UP FIRST DISTRICT WIN



A group of Lady Raiders celebrate during a recent game. Photo / Jaden Newman

By Anabel Gonzales

The Lady Raider Volleyball team hosted Palacios Sept. 15.

The Lady Raiders started off rocky, but fought hard to finish the first set of 26-24.

The second set the Lady Raiders came up short with a 27-25 loss, but came back the third set with a 25-18 win.

The fourth set was a hard fight but they took care of business and completed the game with a 25-18 homecoming win.

Lady Raiders fall to Tidehaven

The Lady Raiders hosted Tidehaven Friday, Sept. 22.

With the final score of 3-0 the Lady Raiders ended with a tough district loss.

The Lady Raiders have struggled with communication, and they continue working to improve that, as well as finding the drive to finish through the end.

Because of the loss the Lady Raiders have now dropped down to seventh place in district, but still have a goal of making it to the playoffs.

The next game will be Sept. 29 here at Rice against Edna starting at 4:30 p.m. and then Tuesday, Oct. 3 against Columbus. Make sure you come out and support!

JV Raiders drop two games to Palacios, Tidehaven

By Darrell Engelbrecht

The Rice Raider football team traveled to Palacios Thursday, Sept. 14 and despite leading for the majority of the game, they fell to Palacios.

TJ Jenkins nabbed an interception for the Raider defense.

Diontrae Toliver scored a touchdown on a 36-yard run.

Hayes Dingler kicked the extra point making the score 7-0.

The score remained 7-0 until the Sharks scored in the third quarter.

The extra point was no good, making the score 7-6.

The Sharks scored another touchdown in the fourth quarter, the try for two was good, and the final score was 7-14. Others playing well for the Raiders were Taft Rogers and Isaiah Mesa.

JV drops road game in Tidehaven

The Rice JV traveled to Tidehaven Thursday, Sept. 21 and lost 36-14.

In the first quarter Tidehaven went ahead 7-0 and the Raiders answered on a 64-yard pass from AJ Jenkins to Isaiah Castillo.

Hayes Dingler kicked the extra point and the score was 7-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Tidehaven scored twice in the second quarter, making the halftime score 22-7.

Tidehaven scored two more times in the fourth quarter before Raider Miguel Marquez scored on a 46-yard run. Dingler once again made the PAT making the final score 36-14. The Raiders hosted the Brazos Cougars Thursday, Sept. 28 at the Swamp.



A JV Raider runs the ball in a recent game. Photo / Jalen Porch

Raider Features

BAND NOTES

By Leandro Rodriguez

As this year passes by, there are many members of the Mighty Raider Band who have done an exceptional job and push themselves to become better. Alma Martinez, Aundrea Cardenas, and Marvin Molina are in the September band spotlight for being outstanding members.

Alma Martinez, a senior flute player, played in junior high and joined the band again this year. Even though she has not played for three years, she is doing an outstanding job in making sure she knows her parts. When asked about her feelings on the band and her peers, she states, "I think we are pretty cool, and I like everyone in it, and I wish I could get to know more of them."

Marvin Molina, a junior flute player, has been playing since sixth grade and has constantly improved himself to be the best he could be. When asked what he loves about the band, Marvin said, "I enjoy spending time with my friends and everyone in the band. My peers are the best I could've asked for. They do work hard, although some do goof off, but we all try our best."

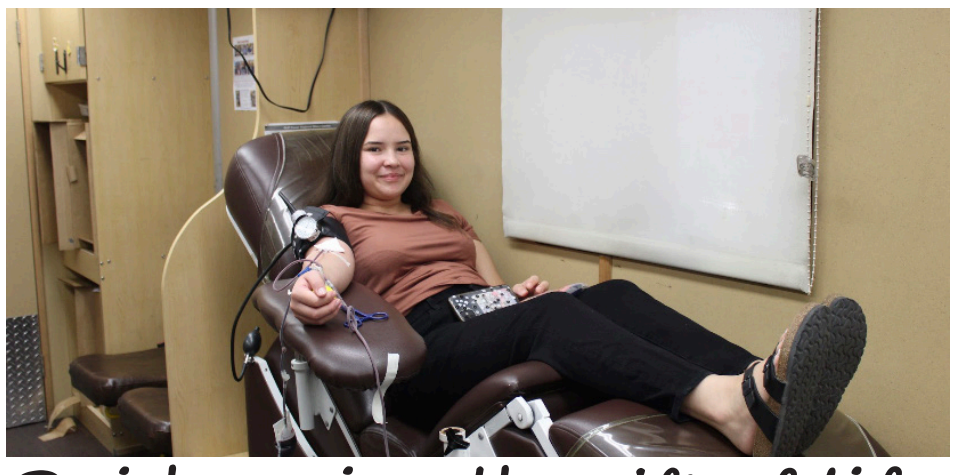
Aundrea Cardenas, a sophomore tuba player, played in sixth and seventh grades, and joined the band again last year. When asked what keeps her in the band and how she feels about the progress this season, she said, "What pushes me is my friends, playing at the games, hanging out with my friends, and in general, just having fun. I feel confident about our progress this year, and my peers are wonderful people."

When asked their opinions about the Band Director, Mr. Chitmon, Aundrea feels that he "is the best band director we've had," and Alma said, "He's cool!"

"I feel like Mr. Chitmon is probably one of the most patient and hard working teachers in the school," Marvin said. "I think this because he also has to endure the heat during practices and events as much as we do. He helps us learn through our mistakes, and spends a lot of time with us."



Band members in the spotlight, from left: Alma Martinez, Aundrea Cardenas, and Marvin Molina. Photo / Leandro Rodriguez



Raiders give the gift of life

Senior Jade Mcelhaney was one of the Raiders to donate blood at the Sept. 20 blood drive. The blood drive was hosted by the Rice High School Student Council. Photo / Valencia Dancy

Schendel chosen Teacher of the Week

By Darian Johnson

The Sept. 25 Teacher of the Week is Coach Dean Schendel.

He is a math teacher and coach at Rice Consolidated High School in Altair.

He has the privilege of being a part of the ministries of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and AWANA and he's over Academic UIL events at the high school.

Coach Schendel was chosen because students think he is a great teacher and actually truly loves what he teaches to his students.



Coach Dean Schendel

His class can be pretty tough if students don't pay attention to what he is teaching.

RHS Staff Spotlight

By Ashley Baker,
RHS Vice Principal

The RHS Administration team chose Mr. Melton for the Star Staff Spotlight the first week of September.

"Shout out to Mr. Melton who has earned the Star Staff Spotlight for creating engaging group work in World Geography," Vice Principal Mrs. Baker said. "Students were engaged in discovering places around the world using an atlas and longitude and latitude coordinates."

The Star Staff Spotlight for the second week of September went to Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Palacios for engaging students in a project to honor Hispanic Heritage and displaying student work.

The Staff Spotlight for Sept. 27 submitted by Mrs. Baker is for the Life Skills class. Mrs. Baker chose them for the Staff Spotlight for creating an engaging reading lesson with real life applications and handson practice for her students. After reading about baking and two different recipes, students made lemon cookies and lemon bars. Mrs. Baker added, "We got to judge the finished products and I must say both were yummy!"

Pep rally fun has sweet prize

By Mya Gonzales

The Pep Rally Friday, Sept. 22 started off with a whimsical game that included pom poms and partners. D'neriyan Fuller and Alejandra Palacios won a sweet prize of candy.

The cheerleaders performed and did a great dance to the song "Black Fire" for the crowd and the spirit of their chants echoed throughout the entire gym. Overall the pep rally was energetic and fun for the kids who participated.

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Colorado County Fair

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Far left: Rice Life Skills students and their teachers enjoyed a day at the Exceptional Rodeo. Center: RHS students participated in the Colorado County Fair parade. Right: Jayden Sanford showed his animal at the fair.

Schiurring, Rylie Schmidt, Emily Schneider, Micheal Smidovec, Ashten Tate, Gavin Tate, Brynn Thompson, Faith Tompson, Ava Torres, Fallan Wied, Rhett Wied, Khloe Woolard.

Here's how participating Raiders placed: Raising goats, Sawyer Schiurring had Grand Champion, Tori Belota had Reserve Champion, Taylor Rohan had Reserve Senior Showmanship.

Raising rabbits: Lawson Floyd had Reserve Rabbits Champion, Fallan Wield had Grand Champion Senior Showmanship, Faith Thompson had Reserve Champion Senior Showmanship, Ria Thompson had Reserve Champion Intermediate Showmanship, Karla Onteveros had Grand Champion Jr Showmanship.

Receiving Grand Champion in Ag Mech were Aaron Drlik and Julian Gasca.

Top Pen of Cattle was Wade Hoffman.

RJH student crowned Jr. Queen

Two students from Rice CISD participated in the Colorado County Fair pageant. Rice Junior High eighth grader Mylee Moffett, was crowned Junior Queen, and RHS junior Alianna Elizondo won second runner up for Fair Queen.

Nice day for a parade

The following weekend, Rice High School participated in the Colorado County Fair Parade to kick off the carnival and rodeo.

The weather was overcast so it was cool all morning and didn't start raining until after the parade was over.

RHS organizations marched and threw candy along the route.

Everyone riding in the parade or watching from the sidelines seemed to have a great time.

Members of Rice STUCO, NHS, Art, Audio Visual, Drama, Culinary Arts, Nursing, Cosmetology, and Cheerleading participated in the parade.

The Rice High School float won second place overall in the Educational floats category.

The theme of this year's parade was "Vegas Lights and County Fair Nights."

Mrs. Baker and the students did a great job decorating the float in a patriotic theme with flags and ribbons in red, white, and blue.

Raider Players Of The Week

By Jaden Newman

Sept. 10-15

Volleyball- Tricelle Fields

XC- Girls Lexi Rangel Boys Jael Valles- Serrano

Football Defensive MVPs

Swarm MVP - No. 55 "Dae Dae" Johnson

Turnover Chain MVP - No. 18 "OJ" Johnson

Sack Master MVP - No. 15 Roger Gradney

Football Offensive MVPs

Raider Express MVP - No. 2 Dyren Johnson

All State Good Hands People MVP - No. 14 Josiah Cobia

RHOP Raiders House of Pancake MVP - No. 67 Audrey Carter

Special Teams MVP

Blue Berets' MVP - No. 21 Keundric Pratt

Guess teacher

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Science degree in Kinesiology and a Minor in Mathematics

Email your guesses to abigail.hoelscher@riceraiders.net. The first three correct guessers will receive a goodie bag and their name published in the next edition of the Rewind!

Sept. 15 answer

The correct answer to the Sept. 15 question was Coach Darrell Engelbrecht

Can you guess the athlete?

By Addy Fucik

Volleyball

What number are you - 5

What position do you play - outside

Who's your favorite opponent - Palacios

Three fun facts

I hit hard

I show cattle

I'm a cheerleader

Football

What number are you - 80

What position do you play - tight end

Who's your favorite opponent - Columbus

Three fun facts

I love baseball

I love watching movies

I'm very good at laser tag

XC

What's been your best race time - 15:08

What's your favorite race - Brazos

Who's your favorite opponent - Lexi Rangel

Three fun facts

I show goats

I'm short

I like to hangout with my friends

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Raider football

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Quarterback Kordae Johnson started against the Sharks, having eight completions for 90 passing yards and two passing touchdowns.

Juniors Josiah Cobia, Jon Woods, and D'neriyan Fuller each had a passing touchdown.

The Raider rushing game was also explosive all game. Junior Dyren Johnson had 93 rushing yards, De'Odrick Fitzgerald had 67 rushing yards, and Roger Gradney had 60 rushing yards.

Stats: Receiving

(Jr.) Jon Woods: 2 rec. for 33 yds. and 1 td

(Jr.) Josiah Cobia: 5 rec. for 49 yds. and 1 td

(Jr.) D'neriyan Fuller: 2 rec. for 40 yds. and 1 td

Rushing:

(Jr.) Dyren Johnson: 5 carr. for 93 yds. and 1 td

(Fr.) Glenn Mills: 4 carr. for 22 yds. and 1 td

(Sr.) Roger Gradney: 1 car. for 60 yds. and 1 td

(Jr.) De'odrick Fitzgerald 2 car. for 67 yds. and 1 td

Passing

(Fr.) Kordae Johnson 15 att. for 92 yds. and 2 tds

(Jr.) RJ Myers 1 att. for 30 yds. and 1 td

Tigers beat Raiders in district opener

The Raiders hosted the Tidehaven Tigers Sept. 22.

Both teams looked to win their first district game, but after a tough game, Tidehaven took the win with a final score of 52-0.

The Raiders did not look ready to play as they turned over the ball multiple times before halftime. Although they got close to the end zone a couple of times, it seemed that nothing was going in the right direction for them that night.

The Raider defense also struggled, allowing many yards, and eventually more touchdowns.

At the time, the loss gave Rice a 0-1 record in district play.