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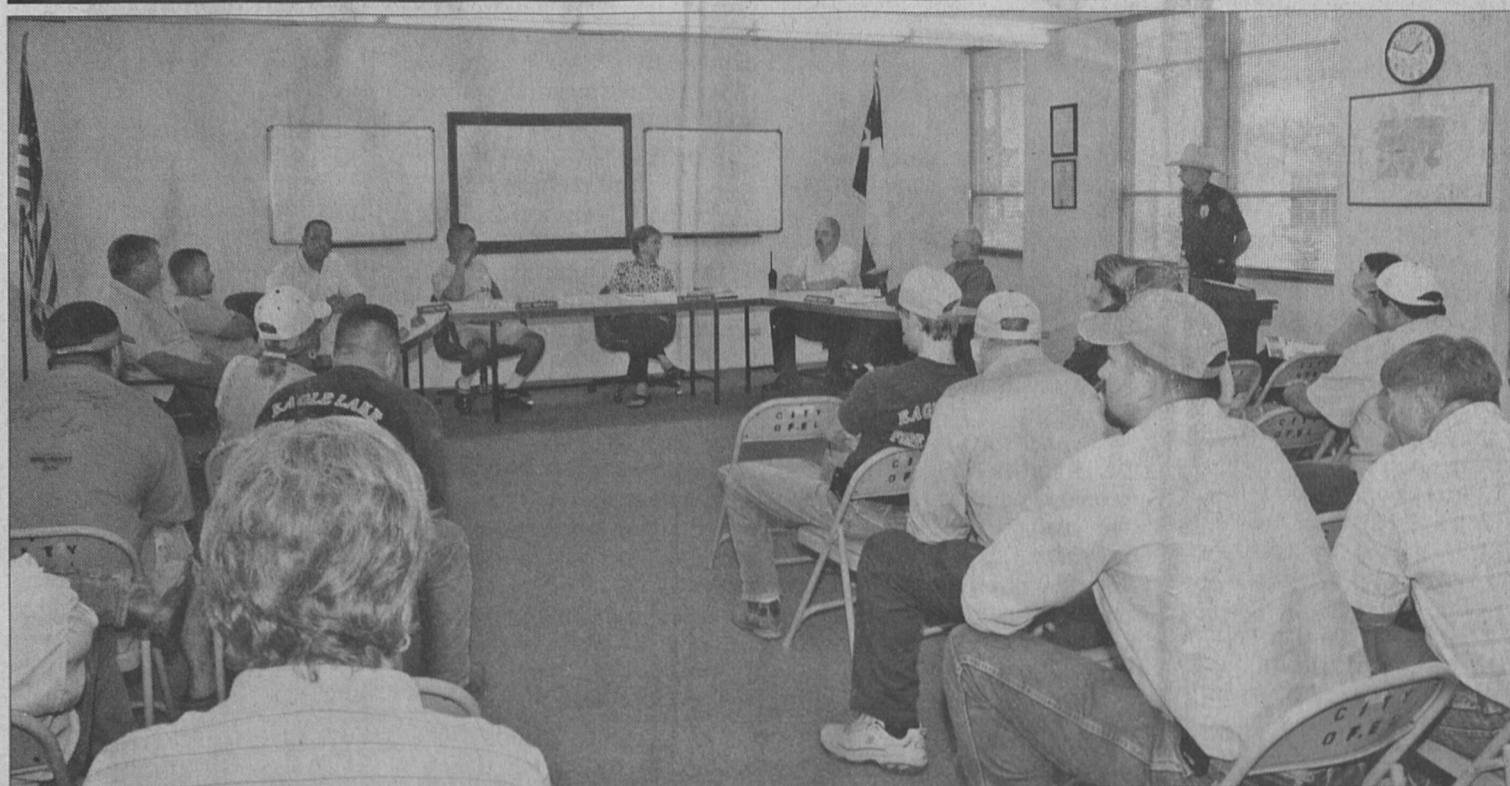
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The Eagle Lake City Council had an emergency meeting last Thursday to discuss issues pertaining to Hurricane Ike. The city issued a voluntary evacuation order during the meeting.

Rice Board Names New JH School

The Rice CISD Board of Trustees voted Monday to officially name the new facility under construction in Altair. The name of the school will be Rice Junior High School.

The facility will house all seventh and eighth grade students in the district starting with the 2009-2010 school year.

The school is to be completed by July 2009.

The board also got a construction update during the meeting.

They were advised that construction was on schedule, in fact a couple of weeks ahead of schedule.

The board was also advised that there was no damage anywhere in the district from winds associated with Hurricane Ike. The construction project also suffered no damage.

The board also made a change to their policy concerning charter buses.

The board voted to restrict usage of charter buses by the district

to emergency use only.

The move came after discussion at a previous meeting where the safety of charter buses was questioned.

The board also voted to change the date of their regular meeting in October to October 13.

Fair Re-Set For This Weekend

Due to Hurricane Ike, the Colorado County Fair was postponed last weekend. The Fair will open this week on Thursday, September 18. Many of the events will have the same time schedules as originally scheduled.

This includes the BBQ Cookoff,

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No Major Ike Weather Problems Here

There were no major weather problems reported from Hurricane Ike in Colorado County.

In Columbus, law enforcement officers had to direct traffic as a bottle neck developed at the intersection of Interstate 10 and Texas 71 on Sunday from evacu-

ees returning.

On Friday, the westbound exit to Texas 71 at Interstate 10 was closed temporarily to allow southbound traffic on Texas 71 to move north.

"Overall, things went very well," said County Emergency

Management Coordinator Chuck Rogers.

"There were a few sheltering issues that were resolved," he said.

Although the official plans had not designated the county

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RHS Faces Lexington Friday

The Rice Raiders are set to host the Lexington Eagles in Altair on Friday.

The game was originally scheduled to be the 2008 Homecoming, but due to Hurricane Ike, Rice has delayed Homecoming until the October 31 game against Hempstead.

The Raiders will look to get back onto the field following an unexpected off-week due to the hurricane.

Lexington also did not play last week.

They are 1-1 on the season, with a 34-7 loss to Smithville and a 20-19 win over Mart.

The Raiders are 2-0 on the year and will look to continue their success from the first two weeks of the season.

Kickoff is set for 7:30 on Friday night in Altair.



City workers work to board up city hall prior to Hurricane Ike.

NEWSBRIEFS

Narcotics anonymous meetings

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! Meetings are held every Wednesday night from 8 to 9 p.m. in Columbus. For more information and location, please call 713-858-5162.

Historical commission meeting tonight

Colorado County Historical Commission will hold a meeting on Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Prairie Edge Museum. The program will be "Clear Creek Cemetery by Corky and Joye Johnson. Hostesses will be Ernest Mae Seahold, Mary Ann Kaluza, Melvin and Joyce Stancik. Please bring a covered dish meal.

Democratic party meeting is tonight

The Colorado County Democratic Party will meet Thursday, Sept. 18 at Party Headquarters, 1114 Milam, downtown Columbus on the courthouse square. Social at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. Campaign materials available. All Democrats invited to attend. For further information contact Susan Havelka at 979-732-9048.

Study Club auction is Saturday

The Eagle Lake Study Club will hold their auction Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. A fried chicken dinner, sponsored by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. (dine-in or take-out). Tickets are \$8 each. For tickets call the chamber office at 234-2780.

Leadership conference set for Saturday

20th Century Association Ministers and Wives, Deacon and Wives Conference presents Leadership Conference 2008 Sept. 20 at 10 a.m. at White Cloud Baptist Church in Eagle Lake. Guest speaker will be Rev. S.D. Silverand pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church of Hitchcock.

Democratic headquarters to open

The Colorado County Democratic Party will open Headquarters this Saturday, Sept. 20 at 9 a.m. in downtown Columbus, 1114 Milam on the courthouse square. US Congressman Lloyd Doggett, along with other Democratic Party candidates, will be present for the opening. The public is invited to attend. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Rice CISD to hold ESL classes Sept. 22

The Rice CISD is offering free Adult ESL/Literacy classes beginning Sept. 22, in the Jr. High School computer lab room in Eagle Lake. Classes will be held once a week, on Monday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m. Dr. Vilma Vavrusa, Rice High School (RHS) teacher and Education Specialist in Educational Leadership/Administration, Curriculum & Instruction, Culture, Language, and Literacy, will be the instructor. For more information contact Dr. Vavrusa at RHS, 234-3535.

Nesbitt library to present guitarist

Nesbitt Memorial Library presents a free public performance by acoustic guitarist Dorian Michael, Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. Dorian Michael has played blues and folk, jazz, and rock and roll throughout the U. S. and Canada. He has three solo CDs and four ensemble CDs. The library is at 529 Washington in Columbus, one block southwest of the courthouse. Call 979-732-3392 for more information.

Junior fair board accepting new members

The Colorado County Jr. Fair Board is accepting applications for new members. You must be in 9th through 12th grade for the 2008-2009 school year. You must be a 4-H member or FFA member. We need members from Columbus High School, Rice High School and Weimar High School. Applications are due on Sept. 25. Applications are available online at www.coloradocountyfair.org. For application or more information call Kaylee Brune at 979-357-2531 or 979-732-0616.

Class of 1988 to hold reunion

The Class of 1988 will hold their reunion at The Tree House in Eagle Lake from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, October 4. If anyone is interested in a family picnic, let me know that info as well! Email Leslie Sunderman at RiceHighSchoolClassof1988@yahoo.com to give her your contact information. Help spread the word.

RMC Harvest ball is Oct. 11

Rice Medical Center (RMC) Employee Volunteers' 13th Annual

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Simple Simon's boarded up in anticipation of Hurricane Ike last week.