

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Eagle Lake Reader Favors Bond Proposals

I'm voting for the Deuce!!
The front page of last week's Headlight included another excellent review of this weekend's bond election and went a long way toward clarifying the issues.
The need for new classrooms and other facilities goes without saying but equally as important is the proposal listed as Proposition 2.

This will allow for a real auditorium and a separate dining facility for the junior high kids. This is a good deal on several levels. First, the dining area will provide a separate area for the younger kids. Then there is the auditorium, that's what has me excited.
Many of you may not know it but along with our athletics program, we have another set

of winners at our school that will benefit from this new facility. The band and theater arts groups have both made great strides through the past several years in spite of performance venues that are marginal to say the least.
If you don't think that makes a difference then look at page 1 of last week's paper again. You'll also see a photo of three students who are headed to state in track.

8 years ago, we didn't have a competitive track or a track program and now we are winning district and regional meets and sending kids to state!
Now, finally an opportunity for a first class facility for our other super stars. After all the years of building a successful boys and girls athletics program, here's a chance to do the same for the non athletes as well as providing a needed venue for school and community activities.
So let's get this straight, a new school to meet educational mandates, a great place for our kids to perform and our citizens to meet AND the lowest tax rate in the area?
Sounds like a winner to me. I would urge all of you to examine the issues carefully and thoughtfully and then support "The Deuce". Vote for Prop 2 along with Prop 1, after all, it's for the kids.
Russell Thomas, Eagle Lake

School Board Candidate Statements

Carolyn Baird
Carolyn Baird is seeking re-election to the Rice CISD Board of Trustees.

Carolyn and her husband, David, have lived and worked in Eagle Lake for most of their lives. They have 2 children, Bridget and Adam, who both attended school in Eagle Lake and graduated from Rice High School.

Carolyn also attended school in Eagle Lake and graduated from Rice High School. She has been very active in the community and has served as a trustee for Rice CISD for 6 years.

She is a member of First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake, a member of the Colorado County EMS for 17 years and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Eagle Lake Fire Department for over 25 years.

"I am very proud to be part of the Rice CISD school system. I feel our district provides a quality education for our students as well as a great working environment for our staff. We are constantly working to offer every possible opportunity to equip our students with the tools necessary to be successful in life."

"I have learned so much by serving on this Board. There are many things that most people are not aware of. There are definitely two sides to running a school system. One side is the people side, which includes the students and the staff. This is a huge job itself. Then there is the business side. I am confident that we have one of the best run schools in Texas. We are very lucky to have students, teachers and administrators who do an outstanding job for us. I have seen the pride in this district grow so much and I am glad to be a part of that Raider Pride! Thank you for your support."

Carlos Gonzalez
My name is Carlos Gonzalez and currently running for Position 5 on the Rice School Board Election.

Many things come to mind when I think of why I am running. But the most important reasons sit in our classrooms everyday. They are our children, our Grand kids, Nephews, Nieces, brothers, sisters and most important our community's future.

We as parents and adults are in-trusted and responsible for the education of these children. My wife Sylvia and I can relate to the daily struggles that parents have when it comes to educating children.

We have 4 children of our own. I realize that what was good for me when I was in school may not apply now. Our economy changes every year, changes to jobs and job requirements constantly happen.

It is an absolute must that we prepare our children for this ever changing world. I am sure that as working parents you realize this ever changing world in your own job or business.

It is getting harder and harder to make a living. This is what our children will be up against. They will have to compete for jobs with the skills and education they acquire, and for some of our children this may mean with what they acquire at Rice CISD.

For not all of our children will go on to college. These children must not be forgotten. The curriculum for non-college bound children needs to match the needs of jobs that do not require a college education.

This again is why it is very important that our children receive the very best education we have to offer. We must constantly monitor what industry demands are. Our curriculums must keep track with economic demands.

From the first day of a child's education to graduation day, we must prepare our children by providing them with the very best education possible. This includes the very best schools, teachers, administrators and staff.

What does this take? Hard earned money, tax dollars to be exact, yours and mine. This is why I am asking for your vote on May 12. Every vote that I cast will have our children's best interest in mind. Every financial vote and decision will be cast with regards to your money and mind. No child should receive less than the best education that Rice CISD has to offer.

When you go to the polls on Saturday May 12, Cast your vote responsibly, and cast it with our most precious resource in mind, our children, our future and who will one day be making the same decisions.

See pages 8-9 For Samples Of The Rice School District Bond and Trustee Election Ballots

4-H District Rifle Contest Held Recently

Five Colorado County 4-H members participated in the District 11 4-H Rifle meet on April 27-28, 2007. The meet was held at the Victoria County Shooting Range.

The Intermediate team of Mat-

thew Barnes, Ethan Aschenbeck and Andrew Lattimore placed third in their division. Aschenbeck was 13th high individual and Lattimore was 14th high individual. Senior members Alicia Jurek placed 10th and Jaclynn Jacobs placed 12th.

The traveling plaque for Safety and Sportsmanship was also presented to the Colorado County shooters.

Correction

In last week's city council story there was an error in the vote count on the airport hangar project.

The vote was 4-1 in favor of the project with Councilman Dave Curry voting against.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Rice High School Honor Roll Additions

The following students of Rice High School were inadvertently left off of the 5th Six Weeks Honor roll report printed in last week's edition of the Eagle Lake Headlight.

We apologize for any inconveniences this error may have caused to the students or their family. The students are:

Ninth Grade: Thomas Benton, Nancy Castillo, Rebecca Dota, Ni-

cole Driik, Rachel Korenek, Keith Llanes, Tim Morales, Marneikwa Woods

Tenth Grade: Pedro Lujan, Tori Rathburn.

Eleventh Grade: Raul Esquivel, Roque Torres, Clayton Watz.

Twelfth Grade: Ross Lobjeries, Jessica Till.

Congratulations to these students for their academic accomplishments.


Rice Junior High Tennis Results

The Junior High Tennis team had six entries in the 2007 District Tennis Meet.

They are as follows: Anna McConnell and Georgette Llanes (7th Girl Doubles); Jamie Adams (7th Boys Singles); Tina Till (7th Girl Singles); Amy Clark (7th Girl Singles); Michael Waligura (8th Boys Singles); and Erica McConnell (8th Girls Singles).

The following entries placed in the top 3 at district: Michael Waligura - 2nd place in 8th grade boys singles; Jamie Adams - 2nd place in 7th grade boys singles; and Anna McConnell/Georgette Llanes - 3rd place in 7th girls doubles.

In Loving Memory of Gary Herek 5-5-06 • 5-5-07



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Pre-Mother's Day Bake Sale and Drawing Saturday, May 12 at Nada Grocery from 8 a.m. to 12 noon

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500-600 lbs	113-126	100-112
600-700 lbs	105-115	96-108
700-800 lbs	94-104	86-93

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300-400 lbs	123-133	112-122
400-500 lbs	116-128	108-115
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Annual Meeting
San Bernard Electric Cooperative Inc.'s Annual Meeting is on **Saturday, May 19, 2007**
The location is at the **Austin County Fair Association Convention and Expo Building** in Bellville, Texas
Registration from 8:30 am to 10:00 am
Business Meeting Starts at 10:00 am

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