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New gallbladder surgery has tremendous patient benefits

The new gallbladder surgery, called laparoscopic cholecystectomy, now offered at Columbus Community Hospital is one of the most requested surgeries throughout the country.

Gallbladder disease continues to be one of the most common digestive disorders seen by physicians in this country. Approximately 500,000 cholecystectomies are performed each year in the U.S. After conventional major abdominal surgery, patients experience considerable discomfort with a lengthy recovery.

Consider this: As recently as two weeks ago, when a patient underwent traditional gallbladder surgery at Columbus Community Hospital, he or

she could expect to experience intense post-operative pain, a scar up to nine inches long across the abdomen and a hospital stay of five to eight days and a recovery period of four to six weeks before returning to work.

But not any longer. This minimally-invasive surgical technique is an important breakthrough because it eliminates the need for a large incision. For the patient, this means dramatically reduced scarring and recovery time — and significantly reduced hospital costs.

To perform the surgery, surgeons make four tiny openings in the abdomen, each less than the diameter of a dime. A miniature video camera is

inserted through one of the openings, enabling the surgeon to view the internal organs on video monitors.

Next, the instrument that was created to make the new procedures possible — the Endo Clip applicator™ — is used to close off the artery and duct, thereby freeing the gallbladder for removal. The bile and stones are suctioned out, collapsing the gallbladder.

Law Enforcement

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for parole violation, processed and transported to Colorado County Jail.

Chief Villarreal was advised by G.A. Rodriguez that the Bethlehem De Judea Church on "E" Street was broken into and a small air condition window unit was taken. Entry was gained by breaking into the front door.

The Chief also received a report that the primary school had been vandalized by breaking out several windows. No other damage was observed.

While on routine patrol, Officer Johnson observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The subject was stopped and issued a citation for speeding.

A short time later, while checking out a suspicious subject, the same violator sped by Johnson at a high rate of speed and was driving recklessly, running vehicles off the road and running stop signs. At this time the subject, Martin Arnold Ledezma, was placed under arrest for reckless driving, taken to the station, processed and transported to the county jail.

Consuelo Martinez reported to Sgt. Jones Monday morning that while she was washing clothes at the Cupboard Sunday evening, someone stole her purse. She left her purse and detergent while she was folding clothes and when she went back for them, the purse was gone. The case remains open.

Colorado County Sheriff
Friday, July 19 at 5:45 p.m. Colo.

Commissioners

law to earn extra training, but may do so if they like.

The county's four commissioners as well as the county clerk and district clerk each earned 16 hours of credit during the seminar while Strunk earned four hours of credit.

The court then discussed the upcoming Aug. 10 election and voted on policies concerning the number of officials to preside over each polling place.

The discussion initially came up after two presiding judges requested additional clerks to help in their precincts. The presiding judge in Columbus' Precinct 18, Tim Clark, cited health reasons for needing the help while Lavine Kolos, presiding judge in Weimar's Precinct 9, simply said she needed more help.

The court decided that since the election would mostly likely have a small voter turnout, they would only allow the presiding judge and alternate judge to work each polling place with an exception in Precinct 18.

Commissioner Jerome Wickes moved that the board hire a clerk if Clark is unable to fulfill his duties as presiding judge with the understanding that each precinct only have two paid workers during the election.

Hayek expressed her concern that the judges in Precinct 9 may resign if they did not get the help they requested.

Wickes stuck with his motion and said, "We need to stick with our earlier decision. Who are we going to let run this county, the election judges or the commissioners?"

The court also agreed to enter a preliminary contract with the Texas Department of Human Service, Children's Service Board, Linda Fitzwater, Jim McGee and Willie Mae Williams, members of the Children's Protective Service Board, were in attendance at the meeting.

The contract stated that the county would offer up front monetary support for foster care needs with the understanding of being reimbursed by state or federal funds at a later date.

The county would also provide, without any reimbursement, services of clothing, supplements, transportation expenses, legal services and spe-

cial medical equipment and doctor's examinations not covered by Medicaid.

According to Strunk, the county currently budgets \$6,000 for the board and would increase that amount to \$8,000. The board will receive \$2,000 for the first quarter of the next fiscal year and the court will review the proceedings prior to granting the next quarter's funds.

In other business, the court: • Adopted a resolution concerning the Sheridan sewer project to change the contract to reflect additional hook-ups. The initial contract showed 87 hook-ups and currently some 90 hook-ups have been installed;

• Adopted a resolution in support of expanding District 13 of the Texas Highway Department in lieu of com-

bining it with an urban district;

• Moved to advertise for volunteer blanket accident policy and disability income for volunteers, malpractice coverage for five units of the volunteer ambulance service in the county, umbrella policy and advanced life support insurance. The Texas Association of Counties (TAC) presented the only bid and the county hopes to receive a lower price from another company;

• Acknowledged the receipt of a County Safety Award by the TAC; and

• Adopted a safety policy statement for the county with the understanding that each precinct's commissioner would appoint a person to serve on a committee to help maintain safety throughout the county.

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School Board

amount of \$5,900; • American Micro Technology Inc. of College Station for bio-remediation of soil at underground storage tanks in the amount of \$2,000; • Aztec Service to refinish tile and cleans floors at Sheridan, ELMS and Rice High School;

• Anderson and Story Glass Company to replace two exterior doors at the high school in the amount of \$1,357 each; and

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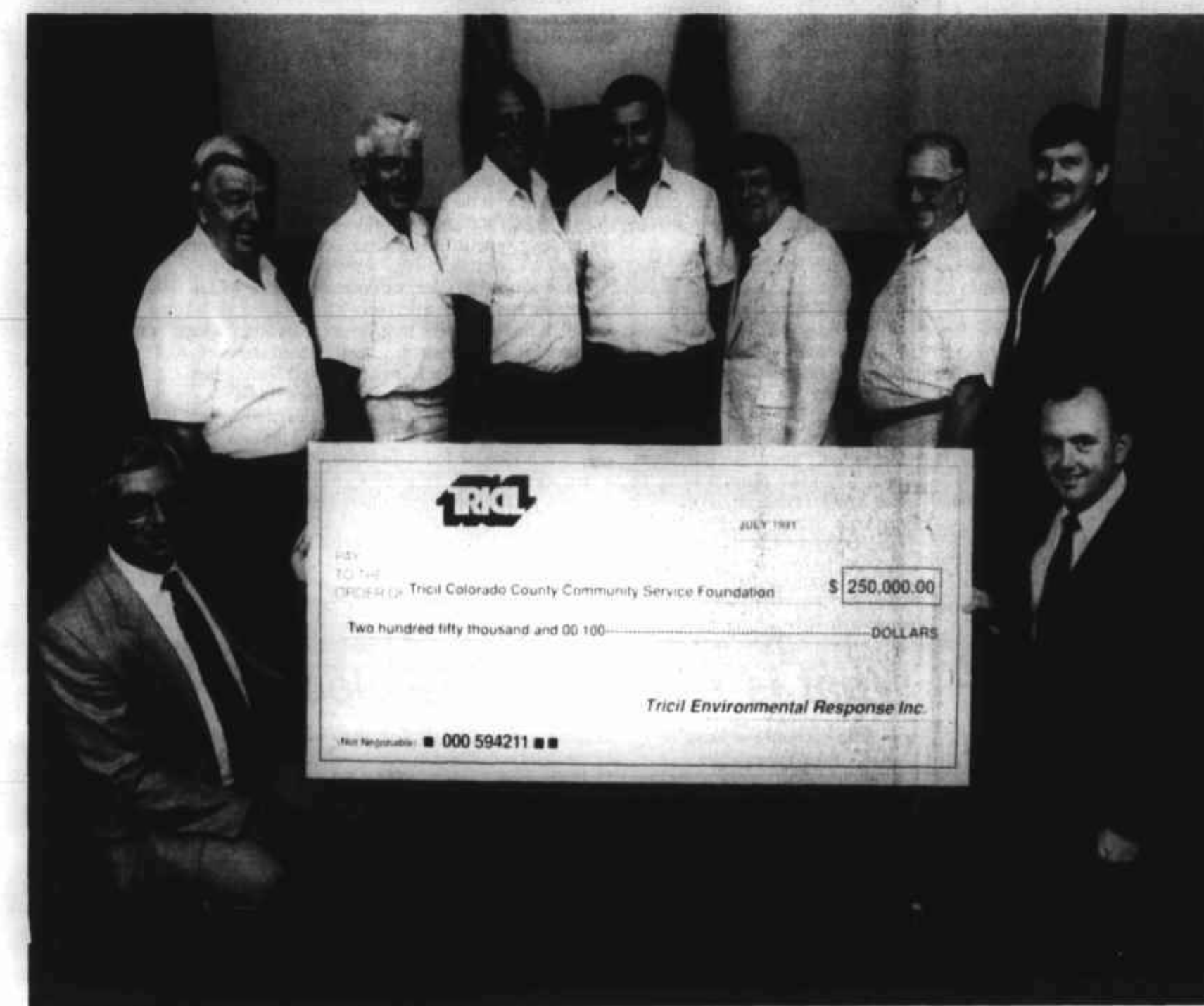
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Tricil donates \$250,000 for county community service foundation



Tricil Environmental Response Inc. presented this check to local leaders Thursday as a symbol of Tricil's funding of the Tricil Colorado County Community Service Foundation. Presenting the check are Tricil Vice President Jim O'Neil, lower left, and Don Poarch, lower right, Tricil General Manager of Field Services. Accepting on behalf of the community are, standing from left, County Commissioner Jerome Wickes, Commissioner Sonny Spanihel, Commissioner Johnnie Elstner, Weimar Mayor Julius Bartek, Eagle Lake Mayor Roy Van Nort, Commissioner Otto Loesslin and Columbus Mayor Dwain Dungen. Photo courtesy of Shelton & Caudle

NEWSBRIEFS

Senior Citizen dance this Friday

Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly Senior Citizens Dance this Friday, August 2, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the KC Hall. Admission is \$2.00 per person and everyone is welcome no matter how young you are.

Football season tickets now on sale

Rice Raider season ticket holders for home football games will have the opportunity to purchase those same seats August 5th through 16th. You must pick up your season tickets before the 16th.

Starting Monday, August 19, unsold tickets will be available to the general public through Friday, September 6th. These season packages are \$15 per seat for the five home games. Individual game tickets will be sold Monday through Friday during the week of each home game beginning Monday, September 9th. The tickets may be purchased in the business office on the Rice High School campus from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Band practices to begin Monday, August 5th

The Mighty Raider Band will begin Summer Band practices Aug. 5 at 7:30 a.m. Times for the sessions will be: Aug. 5-9, 7:30-10 a.m. and starting the 12th, 5-8 p.m. Buses leave Sheridan at 7 a.m., Eagle Lake at 6:50 a.m. and Garwood at 7:10 a.m.

Band members are to attend every rehearsal unless otherwise pre-arranged with the band director.

VBS at New Home Baptist Church, Garwood

Vacation Bible School at the New Home Baptist Church in Garwood will begin on Monday, August 5 and continue through Friday, August 9. The school will be from 6 until 8:30 p.m. each evening. All children and young adults are encouraged to attend.

Adult Red Cross swimming lessons offered

Red Cross swimming courses for adults will be offered at the Eagle Lake Community pool on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for two weeks beginning August 5th. There will be a pool fee of \$5.00 per student for the two week session. Classes offered are as follows: 6:30-7:30 pm: beginners; 7:30-8:15 pm: advanced beginners; 8:15-9:15 pm: swimmers and emergency water safety.

To register come by the pool during adult night on Wednesday (7-9 pm) of call Judy at 234-5208.

St. Mary's registration begins Friday, Aug. 9

St. Mary's School in Natchez will hold registration Friday, Aug. 9 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 5-7 p.m. in the parish hall. Tuition and registration fees are due at this time. First day of classes will begin Aug. 26 at 8:05 a.m. St. Mary's School is fully accredited, teaching grades 1-8. All teachers are state certified.

Open horse show August 10th

An Open Horse Show sponsored by the Wharton County Quarter Horse Association will be held on Saturday, August 10 at the Wharton County Fairgrounds. Classes will begin at 9 a.m. with halter, performance and speed events for all ages. Silver belt buckles will be awarded for High Point winners, and tack will be given for all placings. Speed event High Point is a cash prize. For more information call Melissa at 532-0250.

Local juveniles take pickup for 'joy ride'

Tuesday, July 29th, at approximately 5:45 p.m., Officer Jim Staude was dispatched to the Wintermann Warehouse in reference to a vehicle stolen about five minutes earlier. Leroy Johnson, owner of the 1975 Chevrolet pickup, met the officer and gave him information he had received from a witness indicating that the two white

suspects appeared to be juveniles. A search began for the suspects and vehicle.

At approximately 8:45 p.m., Staude was advised by the dispatcher of two different callers reportedly seeing the vehicle in the Eagle Lake area. A short time later he observed the pickup on Campo Rosa Road. The subjects turned onto FM 102 South driving at a high rate of speed. The driver lost control of the vehicle on a sharp curve on 102 just north of

Now it's epoxy vs. vinyl...

Council awards bid for painting of water storage tanks

After another lengthy discussion concerning sand-blasting versus chemical stripping, the Eagle Lake City Council awarded A-Way Tank Service, Inc. of Rosenberg the job of painting both water storage tanks as recommended by City Engineer John Mercer.

Mercer, council members and a representative of Travis Industrial Painters went back and forth about Mercer's reservations and concerns over chemical stripping and the problem of properly preparing the metal surface in order to get a good, long-lasting paint job. Even though A-Way's bid was higher than Travis', Mercer did not bid according to the specifications and, in Mercer's view, the idea of using a chemical stripper, Council awarded the bid to A-Way.

What type of paint to be used will be decided at the next regular meeting since A-Way has informed Mercer of the possibility of using vinyl paint which dries faster than the standard epoxy-urethane used. Mercer will be doing research on the two types of paint and will report to Council at the next meeting.

Bruce Spitzengel, consultant for the City, in conjunction with Mr.

Other business Council: • On City Engineer John Mercer's recommendation, decided not to seal coat Partridge Lane. Since there is so much work that needs to be done on the curbing problem and there are no funds available at this time for that work, Mercer recommended not to "do band-aid repairs" but to budget monies in the future for complete reconstruction of the street since the

sub-grade and base are unstable causing moisture accumulation. The extra seal-coating in the Hutchins Drive project should be used on a street "where it will do some good, like Heritage Lane," said Mercer.

"Learned the airport construction work has hit a big snag. Large soft spots which extend well into the runway have been found by the company doing the work. These spots will have to dry out before any work can be done in the area.

The work order will have to be amended due to these problem areas and may end up costing the City an additional \$11,000-12,000 since the Texas Department of Aviation has no more funds available.

Learned from Mayor Roy Van Nort of a meeting of the 911 Committee scheduled for July 25th. The committee will begin the process of rural addressing and will be reviewing the possible use of the concrete block building behind the County Jail as the location for setting up the 911 system. This building has been approved by both H-GAC and Southwestern Bell.

Approved the drawing up of a certificate of recognition to the Eagle Lake Lions Club on the occasion of the club's 50th anniversary in August.

Upon arrival Shannon Pustejovsky advised Jones that someone had broken into the pool house and taken three cases of soda water and assorted candies. The case remains under investigation.

Sgt. Jones was also dispatched to Lakeside Lot in reference to another reported burglary. It was discovered someone had gained entry into a trailer by knocking out a bedroom window and prying open the back door. An air conditioner had been removed from the bedroom window. Another air conditioning unit had been tampered with but suspects were unable to remove it.

Officer Jeff Argo, while on routine patrol, observed a vehicle driving around the picnic tables at the golf course. After stopping this suspect, Argo was given permission to search the vehicle. When he opened the trunk a sign from the golf course was found. The suspect, a juvenile, was transported to the station and turned over to Juvenile Officer Johnson.

Rice Package Store hit again...

Sgt. Jones was dispatched to the Rice Package Store at 1101 E. Main early Sunday morning in reference to yet another burglary. Entry was gained into the store by knocking out a large plate glass window. Approximately \$825 worth of liquor was taken. There are no suspects at this time and the case remains under investigation.

Officer Clemon Johnson was advised of the burglary of a vehicle in progress at the Louis Grigar residence early Monday morning. Upon arrival Johnson observed a white male standing on the side of the road near the residence. When this subject was questioned, he admitted he had been in the car. He was arrested for burglary of a vehicle and transported to Colorado County Jail. The owner of the vehicle advised the department that nothing had been taken.

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