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Colorado County Commissioners Vote To Transfer Alleyton Water To LCRA

Colorado County commissioners, meeting Monday, agreed to transfer the Alleyton water and waste water treatments to the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA).

The LCRA has been contracting with the county to operate the waste

water treatment plant.

The waste water treatment plant has been operating since 1996.

Water lines from the water treatment plant are nearly complete.

Water service should be available in about a month, County Judge Al

Jamison said.

There are approximately 80 water meters for customers.

Jamison said the water project had been in planning and construction for the past three years.

As part of the change in ownership, there will be an adjustment in the fees for waste water service.

Residential rates will increase from \$22 a month to \$30 a month. Commercial rates will be unchanged.

The rates for water service will be \$32.50 a month for a minimum of 3,000 gallons, with a charge of \$2.50 for each 1,000 gallons over that amount.

There will be a six-month transition period before LCRA takes over ownership of the water and waste water system.

In other action, commissioners approved an upgrade and major overhaul of the existing elevator in the courthouse by Otis Elevator Co. for \$47,935.

Jamison said the commissioners did not have to seek competitive bids because the elevator is made by Otis. He said the controls would be replaced with new electronic ones.

Jamison said the elevator was installed in the 1970s and was expected to have a useful life of about 20 years. He said it has frequently been repaired in recent years.



Eagle Lake volunteer firefighters work to put out a fire that occurred Monday on Ramsey Road.

Rice CISD Board Of Trustees Votes To Add Pre-Algebra Class At High School

The Rice School Board voted Monday night to add a pre-algebra class to the High School curriculum.

Math teacher Robin Machac addressed the board Monday night to discuss adding the class at the high school as well as making the prerequisites for taking pre-algebra and algebra in junior high tougher.

Machac explained that too many kids are not ready for algebra when they get to high school and this is the lowest level class that is currently offered.

Under the plan, any child that does not make at least a 70 on the math portion of the TAKS test and pass their eighth grade math class with an 80 would be required to take pre-algebra in the ninth grade.

Machac advised that there were kids passing the TAKS, which only requires a 54, and their math class, but were still not properly prepared for regular algebra.

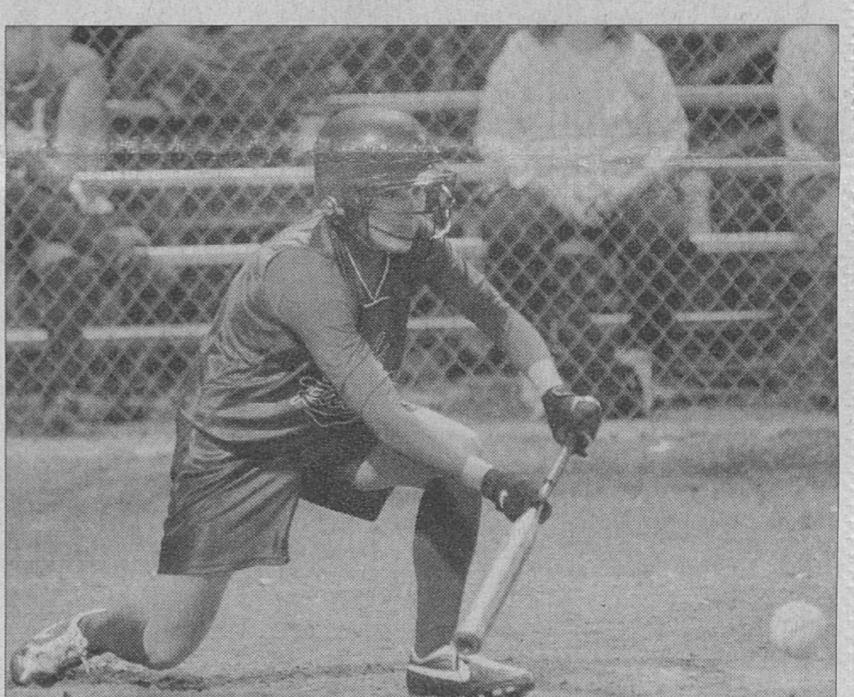
Machac also recommended stricter requirements for pre-algebra and algebra in the seventh and eighth grade.

In order to take pre-algebra in the seventh grade a student must make an 80 in their previous math class and

students who would be required to take pre-algebra in the ninth grade.

The pre-algebra class will count

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Courtney Krinic attempts to lay down a bunt for the Lady Raiders.

Raider Relays Run

Micha Hoelscher bolts from the starting blocks in the 200 meter dash at the Raider Relays held at Rice High School last Thursday. Amber Cunningham makes sure the blocks stay in place. In the background is Sam Kana, just one of the many volunteers who made the Raider Relays a success.

NEWSBRIEFS

GMOBC Art, craft, garage sale March 25

The Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church (GMOBC) invites everyone to its Pastor Aide Garage Sale that starts March 25. Don't worry, if you miss this one the sale will continue on April 1 and April 8. Stop the sale at Hwy. 90A, 606 East.

Soccer Club to hold BBQ plate dinner

The Austin County Flame Club BBQ plate fundraiser will be held Sunday, March 26. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 4329 S.E. I-10 Frontage Rd., Sealy. Call for information or tickets, 979-885-2831.

UMC to host Lenten Luncheons

The Eagle Lake United Methodist Church (UMC) will host the 10th annual Lenten Luncheons each Monday, through Monday, April 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with special music and guest speakers. A love offering will be taken and net proceeds go to the Eagle Lake Community Food Pantry. The next luncheon, March 27 will feature Rev. Jeff Craft of the Lissie UMC as guest speaker. Lissie UMC will provide soups and desserts. A sliced meat and cheese tray, crackers, sandwich bread, hot cornbread, iced tea and coffee will be furnished by the UMC. Everyone is cordially invited...bring a friend!

Lions Club BBQ is April 2

The Eagle Lake Lions Club will hold their barbecue Sunday, April 2. Serving will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Golf Course. Tickets are \$6 each and can be purchased from any Lions Club member.

Gator Swim team registration starts April 8

Gator Swim team registration will be held at Golden Goose Designs, 217 E. Main from 10 a.m. to noon April 8, 15, and 22. Registration fee is \$35 for each swimmer. Registration includes Gator fee, team t-shirt, CCAA dues, and TMF insurance for the regular season. Team swimsuit fittings will be held at registration. The cost of the team swimsuit varies with the gender/size of the swimmer and the additional gear selected for purchase. Register on these dates to get the group rate on the swimsuit. It will go up after these registration dates.



From left to right, Lowell Hicks, Airport Advisors Committee (AAC), Len Matula, AAC; Carol Mitchell, First National Bank, Eagle Lake; Russell Koy, Mayor of Sealy; Travis Wegenhoft, First National Bank, Eagle Lake; Ron Holland, City Manager; Mark Dorazio, General Contractor, Randy Turner, Garwood Sporting Clays; Jane Meldahl, Eagle Lake City Council; Craig O'Malley, O'Malley Engineering; Nancy Killom, Stuart and Stevenson; Joe McCreary, AAC; not pictured, Robert Stowers, President AAC; Mike Cooper, AAC; Dave Fulton, Director of Aviation TXDOT; and Bill Nolles, Fixed Base Operator, Eagle Lake Regional Airport.

Eagle Lake Airport Committee Hosts Open House

Last week The Eagle Lake Regional Airport Committee hosted a luncheon and information session to highlight recent improvements that have been made at the airport.

The luncheon at the Farris Hotel

was followed by a tour of facilities at the airport.

A presentation was given to explain what has been going on at the airport.

Following is a brief summary of

improvements that have been made in recent years.

A fixed base operator, currently Bill Nolles, was secured in 2003 to run the facility.

A temporary building has been ac-

quired for use as an airport terminal.

In 2004 two hangars with six bays each were constructed.

In 2005 a new PAPI system was

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