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Eagle Lake Headlight Year In Review 2007 Part 1

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and bring them up to standards. "We are doing this to try and help clean up our town," said Mayor Mike Morales.

An Eagle Lake man was convicted of shooting another Eagle Lake man with a pistol and given 65 years in prison by a jury consisting of 11 women and one man.

Amado H. Aguilar, 48, was convicted of aggravated assault in the Colorado County District Court on Jan. 23, 2007 following a two-day trial.

The Rice Board of trustees held a special meeting Tue. night to discuss the possibility of a bond election in May to address facility needs.

After discussion, trustees agreed to put the matter on the agenda for the next regular meeting and take steps toward getting ready for another election.

March

Lynda Bubela, 60, a resident of Nada and former treasurer of the Nada Catholic Daughters recently pleaded guilty to forgery and theft of more than \$12,000 from the Catholic Daughters organization.

The Rice School board voted unanimously on Friday to call a bond election on May 12.

The election will ask voters to decide yes or no on two bond propositions totaling about \$16.65 million.

The first proposition will ask for just over \$12 million for construction of 16 classrooms, two science labs, two computer labs, a library, gym, administrative area and band hall. This area will be used for seventh and eighth grade for the entire district.

The second proposition asks for an additional \$4.6 million for construction of a 500-seat auditorium with a lobby-type area that would be used as an eating space for the seventh and eighth grade. The area would also include space for a kitchen if the district wanted to add one later.

A shooting Monday night in the 300 Block of Allen Street sent 18-year old Michael Johnson to the hospital.

The incident happened around 9:00 p.m. and police arrested Charles Casa Casanova on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

A Texas game warden was shot and killed early Saturday during a shootout at the Lissie Cemetery between law enforcement officers and a man suspected of illegal hunting.

Slain was Justin Hurst of El Campo, who was killed on his 34th birthday.

Wounded in the exchange of gunfire was James Freeman, 26, of East Bernard. He was taken to a hospital in Fort Bend County and was later transferred to the medical unit of the Harris County Jail.

He was being held without bond, charged with capital murder on an arrest warrant issued by Wharton County Peace Justice Cynthia Kubicek.

Colorado County commissioners, meeting Monday, discussed the possibility of an increase of 2 cents in the county's tax rate to pay for approximately \$1.5 million in repairs to the courthouse.

April

The Eagle Lake City Council race will feature three candidates on the ballot and two write-in candidates vying for three at-large places on May 12. Incumbent

Jane Meldahl along with Michael Cooper and Wilburt Williams will be on the ballot. Rene Cooper and Shirley Compton have filed as write-in candidates. The election will be held in the community center this year along with the Rice Consolidated election.

Jack Vawter is unopposed for re-election to place 4 on the Rice board while incumbent Carolyn Baird will seek re-election to place 5 against Carlos Gonzales.

The Rice district is also asking voters to approve a bond election totaling about \$16.5 million in two propositions. The funds would be used to construct facilities in Altair for seventh and eighth grade students district-wide.

The Eagle Lake City Council voted in their regular meeting on March 27 to leave the city's animal ordinance largely unchanged. A workshop was held the preceding Thursday to determine if anything in the ordinance needed to be changed. The matter came into question after citizen complaints about livestock in the city limits.

For the first time in three years, the One-Act Play has advanced to Area competition. Rice High School's performance of "Antigone," under the direction of Jennifer Watson, moved through District 28AA competition last Saturday and will advance to the next level along with the play from Schulenburg High School.

A \$5.2 million project to widen the Colorado River bridge on U.S. 90A is projected to be let for contract in December 2008.

That was the word from Texas Department of Transportation officials who discussed on Wednesday, March 28, construction projects in Colorado and Fayette counties for the next three years.

The bridge would be widened by 20 feet in the project.

29 Rice athletes advanced to the regional track meet. They included: Royshanique Davis, Hillary Johnson, Brittany Parker, LaQuendra Thomas, Brittany Stevenson, Juanisha Cooper, Cunneisha Foster, Desiree Toliver, Ashley Stovall, Katlyn Thomas, Marneikwa Woods, Rebecca Dota, Chris Dorsey, Brent Botard, Taylor Cook, Marcus Hernandez, Jerome McAfee, Duryel Stevenson, Dominique Weeks, Sylvester Middleton, Brian Williams, Mario Hull, Ziggy Foster, Nick Jump, Cory Aldridge, Luis Samaniego, Josh Williams, Tanner Williams, Sareal Valdez.

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.

A pickup truck, loaded with at least 10 people, crashed when it ran off Interstate 10, east of Columbus Sunday morning as it fled a state trooper.

There were no fatalities, but four of the seriously injured were flown by helicopter to Hermann Hospital in Houston for treatment of injuries.

Five others were treated at local hospitals.

One occupant of the truck, and possibly others fled the scene, officers said.

May

The Eagle Lake City Council, during their regular meeting Tuesday, April 24, voted to proceed with plans to construct new

hangars at the airport.

The project will construct two 8,800 square foot hangars at an estimated cost of \$329,000. A grant from the Texas Department of Transportation will cover approximately \$263,000 of the cost. The city must pay a match of around \$68,000.

"The more money we can bring in rental income at the airport, the less of burden it will be on taxpayers later," said Holland.

He said that the goal is to make the airport self sustaining or even profitable, and that he felt this project would help in that endeavor.

A 22-year-old man was struck by lightning Monday, April 30, south of Columbus when strong thunderstorm moved through the county.

The man was identified as Greg Boswell of Kirksville, N.Y. He was at the Country Camp, which is connected to the Texas Bible Institute, on County Road 101.

Three Rice Raiders qualified for the State Track Meet May 11-12 in Austin. Josh Williams won first in the pole vault. LaQuendra Thomas, left, won second in the discus and Cunneisha Foster won three gold medals, the long jump, triple jump and the 200 meter dash.

Nearly 1,000 voters turned out in the Rice CISD election and passed both propositions of the bond election. Proposition 1 passed with 566 for and 377 against while Proposition 2 passed with 545 for and 392 against.

About \$16.5 million total in bonds will be issued to raise money for the construction of a seventh and eighth grade campus in Altair.

Proposition 2 will allow for the construction of an auditorium that will have a space for a cafeteria for the seventh and eighth grade.

Eagle Lake Proposition 1-414 for, 162 against Proposition 2-391 for, 169 against Baird-294, Gonzalez-287 Sheridan Proposition 1-22 for, 44 against Proposition 2-24 for, 43 against Baird-49, Gonzalez-13 Garwood Proposition 1-71 for, 153 against Proposition 2-71 for, 161 against Baird-185, Gonzalez-35 Early Voting Proposition 1-59 for, 18 against Proposition 2-59 for, 19 against Baird-61, Gonzalez-15 Colorado County commissioners, meeting Monday, accepted a donation of \$109,000 from the Wintermann Foundation for the purchase of a new ambulance in Eagle Lake for the Emergency Medical Service.

On May 3, 2007 the 97th annual UIL Academic Meet was held at the University of Texas in Austin. Competing in this meet for Rice was senior student Clayton Bowen of Eagle Lake, son of Wayne and Jonna Bowen.

While the competition at this level is extremely difficult, Clayton did an outstanding job and took home a 2nd place trophy in UIL Editorial Writing.

John Paul Supak was named Valedictorian and Catherine

Cummings Salutatorian of the Rice High School Class of 2007.

June

Legislation that would allow a vote by Colorado County residents on the creation of a groundwater conservation district has been approved by the legislature and is awaiting the governor's signature.

If signed by the governor, an election is expected to be called for November.

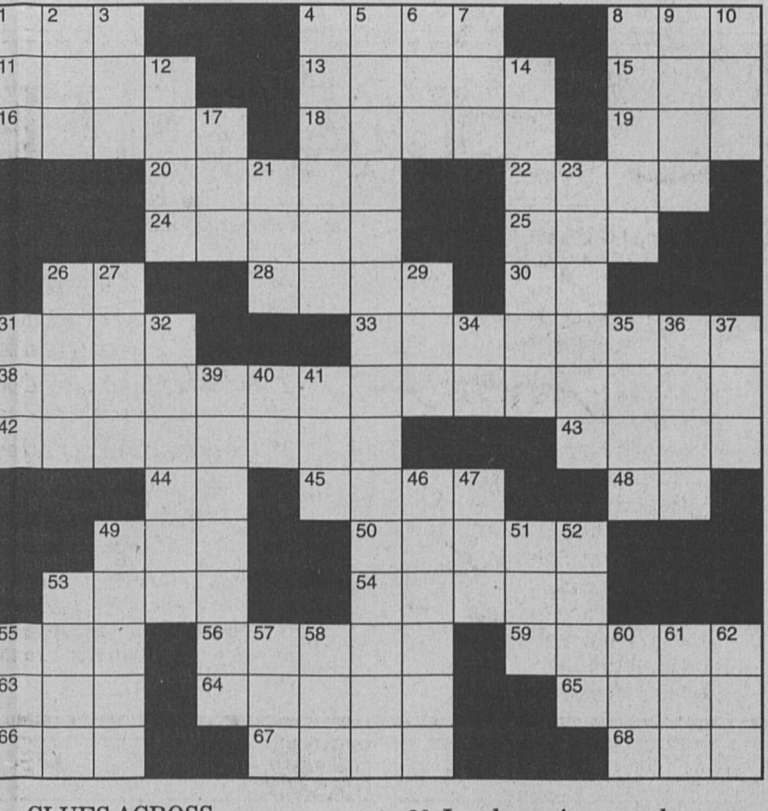
The David and Eula Wintermann Foundation has provided funds for the purchase and use by the Eagle Lake Police Department of two Mobile-Vision In-Car Video Systems. W.E. Lattimore, chief of The Eagle Lake Police Department stressed the importance of having these Video Systems.

Property values on the tax rolls in Colorado County increased 7.1 percent in the last year, and about half of the change is due to oil and gas values increasing.

That is the preliminary estimate released by Bill Mitchell, chief appraiser of the Colorado County Appraisal District.

A fire at Hanover Compression Inc., east of Columbus on FM 949 just off Interstate 10, on Sunday night gutted a maintenance shop at the facility.

Columbus Fire Chief Bob Walla said his department got the call for fire at 8:35 p.m. He said four units from Columbus, four from Bernardo, and two from Eagle Lake responded to the fire. He said 50 to 60 men from Columbus alone responded to the blaze. At approximately 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13, a two vehicle accident 1.5 miles south of Columbus on Hwy. 71 claimed the lives of two El Campo residents. Pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 George Cason were Shalonda Monnae Farrow, 21 and her niece, Aaliyah Deshay Farrow, 5, of El Campo. A Missouri man with eight prior felony convictions has been sentenced to 45 years in prison for abducting and robbing a Columbus resident. Webster Crader, 41, of Sikeston, Mo., pled guilty to the Jan. 12 aggravated robbery of Marvin Carter on May 24 and was sentenced to 45 years in prison on June 14 following a contested sentencing hearing before Colorado County District Court Judge Dwight Peschel. Indicted as a habitual offender, Crader faced a minimum of 25 years in prison. Colorado County commission-



CLUES ACROSS

- British thermal unit
- Slightly open
- Ultrahigh frequency
- Rendered hog fat
- Compositions for one voice
- Bird beak
- Narrow headband
- Article of bedding
- Grand __, vintage

CLUES DOWN

- Bacon-lettuce-tomato sandwich
- __-kwon-do
- Large pot for making coffee
- Judge the worth of something
- The march king
- Brew
- Eggs of a female fish
- Remove lid
- Plant lacking a permanent woody stem
- Burundi franc
- A flat circular plate
- Speak haltingly
- Atmosphere
- Former Brazilian capital
- 1st Albus Dumbledore
- Ryukyu Islands City
- Detailed description of design criteria
- __sel Adams: photographer
- Source of remembered information
- Old Testament book
- In the direction of
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Site Evaluation Steering Committee
- Hormone that stimulates the thyroid gland
- South American nation
- Negative response
- Santa __ winds
- Beam me up, __!
- Take in solid food
- Klaus __, physicist spy
- Women's __ movement
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- Narrative adventure story
- A quantity obtained by addition
- Stake
- Paddle
- Swiss river
- Cologne
- Spring clocks ahead (abbr.)

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ANSWER:

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6	1	7	2	8	5	3	4	9
4	7	2	8	9	6	3	5	1
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Rice Raiders Basketball Tourney

- Gametimes for the Raiders basketball tournament on Friday, December 28 are as follows:
- At High School
 - 9 a.m. Boys, Columbus v. Louise
 - 10:20 a.m. Boys, Van Vleck v. Cuero
 - 11:40 a.m. Girls, Rice v. Cuero
 - 1 p.m. Girls, Round Top v. Needville
 - 2:20 p.m. Girls, Brookshire Royal v. Cuero
 - 3:40 p.m. Girls, Needville v. Rice
 - 5 p.m. Boys, Rice v. Cuero
 - 6:20 p.m. Girls, Round Top v. Brookshire Royal
 - In Eagle Lake
 - 1 p.m. Boys, Rice v. Columbus
 - 2:20 p.m. Boys, Van Vleck v. Louise
 - 3:40 p.m. Boys, Louise v. Cuero
 - 5 p.m. Girls, Brookshire Royal v. Rice
 - 6:20 p.m. Boys, Rice v. Van Vleck
 - In Eagle Lake
 - 2:20 Girls, Brookshire Royal v. Needville
 - 3:40 Girls, Round Top v. Cuero
 - 11:40 a.m. Boys, Columbus v. Cuero
 - 1 p.m. Boys, Rice v. Louise
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 - 3:40 p.m. Boys, Louise v. Cuero
 - 5 p.m. Girls, Brookshire Royal v. Rice
 - 6:20 p.m. Boys, Rice v. Van Vleck
 - In Eagle Lake
 - 2:20 Girls, Brookshire Royal v. Needville
 - 3:40 Girls, Round Top v. Cuero

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