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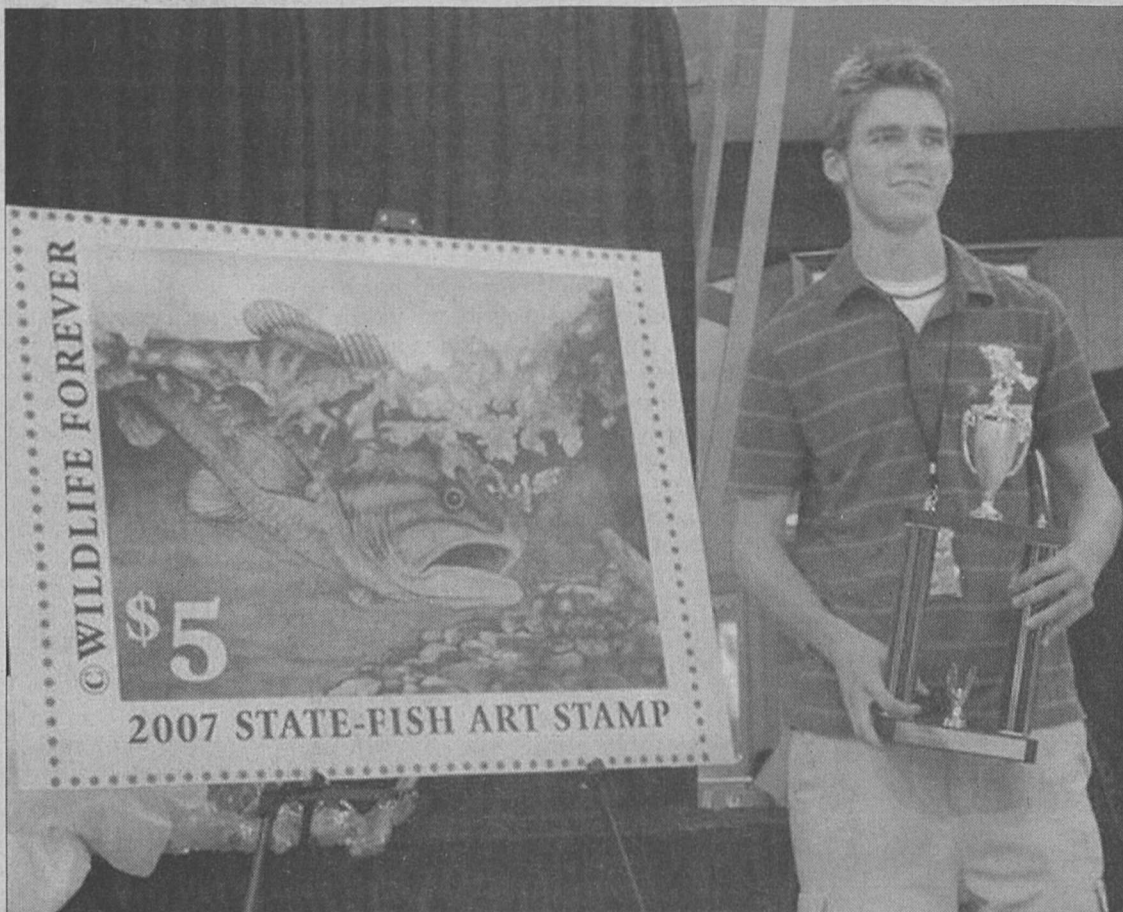
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Clayton Bowen recently traveled to Minnesota where he won the State Fish Art Stamp Award for Texas and was also named the stamp winner, which means his work will be printed on a stamp.

Bowen Art Wins National Honor; Will Be Printed On A Stamp

Clayton Bowen traveled to Minnesota for the 9th Annual State-Fish Art Expo on July 21.

Wildlife Forever unveiled the 2007 Art of Conservation Stamp design in Mall of America's Central Rotunda as Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty declared July 21st "Wildlife Forever State Fish-Art Day".

State-Fish Art Contest winners were honored and awarded blue ribbons, fishing equipment and a gift certificate for art supplies from Cheap Joe's Art Stuff. Bowen was the state of Texas winner.

Once all winners were honored the stamp award was unveiled.

The stamp design was selected as "art gallery quality" from among thousands of submissions, Bowen was the winner of this award.

As the federal government uses the proceeds from the federal duck stamp to fund wetlands conservation, sales of Wildlife Forever's Art of Conservation stamps fund conservation educa-

tion and fishery projects across America.

Clayton's winning stamp can be ordered from www.wildlifeforever.org

On July 22, the Minnesota Twins recognized all winning artists on the playing field of the Metrodome and the "jumbotron" screen in a special pre-game ceremony before they played the Los Angeles Angels.

The Twins provided compli-

mentary tickets for the artists and their families.

Sponsors for the 9th Annual Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Contest include The Art Institutes International Minnesota, Cheap Joe's Art Stuff, Mall of America, Minnesota Twins, North American Fishing Club, Rapala, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 3 and the U. S. Forest Service, Eastern Region.

Harris County Interested In Juvenile Facility

Officials with the Harris County Juvenile Board discussed the possibility of purchasing or leasing the closed juvenile detention facility in Eagle Lake at a meeting on July 27, according to a report in the Houston Chronicle.

Colorado County Judge Al Jamison was out of town this week and could not be reached

for comment.

However, he had earlier said the county was talking with several organizations about the possibility of reopening the facility.

Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal has offered to give the Harris County Juvenile

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Temporary Water Board Sworn In; Calls For Election

A temporary board of directors for the Colorado County Groundwater District, meeting on July 26, set an election on whether to create a district for Nov. 6.

At the election, voters will also be able to vote on a permanent slate of directors.

The temporary directors were appointed by county commissioners court.

At the meeting the board elected Tom Kelley as presiding officer, Bill Briscoe as assistant

presiding officer and Marian Schonenberg as secretary.

The board also set a deadline of 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, for individuals to file as candidates for permanent positions on the board.

Candidate applications may be obtained at the county judge's office and from any of the temporary directors.

To be eligible to be an Initial Director candidates must be a registered voter and must reside in the appropriate city or precinct

in Colorado County.

The directors of precincts 1-4 must reside in the precinct of their commissioner and are elected by the voters in that precinct.

The directors representing the cities must reside in Columbus, Eagle Lake, and Weimar, respectively, and are elected at large by the voters of Colorado County.

Members of the temporary board include: Vivian Spanihel, Position 1; Bill Briscoe, Position 2; Clayton Wallin, Position 3; Tom Kelley, Position 4.

The positions coincide with the four commissioner precincts.

Representing the city of Columbus is Marian Schonenberg. Representing Eagle Lake is Jim Wiese, with David Kahlich representing Weimar.

Members of temporary board may file as candidates.

The next meeting of the board was scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Aug. 1, to review the water code and state law on water districts.



Rice Medical Center has begun work on remodeling the waiting area at the hospital. Tarps and safety markers cordon off the area being worked on.

NEWSBRIEFS

Senior citizen's dance is Friday

A Senior Citizen's Dance will be held Friday, Aug. 2 from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The Fabulous 4 will provide the music. For more information call 979-234-2903.

Family and Friends Day is Saturday

Old Skool University has rescheduled Family and Friends Day at the EH Henry Park for Saturday August 4. This is a chance to meet, greet, and interact with Old Skool as well as having fun with the kids. There will be free food for everyone, a drawing and silent auction on various things and also we will have T-Shirts the day of the event. Stay for the kickball game and other activities. For additional information please contact Russell Williams (979) 234-6966 or email us at: OldSkool2007@sbcglobal.net. Striving to support and broaden our kid's horizon, one child at a time.

Women in Red program is Saturday

Mt. Sinai Evangelical Ministries will hold their 1st Annual Women in Red Program Saturday, Aug. 4, at 5 p.m. Guest speaker will be Pastor Lowery of Trinity Fellowship of Houston. She is under the authority and fellowship of the awesome Bishop Gary Scott of New Beginnings Fellowship of Houston.

Dance club to host gathering Saturday

The Sealy Dance Club will host a public dance Saturday August 4 at the American Legion Hall in Sealy. Dance time is 7:30 to 11:30. Music will be provided by "The Music Masters". This dance will be the famous "Cotton Picking Dance Theme". Overalls and bonnets dress attire is welcome. Every dance is a big party and fun time. Free cake, coffee, and door prizes. The public is invited.

Disaster preparedness training Aug. 7

Gulf Coast RSVP, a volunteer program, is presenting a free Disaster Preparedness Training course on Tuesday, August 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The course will be held in the parish hall of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 24 N. Masonic, Bellville. Free backpacks with supplies and informational packets will be distributed to all. Registration is necessary. Please call Nicki Wright, Gulf Coast RSVP coordinator, at 979-865-2455. The training is sponsored by Gulf Coast RSVP and the Corporation for National & Community Service. Gulf Coast RSVP is active in Colorado, Waller, Austin counties among others.

Sunderman golf tournament Aug. 11

The Stephanie Sunderman Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, Aug. 11. The four-person scramble will include a registration fee of \$50 per player. Food and drink will be furnished. Call 979-234-5981 or 234-5002 for more information. The tournament supports the future of our nurses.

Meet the Raiders, Lady Raiders Aug. 15

Come out to Rice High School to meet the Raiders, the Lady Raiders and the coaching staff for the 2007-2008 school year, on Wednesday, August 15 at 7:30 in the gym. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Hope to see you there!

RMC Lobby renovations

Rice Medical Center (RMC) Employee Volunteers would like to announce that lobby renovations have begun. During this time the lobby will be closed, but there will be signage directing patrons to the new entrance. Everyone will be asked to use the 200 wing (Specialty

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City Council Accepts Sewer Work Bid

The Eagle Lake City Council accepted a bid of about \$85,000 by Supak Construction for installation of a sewer line under S. McCarty near Brookshire Bros.

The line is the one requested by Tony Garcia for Taco Tony's and his other property. Garcia has agreed to pay just about half of the cost \$42,670 to have the line put in.

Supak Construction was the low bid on the project and the project is likely to take about a month to two months to complete.

Three other bids were received ranging from \$88,000 to \$147,000.

Council also approved application for a bore approved association with this project. The cost of the permit is \$100.

Council also agreed that Garcia would pay around half of the roughly \$19,000 in engineering costs that have accrued for the project.

In other council action:

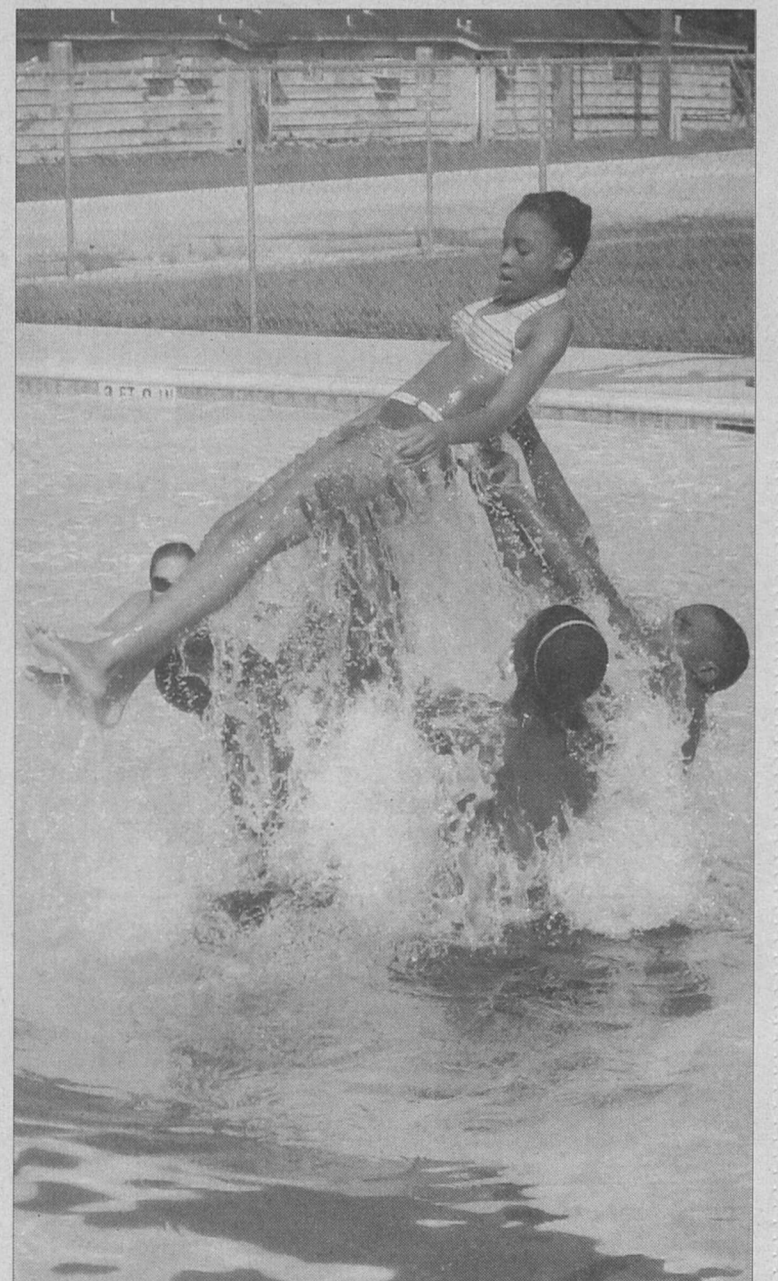
-Council agreed to waive the 20 percent materials cost mark-up (about \$500) for installation of a two inch water tap for Gary Kulhanek for the laundry mat that he is building on McCarty. Kulhanek said that he felt the mark-up was unreasonable, but he had no problem paying the labor cost mark-up. Kulhanek also asked council to adjust rates for high volumes of water. He said that he averages about 200,000 gallons per month at a laundry mat

in Columbus and pays roughly \$500. He said that according to the rates here, he would be looking at about \$1,200 per month. He said that the cost would be passed on to the customer and he would prefer to have lower prices so that he could do more volume. He said a lower water rate would help him get business. Council voted only to waive the tap installation parts up-charge, and said that they might be willing to look at rates in the future.

-Council heard a report on the airport from acting fixed base operator Scott Noles. Noles is filling in for his father who is ill. Noles said that the airport has a lot of things going for it, but a few things that could be done to make it better. He said that ideally the runway needed to be lengthened to 4,500 feet to accommodate jets. The runway is currently about 3,800 feet. He said that the ability to fly jets in and out could dramatically increase traffic. He also added that the Texas Department of Transportation has a 90 percent grant program for airport infrastructure improvements that the city has taken advantage of in the past. No action was taken on the discussion item.

-Council voted to go ahead with renting a port-o-potty for E.H. Henry Park. It is estimated that it will cost about \$180 per month and would be cleaned weekly.

-Council set a budget workshop for July 31.



Though the summer has been an unusual one, there are still the tell tale signs of the season. Pictured above is Ashley Carroll being tossed by her friends at the Eagle Lake Pool.