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Satisfaction's the name of the game for Lady Cards

BY ALESIA WOOLRIDGE
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In the words of the Rolling Stones, the Columbus Lady Cardinal volleyball team "can't get no satisfaction" from how last year's season ended - and they intend to change that this season.

"We have the majority of our 2019 Columbus Varsity volleyball team returning this year, and we are not satisfied with how our season ended last year. We want more out of this season. This team is special. Their work ethic, team chemistry, and desire to do whatever it takes to be successful makes me excited as their coach," seasoned Lady Cardinal head volleyball coach Kayley Johns shared.

The Lady Cardinals have nine varsity returners and five of those are senior returners.

"Last season we ended in fifth place. It was a very tough and highly competitive district," Johns said.

The new lineup won't be an easy one either.

The new 2020-2022 volleyball District 28 lineup for the Lady Cards includes Rice Consolidated, Edna, El Maton Tidehaven, Hallettsville, Palacios, Vanderbilt Industrial and Yoakum.

"Our toughest competitors this year in district will be Industrial and Hallettsville who are both returning some good players," Johns said.

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Cardinals get back to unfinished business

BY ROYCE CALDWELL, SPORTS WRITER
reporter@coloradocountycitizen.com



The Columbus Cardinal football team was more anxious than usual to get back to the field when practices began in early August.

The COVID-19 pandemic uncertainties had players, coaches and fans

wondering if there would be a football season this year.

Athletic Director and head football coach Matt Schobel and the Cardinals had a historic 2019 campaign, in which they set team and school records for their football

program.

After that epic 12-game winning season and a State Semi-Final loss to the defending State Champion Grandview Zebras, the Columbus Cardinals look to get back to unfinished business.

"We have a very competitive non-district schedule, and things will only get tougher in the district play. We are in a loaded Region 3, and we will expect our 11 returning seniors to lead us," Schobel said.

Taking command under the center for the Cardinals this season will be senior quarterback Ty Thomas.

Thomas, one of Dave Campbell's Texas Football's players to watch this season, served as backup QB last year to graduate senior Brock Schobel. He also played the position of linebacker.

Also returning is All-District, senior wide-out Kaycon Wilson. Wilson, another Dave Campbell player to

watch, had a strong junior year with his versatility to play all over the field, accounting for 1,000 all-purpose yards and 15 touchdowns.

Wilson also contributed in the State Semi-Final game in a big way, with three touchdowns and over 130 yards receiving.

Senior All-District safety (and a Dave Campbell player to watch) Jessie Upson will be returning. Upson, a two-time All-State DB, racked up 120 tackles, 5 INTs and one TD last season.

Senior All-District defensive-end, and now a linebacker, Kion Hurd, will control the front once more.

Hurd has proven to be a pivotal component of the Cardinals running game. Picked as Dave Campbell's District 12-3A D1 Preseason Defensive MVP, Hurd is ready to step up and pound the rock for the Columbus offense, where he is

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The 2020-2021 Weimar High School Band.

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The Raider Band performed at the 2019 Colorado County Fair parade last year. Citizen archives

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RICE CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

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Raiders use R factor to push past Bi-District this season

BY JOHN R. JONES
Citizen Reporter

Altair - With a strong finish to last year, Rice Consolidated's Head Coach Jared Sloan is in the zone with a good team that has a roster filled with strong players and equally good coaching staff.

The Rice Raiders finished last



playoffs.

The Raider athletic program uses the R factor as their motivation. Their motto is, "We cannot control the events that happen in our life, we can

season with a 5-5 overall record, but lost in the Bi-District round of the

only control our Response."

Sloan says, "I am looking forward to a solid year from our team. They have done a great job adjusting to the daily uncertainties that have come with COVID-19. Right now, if we can continue to keep these student-athletes on the field and in the classrooms, I feel it is a winning situation."

Dave Campbell's Football gives the

Raiders a third place slot in their District 14-3A D11 predictions.

The Raiders will be field 16 returners and 10 seniors. Raiders named to the Campbell watchlist include: OL Antonio Marquez, OL Taj Fields, OL/DL Robert Stavinocha, OL/LB Everardo Esquivel, OLDL Landon Rodriquez,

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		2020 COLUMBUS CARDINALS VARSITY FOOTBALL				
		OPPONENT	DATE	SITE	TIME	
	Scrimmage	Sealy**	8/20/2020	Home	7:00 PM	
Week 1		Luling (Parents' Night)	8/28/2020	Home	7:30 PM	
Week 2		Giddings	9/4/2020	Home	7:30 PM	
Week 3		Rice**	9/10/2020	Away	7:30 PM	
Week 4		Edna	9/18/2020	Away	7:30 PM	
Week 5		Smithville	9/25/2020	Away	7:30 PM	
Week 6		OPEN				
Week 7		Hitchcock*	10/9/2020	Home	7:30 PM	
Week 8		Yoakum*	10/16/2020	Away	7:30 PM	
Week 9		Hempstead* (Homecoming)	10/23/2020	Home	7:30 PM	
Week 10		Hallettsville*	10/30/2020	Away	7:30 PM	
Week 11		Boling* (Senior Night)	11/6/2020	Home	7:30 PM	
		* district game				
		**Thursday game				



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Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Fr	JV	V
Mon	Aug-3	1st Day of Practice	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Fri	Aug-7	Scrimmage	Sealy	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sat	Aug-8	Scrimmage	La Grange	TBA	TBA	TBA
Tues	Aug-11	El Campo	El Campo	5:00	6:00	7:00
Fri	Aug-14	La Grange	Columbus	5:00	6:00	7:00
Sat	Aug-15	Dual Match (East Bernard & Schulenburg)	Columbus			10,11,12
Tues	Aug-18	Weimar	Weimar	5:00	6:00	7:00
Fri	Aug-21	Sealy	Columbus	6:00	6:00	5:00
Sat	Aug-22	Giddings	Giddings	1:00	1:00	2:00
Tues	Aug-25	Flatonia	Columbus	5:00	5:00	6:00
Sat	Aug-29	Needville	Needville	TBA	TBA	TBA
Tues	Sep-1	Smithville	Columbus	5:00	5:00	6:00
Fri	Sep-4	OPEN				
Tues	Sep-8	Industrial**	Columbus	5:00	5:00	6:00
Fri	Sep-11	Rice**	Rice	5:30	5:30	4:30
Tues	Sep-15	Palacios**	Palacios	5:00	5:00	6:00
Fri	Sep-18	Edna**	Edna	5:30	5:30	4:30
Tues	Sep-22	Yoakum**	Columbus	5:00	5:00	6:00
Fri	Sep 25	Hallettsville**	Hallettsville	5:30	5:30	4:30
Tues	Sep 29	Tidehaven**	Tidehaven	5:00	5:00	6:00
Fri	Oct-2	Industrial**	Industrial	5:30	5:30	4:30
Tues	Oct-6	Rice**	Columbus	5:00	5:00	6:00
Fri	Oct-9	Palacios**	Columbus	5:30	5:30	4:30
Tues	Oct-13	Edna**	Columbus	5:00	5:00	6:00
Fri	Oct-16	Yoakum**	Yoakum	5:30	5:30	4:30
Tues	Oct-20	Hallettsville**	Columbus	5:00	5:00	6:00
Fri	Oct-23	Tidehaven**	Columbus	5:30	5:30	4:30
Tues	Oct 27	District Certification	TBA			TBA
Thurs-Sat	Oct 29-31	Bi-District Playoffs	TBA			TBA
Mon-Tues	Nov 2-3	Area Playoffs	TBA			TBA
Thurs-Sat	Nov 5-7	Regional Quarterfinals Playoffs	TBA			TBA
Mon-Tues	Nov 9-10	Regional Semifinals Playoffs	TBA			TBA
Thurs-Sat	Nov12-14	Regional Finals Playoffs	TBA			TBA
Wed-Sat	Nov 18-21	STATE Tournament	Garland			TBA
**District Game		**Times to still be confirmed so there could still be some changes.				
HEAD COACH: Kayley Johns 979-732-5746 Ext. 217; kayley.johns@cisdschools.org				Updated: 7/22/20		
ASSISTANTS: Jenn Chester, Garrett Schindler, McKenna Higgins						
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Matt Schobel		PRINCIPAL: Pennee Hall		SUPERINTENDENT: Jim Connor		



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Celebrating after a kill by freshman Ally Tribe are Lady Cards No. 12 senior Andrea Shropshire, White Jersey senior Lili Lares-Rodriguez, No. 5 freshman Ally Tribe, No.3 senior Amber Adams, No. 2 freshman Sage Thomas. The Lady Cards went on to beat the El Campo JV Ladybirds.

RICE CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL



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Lady Raiders stand ready to make a move at the net in a recent game.



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Lady Raiders in an intense moment of a game last week.

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Lady Raiders want a solid volleyball season

BY JOHN R. JONES
Citizen Reporter

Although last season saw the Lady Raiders struggle in district play, Coach Donald Gray has high hopes for the team this year, even as they face several tough competitors.

What can be a so-so season might

turn out to be one of the best seasons of volleyball play as a well-disciplined Lady Raider team takes the courts.

Gray feels that their toughest competition will be Columbus and Industrial as they start play for the 2020 season.

The Lady Raider team knows the 2020 schedule won't slow down, and will prove to be a test of stamina and

determination.

Gray said he sees "great potential" in the Lady Raiders, with four returning starters and nine seniors coming back with experience and confidence at the net.

Gray sets up several players as his most aggressive players.

"Elaina Woods and Jalahaya Johnson will step up and help lead the team," Gray shared. He says that with Woods and Johnson, they will "fight for the win" and the team should be better at receiving the ball this year.

Gray hopes that Woods and Johnson will instill a spirit of winning in a team that is confident in itself but needs to prove themselves against some of its toughest competitors.

"I think this year will be a good year for us since we have so many seniors on the team. I know how tough our district is and we just have to keep fighting and play every match like it could be our last."

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Rice Consolidated Raiders					
2020 Football Schedule					
Varsity					
Date	Time	Opponent	Site	Day	Week
8/20	TBA	Schulenburg	Schulenburg	Thurs.	Scrimmage
8/28	7:30 p.m.	Goliad	Rice	Fri.	1
9/4	7:30 p.m.	Palacios	Palacios	Fri.	2
9/10	7:30 p.m.	Columbus	Rice	Thurs.	*Teacher Appreciation*
9/18	7:30 p.m.	Hallettsville	Hallettsville	Fri.	4
9/25	7:30 p.m.	Tidehaven	Tidehaven	Fri.	5
10/2	7:30 p.m.	Van Vleck	Rice	Fri.	*Pink Out*
10/9	7:30 p.m.		Open		7
10/16	7:30 p.m.	East Bernard	East Bernard	Fri.	8
10/23	7:30 p.m.	Danbury	Rice	Fri.	*Homecoming/ Senior Night*
10/30	7:30 p.m.	Brazos	Brazos	Fri.	10
11/6	7:30 p.m.		Open		11
Junior Varsity				Junior High	
Date	Time	Opponent	Site	Date	Time
8/20	TBA	Schulenburg	Schulenburg		
8/27	5:30 p.m.	Goliad	Goliad		
9/3	5:30 p.m.	Palacios	Rice		
9/9	5:30 p.m.	Columbus	Columbus		
9/17	5:30 p.m.	Hallettsville	Rice	9/17	5/6:30 pm
9/24	7:00 PM	Tidehaven	Rice	9/24	4:30/5:45 pm
10/1	7:00 PM	Van Vleck	Van Vleck	10/1	4:30/5:45 pm
10/8		Open		10/8	
10/15	7:00 PM	East Bernard	Rice	10/15	4:30/5:45 pm
10/22	7:00 PM	Danbury	Danbury	10/22	4:30/5:45 pm
10/29	7:00 PM	Brazos	Rice	10/29	4:30/5:45 pm
11/5		Open		11/5	

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The Rice Raiders in action last season.

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Lady Raider volleyball coach Donald Gray talks it over with the team in a recent matchup.

LADY RAIDER VOLLEYBALL				
2020				
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	PLACE	TEAMS
Aug 3rd	FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE			
Aug 8th	PALACIOS/Scrimmage	TBA	PALACIOS	FR, JV, VAR
Aug 11th	PALACIOS	5,6,7	HOME	FR, JV, VAR
Aug 14th	BRAZOSPORT	5,6,6	HOME	VAR,F,JV
Aug 15th	WEIMAR	11/12/1pm	WEIMAR	FR, JV, VAR
Aug 18th	GANADO	4:30/6:30	GANADO	FR,JV, VAR
Aug 22nd	HITCHCOCK	11,12,1	HOME	FR,JV, VAR
Aug 25th	OPEN			
Aug 28th	FAYETTEVILLE	4,5	HOME	VAR,JV
Sept 1st	SHINER	5,6,7	HOME	FR, JV, VAR
Sept 4th	YORKTOWN	4:30	YORKTOWN	VAR
Sept 8th	YOAKUM	5,6,7	YOAKUM	FR, JV, VAR
Sept 11th	COLUMBUS	4:30/5:30	HOME	Var, JV, Fr
Sept 15th	TIDEHAVEN	5,5,6	HOME	FR,JV,VAR
Sept 18th	HALLETTSVILLE	4:30/5:30	HALLETTSVILLE	Var, JV, Fr
Sept 22nd	EDNA	5,5,6	EDNA	FR, JV, VAR
Sept 25th	PALACIOS	4:30/5:30	PALACIOS	Var, JV, Fr
Sept 29th	INDUSTRIAL	5,5,6	INDUSTRIAL	FR, JV, VAR
Oct 2nd	YOAKUM	4:30/5:30	HOME	Var, JV, Fr
Oct 6th	COLUMBUS	5,5,6	COLUMBUS	FR,JV,VAR
Oct 9th	TIDEHAVEN	4:30/5:30	TIDEHAVEN	Var, JV, Fr
Oct 13th	HALLETTSVILLE	5,5,6	HOME	FR, JV, VAR
Oct 16th	EDNA	4:30/5:30	HOME	Var, JV, Fr
Oct 20th	PALACIOS	5,5,6	HOME	FR, JV, VAR
Oct 23rd	INDUSTRIAL	4:30/5:30	HOME	Var, JV, Fr
Oct 27th				
Oct 30th	BI-DISTRICT			
Nov 2nd or 3rd	AREA			
Nov 5th or 7th	REG QUARTERFINALS			
Nov 9th or 10th	REG SEMIFINALS			
Nov 13th - Nov 14th	STATE TOURNAMENT			
Nov 18th - 21st				
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WEIMAR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Photo from Citizen archives

Wildcat No. 16 Joey Ramirez with a quarterback keeper that led to a Wildcat touchdown. Also pictured are No. 9 Foster, No. 8 Ellison, No. 17 Cabrera, and No. 63 Rainsoek.

Weimar Wildcats are ready to roar

BY JOHN R. JONES
Citizen Reporter

The Wildcats seek to disrupt the No. 1 ranked Shiner Comanches this season. Last season saw the team end its march to State with a record of 10-2 following a loss in the Area Finals to Mason.

With six returning starters and five seniors, this season's Wildcat Varsity team is poised to take it to the limits in District 13-2A play.

Dave Campbell's Texas Football 2020 magazine noted, "McIver chases his third- and the school's 10th - consecutive playoff berth with a team that may be a year away from its best self."

The magazine places Weimar third, right under Shiner and Ganado respectively. But this team's strength for this year belongs in the linebacking core and offensive backfield according to head football coach Ryan McIver.



McIver said these positions carry height and weight behind them.

The Dave Campbell's Texas

football magazine cites several Wildcat players to watch: QB/LB Joey Ramirez (6-2, 225, 4.8), DB/WR Jose Ramirez (5-10, 165, 4.7), RB/LB Reed Purdy (5-9, 180, 4.8), DB/WR KeDedran Wilson (5-9, 180, 4.8), OL Trey Daniels (6-1, 250). Top juniors: LB/WR Hunter Price (5-10, 170, 4.9), OL Jagger Fisbeck (6-1, 240), and Top sophomore: OL/DL Hunter Mangum (6-2, 230).

Purdy provides senior leadership for a junior class that includes Weimar's "Dynamic Duo" Ramirez twins.

Juniors QB/LB Joey Ramirez, whose record stands at nine TDs passing; 628 yards, 10 TDs rushing, and DB/WR Jose Ramirez with 120 tackles, eight total TDs.

Also, All-State DB/WR Wilson, with four interceptions, and two-year starting OL Daniels are back this season as well.

The Wildcats have an experienced QB in Joey Ramirez, and Jose Ramirez has two years starting on defense.

Jagger Fishbeck is a returning starter on the offensive line.

"We are excited to get to play football.

It's been a long layoff between sports and we are ready to compete again," McIver said.

"We have several returning starters that have been a part of this program that have won 18 games over the last two years," he went on to add. The Wildcats will be in action Friday, Aug. 28 against Tidehaven.

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WEIMAR HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

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Ladycats volleyball focused on W.I.N.

BY JOHN R. JONES
Citizen Reporter

The mantra for the 2020 Weimar Ladycat volleyball team is W.I.N., as in, What's Important Now!

Coach Amanda Machicek said, "As these athletes play through the season, they need to understand what is important now to them. And what is important at this time of the year is setting up big wins on the scoreboard on each set played."

This year's team looks to be a strong one, although there are several obstacles that may stand in the way of moving past the Area playoffs.

The Ladycats may have lost in the Area playoffs to Burton last year, but

this season's team is not going to let that stand in their way of getting past their toughest competitors in their district.

Not one, but three teams stand to be stiff competition for the Ladycats as they seek the wins that will get them past Area.

Schulenburg, Shiner, and Flatonia all have great teams.

But with the positive attitudes and keeping the focus on their mantra, Machicek is confident her Ladycats can ace their spot in the division.

Machicek is looking forward to utilizing Kennedy Kohen, who has been a four-year starter, as much as possible

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Weimar Lady Cat Volleyball Schedule 2020				
Date	Opponent	Site	Teams	Times
7-Aug	Alumni Scrimmage-Cancelled	Weimar	JVP/JVG/V	6:00/6:30/7:00
8-Aug	Scrimmage	La Grange	JVP/JVG/V	TBA
11-Aug	La Grange	La Grange	JVP/JVG/V	3:00/4:00/5:00
14-Aug	Snook	Snook	JVP/JVG/V	4:00 PM
15-Aug	Rice	Weimar	JVP/JVG/V	11:00 AM
18-Aug	Columbus	Weimar	JVG/JVP/V	5:00 PM
21-Aug	Edna	Edna	V/JVG/JVP	4:30/6:00/6:00
Aug 22,2020	Gonzales	Gonzales	V	11:00 AM
Aug 25,2020	RTC	RTC	JVG/V	5:00 PM
28-Aug	Yoakum	Weimar	JVP/JVG/V	5:00 PM
29-Aug	Burton	Weimar	V	
1-Sep	Brazos	Brazos	JVP/JVG/V	5:00 PM
4-Sep	Cuero	Cuero	JVP/JVG/V	4:30/4:30/5:30
8-Sep	Louise*	Weimar	JVP/JVG/V	5:00 PM
11-Sep	Ganado*	Ganado	V/JVG/JVP	4:30/6:00/6:00
15-Sep	Shiner*	Shiner	JVP/JVG/V	5:00 PM
18-Sep	Wealder*	Weimar	V	4:30 PM
22-Sep	Flatonia*	Weimar	JVG/V	5:00 PM
25-Sep	Schulenburg *	Schulenburg	V/JVP/JVG	4:30:00/6:00/6:00
29-Sep	Prairie Lea*	Weimar	V	5:00 PM
2-Oct	Louise*	Louise	V/JVG/JVP	4:30,6:00,6:00
6-Oct	Ganado*	Weimar	JVP/JVG/V	5:00 PM
9-Oct	Shiner*	Weimar	V/JVG/JVP	4:30,6:00,6:00
13-Oct	Wealder*	Wealder	V	5:00 PM
16-Oct	Flatonia*	Flatonia	V/JVG	4:30,6:00
20-Oct	Schulenburg *	Weimar	JVP/JVG/V	5:00
23-Oct	Prairie Lea*	PrairieLea	V	4:30
27-Oct	Warm Up Playoff Game			
27-Oct	District Certificaton			
31-Oct	Bi-District Playoffs			
3-Nov	Area Playoffs			
7-Nov	Regional Quarterfinals			
Nov 10	Regional Semi			
Nov 14	Regional Finals			
Nov 18-21	State Tourney			
* District Games	Head Coach Amanda Machicek			
# Parents Night	Assistant Coach Megan Hohlt			
	Girls AD Roger Maupin			
	High School Principal Stacy Heger			
	Superintendent Jon Wunderlich			



Dyerick Ellison (No.8) and No.7 Jose Ramirez (airborne) try to block the extra point.

Weimar Wildcats 2020 Football Schedule Yes We Can, Yes We Will

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
20-Aug-20	Hallettsville (Scrim)	Hallettsville	6:00/7:00
28-Aug-20	Tidehaven	Weimar	7:30
4-Sep-20	Yorktown	Yorktown	7:30
11-Sep-20	*Luling	Weimar	7:30
18-Sep-20	***Ganado	Weimar	7:30
25-Sep-20	Schulenburg	Schulenburg	7:30
2-Oct-20	Covid	Bye	
9-Oct-20	**Shiner	Weimar	7:30
16-Oct-20	Flatonia	Flatonia	7:30
23-Oct-20	Covid	Bye	
30-Oct-20	Bye		
6-Nov-20	Covid	Bye	

* Homecoming

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Cardinals FB

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predicted to see more time as RB.

Other players named Campbell's watch-list include Isaiah Evans, Ryan Barnes, Kolten Murray, Isaiah Albright, Oscar Ramirez, Antonio Barnes, Zachary Kuhn, Jackson Beettner, and Manu Murga, Nick Pavlicek, Cole Edman, and Cory Reddell.

Last year's titles of the District, Bi-District, Area, and Regional Champs propelled the Cardinals to their second state Semi-Final appearance since the 1990s.

The Cardinals are predicted to finish second in their conference behind rival Hallettsville. Last season the Cardinals and Brahmas split both games at 1 and 1 when Hallettsville spoiled the Columbus homecoming.

The Cardinals regrouped and served a cold dish of revenge to the Brahmas in the playoffs. Third time's the charm, and the District Championship will be on the line when both teams meet in October to close out their regular seasons.

"We are excited about this season and



Cardinal defensive end No.2 Kion Hurd chases down a Hempstead ball runner.

we have been thrilled with how hard our kids are working. We understand a lot is going on and, a lot can change, but we are doing our best to control what we can. We are so proud of how our kids have approached the situation, and we look forward to the 2020 season," Schoebel went on to say.

The Columbus Cardinals will open their 2020 season at home on Parent's Night against the Luling Eagles at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28.

Cardinals VB

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Johns is confident the girls are up for the challenge this season. "Our hitters all the way around are aggressive and play smart. Our strengths this year include: senior leadership, strong power hitters, and the drive to compete all the time."

Here's what the returning senior Lady Cards had to say about the new season:

Andrea Shropshire - (Senior - Outside Hitter) - When asked her thoughts about the team, she said, "I love the team.

I feel that the girls and I have good communication and understanding, and we may have our ups and downs but at the end of the day we are all in, and I'm excited about how we play and move on the court. I have a great feeling we will make it all the way."

Gabi Theut - (Senior - Setter/Right Side Hitter) - "This year as a team we are pretty solid. I see the potential of making a good run. I hope we continue to get better and better throughout the season. This being my last year playing for Columbus, I look forward to helping the younger ones take a role in this pro-

gram so we can continue to be successful in the coming years. My main goal for the season is to get into the playoffs and see how far we can go from there."

Megan Shupak - (Senior - Defensive Specialist) - "I feel our varsity team has a lot of potential this year! We have been working hard and playing hard together as a team. This being my senior year, I'm giving everything I have to my team and trying to be the best leader on and off the court. I want to make it far in playoffs and leave a mark on our school."

Lili Lares Rodriguez - (Senior - Libero) - "After seeing how we pushed ourselves in our game against El Campo, I think we could really go far this year. Our team connection is better than ever, and if we set our minds to it, we could make it to state."

Amber Adams - (Senior - Middle Blocker) - I'm very excited for my senior year of volleyball! We have an insane amount of talent this year and I know we'll go far. My goal for this season is to work together as a team and be able to dominate on the court. I want our team to make it all the way to state."

Weimar VB

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this year.

"She is an aggressive player that plays the middle with a vengeance," Machicek said.

Coupled with her is Malarie Mican. A junior this year, Mican serves as the team's outside hitter, and Machicek said she sees several options for Mican.

Adding to the depth of the team is setter Lauren Summers.

Summers, a junior, has invested a lot of time playing for TexStar and Machicek anticipates big things from her this year as well.

Also, the team will consist of 10 returning players that played at the varsity level last year, and a big senior class of eight.

Machicek shared some of the words of advice she gives her Ladycats regularly. "Do not take things for granted. Last school year taught us that a season



Courtesy | Jeff Wick, Fayette County Record

The Weimar Ladycats volleyball team is in action for the new season.

can be taken away from you at any moment, so you need to play each game as it could be your last."

Machicek said she and the team are anxious to hit the courts once again. "We have worked hard these last few weeks setting goals and standards for our team. We hope that our fans will get the chance to come see a game in our gym or online. We know that with COVID-19, we have minimal seating available in the gym so we will do what we can to livestream games."

Raiders FB

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ATH Dontavion Fuller, TE/LB Straton Piepryca, TE/LB Michael Flores, RB/LB James Hurd, RB Brandon James, FB/DL James Cotton, RB/DB Deondre Cotton, RB/DB Gene Montgomery, QB/DB Rafael Herrera, OL/DL Luis Ceballos, WR/DB Jake Engelbrecht, and WR/DB Jacob Robles.

The Raiders are said to have a strong offensive and defensive line this year. Still, they face several tough competitors this year, as noted by Sloan.

The Raiders keep the competition up amongst themselves as well, and Sloan shared that there are several battles taking place this summer between kids "working hard to establish leadership roles for themselves."

The O and D line fronted by Marquez, Fields, Stavinoha, Esquivel and Rodriguez should lead the way for the Raiders. Utility player Fuller is expected to play a number of positions this season.

Fans should be on the lookout for Piepryca and Flores to join Esquivel at LB.

The Raiders will have their first home game in Altair Aug. 28 against Goliad at 7:30 p.m.

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CROSS COUNTRY

CHS varsity cross country boys advanced to district last year



Citizen archives

CHS XC varsity boys placed third at district last season. Runners from that 2019 competition were, from left - Even Vega, Chris Lara, Jackson Jones, Jayden Acklin, Josh Hernandez, Fernando Hernandez, and Zach Ramirez. Photos for the Cardinal and Lady Cardinal cross country teams were not available for The Citizen's press deadlines. Team photos will be published in a future edition of The Citizen.

Rice XC races to pass Regional standings

BY JOHN R. JONES
Citizen Reporter

The Raider and Lady Raider cross country teams had a successful season last year. The Varsity boys advanced to the regionals as a team (second at district) and had individual medalists William Lujan placing third, Daniel Zepeda placing fourth, and Hunter Burnet placing fifth.

Lujan was also an individual medalist at regional and was a state qualifier, as well.

The Rice Varsity girls had two runners qualify for regionals: Kyana Hailey who placed fourth at district, and Haley Ray who placed fifth.

Coach Clayton Bowen doesn't see any outside team as competitors this year; he believes the competition to win is within the Rice team.

Bowen states, "We have a very competitive drive on our team. I have several returning runners and the race is on to outdo their performances from last year. I also have a group of freshman runners ready to make their mark and prove themselves."

This year's team will be exceptionally strong with many returning runners. With only one graduating senior last season, all but one of the boys will return to varsity.

Of those, there are three seniors.

Additionally, all of the varsity girls will be returning to the team, with one, Hailey, being a senior.

Bowen expects Daniel Zepeda to be a standout runner for this season. He is the most aggressive male runner for this year. Zepeda started this practice season much stronger than last, and has specific goals set out for this season. Bowen feels, along with Zepeda, the strength will be in the team's overall achievements. Both teams have grown together



Lady Raider varsity cross country athlete and senior Kyana Hailey.

and he expects strong performances across the board.

"This year will be different. Our athletes are experiencing more changes than ever before. Meets will look different, practices will look different, and their everyday experiences will look different," Bowen shared. "But despite all of this, our athletes have grown stronger. They have worked harder than they ever have. They showed up on the first day of practice in better shape, with a better attitude, and a better mindset than last year. I expect great things from this group of runners. Their conditioning is excellent, and they are working together as a team. Despite the ever changing nature of athletics this year, I fully expect us to have a successful year."

Senior Hailey said, "I am grateful and excited to be able to compete again with my team this season. This year our season will be different with everything that is happening, but we are just thankful to be able to run again. My main goal is for my team to advance to regionals again and hopefully state."

Citizen archives, Colleen Garcia-Weimar XC

Ladycats 2019 Varsity cross country team, from left: Mary-Kate Heger, Averi Reeves, Gracie Olive, Karsen Lacina, Leslie Villanueva and Malarie Mican. Team photos for the boys and girls Weimar XC teams were not available for The Citizen's press deadline. Photos will be published in a future edition of The Citizen.



Weimar Cross Country athletes advanced to the district meet in Shiner last October. Coach Johnson went to Shiner with four Ladycats and 11 Wildcats for that competition. Varsity Wildcat runner Drey Rosas went on to advance to Regionals in Corpus Christi. The Wildcat and Ladycat XC teams look forward to a successful season this year.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2020 FALL SPORTS, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

COLUMBUS ISD

Athletes will be required to wear a mask to enter the building. CISD will provide neck gaiters for athletes to wear when not actively practicing, and will also be providing personal water bottles for all athletes. Football season tickets went on sale Aug. 19. The season ticket this year is \$30. This year, due to COVID-19 precautions, assigned seating will not be available and social distancing will be enforced.

The first three rows will be reserved for Cardinal fans with special needs.

Capacity level may change at anytime due to pandemic spread in Colorado County. If capacity decreases, the season pass ticket holders will still be allowed game admittance, but reserved seating will be first come, first serve until capacity is reached.

All pre-sale tickets will be sold remotely.

Remaining tickets will be sold at the gate. Stadium is currently set for 50 percent maximum capacity.

All spectators must wear a mask and social distance from those not in the same household or group.

RICE CISD

All athletes must wear a face covering when they are on campus and not actively participating in a drill.

All athletes must bring their own mask with them when they attend practices.

Athletes need to bring their own water, towel and face covering.

WEIMAR ISD

Weimar Ladycat volleyball games will be live streamed on the Weimar Booster Club Facebook page as they are available to do so. WISD will adhere to all governmental coronavirus guidelines.

FOOTBALL GAME BROADCASTS

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) is allowing high schools to broadcast Friday night football games for the 2020 season, with the exception of linear telecasts on September 25, 2020. A telecast is defined as any live or tape-delayed video footage of a contest in its entirety that can be transmitted through television, Internet Web stream, Webcast, video podcast, smart phone apps, tablet computer apps, closed-circuit channels, weather cameras or any other medium. Both schools involved in the game must agree to the broadcast.

ATHLETICS					
Activity	1 st Day for Practice	1 st Day for Games / Matches / Meets	District Certification Deadline	State Championships	
CONFERENCES 1A-4A					
Team Tennis	**	August 17, 2020	October 24, 2020	November 11-12, 2020	
Cross Country	**	August 17, 2020	November 14, 2020	December 5, 2020	
Volleyball	August 3, 2020	August 10, 2020	October 27, 2020	November 18-21, 2020	
Football	August 3, 2020	August 27, 2020	November 7, 2020	December 16-19, 2020	
CONFERENCES 5A-6A					
Team Tennis	**	September 7, 2020	October 24, 2020	November 11-12, 2020	
Cross Country	**	September 7, 2020	November 14, 2020	December 5, 2020	
Volleyball	September 7, 2020	September 14, 2020	November 17, 2020	December 11-12, 2020	
Football	September 7, 2020	September 24, 2020	December 5, 2020	January 2021, TBD	
MUSIC					
Activity	1 st Day to Begin Contest Show Visual / Marching Curriculum	Region Contest Deadline 2A / 4A / 6A	Area Contest Deadline 2A / 4A / 6A; Region Contest Deadline 1A / 3A / 5A	Area Contest Deadline 3A / 5A	State Championships 2A / 4A / 6A; State Military Championships 1A / 2A / 4A
ALL CONFERENCES (unless otherwise denoted)					
Marching Band	September 7, 2020	December 3, 2020	December 10, 2020	December 12, 2020	December 2020, TBD

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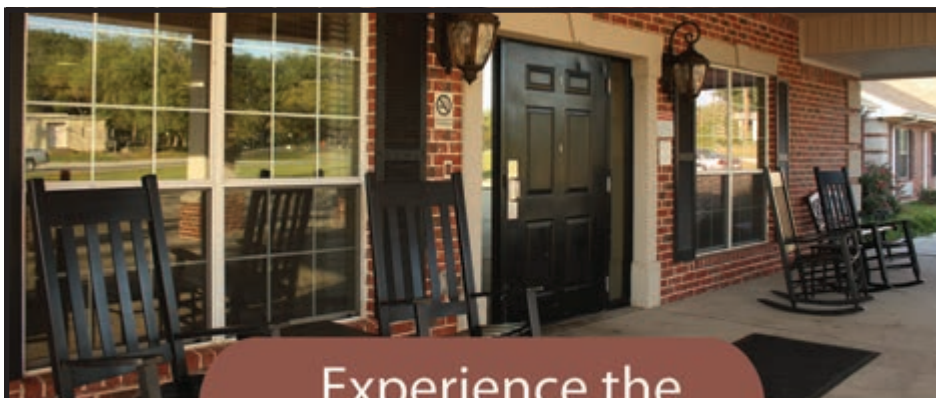
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