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The Wintermann Foundation recently awarded the City of Eagle Lake / Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department (ELVFD) a grant for \$50,000.00. Making the presentation is Steve Balas, Wintermann Foundation Board Member and Jack Johnson, Wintermann Foundation President; accepting the grant is Kurt Sunderman, Captain ELVFD and Howard Wilkerson, Chief ELVFD.

County Votes Against Joint Meeting

Colorado County commissioners, meeting Monday, voted down a proposal to hold a joint meeting with the Columbus city council to discuss communication issues.

Columbus Mayor Richard Heffley had proposed the meeting in a letter to Jamison.

Heffley had expressed concerns that the city was not involved about plans to use the fair grounds north of Columbus as a refueling location for hurricane evacuation.

He also pointed to a dispute involving the Emergency Medical Service and Columbus Fire Department.

But County Judge Al Jamison told commissioners he did not favor a joint meeting.

The motion for a meeting failed with Commissioners Doug Wessels and Herbie Helmcamp in favor and Jamison and Commissioners Darrell Gertson and Tommy Hahn opposed.

"In my view nothing would be accomplished," Jamison said.

Jamison noted that evacuation plans were set out by the state, not the county.

"We have a good emergency plan in place," he said.

Gertson said that the state had first mentioned using the fair grounds in April.

In his letter, Heffley had said the effort to use the fair grounds on Aug. 17 when Hurricane Dean

threatened was hurt by wet conditions.

Gertson said that state officials were planning to bring in material to stabilize the ground.

"It's not our situation to deal with. I can't see where all the big fuss is about," he said.

But Wessels said he felt a meeting might prove beneficial.

"Everyone knows the relation is not too good," he said referring to the county and city of Columbus.

Asked about his reservations after the meeting, Jamison said he felt a joint meeting "is going to be a bunch of people in a shouting."

He also said he had no communication or telephone call from Heffley, other than the letter.

The judge said he would be open to talking to Heffley privately.

"I've never refused to talk to him, but he only communicates in letters," the judge said.

In other action, commissioners heard a report from Travis Wegenhoff, the chair of a citizens committee looking at courthouse renovation and building of a new annex.

He said a draft of a master plan is to be submitted to the state for its Sept. 14 meeting.

He said the committee felt emergency repairs to the roof in the range of \$25,000 are needed

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Wintermann Gives \$50,000 To Eagle Lake Fire Department

The Wintermann Foundation recently awarded the City of Eagle Lake / Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department (ELVFD) a grant for \$50,000.00.

The grant is to be used to help purchase a new brush / grass

fire truck and other fire related equipment.

The new brush / grass fire truck will replace a 30 year old truck that the ELVFD currently has in service.

This truck will be built over the

next couple months and should be delivered to Eagle Lake by the end of October. Wildfire Manufacturing in Indiana is building the fire truck.

The ELVFD would like to thank the Wintermann Foundation for their continued support.

Without their generous grant and a grant from LCRA, they would not be able to purchase this truck. Members of the Wintermann Foundation Board are Jack Johnson, President, Judi Johnson, Steve Balas and Don Bendy.

NEWSBRIEFS

Yearbooks are In!

The Rice High School yearbooks have arrived. Books can be picked up in Room 1 at the following times: 7:45 - 8 a.m., 11 - 1:15 p.m., and 3 - 3:30 p.m. Any balance due must be paid in full. There are some extra books for sale at a price of \$45. Graduation pictures are also in. Graduation pictures can be picked up in the office of Rice High School during regular school hours.

Dance set for Saturday in Sealy

The Sealy Dance Club will host a public dance Saturday, Sept. 1 at the American Legion Hall in Sealy. Dance time is 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. with music provided by The Country Knights. The theme is Fiesta Days and Country Knights. So put on your Spanish attire, sombreros and boots. Every dance is a big party and fun time. Free cake, coffee and door prizes. The public is invited.

Immaculate Conception bazaar Sept. 2

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is having their Bazaar and Homecoming on September 2. The event will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 1390 Highway 90 West in Sealy. A barbecue lunch consisting of beef, pork, sausage, chicken and all the trimmings will be served starting at 10:30 a.m. Ray Krenke on the dulcimer will provide music inside the hall from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and the Texas Sound will provide music under the pavilion before and after the live auction. The auction will begin at 1 p.m. consisting of antiques, quilts, baked goods, and other great items. There will also be a drawing consisting of 15 items that will be held at the end of all the festivities.

White Cloud Anniversary Sept. 2

Cloud Missionary Baptist Church (WCBC), 1493 Old Altair Road, Eagle Lake will hold its 93rd church anniversary, homecoming, family and friends day, service Sunday, September 2 at 3 p.m. The guest speaker is Rev. H.O. Williams, with the Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church.

Closing for Labor Day holiday

The following business will be closed in observance of the Labor Day Holiday, Monday Sept. 3: First National Bank and Wallis State Bank, Eagle Lake Post Office, Colorado County Courthouse, Wintermann Library and The City of Eagle Lake Offices. There will be no trash collection on Monday, Sept. 3. Monday and Tuesdays route will be collected on Tuesday. The Headlight will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Deadline will be at noon Monday, Sept. 3.

Senior citizens dance is Friday, Sept. 7

A Senior Citizens Dance will be held Friday, Sept. 7 at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 8 to 11 p.m. Music will be provided by the Lazy Farmers. For more information call 979-234-2903.

Church to hold rummage sale Sept. 7-8

Its here! Parish of the Nativity annual rummage sale September 7-8 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. 545 S. Austin Road at the Parish Pavilion. Donation's welcome. Drop off September 6 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

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Study Club Auction Is Sept. 23

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Sept. 22 for the annual Eagle Lake Study Club Auction. The evening of enjoyment begins with the bakery booth opening at 5 p.m. with cookies, pies, cakes and homemade items of every sort and kind.

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Raiders To Open Season In Luling

The Rice Raiders will open their 2007 campaign in Luling on Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

The Raiders are returning several key starters from last year's playoff team including senior quarterback Taylor Cook and junior running back Zacchaeus Foster.

The Rice Raiders visited the Columbus Cardinals last Thursday for a final scrimmage.

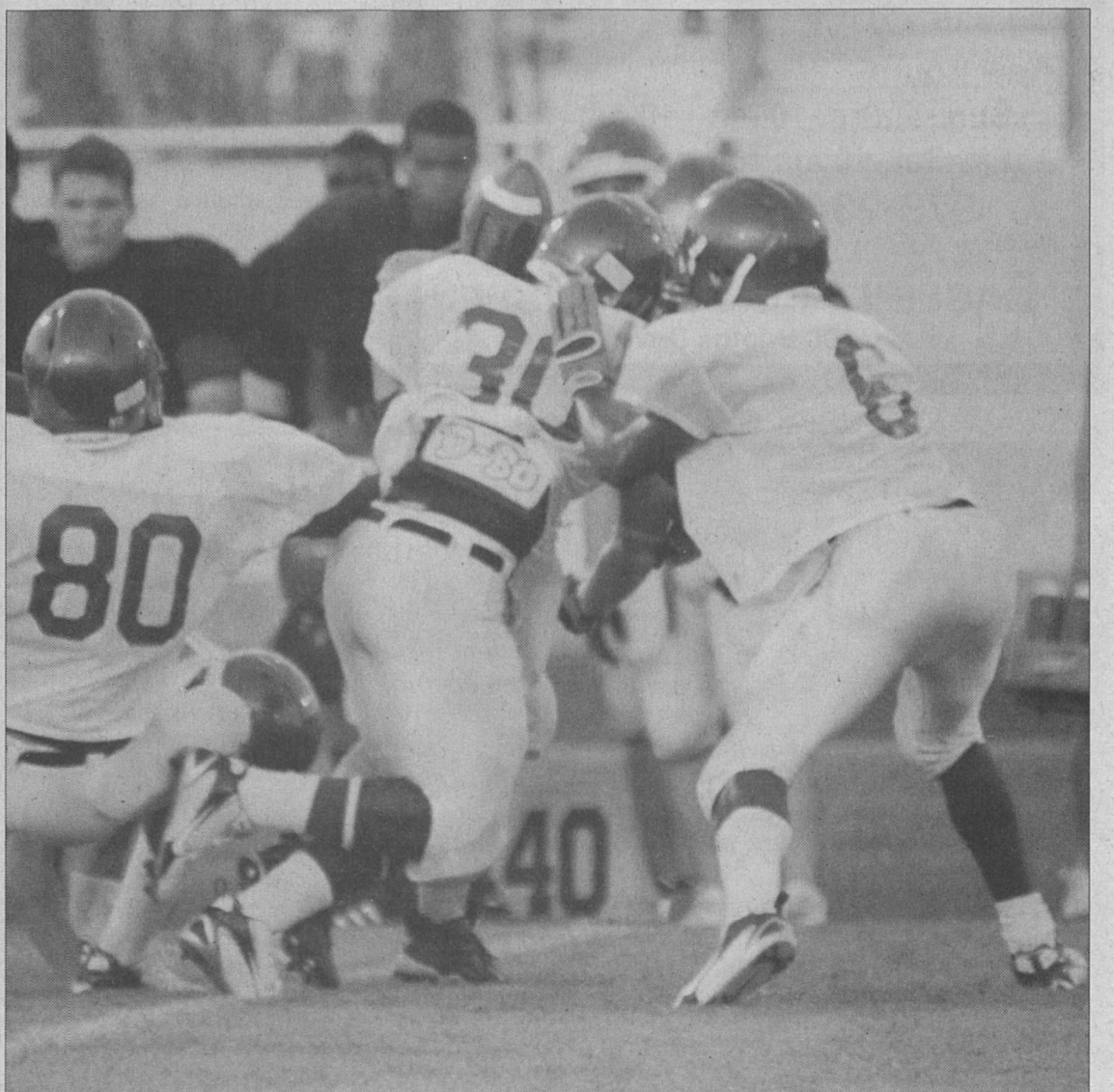
The Raiders varsity offense produced five touchdowns on 145 rushing yards and 210 passing yards with 20 first downs.

Taylor Cook threw three scoring strikes of 47, 18, and 15 yards to Marquis Toliver (47, 15) and

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Eagle Lake got pounded on Monday afternoon with a downpour of several inches of rain in a short period of time.



From left to right Raider defenders Marquis Toliver, Damian Stevens and JJ Reggins cause a fumble for the Cardinal offense during their final warmup before the regular season.