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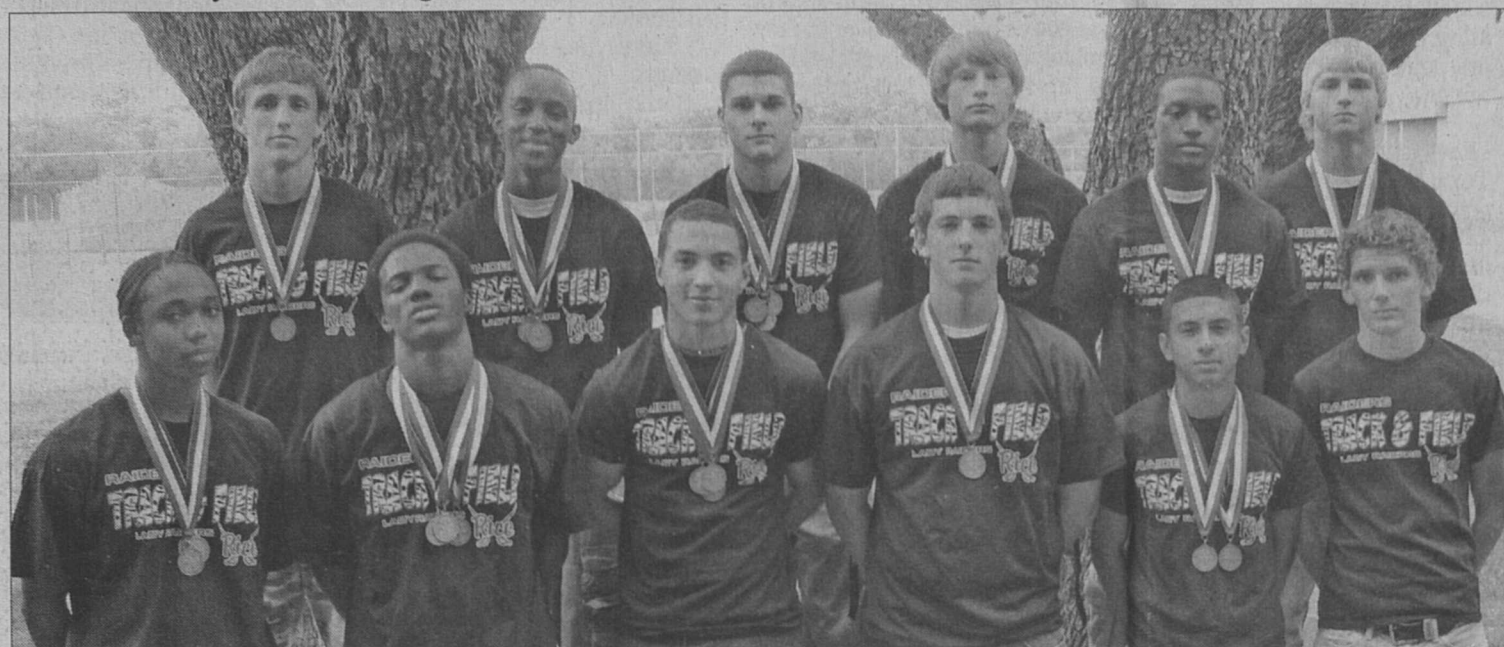
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Regional qualifiers and alternates for Girls Track are pictured above. Front row, Destinea Williams, Brittany Parker, Brittani Barlett, Dynasty Johnson, Jaquita Woods, Annicia Williams, Kaycie Rathburn, Nihla Perry, Takeshia Hodge; back row, Brianna Faas, Allyssa Krpec, Felice Smith, Rebecca Dota, Porshia Morris, Clarenica Weeks, Brook Popp and Adrianna Ruiz. The Regional Track Meet is May 3-4 at Judson High School in Converse.



Regional qualifiers and alternates for Boys Track are pictured above. Front row, Corey Farrow, JJ Reggins, Mario Hull, Jared Kaster, Carlos Arias, Brian Michalak; back row, Cody Lantelme, Kris Talton, Patrick Dota, Myles Dumont, Terris Shorter and Lance Howard.

35-Year Sentence For Vehicle Murder Given

An Eagle Lake woman was sentenced Friday, April 16, to 35 years in prison for killing her boyfriend by running over him with his automobile.

Crystal Smith, 23, pleaded guilty on March 26 to the murder of her boyfriend, Gary McTear, Jr., 23.

McTear was killed on Dec. 22, 2009 in Eagle Lake.

Smith wrestled him out of his vehicle, a 1993 Ford Taurus, drove around the block, and then ran him over in the street, trapping him under the vehicle, according to witnesses.

Despite his cries for help, she kept driving.

After he was dead, she abandoned the vehicle and ran to a relative's house and called 911 to report the crime.



Crystal Smith

The collision occurred in the 700 block of East "B" Street in Eagle Lake.

She admitted her involvement and told the dispatcher that she did it because he was paying attention to another woman.

She later admitted that they *Continued on back page*

City Sets Meeting For Electrical Information

The Eagle Lake City Council called for a public informational meeting for electrical contractors in hopes of addressing code issues with electrical permits. This followed discussion of the matter of electrical code.

The meeting is set for Monday, April 16 at 6 p.m. at city council chambers.

The meeting will be open to the general public and any one interested is encouraged to attend.

Council agreed that in order to move toward getting all con-

tractors who work in the city into compliance that everyone needed to be on the same page as to what is expected. Once everyone is informed of that, then perhaps a deadline could be given at which point absolute compliance would be required.

Council agreed that a good start would be an informational meeting.

In other council action: -Accepted the low bid for work on the sewer plant being done under a community development

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Regional Bound Rice Raiders

NEWSBRIEFS

Yearbooks on sale

High school yearbooks are on sale now. The cost is \$40 or you can pay \$25 now and \$20 when you pick it up. See any yearbook staff member to purchase or see Ms. Kolacek at RJH. If you have any questions, contact Bonnie Kolacek at bkolacek@ricecisid.org or 234-3501. Junior High yearbooks are on sale. Yearbook will be delivered in May 2010. Cost is \$25 each. See Ms. Kolacek at RJH to order.

Primary School Registrations today

The Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) will hold its pre-k and kinder Registration on Thursday, April 22 from 3:30 until 5 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. To register your child, you must bring a birth certificate, social security card, and immunization record. Representatives from the Texas Department of Health will also be on hand with information on Medicaid, CHIPS, children's and women's health.

Survivor birthday celebration dinner

Relay for Life will hold a survivor birthday celebration dinner Friday, April 23 at 4:30 p.m. Registration starts at 3:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Columbus. Survivor ceremony and Victory Lap is at 6 p.m. at the Columbus High School Stadium. Call Deziree Hazelwood at 713-703-3001 for more information or questions.

Wildlife Workshop slated

A wildlife workshop will be held May 1, at St. Roch's Parish Hall, 1600 Frelsburg Road in Mentz from 9 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Admission is \$20 per person - 2.5 CEU's offered. Deadline to register is April 23. Send registration to Colorado County SWCD, 316 Spring Street - Room 108, Columbus, TX 78934. For more information call 979-732-9565 or 732-2383.

KC Crawfish Boil is Saturday

Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus will hold their 7th annual Crawfish Boil, Saturday, April 24th. Doors open at 3 p.m. All-You-Can-Eat serving is from 4 to 8 at the Parish of the Nativity Pavilion, 545 S. Austin Road. Presale tickets, \$20; at the door, \$25. Stay for the live music featuring Darrell Appelt and the Hit Men. For meal or drawing tickets contact any KC member.

Habitat Ground blessing is Saturday

Colorado County Habitat for Humanity (CCHF) has broken ground on its next house to be built in Eagle Lake. Blessing of the site will take place on Saturday April 24, at 4 p.m. The house will be built in partnership with the Jessie and KeAndra Upson family. The address of the future home is 1503 E. State. The public is invited to join Habitat for the occasion. For more information call 979-732-5677.

City holding electrical meeting

An electrical information meeting for all electrical contractors doing work within the city of Eagle Lake will be held Monday, April 26 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held in Council chambers. The public is welcome to attend.

White Cloud Youth revival slated

White Cloud Missionary Baptist Church (WCBC) Dr. Obie Rhodes Pastor Presents: Youth Revival 2010 "If Ya Gonna Get Wasted, Get Jesus Christ Wasted", 1 Peter 4:11 Whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. April 28th-30th 7 p.m. nightly. Youth Annual Sunday May 2 11:30 a.m. Service Revival Messenger, Rev. Jerrell Barron, Pastor of Pleasant Union M.B.C. Schulenburg, and El Campo H.S. Athletic Coach. Youth speakers, praise dancing and fellowship. Call 979-234-3800 for more information or visit facebook.com/whitecloudmbc.

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Girls 1st, Boys 2nd At District Track Meet

The Rice Lady Raider varsity girls track team won the District 26AA Track Title held on Wednesday, April 14.

The Lady's gathered 181 total team points. They were followed by East Bernard who placed second with 172 team total points.

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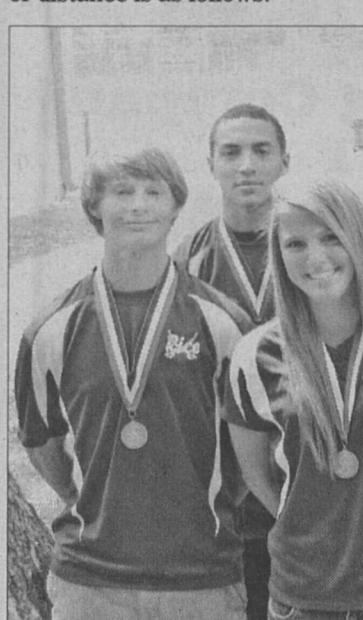
Discus: Brittany Parker, 2nd, 118'-8"; Brooke Popp, 5th, 106'-10"; 100m hurdles: Jaquita Woods, 1st, 16.12; Brianna Faas, 4th, 17.42; Allyssa Krpec, 8th, 18.31; 800m run: Kelsey Danklefs, 2nd, 2:31.82; 400m relay: Takeshia Hodge, Annicia Williams, Clarenica Weeks, Porshia Morris, 1st, 49.25; shot put: Brittany Parker, 1st, 39'-2"; Dynasty Johnson, 2nd, 34' 10-1/2"; 1600m relay: Felice Smith, Rebecca Dota, Krpec, Woods, 1st, 4:11.34; 200m dash: Williams, 1st, 26.03; Weeks, 3rd, 26.46; 300m hurdles: Woods, 1st, 46.00; Krpec, 3rd, 48.65; Faas, 5th, 51.00; 400m dash: Smith, 1st, 1:01.34; Williams, 5th, 1:03.26; Dota, 6th, 1:04.59; 800m relay: Hodge, Weeks, Williams, Morris, 2nd, 1:48.90; 100m dash: Morris, 2nd, 12.88; Hodge, 7th, 13.81; pole vault: Adrianna Ruiz, 5th, 7'-0"; high jump: Bartlett, 2nd, 4'6"; triple jump: Williams, 4th, 33'

11'-1/2"; long jump: Woods, 3rd, 17' 0".

Varsity Boys

The Varsity boys track team placed second with 148 team total points. East Bernard was first with 150 points.

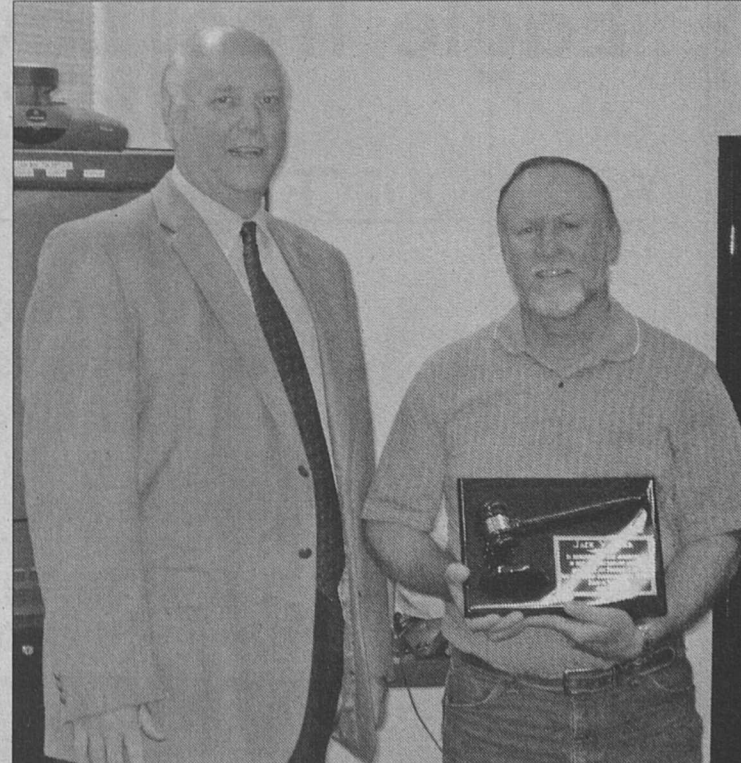
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Both the Girl's and Boy's Golf Teams were competing in the Regional Tournament in San Marcos on April 19-20. Pictured above are the teams. Front row, Myles Dumont, Rachel Korenek, Brooke Popp, Casey Mayfield, Nicole Driik; back row, Mario Hull, Alan Arellano, Jared Kaster, Carlos Sosa and Lauren Shimek.



Junior Erica McConnell and senior Shaina Bowen will represent Rice High School at the UIL Regional Journalism meet at Texas State University on Saturday. Erica is competing in News Writing while Shaina is competing in Feature Writing. Story on page 7.



Vawter Honored By Rice CISD

Jack Vawter, right, was presented a plaque in honor of his 18 years of service on the Rice CISD School Board. Presenting the plaque is Superintendent Michael Lanier. Story on page 9.