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Eagle Lake Royalty Chosen

The 2006 Eagle Lake Area Pageant sponsored by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce was held Saturday, August 26. Winners pictured from left to right, back row, Stephanie Gertson, Junior Miss; Victoria Alvarado, Miss; Catherine Cummings, Ambassador; and Mallory Thomas, Princess; front row left to right, Dalen Rutledge, Prince; Samantha Lofland, Little Miss; and Cole George, Little Mr.

Raiders Set To Battle Sealy Friday

By Fred Kaiser
The Rice Raiders will take on the Sealy Tigers Sept. 8 in Sealy at 7:30 p.m.

The Raiders travel to Sealy following an impressive 30-0 victory against Luling in the opening game of the season.

However, Raiders Coach Brad Dumont believes the Raiders can still improve.

The Raiders will look to cut down on penalties after committing 13 infractions for a total of 80 yards against Luling.

While Sealy is picked to finish fifth in district 24-3A and suffered a 35-7 defeat against Bellville last week, Dumont still believes this will be a difficult game for the Raiders.

"This has become a bit of a rivalry game and playing in Sealy is always difficult," said Dumont.

Sealy returns 10 starters from a 4-5 campaign in 2005 and although they suffered a comprehensive defeat last week, Dumont noted that Bellville has an extremely powerful team.

The Tigers possess two influential players in the form of all district picks running back Kenneth Jackson and line backer Richard Gagne.

Jackson in particular, who scored 10 touchdowns last season and has registered a 4.4 second time in the 40 yard dash, might worry the Rice defense with his quickness.

Sealy operates from the spread formation on offense and uses an aggressive blitzing defense.

Jobless Rate 4.9 Percent In County

The unemployment rate for Colorado County for July 2006 was 4.9 percent, figures from Texas Workforce Commission show.

For July in Colorado County, 10,614 persons were employed and 546 seeking work.

The figure compares to statewide unemployment in July, 5.5.

For Fayette County, unemployment was 3.8 percent, with 12,019 persons employed and 476 looking for jobs.

For Lavaca County, unemployment was 3.8 percent, with 10,730 persons employed and 425 looking for jobs.

For Wharton County, unemployment was 5.6 percent, with 20,559 persons employed and 1,215 looking for jobs.

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Fields Question At Eagle Lake Meeting LCRA Head Defends Project

By Fred Kaiser

Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) General Manager Joe Beal defended the LCRA-San Antonio Water System project at a meeting Aug. 30 in Eagle Lake, fielding questions from an audience of about 100 people, including some opponents.

The two hour meeting at the Eagle Lake Community Center was set up by was Eagle Lake resident Steve Balas, who had earlier served on a regional water planning group.

The LCRA-San Antonio plan would provide for the pumping of up to 134 million gallons a day from the Colorado River to San Antonio, starting about 2020.

It is also designed to save 105 million gallons a day through conservation measures for water used in crop irrigation, primarily involving rice.

After a brief slide presentation by Balas and remarks by Ronald Gertson and Bob Pickens, both current members of the regional planning group, both Balas and Beal fielded questions from the audience.

Several of the questions revolved around the question of property condemnation for a 10,000 acre site needed to store water from the river before it is pumped to San Antonio.

Two possible sites are located in Colorado County and two in

Matagorda County.

Addressing that issue, Beal said: "We would prefer to find willing sellers and are in the process of looking for them. However, we have condemned land in the past and we will do it again in the future. That is the nature of the business we are in."

Beal added that the construction of the Highland Lakes reservoir project a number of years ago required 50,000 acres and that during that process there had only been 14 condemnations, all of which occurred on small tracts.

Beal also told the group that the LCRA has found a number

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Ross Lobpries (#8) fights for yardage as Brian Williams (#11) helps with some blocking. The Raider won their season opener 30-0. (Headlight photo by James Sweet)

Raiders Open Season With Victory

The Rice Raiders opened the 2006 season with a convincing 30-0 win over the Luling Eagles last Friday night in Altair.

"A couple of things we look at

every week are number of turnovers and number of punts. We had no turnovers and no punts. That was a good thing," said head coach Brad Dumont discussing

his team's first game. Sophomore Zacchaeus "Ziggy" Foster paced the Raiders offen-

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Pictured above are just some of the items that will be up for grabs at the Study Club's annual fundraiser.

Study Club Fundraiser Sept. 16

By Betty Wilcox

In nine more days join the Eagle Lake Study Club for an evening of food, fun and the future year of the Wintermann Library. The majority of the financial support comes from the auction. The generosity of the buyers, donors and workers through the years

have kept one of the most important institutions going strong.

Repeat donors Mark and Becky Anderson are giving two sets of four tickets for the Astros 2007 season.

Donated by Lake Lumber owner Tony Gold is a Nesco 18-quart electric roaster. This

is a great item to have in your kitchen.

Do you need to start an exercise program? Come bid on the bicycle built for two donated by Sidney and Barbara Struss.

To have your cookie jar full

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