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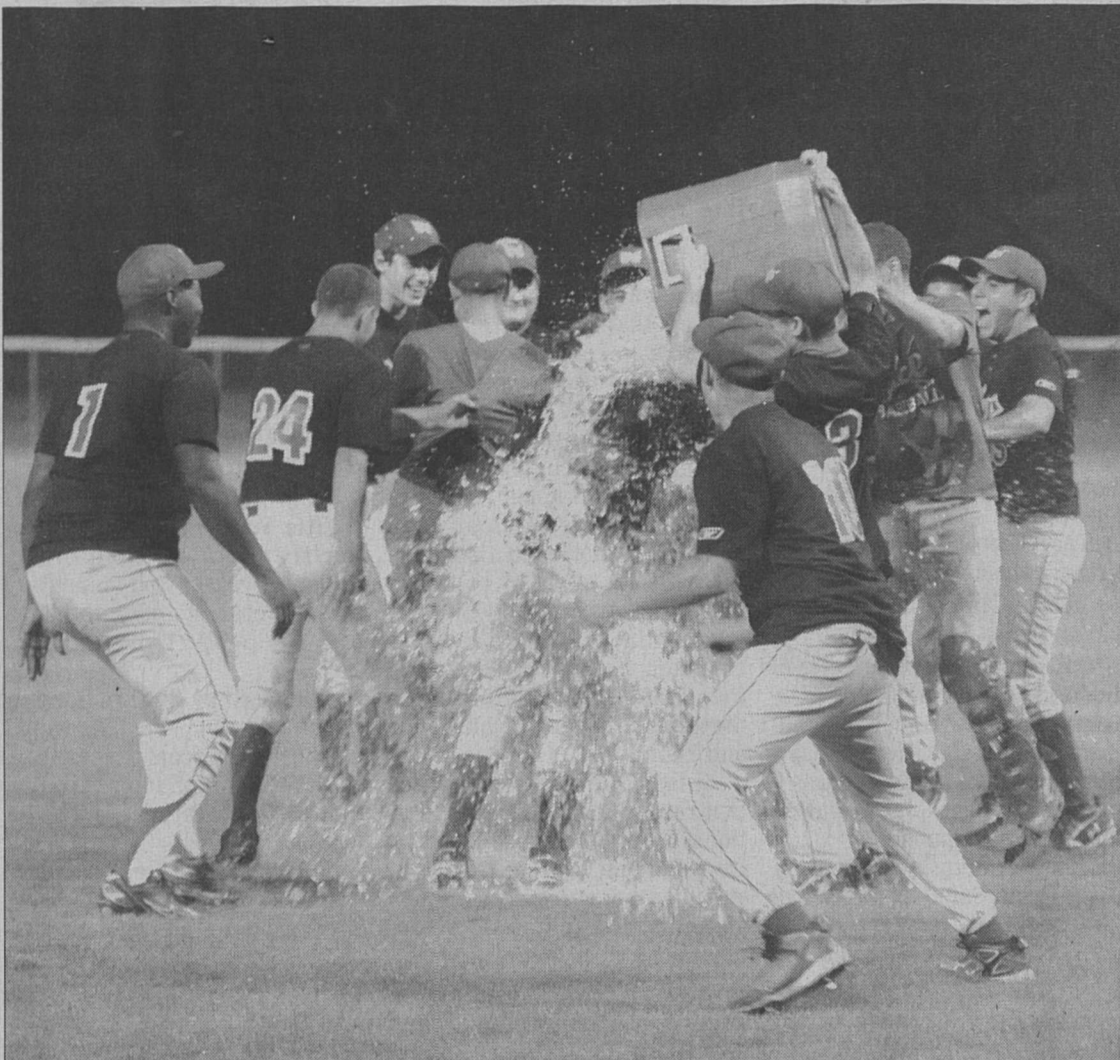
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The Raiders give their coach, Patrick Millington, an icy bath after beating Weimar to advance to the playoffs for the first time in school history.

Raiders Beat Weimar For First Ever Playoff Berth

The Rice Raider baseball team defeated Weimar last Friday night 6-3 to advance to the playoffs for the first time in school history.

Trent Popp was the winning pitcher in a complete game effort.

The Raiders' win also snapped a 15-year playoff streak for the Wildcats.

Rice finished district play with a 7-5 record.

The Raiders will face Salado in a best of three series starting Wednesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. in Bastrop.

Game two will be Thursday, May 14 at 7 p.m. in Bastrop as well with game three slated for Saturday, May 16 at the same place and time if necessary.

Tickets are three dollars for adults and one dollar for students.

The Raiders played great de-

fense during the game, giving up only one error.

Rice had three hits in the contest, but were helped by nine Weimar errors.

Among the Rice players getting hits were Damian Stevens, who was 1 for 3, with a double, an RBI and a run scored.

Kevin Ellis was 1 for 3, with a double and scored two runs.

Tim Morales was 1 for 3, with an RBI.

The Raiders scored in the first inning after a walk to Carlos Sosa, a sacrifice, a steal of third and a wild pitch.

Weimar took the lead in the third inning.

Connor Bell reached first on error, went to second on a sacrifice, stole third and scored on a single by Brandon Ramirez. Later in the inning, Jeremy Maupin

doubled and scored on a single by Travis Vanicek.

Rice tied up the game in the fourth inning after Kevin Ellis doubled, went to third on a fielder's choice and scored on another fielder's choice.

In the top of the fifth Weimar regained the lead after Vanicek singled, went to second on a balk and scored on a single by Dylan Blaha.

In the sixth inning Rice erupted for four runs aided by a double by Stevens and a single by Morales. Weimar made several errors in the inning as well.

The Raiders sent eight batters to the plate in the inning.

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County Hears Stimulus Fund Report

Colorado County commissioners, meeting Monday, heard that the sheriff's office is in the process of applying for funds for law

enforcement under the federal economic stimulus act.

Skip Edman with the sheriff's office later said an application for approximately \$250,000 is being

prepared.

He said there is about \$7.6 million in funds available in the region.

Items in the application, he said, include two vehicles equipped with crime scene investigation equipment and courtroom security equipment including metal detectors and replacement and updating of video equipment in patrol cars.

The application must be submitted by Friday.

In other action, commissioners approved a \$215,000 bid to perform digitized document scanning for the district clerk's office.

The bid was awarded to Imag-

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NEWSBRIEFS

Chamber has new hours!

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce office hours are Monday thru Friday 2-5:30 p.m. The Chamber now has a posting board for events, items for sale/rent and etc. You may fax, mail, email or drop off any items to be posted during our business hours call 979-234-2780 or email at Chamber@elc.net. Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, 303 East Main St., Eagle Lake, Texas 77434. Items will be posted at the discretion of the Chamber.

Artwork on display at Library

The artwork of students from Lois Raabe's Little Red Barn Art Studio is now on display at the Wintermann Library. Students with art on display are Genny and Ariel Quenneville, Cameron Muzny, Reagan Dopslauf, Emma and Sophie Kelley, Lydia Garbee, Cameron Marsalia and Katherine Myers. Come by the library and see more of our local talent.

Jr. Fair Board accepting applications

The Colorado County Jr. Fair Board is accepting applications for new members. You must be in 9th through 12th grade for the 2009-2010 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 May 15, 2009. Applications are available online at www.coloradocountyfair.org. For application or more information call Kaylee Brune at 979-357-2531 or 979-732-0616.

WCUMC fish fry May 15

The Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church (WCUMC), will hold a fish fry dinner with buttered potatoes, green beans, bread, and dessert on Friday, May 15 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the church 1003 Columbus Street in Altair. Proceeds will benefit church projects. For more information call Mary Nightingale at 234-3264, Marie Glover at 234-2206, and Betty Glover at 234-3164.

Gideon Lincecum Chapter May 16

Gideon Lincecum Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist presents Introduction to Dragonflies and Damselflies Saturday, May 16, 1-3 p.m. Meadows Foundation Classroom, Winedale Historical Center, Winedale. The public is invited! Terry Hibbits, retired biology educator, lecturer on herpetology, and wildlife photographer, will introduce us to these beautiful and beneficial creatures. If time and weather permit, Mr. Hibbits will lead a short field trip around the lake area at Winedale. For more information, please contact Gene Luhn, geneluhn@sbcglobal.net or call 713-305-6443.

Girl Scout rodeo is Sunday

You are invited to a Girl Scout Cookie Rodeo! Sunday, May 17 from 2-5 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 915 Travis in Columbus. This is a come and go event, so you don't have to stay the whole three hours. Stop by and see what's up with Girl Scout Cookies. Play some games, try the cookies, have fun! Open to girls ages 5 through 19. If you wish to register for Girl Scouts for the 2009-2010 year, please bring do so at this time. More information will be available to you at sign up.

Plaza to hold auditions

The Plaza Theatre on the Square will hold auditions for the Lerner and Loewe musical My Fair Lady May 17 and 19 at 6 p.m. at the theater. Director Reagan Wrench needs men and women of all ages. For more information and character descriptions, please visit www.whartonplazatheatre.org. Performances are August 7-23, 2009.

7 on 7 Fundraiser is May 18

Rice 7 on 7 Club will hold a fundraiser meal Monday, May 18 at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 5-7 p.m. Plates will consist of sliced roast beef, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans and homemade bread. Deliveries will be made to Garwood and Sheridan schools from 5:30-6:30. Tickets are available at Buc-ee's, Johnny's Sport Shop or you may contact Lynn Ellis at 234-7582 or Clarice Dumont at 361-772-6909.

CCHC meeting is May 21

The Colorado County Historical Commission (CCHC) will hold their

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Rapist Sentenced To 35 Years

An ex-convict who had been faking mental incompetency in an attempt to delay his trial on allegations of aggravated sexual assault was convicted and sentenced to 35 years in prison by a Colorado County district court judge.

Farris Lee Hunt Jr., 51, of Cost, was indicted for the aggravated sexual assault of a Columbus woman that occurred in Columbus on Jan. 3, 2007.

He refused to speak to his public defender and smeared his feces on his jail cell wall on numerous occasions.

When he appeared in court, he would look down or stare off into the distance while nodding his head, pretending to be in a different world.

He was examined by a psy-

chologist at the judge's request and found to be in need of treatment at Vernon State Hospital.

He was returned by the mental hospital after several months of treatment.

At his next court date, the judge was prepared to enter an order restoring him to competence, which would allow the case to go forward.

After Hunt again acted mentally unstable in the court and smeared himself with fecal material, Judge W.C. Kirkendall ordered him returned to Vernon State Hospital for further examination.

During his lengthy stay at the mental hospital, he refused to speak to psychologists and faked the same staring and nodding behavior during his psychological



Farris Lee Hunt Jr.

interviews.

Finally, one of the psychologists placed him under surveillance by a staff member to see

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Rice Hospital Board Election Results Given

The Rice Hospital District held a trustee election on Saturday to elect four trustees.

The following were elected to three-year terms (no. of votes in parentheses): Mark Anderson, Sr. (71), Gary Obenhaus (72), Obie Rhodes (72), Michael B. Thomas (65).

The Rice School District and City of Eagle Lake cancelled their elections because there were no contested races.

Jane Meldahl, Michael Cooper and Tony Tyler were unopposed for the three at-large City Council spots and Wayne Bowen, Vivian Spanihel and Clark Peterson were unopposed for the Rice School Board.



A National Peace Officer's Remembrance Week Observance was held Tuesday, May 11 to remember six peace officers who lost their lives in the line of duty in the City of Eagle Lake. Just a few of those in attendance were, from left to right: Joe C. Fling, Police Chief Bill Lattimore, Darryl Stancik, Lt. Wendy Alley, Officer David Wiese, Cheryl Wiese, Faye Rutledge, and officer Malcom Carter.



The Nathan Building Antique Mall at 107 E. Main Street held its ribbon cutting on Friday, May 8 at 10 a.m. Front row, Barbara Class, Amy Metzger, Vivian Hurst, Homer Hurst, Shelly Wied and Kymbra Owens. Pictured from left to right in back are Robert Galabeas, Waddell Brandes, Bill Kell and Karyn Frayard; middle row, Mary Ann Kaluza, Alice Galabeas, Shirley Kell and Lois Herman.