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## City Council Talks Park Upgrades

At their regular meeting on May 8, the Eagle Lake City Council discussed the possibility of making some improvements to the E.H. Henry Park. Council had been approached at their previous meeting about adding restrooms in the park and lights on the basketball court.

City Manager Ron Holland said that he got a rough estimate for restrooms and lights. He said that to have restrooms put in could cost \$80,000-\$85,000 and lights for basketball would cost about \$20,000-\$25,000.

He indicated that these costs would be what it would cost to have all of the work done by a contractor. He did say that there were certain criteria, such as Americans with Disabilities Act regulations, that the restrooms would have to meet since they were on city property.

He also said that a possible funding source would be the Texas Parks Department, which offers a 50 percent matching grant program for these types of projects. Holland said the deadline to apply for that grant program is July 31 of each year.

He said that any help from the community would be welcome

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Cunneisha Foster took third in the triple-jump at the State Track Meet in Austin on May 12. Josh Williams and La Quendra Thomas also competed, see back page for more.

## Voters Approve \$16.5 Million School Bond Prop.

Nearly 1,000 voters turned out in the Rice CISD election and passed both propositions of the bond election. Proposition 1 passed with 566 for and 377 against while Proposition 2 passed with 545 for and 392 against.

About \$16.5 million total in bonds will be issued to raise money for the construction of a seventh and eighth grade campus in Altair.

Proposition 2 will allow for the construction of an auditorium that will have a space for a cafeteria for the seventh and eighth grade.

"The next step is to get everyone together and get the process started," said Rice Superintendent Michael Lanier.

"The main thing is that now we are moving forward, and I am very pleased. I think this will benefit the kids for a long time to come," he added.

He said that if things happen in a "best-case" timeframe, ground could be broken on the new structure in January 2008.

Carolyn Baird was also re-elected and Jack Vawter was unopposed for the Rice School Board. Baird beat challenger Carlos Gonzalez 589-350.

Below are totals by polling location in the Rice CISD election:

### Eagle Lake

Proposition 1-414 for, 162

Proposition 2-391 for, 169  
against  
Baird-294, Gonzalez-287

### Sheridan

Proposition 1-22 for, 44  
against

Proposition 2-24 for, 43  
against

Baird-49, Gonzalez-13

### Garwood

Proposition 1-71 for, 153  
against

Proposition 2-71 for, 161  
against

Baird-185, Gonzalez-35

### Early Voting

Proposition 1-59 for, 18  
against

Proposition 2-59 for, 19  
against

Baird-61, Gonzalez-15

### Eagle Lake City Council

Three at-large places were filled on the Eagle Lake City Council on Saturday, May 12. Jane Meldahl was re-elected to a two-year term and Wilbert Williams and Michael Cooper were elected to the council for two-year terms, as well. Meldahl received 210 votes, Cooper 259 and Williams 197.

Those candidates were the only candidates on the ballot, but there were two write-in candidates, Rene' Cooper-Scott and Shirley Compton. Cooper-Scott received 132 votes while Compton garnered 73.

### Columbus City Council

Charles "Jim Jack" Richardson defeated DeWayne Kotrola 244 to 72.

Sandra A. Frnka defeated Ronnie Rogers 229 to 90.

Mayor Richard Heffley was unopposed for re-election.

### Weimar Results

Voters in Weimar re-elected two council members and one new school board trustee was elected in voting on Saturday, May 12.

Becky Roberts was re-elected to her Place 1 city council position over Scott Brasher.

In Place 5, incumbent Harvey Steward turned back a challenge by Edward Stoeber.

For the Weimar School board, Jason Ryder Ervin defeated incumbent Ronell Wilson for Place 7 on the school board.

Following are the results from the Weimar City Council election on Saturday, May 12:

(i) denotes incumbent.

### Place 1

Becky Roberts (i) - 182  
Scott Brasher - 173

### Place 5

Harvey Steward (i) - 199  
Edward Stoeber - 154

### Place 3

Roy Ulrich was unopposed and received 283 votes.

There were 356 voters in the city election.

Following are the results in the Weimar School Trustee Election.

### Place 7

Ronell Wilson (i) - 186  
Jason Ryder Ervin - 324

### Place 5

Incumbent Sheryl Berger was unopposed and received 445

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Area pageant contestants needed!!!

The Eagle Lake Area Pageant, representing the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, will be held Saturday, June 2, at the Eagle Lake Primary School on Tate Street. You must attend a Rice School and/or live in the Eagle Lake, Garwood, Sheridan, Altair, Nada, Chesterville or Rock Island area. Boys ages 3-8 and girls ages 3-18 will compete for the Eagle Lake Area titles. Contact Helen Alvarado at 234-7634, Gail Gertson at 234-5488 or Sherry Thomas at 234-3251 for more information. Applications may be picked up at the Rice High School Office or the Eagle Lake Dental Associates. All applications must be postmarked by May 18 to participate.

### Athletic banquet is tonight

The Rice Athletic Banquet will be held Thursday, May 17 in the Rice High School Commons. A silent auction will start at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 each and are available at RHS Office, Johnny's Sport Shop, Buc-ee's, Nada Grocery and Sandy Creek Drive In.

### CCHC meeting tonight

The Colorado County Historical Commission (CCHC) will hold a meeting Thursday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at the Prairie Edge Museum in Eagle Lake. The program by Doug Kubicek, President of Lavaca County Historical Commission will be entitled, "Old Cemeteries Re-organized". Please bring a covered dish meal. Have you paid your dues?

### E.H. Henry to hold meeting tonight

E.H. Henry alumni and ex-students will be having a meeting Thursday, May 17 at 6 p.m. at White Cloud Baptist Church. All ex-students are asked to attend.

### Mt. Sinai Ministries to hold revival

Mount Sinai Evangelical Ministries will be hosting a revival May 16-18 at 7 p.m. The theme for the revival Empowering the Church, Impacting the Community, making a Difference. Institute speakers for the occasion are on Wednesday Rev. H Long/South Point, Thursday Rev. T. Scott/Gr. Rising Star, Friday Rev. L. Robertson/Gr. Union. Guest speaker Bishop G. Emerson Scott Trinity Fellowship in Houston.

### Festival, health fair slated

A Juneteeth Festival & Health Fair sponsored by the Columbus Riverside Alumni will be held June 9 at Mid-Town Park. Walk for a Cure Sickle Cell Benefit 5K(3.1) mile walk-a-thon will start the day. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the walk starts at 8 a.m. Pre-registration is \$15 and each participant will receive a t-shirt if registered by May 18. On site registration will be \$18. Medals will be given to the top three runners or walkers. The Health Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be booths from a variety of agencies, blood pressure checks, cholesterol screening, Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, and the festival will start at 11 with food booths, basketball and domino tournament, music, drawings, dance contest, and much more for the family to enjoy. Proceeds will help to benefit the Sickle Cell Foundation and Columbus Riverside Alumni Scholarship Fund. For more information contact Teresa Fitzgerald 979-732-8759 or Beverly McMillian 732-9493.

### Chamber crawfish boil is May 19

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will hold their crawfish boil, Saturday, May 19 from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Parish of the Nativity Pavilion in Eagle Lake. Meal tickets are \$20 each and include an adult beverage. Stay and enjoy the drawing and silent auction. Tickets can be purchased from Barbara Class at 979-234-5806 or Lesley Carey at 234-5713.

### ELVFD golf classic set for May 19

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department (ELVFD) is having their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Firemen's Classic four-player scramble golf tournament and drawing on Saturday, May 19, at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center. Shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1pm. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> places along with closest to the hole and longest drive. The Firemen's Classic

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## Wintermann Donates \$109,000 For Ambulance

Colorado County commissioners, meeting Monday, accepted a donation of \$109,000 from the Wintermann Foundation for the purchase of a new ambulance in Eagle Lake for the Emergency Medical Service.

The check was accepted by County Judge Al Jamison from Wintermann Foundation trustees Judy and Jack Johnson and Don Bendy.

Also aduring the meeting, commissioners were told that the Weimar EMS unit will be relocating to the Colorado-Fayette Medical Center from its current location in downtown Weimar.

EMS Director Chuck Rogers said he anticipated the change will occur in about a month.

He said that the Weimar Fire Department has gotten funds for a new truck and will need the garage space currently occupied by the ambulance.

Rogers said he had obtained a trailer from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that can be used to house the EMS crews and will have sleeping

quarters.

He said that a canopy would be obtained for the ambulance.

Rogers said that a longer term location would be in a new combined police-EMS building that the city is looking at building near Interstate 10.

In other action, the commissioners:

--Agreed to hold off for the present on funding a development plan for the Robert R. Wells Airport.

Jamison said that he felt the current priority should be obtaining aviation fuel for the site.

--Agreed to authorize payment by the county of a \$65 testing fee for individuals taking a test to be certified as a first responder.

Rogers said that a current class for "first responders" who can provide first aid before the arrival of an ambulance had about 17 people.

He said about 15 people attended a training class two years ago in Eagle Lake.

--Approved a request to name

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The Eagle Lake Junior High bands held their Spring Concert on Monday, May 14. Named Most Outstanding by their band director, Dan Brodt, and pictured left to right are Justin Garza and Lindsey Sommer.



Judy and Jack Johnson, trustees of the Wintermann Foundation present a check for \$109,000 on Monday to Colorado County Judge Al Jamison to purchase a new Emergency Medical Service ambulance for Eagle Lake. Looking on are Commissioner Darrell D. Gertson, who represents the Eagle Lake area, and Don Bendy, who is also a trustee for the foundation.