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Water, Water, Everywhere

Eagle Lake was hit by several waves of heavy rain on Monday, starting very early in the morning and lasting a good portion of the day. Above, an LCRA pickup drives up Golf Course Rd. to Hwy. 90A.

Raiders Blast Tidehaven 50-14

The Rice Raiders extended their winning streak to six games with a lopsided 50-14 homecoming victory over Tidehaven last Friday night.

The win sets up this Friday's battle with undefeated Schulenburg, the winner of which will take sole possession of first place in the District 28AA race.

The Raiders offense was in

fine form Friday night, racking up 226 yards passing and 306 yards on the ground.

Quarterback Taylor Cook connected on 11 of 18 pass attempts for 226 yards and three touchdowns. He also rushed for one score and 36 yards.

Ziggy Foster also had an outstanding performance with 193 yards on 17 carries, two for touch-

downs.

The Raider defense was once again tough, allowing only 75 yards rushing and 122 passing.

Brent Botard recorded 11 tackles, five of which were solo efforts and six for a loss.

Pablo Suarez also recorded 11 tackles, with four solo and four for a loss.

Raul Esquivel and Damien Steven each had 10 tackles, two for a loss and one solo on the evening.

Jasmine Hemphill eight tack-

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NEWSBRIEFS

Project graduation tailgate party

Project Graduation will hold a tailgate pizza party Friday, Oct. 20 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Rice High School parking lot. Deliveries will also be available to the communities. Extra large pizza, \$13 (pepperoni, cheese, sausage or hamburger). Contact a senior for tickets or call Leah Ross at 234-2818.

Footelitters evening on the square

The Plaza Theatre, 120 South Houston Street in Wharton, will present Agatha Christie's classic whodunit *The Mousetrap* October 20-22. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors age 65 and over; students 22 and under, or groups of ten or more. For reservations or to purchase tickets, stop by the Plaza box office, 212B North Richmond Road, call 979-282-2970 or click on www.whartonplazatheatre.org.

Walk for the cure is Saturday

The fourth annual 5K "Walk for the Cure" sponsored by Rice Medical Center and The City of Eagle Lake will be held Saturday, Oct. 21 at 8 a.m. Registration begins at 7 a.m. at the Community Center. Registration is \$15 per person. For more information call Susan Hernandez at 979-234-5571, ext. 5273.

Mt. Olive program Sunday

The Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church (GMOBC) will present, "The Pastor and Wife, Deacons and Deaconess Program", Sunday, Oct. 26 at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Reuhl Taylor III, of East Gate Baptist Church in Wharton. The public is invited to attend.

Christmas parade planning meeting set

For all those interested in helping with the annual Christmas Parade the Chamber of Commerce will host a planning meeting Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Please come and bring your ideas. Let's make this the best parade ever.

24th Annual test of the best set

The 24th Annual Test of the Best will take place Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28 and 29 in Nada. Cooks offs will be held for BBQ beef, sauce, chicken, pork ribs, sausage, chili and chicken noodle soup. Enter the trip and gun drawing. Food and refreshments available to the public. Hamburgers on Sunday. Music Saturday and Sunday night by D.J. Mike Bolcik. Proceeds benefit the Nada KC Charities. For more information call 979-543-6785, 543-9212, 543-5047 or 758, 3572, 758-3380, 758-3785 or 758-3507.

National Day of Healing is Oct. 28

Living Hope Church, 100 Church St., in Eagle Lake will host the National Day of Healing Saturday, Oct. 28. The church will have its doors open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you need healing, come between these hours and let trained people lay hands on you. God still heals and does miracles!

Songs of our faith at FBC

First Baptist Church (FBC) of Eagle Lake would like to invite everyone to join them Sunday, Oct. 29 for a celebration of music and faith. Choirs and vocal groups from local congregations will share selections in a time of worship and praise. It will be a great opportunity to hear the different ways each faith tradition uses music to honor God. The event begins in the FBC sanctuary at 6 p.m. and a reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

Drought & Heifer Workshop

A Drought Management & Heifer Replacement Workshop sponsored by Colorado County Farm Bureau (CCFB) and the Texas Cooperative Extension is scheduled for Oct. 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Columbus Livestock Auction Barn in Columbus. Two CEUs will be offered to private applicators, commercial and non-commercial applicators. Topics to be discussed include managing your beef herd

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Council To Purchase New Garbage Truck

The Eagle Lake City Council voted in favor of purchasing a new garbage truck at their regular meeting Tuesday, October 10.

The cost of the truck will be about \$130,000 and will be paid for using a loan.

Payments on the truck will be about \$38,000 per year, and the city has budgeted \$40,000 for that purpose in the budget.

The move comes after recent problems with the current truck and the fact that the back-up truck is no longer able to be used said officials.

The new truck will be a 2007 International and will be outfitted by Heil of Texas. The truck is what is called a ready-made truck, meaning it can be delivered possibly by mid-November.

Council also took action to have stop signs placed at Warwick and Center Streets to have the intersection as a four-way stop.

Two citizens, Natalie Gonzales and Arnold Cardenas spoke to council regarding the intersection.

Gonzales said that hardly anyone yields at the current sign signs on Center Street and that

PureTex Gives Pledge: No Water Pipeline

The American PureTex Water Corporation held a town hall meeting last Thursday at the Eagle Lake Community Center to give a presentation and answer questions about a bottled water plant they are planning to build in the county.

The company would operate the plant under the name of PureTex Water Works, a subsidiary.

Representatives from the company, Fred Janz, President and CEO of PureTex Water Works and Dale Behm, CEO of American PureTex Water Corporation both spoke to the crowd of 50-60 citizens.

They gave an overview of the plans for the project and then allowed the audience to ask questions.

The \$250 million project would consist of a 260-acre site near FM 102 and Ramsey Rd. and would have a 440,000 square foot facility for bottling water that could employ as many as 371 people.

Representatives advised that the land was currently under contract.

Eagle Lake Mayor Mike Morales gave a tentative endorsement of the project during the question and answer session of the evening.

"We need these jobs," Morales said.

"I open my arms to this company as long as we have some guarantees that they are not going to suck all of our water away or pump it off to Houston or San Antonio," he added.

He also said that he felt it was in the best interest of the citizens of the area to work with this

company, if they come in, to help spur some badly needed economic development in the area.

Behm responded saying that their land contract has a clause that stipulates that they would not be able to pump water out of the county via pipeline.

He said that they do plan to have pipelines on their property for moving the water and would possibly be able to pump water to other areas in the county should the need ever arise.

"We want to make it absolutely clear that we will not pipe water out of this county, period," said Behm.

Representative Robby Cook asked how long the no pipeline guarantee would be effective?

Behm responded by saying, "As long as we are here, and we will put that in writing."

Assistant Superintendent Bill Hefner of Rice CISD also spoke for a few minutes.

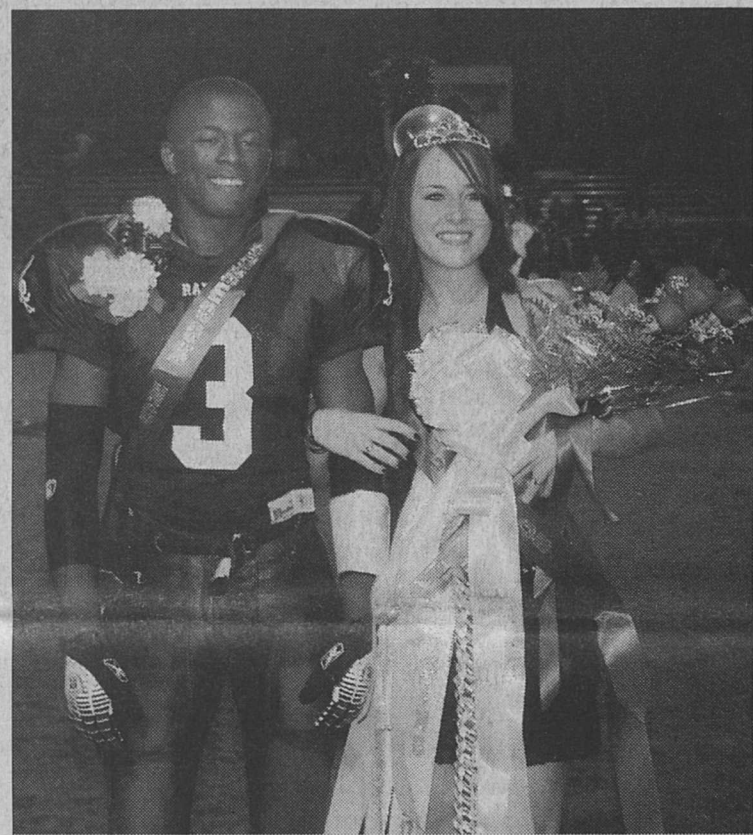
He said that every year he sees kids graduating from Rice High School that would like to stay in the area, but there are just not enough jobs for them.

He said that if this company came in and provided jobs, that it would be great.

"We (Rice CISD) will try to get everything we can for the kids. They are my main concern," said Hefner.

Sam Kana of First National Bank said that a business like

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RHS Royalty Chosen

Darkeith (KeKe) Pratt was named Homecoming King and Kandi Gertson was named Homecoming Queen last Friday.



McCreary Honored At Harvest Ball

Rice Hospital Honored Joe Lee McCreary (seated) at its Annual Rice Harvest Ball on Saturday. Pictured with him from left are: Larry Parsons, Doris Terrell (McCreary's daughter), Joe H. McCreary, Noble Anderson and Mark Anderson. The ball was dedicated to McCreary's vision, leadership and commitment to the community.



The Wild Goose Chase located on S. McCarty held its ribbon cutting recently. Pictured from left to right are John Myres, Anna Gertson, John Gertson, Leslie Carey, Linda Schmoker (owner), Rod Adkins, Diane Causey, Bernice Bornstein, Tom Kelley, Shirley Mitchell and Jerald "Mitch" Mitchell.

Raiders To Face 6-0 Schulenburg

The Rice Raiders will face the Schulenburg Shorthorns in a match-up of undefeated teams this Friday night in Altair.

The winner of the contest will take sole possession of first place in District 28AA, and would be likely favorites to win the title.

"Our game with Schulenburg will decide the district championship," said Rice Coach Brad Dumont.

He advised that Schulenburg has won 17 straight regular season games.

Rice rolls into Friday's game with a 50-14 win over Tidehaven.

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