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2007 Fair Queen Crowned

Pictured are the contestants for Colorado County Fair Queen. The Pageant was held on Saturday. Front row, left to right, Kendall Field, Second Runner Up; Simone Petrosky, Queen; Brandy Rosignol, First Runner Up; and Stephani Gertson, Miss Congeniality. Back row, left to right, Bethany Chance, Cortney Urban, Ashley Charles, Kayla Gerik, Bre'Anna Sutton.

Two Contested Races For Water Board

There are only two contested positions on the proposed Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District Board of directors in the Nov. 6 election.

The filing deadline was Aug. 31.

Voters will also decide whether to approve the district in the same election.

Following are the candidates and the positions for which they are candidates.

Position 1 --Betty Schuirring.

Position 2--Bill Briscoe.

Position 3--Mike Wostarek and Whyman D. Pscencik.

Position 4 --Tom Kelley.

Columbus -- Marian Schonenberg.

Eagle Lake--Jim Wiase and Glen Sunderman.

Weimar--Scott Brasher.

NEWSBRIEFS

Colorado County Fair passes on sale

Colorado County Fair season passes will be on sale at the following locations in Colorado County through Thursday, September 13: Columbus State Bank, First State Bank, and Potter's Western Store in Columbus, Hill Bank in Weimar, First National Bank in Eagle Lake, Bernardo Farm and Ranch Supply, Leopold Grain in Nada and Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg.

Friday night is parent's night

This Friday is Parent's Night for the varsity Raider football team. The Raiders will play Brookshire. It will start at 6:45 p.m.

Update on fair presentation

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the cake decorating program scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 16 for the Creative Homemaking Department of the Colorado County Fair has been canceled. In place of the cake decorating program, Judy Parks of Columbus will present a quilting demo. The quilting presentation will be held from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Fair's gate fee will give you access to the activities in the Creative Homemaking Department. For more information, please call Department Chairman, Beverly Tuck at 732-7277.

Farmers Market is Thursday

The Farmers Market will be open every Thursday from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center pavilion. Fresh produce and baked goods. This week the specialties are black eyed peas, mustard spinach, peppers, fruit preservatives, and squash.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a blood drive on Thursday, September 20 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. in front of City Hall. Please help save a life by donating blood. You can be a Commit For Life partner by donating with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. By donating you will automatically be entered in to win a pair of airline tickets. Please call Kurt Sunderman or Joe Lee Perez at 979-234-5571 to schedule an appointment.

Entries needed for fair parade

The Colorado County Fair Parade Committee is seeking entries for this year's fair parade. The parade is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 in downtown Columbus. You can pick up entry forms at the Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau and at Potter's Western Store. For more information call Kim Dyer at 979-732-8385 or Melissa Kilpatrick at 732-8781.

Garwood Methodist to hold Fish Fry

The Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church Columbus and Bowie Streets in Altair will hold a fish fry dinner on Friday, September 14 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. \$7 donation per plate delivery upon request. Dinner includes buttered potatoes, Italian green beans and dessert. For more information call Mary Nightingale at 234-3264, Marie Glover at 234-2206 or Betty Glover at 234-3164. Benefiting the church building fund.

Tony Tyler "One Man Show" Saturday

Tony Tyler will present his One Man Show, "Past - Present - Future" at the Live Oak Art Center, 1014 Milam in Columbus on Saturday, Sept. 15. Reception hours are from 7 to 9 p.m. Stop by and see Tony's sculptures, paintings and photography.

"Be Still and know that I am God"

Are you busy, busy, busy? Well God says, "Be Still and know that I am God". Can we do that? If he tells us to be still then we know it can be done. On Saturday, Sept. 15 the Shepherd's Way Church in Sealy is having a Ladies Conference from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and all ladies are invited to attend. Come and lay aside all the busyness and demands of life, to be still and know that he is God. There will be served a catered

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Commissioners Approve \$12 Million Budget For County

Colorado County commissioners, meeting Monday, approved a proposed \$12 million for the coming year.

The commissioners also set the tax rate at 43 cents per \$100 valuation.

That is an increase of 2.58 percent over the current year's rate.

The average taxable value of a homestead residence in the county is currently \$86,236, according to county figures.

Taxes on that residence will increase by \$27.08 a year, compared to the previous year.

The approved of the budget and the tax rate came after a public hearing at which no one spoke.

In Other Action Commissioners

--Approved sheriffs and constables fees for the coming year. Sheriff R.H. (Curly) Wied said there was no change in the fees.

--Approved an agreement to have the Sheriff's Combined Auto Theft Task Force provide a 2007 Ford pickup for use of an officer with the task force, who is stationed in Colorado County.

--Agreed to table for more information action on whether to consider exempting goods in transit from property taxes if they are moved from that location with 175 days.

Colorado County Chief Appraisal Bill Mitchell said he would research what impact the exemption would have on local funds.

--Were told by County Judge Al Jamison that an individual from Brazoria County had expressed an interest in buying the Robert R. Wells Airport, located south of Columbus.

The county currently owns

the airport.

Jamison identified the man as Brian Childs Jr.

Commissioners approved obtaining an appraisal on the value of the land.

Jamison noted any agreement would have to be approved by commissioners.

--Approved adding a half-day to the county's 13 holidays in 2008.

The addition will be half a day on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, which falls on Wednesday in 2008.

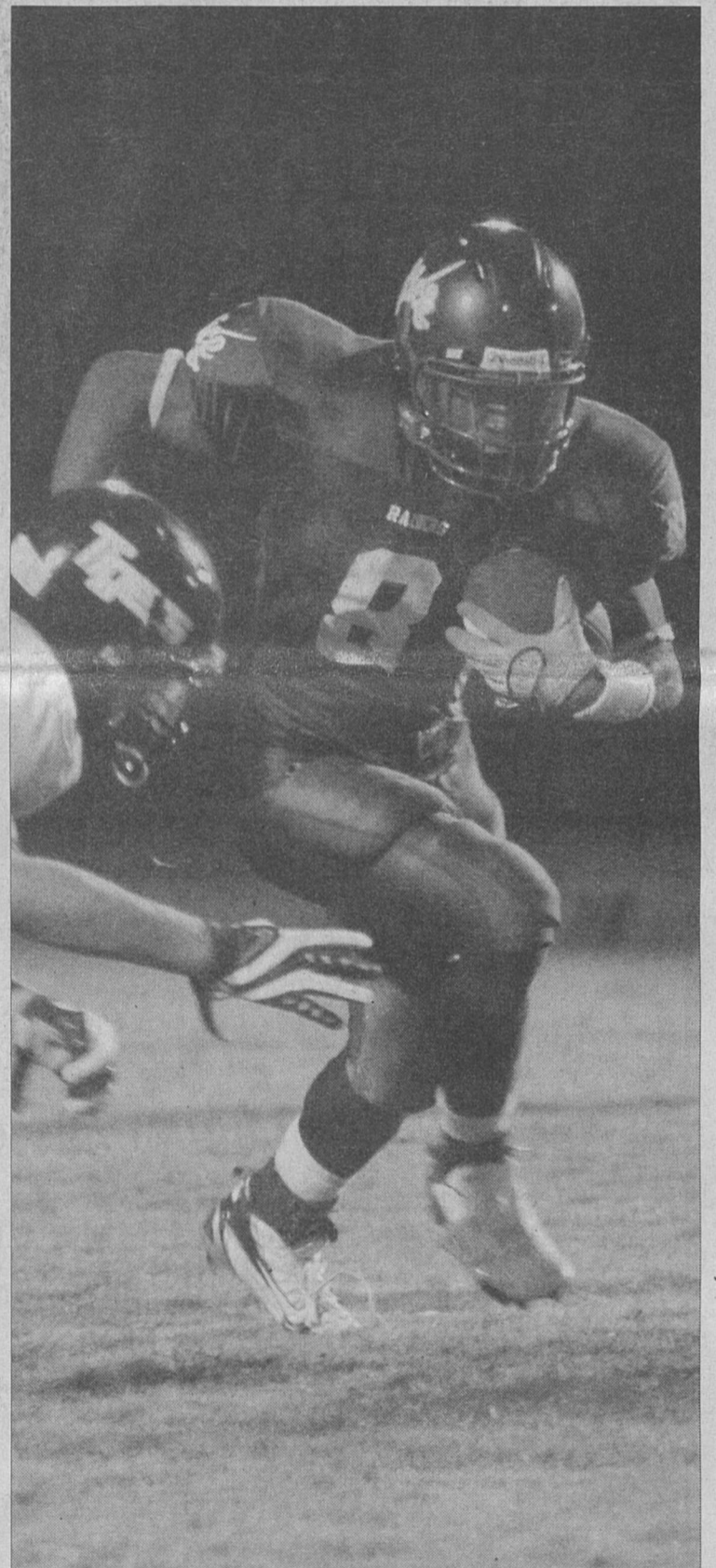
County employees will also get

Dec. 25 and Dec. 26 that year.

The action came after considerable discussion. At one point, Jamison indicated he was opposed to adding an additional holiday.

--Approved an agreement with StarTex Power to provide electricity to county owned buildings in the city of Columbus. The county will pay 8.074 cents per kilowatt-hour.

County Auditor Raymie Kana said it is slightly below what the county is paying now.



Dominique Weeks runs with ball against Sealy. He scored a touchdown on a 63 yard carry in the victory.

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Rice Off To 2-0 Start With Victory

The Rice Raiders improve to 2-0 on the season after beating the Sealy Tigers 30-7.

The game started off rocky for the Raiders when on a third and long the defense gave up a 56-yard pass play to set up a Tiger touchdown on their first drive.

After Sealy scored with 9:34 left in the first quarter, the defense settled in and limited Sealy to 130 yards offense over the rest of the game by getting six quarterback sacks and 15 tackles for a loss.

"Our defense is doing great," said Coach Brad Dumont.

"We have faced some good running backs, and for the most part contained them," he added.

The Raider offense out-gained Sealy 302-192 in yardage and, for

the second week in a row, held their opponent to one score.

Penalties were a slight issue for Rice, with 60 yards worth.

"Some penalties are for lack of concentration, which are unacceptable, but others result from aggressive play. These we can live with," said Dumont.

Zacchaeus Foster led the Raiders offensively with 97 yards and two touchdowns. Dominique Weeks also had a touchdown and 68 yards on the night. The touchdown came on a 63 yard run.

Taylor Cook was 11 for 24 with 135 yards and a touchdown.

Marquis Toliver caught eight of those passes for 126 yards and

LCRA Selects Wharton County Site

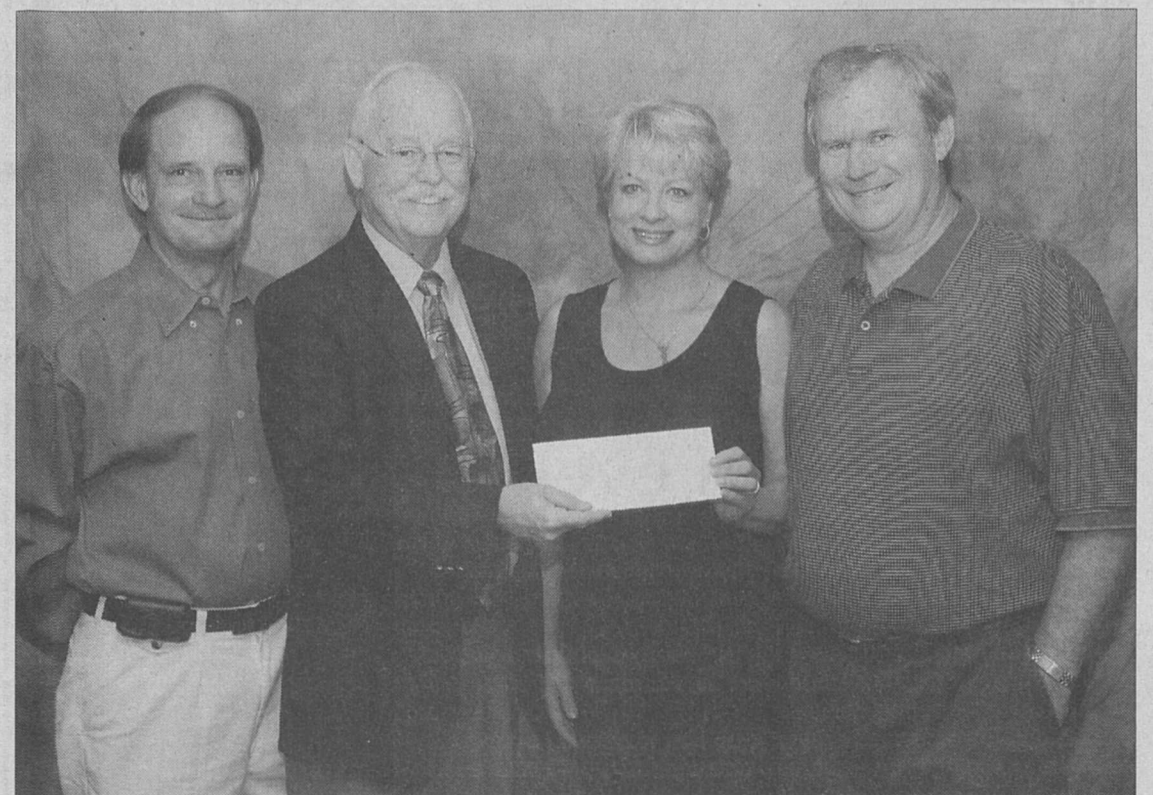
The Lower Colorado River Authority announced Sept. 6 that it has identified a portion of Pierce Ranch in Wharton County as its preferred site for a holding basin to capture and store excess and unused water for the proposed LCRA-SAWS Water Project.

The owners of the ranch have signed a preliminary agreement that provides LCRA an option to purchase about 4,200 acres of the ranch for the holding basin.

The purchase price will be determined at the time LCRA exercises the option to purchase the land.

The agreement is subject to approval by the LCRA Board of Directors.

In May 2006 LCRA identified six other sites in Colorado, Wharton and Matagorda counties as potential locations for the hold-



Wintermann Foundation Donates To Lighthouse

The New Learning Center will get a much needed make over thanks to the \$13,500 donation made to the Lighthouse by the Wintermann Foundation. The facility will be used for reading and math programs. To date over 450 children have attended the Eagle Lake Lighthouse. Pictured from left to right are Steve Balas, Don Bendy, Dana Anderson and Lyle Anderson.

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