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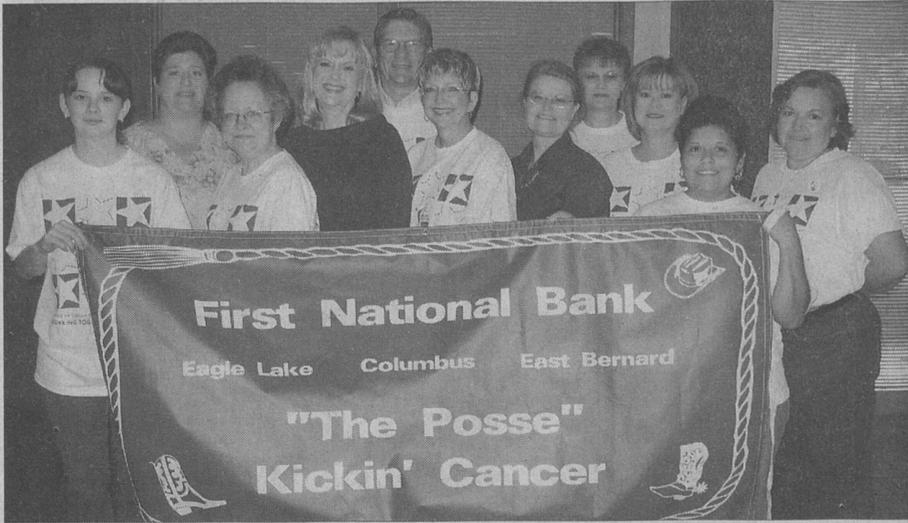
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FNB's 'The Posse' Raises \$5,000

The American Cancer Society and First National Bank (FNB) appreciate your support in their recent fundraisers. They raised \$5,000.32 towards eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. It was no small task, requiring great efforts, but in the end was very well worth it. From left to right are "The Posse" Relay for Life team members, Christy Gonzales, Sharon Sommer, Nancy Nelson, Donna Stephens, Bill Harrison, Carol Mitchell, Janet Duncan, Brenda Besch, Rosie Contreras, Angie Castillo and Lydia Contreras. Not pictured: Maria Mendoza, Nina Teague, and Margo Harrison.

County Collects Delinquent Fines

The county has collected \$132,728 in delinquent fines from three justice of the peace courts since June 2005 by using an outside law firm to handle the collections.

Auditor Raymie Kana said that the county has gotten \$60,804 of the fines and the state \$41,980. The law firm has collected \$29,943 as its fee.

"It's working great," she said of the delinquent collections.

In answer to a question, she said, the collections are from justice of the peace Precincts 2, 3, and 4. She said the judge in Precinct 1, who is Dodie Dungen, did not want to participate in the program.

The county also participates in a

separate program in which the driver's license number of a delinquent ticket payer is entered into a state computer. That individual is unable to renew the license until the case has been settled.

Under that program, four peace justice precincts have collected \$35,832 in delinquent fines since September 2005.

Kana said the county keeps \$19,944 and the state gets \$12,150.

She also reported that during 2005, the county received \$212,522 in fines from the peace justice courts, county credit and EMS by individuals using credit cards. She said that was the first year the county allowed payment of fines by credit card.

"It's a wonderful tool," she said, and said she felt that much of that money would not have been collected if the credit card option was not available.

The following shows breakdown of credit card payments by office:

- Precinct 1 --\$35,197.
- Precinct 2 --\$26,109.
- Precinct 3 --\$133,110.
- Precinct 4 --\$3,459.
- County Clerk --\$14,496.

NEWSBRIEFS

Eagle Lake C of C schedules workdays

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce has scheduled April 29 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.); and April 30 (1 to 5 p.m.) as work days. Volunteers are needed to help complete the Chamber of Commerce Office. Your Chamber Office will soon have a permanent place to call home. Please help us realize this dream. For more information call John Gertson at 234-2200.

"Women in Red" program is Sunday

The White Cloud Baptist Church invites the public to their "Women in Red" Program Sunday, April 30 at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. G. Wyatt, pastor of Palestine Baptist Church in Victoria. Rev. O. Rhodes, host pastor.

Garwood holding kindergarten registration

Garwood School is registering students for the 2006-07 kindergarten class through April 28. To register, go to the school office and fill out registration forms. Return forms with a copy of shot record, social security card and birth certificate. These documents are required by the Texas Education Agency. If you don't have a copy you must obtain a duplicate. Students must be 5 years old as of Sept. 1, 2006 and live in the Garwood School attendance zone. If you live out of the Rice CISD you must apply for an Out-Of-District transfer by May 1, 2006. The Rice School Board will approve or deny transfers. Please call the office at 979-758-3385 if you have any questions.

Labay reunion is April 29

A reunion of the descendants of Josef and Mariana Baros Labaj (Labay) family will be held Saturday, April 29 at the Nada Community Center (formerly KJT Hall) in Nada. Registration starts at 1 p.m. A short meeting will be held at 2 followed by musical entertainment and visiting. There will also be volleyball games and horseshoes. A catered meal will be served at 5:30. Registration forms are being mailed out. If you do not get one please contact Sandy Wishert at P.O. Box 31, Nada, TX 77460 or call 758-3311 or fax 979-543-6696. All registration forms and meal reservations should be sent as soon as possible. All family members should notify their relatives to attend this special occasion.

Birthday Fest is May 6

White Cloud Baptist Church invites the public to a Birthday Fest Banquet at the Eagle Lake Community Center Saturday, May 6 at 4 p.m. Rev. O. Rhodes, pastor.

Sheridan holding Kindergarten registration

Sheridan Elementary and Jr. High School is registering students for the 2006-2007 Kindergarten class. To register, go to the school office and fill out registration forms. Return the forms with a copy of shot record, social security card and birth certificate. These documents are required by Texas Education Agency. If you don't have a copy you must obtain a duplicate. Students must be 5 years old as of Sept. 1, 2006 and live in the Sheridan School attendance zone. If you live out of the Rice CISD you must apply for an Out-Of-District transfer by May 1, 2006. The Rice School Board will approve or deny transfers. The Kindergarten teacher will assign a date for you and your child to visit her classroom, she will notify you by mail. Call the office if you have questions, 979-234-7334.

WCBC to sponsor youth revival

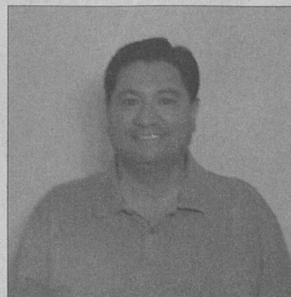
White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) will sponsor a youth revival May 1 through 5 beginning at 7 p.m. nightly. Rev. O. Rhodes, pastor.

S.P. Reunion is May 6

The 20th Southern Pacific Railroad Reunion for retirees and former employees will be held May 6 in Mentz at the St. Roch's dining hall of I-10, exit 699 near Columbus. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. with a noon meal of BBQ beef and sausage served with all the trimmings. Cover charge is \$15 for adults, \$7 for kids, 6-12 and must be turned in by May 1. Lots of door prizes will be given. Make checks payable to Glidden S.P. Railroad Reunion and mail to Maxine Farley, 1195 C. Road 211, Weimar, X 78962 or call 979-732-5868.

Bond election committee seeking donations

The Rice CISD Bond Election is May 13, 2006. If you wish to donate funds for advertising please mail to: Clark Powers, Attn: Bond Election Committee, 825 W. Main, Eagle Lake, TX 77434.



Carlos Gonzalez

Gonzalez To Run For Rice Board

Carlos Gonzalez has announced his candidacy for the Rice C.I.S.D. Board of Trustees.

Following is a statement from Gonzalez:

My name is Carlos Gonzalez. I am announcing my candidacy for the Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees. I have lived in Eagle Lake for 24 years. My wife, Sylvia Gonzalez, is a lifelong resident. Our children are Carlos, Jeremy, Jaclyn and Madalyn.

My approach to this candidacy is simple; honor the position with honesty and integrity. Make decisions based on what is best for our children.

I will work hard to insure that all children in our district receive fair, equal and most importantly, the best education that Rice CISD can offer.

LCRA Sets Water Plan Meetings

Landowners in Colorado, Wharton and Matagorda Counties will receive letters discussing the possible use of their land for a water storage facility being planned by a joint project between the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and the San Antonio Water System, dubbed the LCRA-SAWS Water Project.

A total of 30,000 acres in the three counties has been identified as potential sites, but only about 10,000 acres would be needed for the facility according to Bill McCann of LCRA.

McCann said that they are hoping to have only willing sellers to acquire the land for the project, but did say that condemnation of land would be an option of last resort.

"We look at it as a good opportunity for some folks who would like to sell their land," he said.

LCRA has planned some open house meetings in potentially affected areas. At the open houses, study team members will explain the project and its' timeline and the site-selection process. LCRA representatives will be on hand to discuss issues individually with landowners.

The first meeting is May 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Bay City Civic Center in Bay City.

There will be a meeting on May 22



The Colorado River may eventually become a source of drinking water for San Antonio if plans proceed to store water from excess river flows. Landowners may face having to give up land to build a storage facility for the water as part of the plan.

from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Colorado County Fair Complex in Columbus and another May 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the El Campo Civic Center in El Campo.

The open-house events will be come-and-go events.

The project calls for the construc-

tion of a water storage facility or facilities totaling 7,000 to 10,000 acres, according to LCRA.

The water storage facility would not be accessible to the public due to

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Funds Transferred For Juvenile Facility

Colorado County Commissioners, meeting on Monday, April 24, approved transferring \$350,000 from the general fund to the juvenile detention fund to pay for the county's loss on operating the juvenile detention facility in Eagle Lake.

County Auditor said figures show the county's operation of the facility from September until it shut down in March has totaled \$376,617.

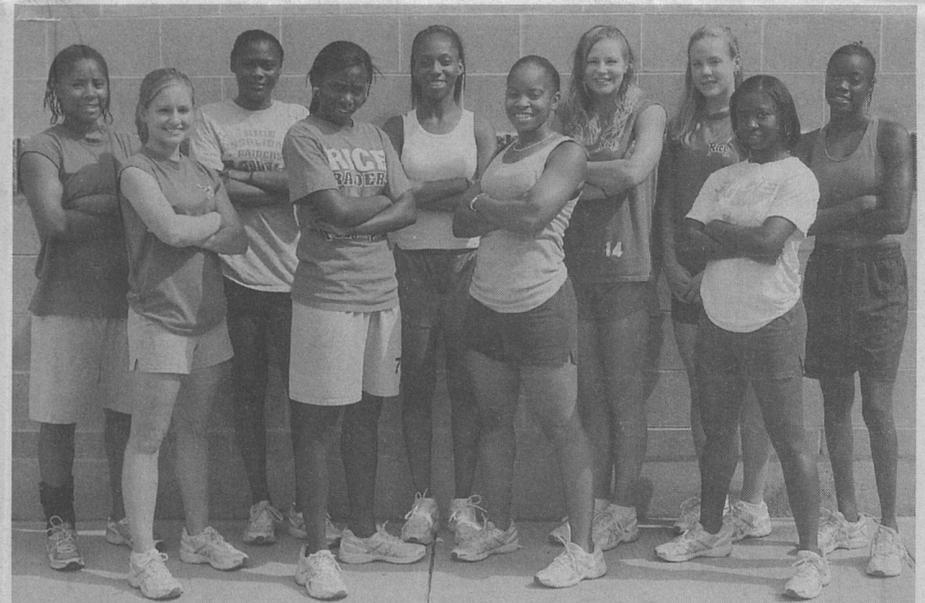
She said that includes \$32,000 in money that is owed to the county.

Total income was \$724,161 and ex-

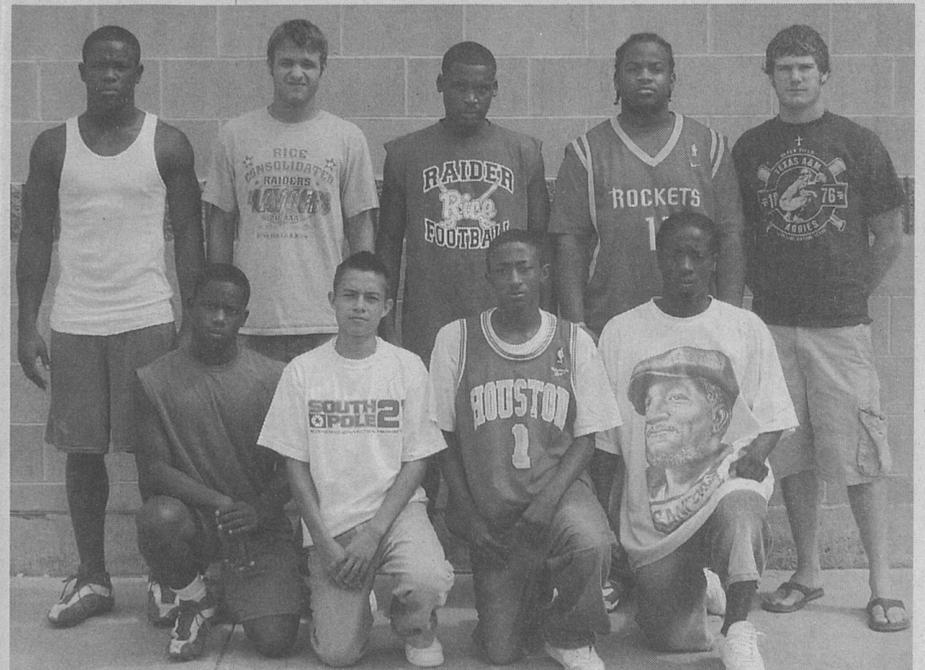
penses were \$1,132 million, she said.

The county began operations of the facility after a private company that had been operating there told the county it was closing its opera-

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Pictured above is the 2006 Lady Raiders track team. Back row from left: Kashonda Tillman, Brittnee Stevenson, Ja'Keista Winfield, Michael Hoelscher, Hillary Johnson, Cunneshia Foster. Front row from left: Morgan Dumont, Edricka Thomas, Ashley Stovall, Amber Cunningham. The team finished in second place at the district meet.



Pictured above are members of the 2006 Raider track team. Back row from left: Brian Williams, Luke Shimek, Durrell Stevenson, Curtis Williams and Jeremy Hill. Kneeling from left: Ziggy Foster, Luis Samaniego, Anthony Johnson and Jaylon Pettus. The team finished third at the district meet.