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JaQuita Woods won first place in both the 100 and 300 hurdles at the regional meet. She and a host of other Raiders will compete at the State Meet on May 14-15.

Raiders Dominate Region IVAA Meet; Girls Take Title, Boys 2nd

The Rice Raider Girls and Boys Track teams both had tremendous showings at the Region IVAA Meet in Converse at Judson High School. The girls team scored 82 points to take the team title while the boys finished second with 64

points. East Bernard won the boys title with 84 points.

The Raiders will be sending 14 athletes to the State Track Meet in Austin on May 14 and 15 at Mike A. Myers Stadium at the University of Texas.

All three girls relay teams qualified for the state meet.

Following are the Regional Results:

Girls

1st Place, State Qualifier, Brit-tany Parker, Shot Put, 39'10".

1st Place, State Qualifier, 4x100 Relay, Felicia Smith, An-nicia Williams, Clarenca Weeks, Porshia Morris, 49.0.

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City Discusses Electrical Code, Street Repairs At Recent Meeting

The Eagle Lake City Council discussed electrical code, animal ordinances and street repairs at their most recent meeting, April 27.

Since hiring a code enforcement officer, the electrical code has been discussed several times at council.

The city held an informational meeting on April 26, and invited all area electrical contractors as well as anyone else who wanted to attend.

City Manager Bill Rankin said that the meeting lasted about an hour and fifteen minutes and that about 15 electrical workers or contractors attended as well as several representatives from AEP, the company that runs the power lines in Eagle Lake.

Mayor Mike Morales said that he thought the meeting was good and that there was a lot of beneficial discussion.

He said that one thing he saw from the meeting is that the city needed to look into re-forming an electrical committee or board. It was noted at a previous meeting that the city had once had an electrical or building board consisting of local experts in the field.

The biggest issue council is facing currently is that the city's current electrical code, according to ordinance, is the 1993 code.

The new city electrical inspector, James Ferreri, had urged council previously to consider updating to the current code.

Ferreri said that the most current code is from 2008, and is adopted by the state and all licensed electricians are required to receive continuing education to become updated to changes in the codes.

When asked at the recent meeting, Ferreri did say that cities can have older codes and that they state does not force cities to update them.

Ferreri warned that there were issues with staying behind, such as a new home being built according to an older city code, and then an inspector for a mortgage company or bank refusing to pass an inspection because of outdated

wiring code.

Ferreri said he knew of one instance where a city had been sued over such an issue.

Ferreri listed a few of the major differences between the 1993 code and the 2008.

He said one major difference was the requirement of arc fault breakers in all bedrooms and that every bedroom must be on its own circuit. Using ground fault circuit interrupter plugs in bathrooms and kitchens was another requirement as well as some smoke detector issues he said.

Most of those items pertain to new construction and council asked about permits needed for remodeling.

Ferreri said that a homeowner can do electrical work on a home that they own and live in. He said that changing out fixtures and plugs and basic items like that do not require a permit, but if any new wiring was being run, that would require a permit.

He said that the requirement

of a diagram of work being done is required to make sure that the work is done properly the first time, so that the chance of having to redo something is reduced.

Ferreri said that he didn't mind doing education things to help people.

"The people we are looking for are the blatant offenders who do unsafe work," he added.

Council also discussed street repairs and whether to proceed with crack sealing that the city has done the past few years.

Norris Street was discussed in particular and council agreed that more than a little patching needed to be done.

Dennis Pavlicek, from the public works department, said that for quite some time the city had been looking into getting a roller and a street saw.

He said that a street saw would make repairs easier because they could cut a straight line,

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Delilah Gentry lets a pitch fly during the Lady Raider's playoff game against Lexington on Friday night in Bastrop. Story on page 7.

NEWSBRIEFS

Farmer's market now open

The Eagle Lake Farmers Market is open on Wednesdays from 4:00 PM until 6:30 PM at Eagle Tree Lawn and Landscape, 204 Glen Flora Rd. For information on selling your locally grown produce at the market, or other information, call 979.243.4261, or email rwspal@elc.net.

Bake sale is Friday

Jesus is My Refuge church located at 115 N. McCarty will hold a bake sale Friday, May 7 starting at 10 a.m. Gifts for mom will also be available.

Study club luncheon Friday

The Eagle Lake Study Club will meet on Friday, May 7, at 12 noon at the Wintermann Library. Lou Thomas Kelley is the guest speaker. Members are asked to bring either a salad or a dessert. Ham and drinks will be provided. Guests are welcome.

Senior citizen's dance is Friday

A senior citizen's dance will be held Friday, May 7 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Dance from 8 to 11 p.m. by music provided by The Lazy Farmers. For more information call 979-234-2903.

Scholarship bake sale is Saturday

A benefit bake sale for the Leo Cordova Memorial Scholarship Fund will be held Saturday, May 8. The sale starts at 8 a.m. at Brookshire Brothers in Eagle Lake. They thank you in advance for your support.

WCJC to present program

Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) Green Room Players will present, "Lend Me A Tenor" on Friday, May 7 and Saturday, May 8 at 7 p.m. each evening at Sunday, May 9 at 2 p.m. Admission is free. The presentation will take place in the Horton Foote Theatre, Dusen-Hansen Fine Arts Building on the Wharton Campus. For more information call 979-532-6300.

Tribute to Mother's Musical, May 8

A Tribute to Mother's Musical will be held May 8 at 6 p.m. at Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Come One, Come All and give God the Praise. For more information call 979-234-2299.

Catholic daughters to hold bake sale

The Nada Catholic Daughters will hold a Pre-Mother's Day bake sale and drawing, Saturday, May 8. The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Nada Grocery. All proceeds will benefit the Nada Catholic Daughters.

Mother's Day celebration slated

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church of Altair will hold their annual Family and Friends Day, Mother's Day Celebration on Sunday, May 9 at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. Obie Rhodes pastor of White Cloud Baptist Church. The public is invited.

Drama club to present "Frankenstein"

The Rice High School drama club will present, "Frankenstein, Creature Core You Can't Ignore" Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15 at 7 p.m. nightly and Sunday, May 16 at 2 p.m. at the Rice Jr. High auditorium. Admission is \$3. Children under 7 free; high school seniors, free; and senior citizens, free. You may purchase tickets from any cast or crew member and also at the door.

Juneteenth plans underway

Juneteenth planning committee met April 24 in Altair. Plans were finalized for the Annual Juneteenth Celebration to be held Saturday, *Continued on page 10*



Habitat For Humanity recently broke ground on its latest project. On hand were: Pastor Bill Mosley, Pastor Kenneth Wicks, Candy and Jesse Upson (future homeowners), Pastor Ladell Wilson, and Phil Oestreich from Thrivent Financial.

Upsons Break Ground On Habitat Home

By Cindy Klopsteck

At times the Groundbreaking for a Habitat home has also been appropriately referred to as a "ground blessing". On Saturday, April 24th, at 4:00 pm the ground was broken and blessed at 1503 East State Street, the site of the newest Habitat home being built in Eagle Lake through Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Human-

ity.

And everyone present certainly felt blessed with the wonderful opportunity afforded by this event.

In March, Jessie and KeAndra (Candy) Upson and children were announced as the new partner family for this house construction. April 24th was not only a special day to break and bless the grounds, but also to commence a

4-5 month build project through the cooperation of community, Habitat and Lutheran church volunteers.

The Upson family and other Habitat for Humanity families provide "sweat hours" to assist Habitat, Thrivent and Lutheran volunteers in meeting building goals and deadlines.

Karen Fitzgerald, Habitat project manager, emceed the

groundbreaking event, with presiding ministers Pastor Bill Mosley, Grace Lutheran Church of Eagle Lake, and Pastor Ladell Wilson, the Upson family pastor from The Next Level Christian Church of Columbus, offering blessings and prayers.

Mr. Phil Oestreich, Thrivent Financial representative, spoke

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