



Pictured are participants who placed in the District UIL Academic Meet. Front, from left: Jordan Mahalite, Danielle Herrera, Shaina Bowen, Yolanda Cisneros and Erica McConnell. Middle, from left: Jessica Walzer, Courtney Andrejczak, Hillary Johnson, Shelley Myres (Regional Qualifier, science), Lindsey Sommer, and Samantha Castro. Back, from left: Garreth Caspar, Eddie Losoya, and Trent Popp.

Groundwater District In Budget, Tax Discussions

secretary, said that those figures have been discussed, but no action has been taken.

District directors, meeting on April 1, approved entering a contract with the Colorado County Appraisal District to collect taxes.

The board was told that the cost to the district would be approximately \$24,000.

The board also approved granting the same tax exemptions as Colorado County, which includes a 20 percent homestead exemption and exemptions for persons over 65.

Schonenberg said the board also approved a resolution authorizing a line of credit with First National Bank of Eagle Lake of

up to \$100,000.

However, she said, directors indicated that a figure of closer to \$65,000 would probably be sufficient.

She said that the board has discussed, but has taken no final action on the budget.

She said that the board must act on the budget by July 1.

She said that directors have discussed an annual budget that would be in the range of \$300,000, which would include the salary of a manager and administrative assistant.

Directors can approve a tax rate of up to 3 cents per \$100 valuation.

She said that directors were told that a tax rate of 3 cents

would generate approximately \$450,000 annually, not considering exemptions.

However, she said there has

been discussion of keeping the rate at closer to 2 cents per \$100 valuation.

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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. 3-31-08	81/71	0.00
Tue. 4-01-08	86/63	0.00
Wed. 4-02-08	82/65	0.00
Thu. 4-03-08	83/70	0.02
Fri. 4-04-08	na	0.12
Sat. 4-05-08	83/47	0.00
Sun. 4-06-08	83/65	0.00

Colorado County Courthouse Report

Two individuals were sentenced in Colorado County Court on April 7. They included:

Tammi Lynn Barker, forgery. Sentenced to six months in state jail.

Warren P. Moore, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, fined \$3,000 and 10 days in jail C.O.P.

Marriage Licenses Issued

Chad Cisco Gonzales and Katherine Anne Loupe, March 24.

Norris Leroy Powell III and Sonya Fields, March 24.

Jose Mauricio Tapia and Luz Divina Lowe, March 27.

Curtiss Robert Schonenberg II and Pamela Kay Mascheck, March 28.

Prairie Chicken Festival

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up. Additional guided tours begin at 10:30 a.m., 12 p.m., and 1:30 p.m. on both Saturday (April 12) and Sunday (April 13).

The early morning tours have a chance of possibly seeing Atwater's prairie chickens on the "booming" grounds, but there is no guarantee. All tours will take visitors into an area that is normally closed to the public and will touch on such topics as refuge management techniques, prairie chicken recovery efforts, and coastal prairie ecosystem issues.

Tours are expected to last less than 2 hours, and will begin at the refuge Visitor Center.

The refuge is hosting additional events as well. Birdwatchers, whether experienced or beginners, can enjoy a walking tour from 8:45 to 10:30 a.m. each day.

Following the walk, hop on a van and tour the refuge's Teal Marsh and Pintail Marsh from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. each day.

These guided tours will be led by experienced birders Doris Laughlin and Jane Meldahl.

For the native plant and wildflower enthusiasts, a special afternoon walking tour from 1 - 2:30 p.m. will bring visitors "up close and personal" with many of the native prairie grasses and flowering plants.

The Native Plant Society's Kathy Burris will lead this walk on Saturday and Sunday and give those involved a greater appreciation of the coastal prairie ecosystem.

All the walking and driving events will begin at the refuge Headquarters. Food and drinks will also be available for purchase from the Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club, which is the Refuge's Friends Group.

All events are free of charge. Those interested in learning more about the festival should contact the Atwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge at (979) 234-3021, ext. 12 or 18.

Little League Opening Ceremony

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only 21 years old," says Davis.

Davis soon would join Baltimore, and then the Black Yankees before hooking up with the Cleveland Buckeyes, for whom he had a 19-3 record in 1943.

Later that year, he would go into the Army and be a medic in the Philippines where he would earn a Bronze Medal and where he saw a lot of mayhem he prefers not to discuss. "Let's just say war isn't very pleasant," he says.

He would contract hepatitis in the service, and doctors told him it was doubtful he'd be able to pitch again after he spent six months in the hospital... But he did.

He would go to work for the Boston Blues in 1946, and would wind up 18-3 with the highlights being a 2-1 win in St. Louis against the Memphis Red Sox and a 6-5 win over Satchel Paige in Rochester, N.Y.

He would return to Cleveland the next season, would go 5-1 and would hang up his cleats despite being only 29.

"There was a lot of stuff about the Negro Leagues that were a lot of fun, especially the games themselves and the fun you'd have on some of the barnstorming trips," he says. "But there was a lot about it that wasn't so glamorous. You often had to sleep in your bus because you couldn't find a hotel to stay in. Sometimes the bus would break down, and you'd have to do some long walking. It wasn't easy for us, especially in the South where the police could be pretty rough. We had a few scary confrontations, and more than once we had to grab our bats to protect ourselves against some people. There were a lot of things that happened that made you angry, but you just had to live with it and learn to survive. Those

school lunch menu

Rice Schools April 14-April 18 Breakfast

Mon.-Breakfast Pocket or cereal, juice, milk
 Tue.-Donut, Sausage Patty or cereal, Juice, Milk
 Wed.-Waffle Sticks, Ham Slice or Cereal, Juice, Milk
 Thu.-Sausage Roll or Cereal, Juice, Milk
 Fri.-Cereal, Yogurt, Juice, Milk

Lunch

Mon.-Chicken Tenders, Garden Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Salad Fresh Fruit, Milk HS Alt: Baked Ham
 Tue.-Taco Soup w/cheese Crackers, Veggie Sticks-fruit, Milk HS Alt: Bean Burrito
 Wed.-Fish Burger, Burger Salad, Pickles, Baked BBQ Chips, Fresh Fruit, Milk HS Alt: Hamburger
 Thu.-Nachoes w/ chili and cheese, refried beans, salad, fruit Milk HS Alt: Chili Dog
 Fri.-Tuna Salad Sandwich, Chips, Pickle Spear, Veggie Sticks, Fresh Fruit, Milk HS Alt: Ham/Cheese Sandwich

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School Days

Rice School Calendar April 14 -April 18

Mon.-Start of 6 week period
 Tue.-5:00p JV,V Baseball vs. Ganado Here
 5:00p JV/V Softball vs. Ganado Here
 Student Council Meeting during Activity Period
 Wed.-
 Thu.-
 Fri.-5:00p JV/V Softball vs. Industrial There
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PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING

Tell the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality that this land which recharges our aquifer and is next to the Colorado River is the WRONG place to apply sewage sludge.

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PLEASE ATTEND:
 Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
 Eagle Lake Community Center
 100 N. Walnut Avenue
 Eagle Lake, Texas 77434

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