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Front row (from left to right), Shara Sunderman, Vicki Powers, Joan Matthews, Erin Glueck; back row (left to right), Noble Anderson, Steve Whitfield, Joe H. McCreary, Kurt Sunderman, Michael Thomas, Obie Rhodes, Joe Mike Spanihel, Janice Harbich, Larry Parsons.

## County Votes Against Sale Of Robert Wells, Jr. Airport

Colorado County commissioners, after a closed session that lasted about 10 minutes, voted Monday not to sell the Robert R. Wells Airport.

The action came with little discussion by commissioners. County Judge Al Jamison later said: "It was not in the best interests of the county."

An individual who had expressed an interest in a purchase had approached the county earlier this summer.

Several members of the audience indicated they backed the decision not to sell.

"I'm glad the commissioners decided not to sell," said Chris Christensen.

He said he favored the commissioners appointing an airport advisory board, which could pro-

vide technical advice on running an airport.

In other action, commissioners were told that the county could face the possibility of losing \$163,000 a year in tax revenue if it allowed companies to claim a new tax exemption for "goods in transit."

Colorado County Chief Appraiser Bill Mitchell said the exemption would apply mainly to larger manufacturing companies.

Commissioners agreed to hold a public hearing on the issue on Oct. 9 at 9:10 a.m.

In other action, commissioners:

--Approved an agreement to house inmates at DeWitt County for \$40 a day, an increase

of \$5 a day.

--Executed a grant request for a service to notify victims when individuals accused of crimes against them are released from jail.

--Applied for a \$14,700 grant for indigent defense services.

--Authorized the beginning of the workweek for EMS personnel to 7 a.m. Saturday to reduce amount of overtime needed by personnel.

--Authorized the payment of overtime to EMS and dispatchers instead of having them take compensatory time.

--Appointed election judges and various boards for the Nov. 6 election on creation of a groundwater conservation district and state constitutional amendments.

## Rice Med. Opens New Lobby

Rice Medical Center Employee Volunteers recently gave the key to the new hospital lobby to the Rice District Community Hospital Board of Directors.

The Rice Medical Center Employee Volunteers is a group of hospital employees that volunteer their time to raise money to help purchase equipment and to help make improvements to the hospital.

This project started with replacing the lobby carpet with tile, and evolved into remodeling the lobby, admissions and the gift shop. The gift shop remodeling was funded by the Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies).

The employee volunteers wanted the patients and visitors to have a more pleasant experience when they walk into the hospital. To do this, they moved the recep-

tion area out into the lobby area so it can be seen as you walk through the front door.

The seating area was made to make you feel like you are sitting in your own living room. They wanted it to look nice and feel comfortable.

Lynn Rucka with Golden Goose Designs was the designer for the project and the hospital maintenance department did a lot of the construction and finish work. Rice Medical Center Employee Volunteers 2007 Officers are: Kurt Sunderman, President; Erin Glueck, Vice President; Joe Lee Perez, Treasurer; Cindy Sunderman, Secretary; Cindy Pirtle, Historian. The Rice Medical Center Employee Volunteers invite the public to come and see the finished project.

The Rice Medical Center Employee Volunteers is having their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Ball on October 13, 2007.

The project will help with the lobby project and other much needed equipment for Rice Medical Center. Please support your local hospital by purchasing tickets or sponsorship for this event.



## McCrearys Honored At Study Club Auction

The Study Club honored Joe Herbert and Candy McCreary for their 25 years of service as auctioneers for the Study Club Auction and Dinner. Shown are from left to right Grace Dell Cooper, Vice-Chairman of the Wintermann Library Board of Directors and Joe Herbert McCreary and Fair Wells, Chairman of the Study Club Auction.

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Habitat accepting home applications

Colorado County Habitat for Humanity (CCHF) is now accepting applications for a "homeowner partner" for a house to be built in Eagle Lake in 2008. Applicants must have a need for suitable housing, have the ability to make mortgage payments, and be willing to partner with Habitat. To request an application or to learn more about the program, contact the CCHF office at 979-732-5677.

### United Way silent auction set

The United Way silent auction is set for Friday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the front lobby of First National Bank. Contact Lydia Contreras at 234-3239 or Brenda Besch at 234-5058 if you are interested in donating a silent auction item(s).

### 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. Top items are baked goods, the soup mixes, red hot chili peppers, butternut squash, okra, black eyed peas and herbs.

### Woodmen to hold family night Sept. 27

Woodmen of the World is having their annual family night Thursday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Mentz Hall on Mentz Road. Bring desserts to share, silent auction items, and food pantry items. For information call 979-732-3111.

### Duplantis to visit AACC in Sealy

Dr. Jesse Duplantis from New Orleans, Louisiana will be speaking Thursday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the All Around Cowboy Church (AACC) in Sealy. If inclement weather, the meeting will be moved to the Women's Pavilion at the Austin County Fairgrounds in Bellville. For more information, call 979-885-1155 or 979-885-2799. If you have any questions, please call Patty Leger or Gloria at 979-885-1155 or email me at patlyleger2003@yahoo.com.

### M.A.Y.C. golf tournament Sept. 29

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual M.A.Y.C. Mike V. Duarte Memorial Scholarship four-player scramble golf tournament will be held Saturday, Sept. 29 at 1 p.m. shotgun start at the Eagle Lake Golf Course. Entry fee is \$200 per team includes lunch one mulligan per player. Buick open modified handicapping system will be used. \$5000 Hole in One prize. Be a hole sponsor! A bargain at only \$75. For more information contact: Daniel Contreras (979) 541-7744, Ruben Salinas (281) 470-1257, Michael Duarte (979) 234-2630. Prizes for first second and third place, longest drive and closest to the pin. Cart rent: at player's expense (limited carts available call to reserve carts early 979-234-5981).

### Mount Sinai Fish Fry Sept. 29

On Saturday, September 29 Mount Sinai Evangelical Ministries will be hosting a fish fry starting at 10:30 a.m. The menu will include catfish, potatoes, green beans, cake and bread for a donation of \$6. You may call 234-3259 to place your order or stop by 317 E. Union Street. Thanks for your support Rev. T. Kuykendall pastor.

### St. Philip picnic is Sept. 30

St. Philip Catholic Church in El Campo will hold their picnic Sunday, Sept. 30. Surrounding communities are invited to come and dance to music by the Dujka Brothers and Texas Sound Czech. All the festivities will be held at the KC Hall, Armory Road off Hwy. 71. A beef and sausage dinner will be served starting at 11 a.m. for \$7 a plate. A drive thru line will be available. Meat at the pit, BBQ on the bun, sausage on a stick, hamburgers and sweets will be available after 2 p.m. Activities include a jousting ring, bungee trampoline, country store, bingo, cake wheel, fish pond, and rides for the kids. Mass will be celebrated Sept. 29 at 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 30 at 7 and 10 a.m.

### Rice Little League Election Sept. 30

Rice Little League election of officers meeting will be held Sunday, September 30 at 6 p.m. in council chambers. All coaches and managers

## Judge Says Current Term Is Last

Colorado County Judge Al Jamison still has more than three years left on his term of office.

But in talk to high school government students, the judge said he wasn't planning to seek another term.

"I'm not going to run for election again," he said at one point, while explaining the workings of county government. He was re-elected to his third four-year

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## County Talks Courthouse Renovations

Colorado County commissioners, meeting Monday, approved a resolution supporting a grant application for the renovation and restoration of the county courthouse.

At the same time commissioners were given revised estimates on the costs of repairs and renovation to the courthouse, with the total at \$8.5 million.

That is an increase above a preliminary \$7 million estimate, the commissioners were given in July before a more detailed cost analysis was done.

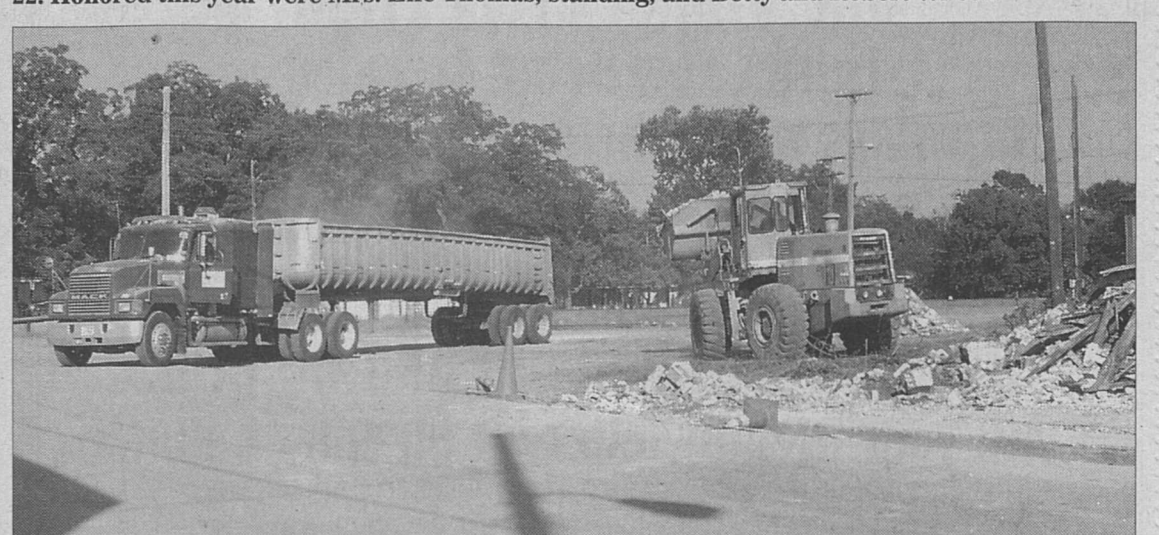
County Judge Al Jamison noted that the county might be

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## Wintermann Library Board Presents Wall of Honor

The Eula and David Wintermann Library Board of Directors presented their annual Wall of Honor recipients at the Annual Study Club Auction and Dinner on Saturday evening, September 22. Honored this year were Mrs. Elfe Thomas, standing, and Betty and Robert Wilcox.



The corner of Main and Jones looks considerably different than it did a week ago after the removal of the buildings on the northeast corner.