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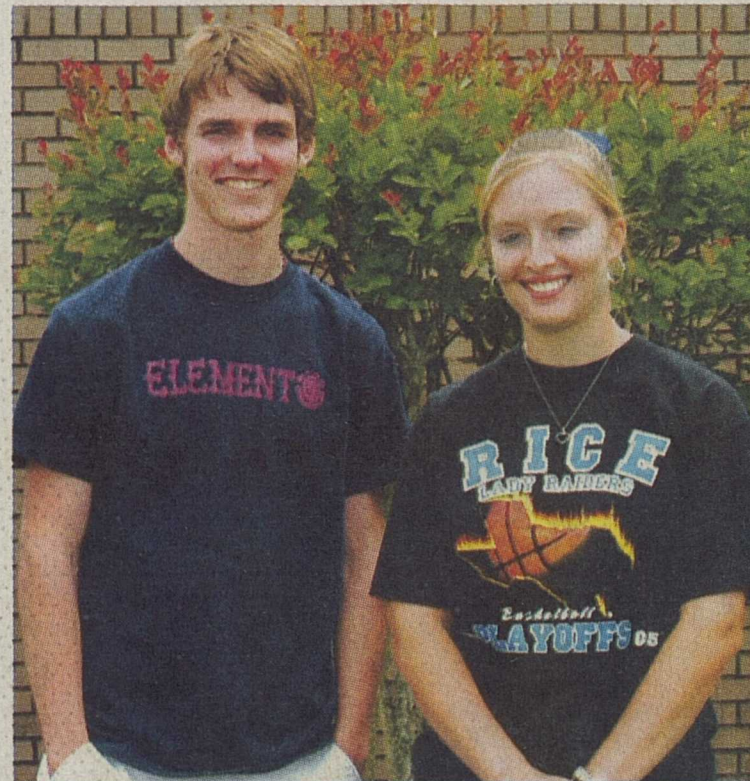
Two On To Regional Tennis

The Mixed Doubles team of Mallory Dumont and Clayton Bowen have advanced to the Tennis Regionals to be held in San Marcos by winning 2nd place in the District Meet held at Rice High School. The duo of Dumont and Bowen will participate in the Regional Tennis Tournament on April 25th and 26th in San Marcos.

Dumont and Bowen defeated Edna 7-6, 6-2 to gain the finals. They were defeated by a strong Industrial team 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 in a close match to settle for 2nd place and a bid to the Regional Tournament. Brent Botard and Kim Varley lost to Edna 6-3 and 7-6 with the last set ending in a tight tiebreaker.

Trey Staff placed 3rd to just miss Regionals. Staff defeated

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Clayton Bowen and Mallory Dumont have advanced to the regional tennis tournament in the mixed doubles division. They won second place in district last week. Bowen will also be representing Rice High School at the State Academic Meet on May 3 in the editorial writing category. He placed second in the regional event last weekend.

Rice Board Opposes Speed Increase

The Rice board of trustees agreed in its regular meeting on Monday night to oppose a request to raise the speed limit in Altair to 70 m.p.h. during non pick-up and drop-off times.

The state controls the speed limit on Hwy 90A and the school district was given an opportunity to give their input on the matter.

Board members agreed that

raising the speed limit was not a good idea.

"With extracurriculars, we have people coming and going all the time," said Superintendent Michael Lanier.

"I don't think raising it would be a good idea," he said.

Lanier also gave the board a

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City Council Votes To Proceed With New Water Line Plans

The Eagle Lake City Council voted to proceed with plans to install a new water line under S. McCarty Ave. to provide water for a proposed laundry mat business near the old car dealership.

City manager Ron Holland said that currently that block is served by two small water lines and the new line will be a four-inch line.

Holland advised that the individual building the laundry mat had requested a two-inch hook-up.

The new line will cost about \$8,800.

Council voted in favor of providing the line, but asked that some proof that the business is going to be constructed be shown before doing the work.

In other council action:

-Council took no action on a measure that would require ambulance drivers to obtain a license from the city in order to operate. The request was made by County Emergency Management Coordinator Chuck Rogers. Council took

no action in order to get more information on the matter.

-Council adopted a resolution accepting the New Town Water System into the city's system. Holland said that this resolution basically formalized the takeover of the New Town Water System.

-Accepted notification that Clean Harbors, the company operating the landfill used by the city will be increasing its rates. The rate will go from about \$9.50 per square yard to \$13.63 per square yard.

LCRA Irrigation Wells Questioned

The number of wells proposed by the Lower Colorado River Authority to provide groundwater for irrigation under a proposed joint project with San Antonio has increased from about 70 to between 90 and 130.

A spokesman for the LCRA, Robert Cullick said the change does not affect the amount of groundwater that would be used, approximately 62,000 acre feet a year during times of drought.

But one critic, Judy Jurek of Markham, questioned the fact that the change was not announced and included only in the technical documents on the river authority's website.

"I most definitely call this new information," Jurek said.

She said an LCRA table shows the approximate number of wells

required at 116.

Broken into LCRA Districts: 41 in Lakeside (five existing LCRA wells are included in this 41); Pierce with 5; and the Gulf Coast district with 50.

Cullick said the number of wells can be expected to change as scientific studies progress and said the number has not been updated since January.

He also emphasized that no groundwater can be sold to San Antonio under the agreement between the LCRA and the San Antonio Water System (SAWS).

The groundwater, mainly for rice irrigation, is separate from another provision of the plan that would provide pumping 150,000 acre feet annually, or 134 million gallons a day, to San Antonio.

Most of that water is projected to come from excess and unused river flows.

"The number of wells it will take to produce this water for local agriculture will be determined by location (the wells should be on LCRA's canal system if possible); and by the need to spread these wells out and space them optimally," Cullick said.

Cullick said the river authority would also look at leasing existing irrigation wells in many cases.

"The public should not be misled into thinking that the amount of groundwater that might be used in the project will be determined by the number of wells that are drilled," the LCRA spokesman said.

"Groundwater use is capped by contract, not limited by the

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NEWSBRIEFS

City-Wide revival to be held

The Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a city-wide revival April 18-20 at 7 p.m. nightly. Rev. E.E. Thomas of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church of Sugar Land, will be the guest evangelist. Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Eagle Lake will be the host church. Come and hear ye the word of the Lord and be blessed. Rev. K. Wicks, president.

Elementary registration tonight

Eagle Lake Elementary School will hold pre-k and kindergarten registration Thursday, April 19 at 3:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. For more information call 979-234-3587.

Alumni meeting is tonight

The E.H. Henry Alumni ex-students will meet Thursday, April 19 at 6 p.m. at White Cloud Baptist Church. All members are asked to attend.

Meeting set tonight for Wiese benefit

Plans are being finalized for the benefit in support of Donnie Wiese. All those interested are asked to meet at the home of Connie Lange on Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m. For more information call 979-234-6765.

Garwood School program for Pre-K

The Garwood School is looking for students to attend a Pre-K program for the 2007-2008 school year. It will be a half day program and will require ten students to make the class. Students must be 4 years old by September 1 and must live in the Garwood School attendance zone. Student should also qualify as economically disadvantaged or live in a non-English speaking home. If interested in registering or if you have any questions regarding the program, please contact the school at (979) 758-3385.

Programa de Pre-K

La escuela de Garwood esta buscando estudiantes que atiendan el programa de Pre-K para el ano escolar 2007-2008. Este programa sera un programa de medio dia. Se requieren diez estudiantes para completar la clase. Estudiantes deben de tener cuatro anos para el primero de Septiembre, 2007 y deben vivir en la area de Garwood. Si usted esta interesado en registrar a sue nino/nina, o tiene otras preguntas del programa, por favor do llamar la escuela a (979) 758-3385.

Superintendent to speak on bond issue

Superintendent Michael Lanier has been invited to speak by the community of Altair on the school bond issue on Saturday, April 21 at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, Bowie and Columbus St. Everyone is invited to attend. A committee meeting will be held immediately following on plans for a Juneteenth Parade. For more information call 234-2315.

Auxiliary to host dinner April 22

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will host a chicken fried steak dinner on Sunday, April 22. Curb service only will be available at the Fire Station between 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tickets are \$7 each and are available at Golden Goose, First National Bank, Kim Jones or any Fire Department or Ladies Auxiliary member. All proceeds will benefit the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Please make plans to support our volunteers and also enjoy a delicious meal.

"Hearts of Grace" to perform

The southern gospel trio, "Hearts of Grace" will perform at the Lehrer Memorial United Methodist Church Sunday, April 22 during the 9 a.m. worship service. The public is invited to attend and enjoy this talented Christian singing group.

Gulf Coast Sorority Workshop

If you are a college-bound female, and are interested in becoming a member of a University Sorority, please join the Gulf Coast Panhellenic for their first annual Sorority Workshop on Saturday, April 21 at 10 a.m. The workshop will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Wharton (1717 Pioneer Street). This free event will include an educational forum on the most frequently asked questions about the sorority membership and the recruitment process. For additional

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29 Rice Athletes Going To Regional Track Meet



Back, from left: Royshanique Davis, Hillary Johnson, Brittany Parker, LaQuendra Thomas, Brittany Stevenson. Middle, from left: Juanisha Cooper, Cunneishia Foster, Desiree Toliver, Ashley Stovall. Front, from left: Katlyn Thomas, Marneikwa Woods, Rebecca Dots. (See story page 6)



Back, from left: Chris Dorsey, Brent Botard, Taylor Cook, Marcus Hernandez, Jerome McAfee. Middle, from left: Duryel Stevenson, Dominique Weeks, Sylvester Middleton, Brian Williams, Mario Hull, Ziggy Foster. Front, from left: Nick Jump, Cory Aldridge, Luis Samaniego. Not Pictured: Josh Williams, Tanner Williams, Sareal Valdez.