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Above are just a few of the individuals on hand for the plaque presentation at the E.H. Henry Park restroom facilities. Front row, left to right: Kevin Earls, Old Skool; Amy Brandt and Lorie LeBlue of LCRA; Don Bendy, Wintermann Foundation; Steve Balas, LCRA and Wintermann Foundation; Councilwoman Jane Meldahl and City Secretary Sylvia Rucka. Back row, left to right: Councilman Michael Cooper, Karl Hurd, Jerome McAfee, Jimmy Foster and Ron McGrew, all Old Skool Organization members. Not pictured Sue Scott, Russell Williams, Willis Johnson and Bo Bluntson. All the aforementioned are all members of the Old Skool Organization. The City of Eagle Lake would like to thank all of the city employees who worked so hard to get this project finished, especially Thurston Webb and Arnold Cardenas.

Rice CISD Board Approves Athletic Insurance Policy

The Rice Board of Trustees approved a bid for athletic insurance coverage for the next two school years.

By signing on for two years, the district will lock in a rate of \$23,000 per year for the coverage.

The district paid nearly \$40,000 for the 2008-2009 school year for athletic insurance.

It was noted that many school districts do not offer such coverage due to the costs.

The insurance covers students involved in supervised extracurricular activities, such as athletics and band. The coverage also includes vocational type activities.

It does not cover accidents that may happen during the course of the normal school day, such as falling on the playground during recess.

It was also noted that each year, parents are given the opportunity to purchase an additional policy that would cover all school \$75.

Superintendent Michael Lanier indicated that participation in the program was traditionally very low, despite the affordability

of the policy.

It was also noted that this type of coverage could be used as secondary coverage to another policy, like a parent's policy.

The board also accepted the resignation of trustee Betty Schuirring and ordered a special election for November 3 to fill her seat. The term expires in May 2011.

Lanier said that the reason for her resignation is that she is moving out of the district.

The first day to file for election is August 3 and last day will be September 2.

Early voting will run from October 19-30 at the Rice Administration office. On election day, polling will take place at Garwood, Sheridan and Eagle Lake Primary Schools.

In other board action:

-Trustees got an update on the district's construction projects. Assistant Superintendent Bill Hefner said that things are wrapping up at the Junior High. He said furniture is coming in and final touch-ups are ongoing. He also told the board that demolition

had begun and was expected to be complete soon at the Tate Street project in Eagle Lake.

He said that a groundbreaking ceremony would be held once the site was cleaned up.

-Heard a brief budget update. Hefner said that he will be trying to work in about \$380,000 for transportation, including two new buses, a driver's ed car, a suburban and a van for deliveries between campuses. He also said that the maintenance department had asked for about \$143,000 for various needs and that Sheridan asked for \$5,000 for educational use.

He indicated that he would have something done for the board's next meeting, which was changed to August 24.

-Approved the student handbook and code of conduct.

-Discussed free meals for food service employees, but opted not to take action, saying they would look at the matter next year during salaries and benefits budgeting.

-Approved selling the district's old phone system through appropriate channels.

NEWSBRIEFS

Old Skool clean-up is Friday

This Friday, July 24, the Old Skool Organization will have its Annual Clean-Up, this year's site will be the Colorado County Juvenile Detention Facility. Old Skool will host the clean-up with the youth and volunteers of our community.

GMOMB workshop scheduled

Greater Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church (GMOMB) will be holding their annual workshop on Saturday and Sunday, July 25 at 9 a.m. and annual day on July 26 at 3 p.m.

WOFF Slated for this weekend

The 30th Annual Wallis Oldtime Fun Festival (WOFF) will be held July 25-26 at the American Legion Hall in Wallis. A free street dance will be held from 8:30 p.m.- 12 a.m. Saturday night. The Blue Note Brothers will provide the musical entertainment. Brandon Mak, 9 yr. old musician will be on hand to perform. Hamburgers Saturday noon to 10:30 p.m. BBQ dinner Sunday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Arts, crafts, kiddie rides, cake walk and the queen's pageant is back. Culinary cook-off, Saturday. BBQ cook-off and auction at 1 p.m. Sunday. Drawing for prizes, half and half and calf-a-rama after auction. For information call 979-478-6362, 979-257-9765 or 478-2615. Pageant information, 979-885-1689 or 257-7418.

Old Skool swimming party is Saturday

On Saturday, July 25, Old Skool Organization will host a Youth Swimming Party at the Eagle Lake City Pool from 6-9 p.m. So come one come all, if you'd like to assist or volunteer for this event, please contact Kevin Earls (979) 257-7489, Jerome McAfee (979) 531-9070 or Jimmy Foster Jr. (979) 257-3467.

4-H Club bake sale Saturday

The Eagle Lake 4-H Club is sponsoring a summer bake sale, Saturday, July 25, 8 a.m. - noon. The locations for the bake sale are Brookshire Brothers and Eagle Lake Drugstore. Proceeds will be used for the local 4-H Club scholarships and club activities. Please come out and support our youth. Takeshia Hodge, president, Candace Stovall, secretary, Mrs. Shirley Brooks; mothers club president, Claudine B. Shorter, club manager.

Little Raider football camp July 27-29

Little Raider youth football camp will be held July 27-29 from 9-11 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Elementary School. Grades 1st-6th are asked to attend. Cost is \$15 and a T-Shirt will be provided. For more information call Coach Brad Dumont at 361-772-6995 or Nick Shorter at 713-363-4198.

Colorado County Fair broiler pickup

Colorado County Fair Exhibitors who ordered broiler chicks for the 2009 fair must pick them up at M-G, Inc. in Weimar on Thursday, July 30. The rules and regulations, record books and entry forms will be available to be picked up at the same time. Contact Chairman Lee Hasse at 979-263-4254 for more information. Broiler chicks must have been ordered and paid for at the Colorado County Extension office prior to getting the chicks.

Lake Lumber closing for inventory

Lake Lumber will be closed August 1 for inventory. They will reopen on August 3.

Sts. Peter and Paul festival Aug. 2

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church of Frelsburg will hold its annual festival Sunday, Aug. 2. The church is located 10 miles north of Columbus off FM 109, at 1031 Church Lane. A meal of fried fish, buttered potatoes, hush puppies, coleslaw, pinto beans, bread, pickles and tea will be served at 11 a.m. Meal tickets will be \$8 for a large plate and \$5 for a small plate. Throughout the day, listen to great music provided by Douglas Polasek. Hamburgers, nachos and snacks will be available at 3 p.m. The day will conclude with a free dance with music by the Red Ravens from 4-8 p.m. Come one, come all, to Frelsburg for a fun time!

CCA Banquet is Aug. 6

The CCA banquet will be held Aug. 6 at the Columbus KC Hall. The meal will consist of boiled shrimp, sausage, corn, potatoes and salad. Grilled chicken breast with sides will also be available. Tickets are \$30 pre-sale, \$35 at the door, youth 12 and under, \$10. Corporate tables available: \$600, Gold; \$400, Silver; Bronze tables, \$300 (reserved only). Tickets may be purchased from board members or at Johnny's Sport Shop, Drymalla Construction, Hefley's Mill, Columbus State
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Reader Shares NASA Memorabilia

To commemorate the 40th anniversary of the space shuttle program the two posters pictured on the right were brought by the Headlight to share with our readers.

They were given to James Schilling.

One was sent to James by NASA after the Challenger disaster, and the other was given to him previously by El Onizuka, who was killed in the Challenger tragedy.

The one given to him by Onizuka is a bit unusual, as it was signed by all of the original shuttle astronauts.

James met Onizuka through the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's (HLS&R) International Committee and became close friends with him El and his wife, Lorna, were guests in his home when James lived in Garwood and had a special invitation for the launch of Challenger. In fact, James lost a belt buckle that was being flown with El.

James is involved with the HLS&R as a Lifetime Director, and the Past Chairman of the International Committee.

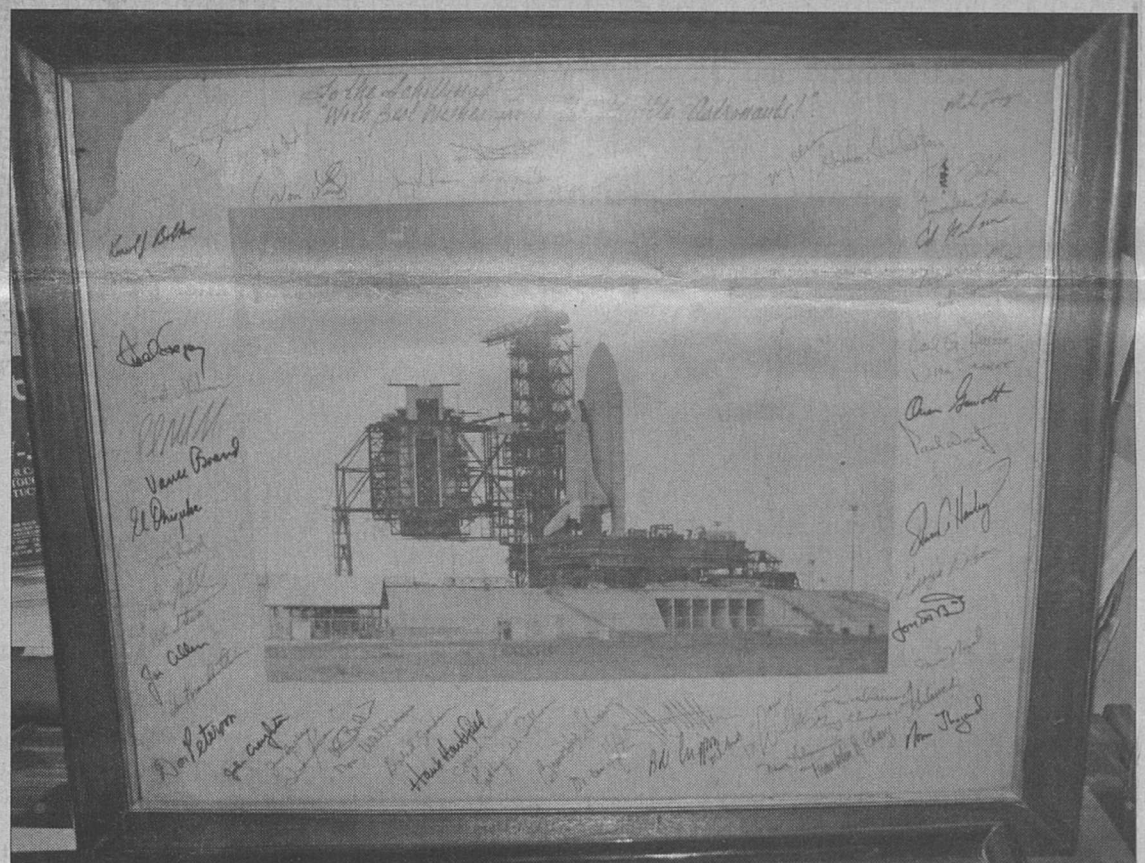
Most of the Schilling family has been very involved with the HLS&R. His daughter, Leslie Schilling Goss, has just been named to chair the International Gala. This gala is a function of the committee and guests from many parts of the world attend.

His sister, Ruth Schilling Hilderbrand was also involved with the show until her untimely death in 1974. There is now a scholarship in her name at the HLS&R's lamb auction committee.

Fireworks To Blame For July 4 Wildfire In Columbus Area

Investigators with the Colorado County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Forest Service have concluded their investigation into the cause of the July 4 brush fire.

The fire burned more than 1,800 acres in the northeast part of the county.



James just moved back to Garwood from West Texas, where he owned and operated the Sierra Lodge, while living there he served as Constable of Pct. 4 in Hudspeth County.

Following is a transcript of the letter at right:

My daughters and I would like to sincerely thank you for your thoughtful support and encouragement these past several months. We are touched by your sincerity and will cherish always, your expression of warm Aloha.

El was indeed fortunate for the

ability and opportunities to pursue a career he so loved. You honored him with your gracious support throughout his quest for realizing

his greatest dreams. Thank you for sharing your friendship and thoughtfulness with me and my daughters.

With love and Mahalo,

City Discusses Commercial Rates For Residential Business

The Eagle Lake City Council discussed at length, but took no action on utility rates at their regular meeting July 13.

The discussion centered on whether individuals running a business in their home in a residential area should be charged commercial rates.

Currently, only individuals with a business in a separate structure from their home on their property are charged com-

mercial rates.

If they are running a business in their actual residence, they are only charged the residential rate.

Council discussed the issue, saying that they could see the argument to charge a commercial rate to residents with businesses in their home, but also acknowledged that it would be difficult to enforce.

After discussion, the matter died for lack of a motion.

