



Carolyn Baird and Jack Vawter were sworn in to new terms on the Rice School Board on Monday night.

EAGLE LAKE WEATHER REPORT

Information Courtesy of Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Experiment Station, Eagle Lake

Date	Temp (H/L)	Rainfall(in.)
Mon. 5-14-07	90/65	0.00
Tue. 5-15-07	89/67	0.00
Wed. 5-16-07	82/60	0.00
Thu. 5-17-07	78/59	0.00
Fri. 5-18-07	82/58	0.00
Sat. 5-19-07	81/61	0.00
Sun. 5-20-07	81/64	0.00

NEWSBRIEFS

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Summer reading program begins June 6

Wintermann Library is "gearing up" for the Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is "Sail Away with Books." The date for the program will be June 6 through July 18. The official opening day will be June 6. There will be a party beginning at 10:30 a.m. with refreshments and activities for the children. Registration for the program begins on May 30. Children will begin counting their books or pages on June 6. Returning again this year will be the Magician Julian Franklin. He will be entertaining the children on June 20 at 1:30 p.m. for all ages.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

If you are a WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, or any other veteran of a foreign war, the Rice Area Memorial Post 8783 would like you to join our Post. Without you our organization can't continue to exist. Please call Len Matula Commander Post 8783 at 234-3947. (If you qualify the Post will pay your first year membership.)

Power Unlimited Juneteenth BBQ

Power Unlimited of the E.H. Henry historical association will hold its first Juneteenth BBQ cookoff on the grounds of the E.H. Henry site in the flats Sunday, June 17. Power Unlimited is asking for help in making this event enjoyable for everyone. We need volunteers who would like to preside over the numerous committees needed to get this event off of the ground. We would like to have all suggestions and input from all interested churches, organization, groups, and individuals etc. Everyone is welcome to take part in this event. We need you!!! For more information please call Portia Smith 281-989-2555.

Benefit For Wiese Slated June 23

Xi Pi Psi Sorority and friends are finalizing plans for a benefit for Donnie Wiese, to help defray hospital costs.

The benefit is planned for June 23, at Didner Hall. Plans include a BBQ, silent auction and drawing starting at 5 that afternoon.

The drawing items will be displayed at Baumgart Insurance and may be dropped off with member Mary Ann Kaluza.

Anyone wishing to donate a silent auction item may take it to Creative Expressions or call 234-3911.

For anyone wishing to make a donation, a fund has been established at Wallis State Bank and the First National Bank. Checks may be made out to the Donnie Wiese Benefit Fund. If anyone has any questions or has something to donate call Ernie Sommerlatte at 234-3452.

Senate Votes Against Speed Camera Tickets

AUSTIN-Texas cities will no longer be able to use cameras to enforce speed limits under a bill passed by the Senate Monday.

Senator John Carona, who sponsored HB 922, said he was concerned that these cameras served only to increase revenue rather than protect public safety.

Though only two cities in Texas, Marble Falls and Rome, use traffic cameras to catch speeders, Carona said he thought the Legislature should intervene before they become more widespread.

Though HB 922 didn't address the controversial topic of red light cameras, another bill, HB 1052, sponsored by Carona and passed Monday did.

That bill would require cities to post signs along roads leading to an intersection that is monitored by red light cameras informing motorists of that fact.

Should such signs not be posted, the city would not be able to issue a valid ticket.

Other bills passed by the Senate Monday include:

• HB 2328, sponsored by Whitmire, would put stray animals under protection of animal cruelty laws;

• HB 2235, sponsored by Zafirini, would create a grand program under the Office of Rural and Community Affairs to sponsor regional rural technology centers;

• HB 1944, sponsored by Ellis, creates an ombudsman within the Office of Inspector General to monitor prevention and investigation of sexual assault in prison and;

• HB 887, sponsored by Ellis, would increase the statute of limitations for credit card abuse and fraud from three to seven years.

Texas Crop Weather Report

State Received Moderate Rainfall Throughout Week

Throughout the week, most areas of the state received moderate levels of rainfall.

Periods of dry conditions allowed producers in some areas to continue with fieldwork and other activities.

In some of the wettest areas of the Plains and Western Texas, saturated fields halted most activities.

Many areas have a surplus of sub-soil moisture, as recent rains continued to increase levels.

Most areas of the state received 0.01 to 0.25 inches of rainfall, as isolated showers brought as much as 0.50 to 2 inches to some sections.

Haying and baling continued in some areas where conditions allowed.

Livestock were in good to excellent condition in most areas of the state, as supplemental feeding continued to decrease.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains

Wheat conditions remained good in the Northern High Plains, but spraying was ongoing as signs of rust became more apparent.

In the Southern High Plains, wheat continued to mature rapidly.

Harvest of small grains for hay continued in the Cross Timbers despite the recent rainfall.

Some producers in the Blacklands began harvesting early maturing varieties, as most other producers anticipate harvest to begin soon.

Statewide, wheat condition was mostly good to excellent while oat condition remained mostly fair to good.

Rice Board

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this year. He said that there is still work to do, but he felt the district was doing what it needs to be doing.

The board voted to renew its depository contract with First National Bank.

Heard an update on kitchen repairs that need to be done over the summer at Eagle Lake Elementary School. The work on the ceiling, plumbing and tile will likely cost about \$100,000.

Sales Tax

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tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts are up 6.8 percent compared to a year ago.

Comptroller Combs sent May sales tax allocations of \$372.6 million to Texas cities, up 8.2 percent compared to May 2006.

Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are up 7.4 percent compared to the same period last year.

Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$32.1 million, up 10.9 percent compared to one year ago.

Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 8.9 percent higher than last year.

In addition, \$16.3 million went to 116 special purpose taxing districts throughout the state, up 12.4 percent compared to last May.

Ten local transit systems received \$121.4 million in sales tax allocations, up 6.4 percent compared to a year ago.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, June 8.

Cotton

Cool, wet conditions delayed planting for most producers in the Southern High Plains

and contributed to an increase of seedling disease.

As soil moisture remained good, some producers in the Northern Low Plains began planting.

Recent rainfall aided emergence and growth along the Coastal Bend, but additional moisture is still needed.

Corn

Planting continued in some areas of the Northern High Plains, as early planted corn emerged to good stand. Tassel-ing increased in the Blacklands. Statewide, corn condition was mostly good to excellent.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

Vegetables and fruit crops continued to progress in North East Texas due to warm weather and recent rainfall. Harvest of spring onions, citrus, and various other vegetables began to wind down in the Lower Valley.

Pecans

Some trees in the Trans-Pecos and Edwards Plateau were being sprayed for pecan nut case bearer infestation.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Some producers in the Cross Timbers continued to cut and bale hay.

Many producers in North East Texas were cutting rye-grass and clover fields for hay, as harvest continued to increase.

Favorable weather conditions contributed to good growth of pastures and hay fields in South East Texas.

Livestock body conditions improved as the availability of high quality forage continued to increase in South Texas.

Statewide, range and pasture condition was mostly fair to good.

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