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Pictured above are the teams from the Eagle Lake Little League on their opening day that was held Saturday, April 5.

Little League Holds Opening Ceremony

Eagle Lake Little League held its opening ceremony last Saturday.

As part of the festivities every year, a person is chosen to throw out the first pitch.

This year the honor fell to a man named Ross "Satchel" Davis, who lives in Garwood.

Davis was a pitcher in the Negro Leagues during the 1940s.

Following is an excerpt from an article written about him in 2006.

Born in Greenville, Miss., Davis grew up in St. Louis where he played on the same sandlots that would produce Cool Papa Bell and Elston Howard. He originally was an infielder on one of the St. Louis semi-pro teams, but became disgusted one afternoon when his team's starting pitcher was being violated by the opposition.

"I told my manager, 'I can do better than that,' relates Davis with a laugh. Well, you have to remember I had never pitched before, and didn't know a thing about the art. I just got on the mound, and threw as hard as I could, and kept striking people out. From then on, I was a pitcher."

Davis soon would become one of the top ones in the MUNY Industrial League in St. Louis, playing with the Scullin Steel club at Tandy Park.

He was so impressive that a Mexican League scout signed him to a \$125 a month contract to play for the Mexico City team along with two other pitchers, Leroy Matlock and Theolic Smith, who also would go on to perform nobly in the Negro Leagues. "That was a lot of money for someone who was

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Prairie Chicken Festival This Weekend

Personnel at the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service volunteers will be conducting special guided tours of the refuge during the fourteenth annual Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival, April 12 and 13.

The celebration was conceived in 1995 through cooperative efforts from the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, Houston Audubon Society, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in an effort to enhance the awareness of this imperiled bird.

The entrance to the refuge is on FM 3013, about 6.5 miles northeast of Eagle Lake.

The first lek tour leaves promptly at 7 a.m. with tours leaving after that time as vans fill

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NEWSBRIEFS

MMBC Pastoral anniversary is Friday

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (MMBC) of Alleyton will celebrate the 11th Pastoral Anniversary starting with pre-anniversary service Friday, April 11 at 7 p.m. The special guest will be Pastor Joseph Hargrove and Greater Smith Chapel Baptist Church of Columbus. The public is invited. For more information call 281-935-3573.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Promote healthy families. Help a friend, neighbor, or relative. Be a nurturing parent. Report suspected abuse and neglect: 1-800-252-5400.

Garwood Pre-K, Kindergarten registration

Garwood School is registering students for the 2008-2009 Pre-K/Kindergarten classes on April 14-18. Parents may register their child at the Garwood School office. You must bring the following forms in order to register: immunization record, social security card and certified birth certificate. These documents are required by the Texas Education Agency. If you do not have a copy you must obtain a duplicate. Registering pre-k students must be 4 years old as of Sept. 1, 2008 and registering kindergarten students must be 5 years old as of Sept. 1, 2008. Students must live in the Garwood School attendance zone. If you live out of the Rice CISD attendance zone you must apply for an Out-of-District transfer by May 1, 2008. The Rice School Board will approve or deny transfers. Please call the office at (979) 758-3385 if you have any questions.

Library to host computer classes

The Eula and David Wintermann Library will be offering beginner computer classes on April 15-16. The classes will be 2-day sessions and will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon or 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. You must have a library card and computer card and the library card must be clear of any fines. Come by the library and sign up for the classes or call 979-234-5411. There is limited seating due to the number of computers in the library so sign up early.

Safety Seat checkup event set

A Child Safety Seat Checkup event has been scheduled for April 17, in Eagle Lake at Brookshire Brothers' Grocery Store. The time of the event is from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bring your child and let a certified technician check to see if your seat is installed properly and if you are using your present seat correctly. It is important that you know your child's weight when you come to the event. This event is open to all individuals. For further information, please contact the Colorado County Extension Office at 979-732-2530.

Announcing Narcotics Anonymous

If you have a drug or alcohol problem or think you might have one and you want to stop, then Narcotics Anonymous is the solution! Every Wednesday, night from 8 to 9 p.m. beginning April 2 in Columbus. For more information and location, please call (713) 858-5162.

RHS Reunion slated

The Rice High School (RHS) classes of 2001, 2002 and 2003 are planning a High School Reunion on Saturday, May 10 in Eagle Lake. If you are interested in attending please contact Meagan Staff at meagan_marie@hotmail.com (979-450-1803), Kinsey Hoffman at kinseyhoffman@yahoo.com (979-758-4891), Erin Gold at erin_lg@hotmail.com, or Jenna Hoffman at jenna1288@yahoo.com (758-4718) to find out more information and details. We look forward to seeing you there.

Heritage Quilt Show to be held April 19-20

The public is invited to the second annual Heritage Quilt Show. The show will be held April 19 and 20, 2008 at the Stafford House in Columbus. The quilt show will be open to the public 10 AM to 3 PM each day. There is no charge to view the quilts. The quilt show is sponsored by the Creative Homemaking Department of the Colorado County Fair and the Colorado County Extension Education Association. For more information, please call Deneice Smith or Beverly Tuck.

Aggie Muster is April 21

The Colorado County A&M Club will hold Muster on Monday, April 21 at the Stafford Opera House in Columbus. Social is at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30. Dress attire is casual. RSVP by calling Steven Meinecke at 979-758-4198 after 4 p.m. sdm@hotmail.com or Lisa McNutt at 979-732-2332 (work) or 732-2515 (home), amcnutt@att.net. Please mark your calendar and pass this information to a fellow Aggie.

Groundwater District Talks Taxes, Budget

The board of directors of the newly created Colorado County Groundwater Conservation has been discussing a possible budget in the range of \$300,000 a year and a tax rate in the range of 2 cents per \$100 valuation.

Marian Schonenberg, board

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Alleyton Man Killed In Hwy. 71 Accident

An Alleyton man was killed in a two-vehicle accident at 7:13 p.m. Sunday on Texas 71, about 1.2 miles south of Columbus.

Killed was Leland Hall, 82, pronounced dead at the scene by Peace Justice Billy Hefner.

Hall was the driver of a 1994

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Jobless Rate Reported At 3.6 Percent

The unemployment rate in Colorado County for February 2008 was 3.6 percent, figures from the Texas Workforce Commission show.

For February in Colorado County, 10,232 persons were employed, and 382 were seeking work.

This figure compares to the statewide unemployment rate of 4.3 for the month of February.

In Fayette County, unemployment was 3.2 percent, with 11,505 employed and 382 looking for work.

Lavaca County had an unemployment rate of 3.1 percent, with 9,914 employed and 322 seeking work.

In Wharton County, unemployment totaled 4.1 percent, with 19,369 employed and 835 looking for work.



Pictured above from left to right are Mark Salazar, Ross "Satchel" Davis and Billy Salazar. Davis, a former baseball player from the 1940's Negro League, threw out the ceremonial first pitch during Little League Opening Ceremonies last Saturday in Eagle Lake.



Annicia Williams hands the baton to Bri'tnee Stevenson during the district track meet last week.

Lady Raiders Take District Title

The Lady Raiders took the first place team award at the district track meet in Industrial on April 2.

The girls overall earned 182.50 points.

Thirteen girls advance to the Regional Meet in San Marcos two

weeks from now.

Results are as follows:

Triple Jump: Bri'tnee Stevenson, 3rd, 34'3.50" Annicia Williams, 5th, 32' 10";

Long Jump: Jaquita Woods, 4th, 15' 09.50", Bri'tnee Stevenson, 4th, 15'07.00;

Pole Vault: Krystina Lobpries, 4th, 8'06";

High Jump: Kelsey Zickhur, 6th, 4'10";

Discus: Jessica Hill, 1st, 107'02.50", Brooke Popp, 2nd, 100'10", Danielle Herrera, 5th,

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