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Powers Finishes Air Force Flight School

1st Lt. Andrew Powers, son of Clark and Vicki Powers, graduated from the United States Air Force Flight School and received his wings on September 28 at Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Oklahoma.

He also received his next assignment, which will be flying the C-17 cargo-tanker and will be stationed in Dover, Delaware.

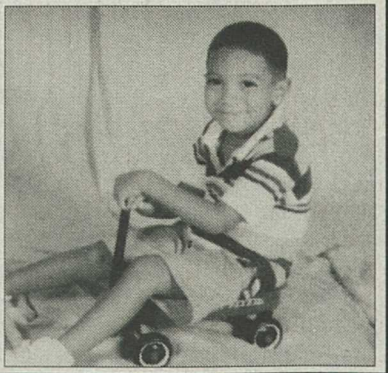
Upon his graduation from Texas A&M and his commission-

ing in 2005, Andrew went through his first stage of flight training at Whiting Field Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida.

He participated in a Joint Service Training Program with the Navy. He was then assigned to Vance Air Force Base to fly the T-1 trainer, which has led to his graduation and current status.

He and his wife Robyn, daughter of Robert and Joy Anderson of Donna, Texas, will report to Dover, Delaware in April of 2008.

Happy 4th Birthday Devan From, The Family



Happy 3rd Birthday



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Love, Mom and Masey

TxDOT Awards Grants For Airport

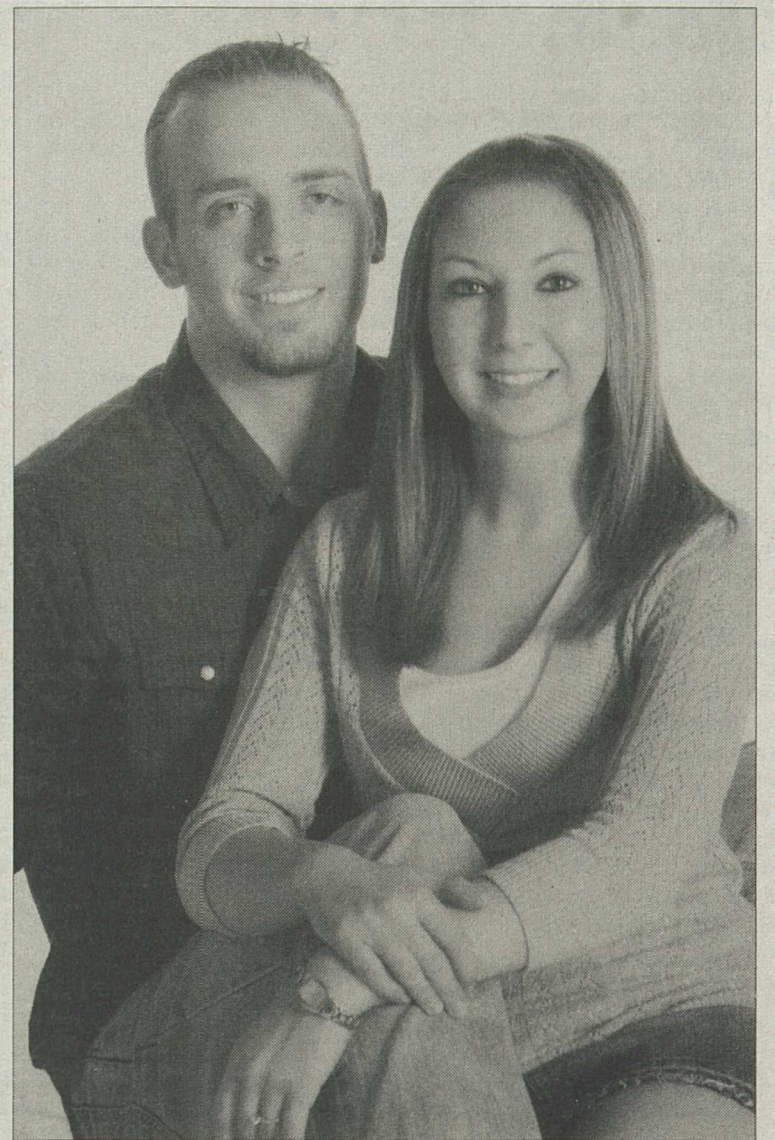
AUSTIN---State Representative Robby Cook (D-Eagle Lake) announced that the Texas Department of Transportation-Aviation Division generously awarded an airport improvement grant to the City of Eagle Lake for the Regional Airport.

"I commend City of Eagle Lake officials for their efforts to secure funding for needed improvements at this facility," Representative Cook stated.

"Enhancements such as these are key in promoting economic development and growth in the area."

State funds will pay for eighty percent of the estimated costs of needed pavement improvements at the airport. The City will fund the remaining twenty percent.

For more information, contact TxDOT at (512)416-4500. Additional information on grant funding is available at <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/>.



Macha, Coldewey To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Macha of Wallis announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Ann, to Kurt William Coldewey, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Coldewey of Eagle Lake.

Rachel is a 2002 graduate from East Bernard High School. She is now employed with GS Lighting Service in Katy. Kurt is a 2001 Rice High School graduate and received his BA in Business from Texas State University in 2005. His is now employed by BAE Systems in Sealy.

The wedding will take place on November 3 at Guardian Angel Catholic Church in Wallis. After the wedding the couple plan to reside in Sealy.

Holy Cross Parish Bazaar Is Oct. 14

East Bernard—Riverside Hall will be the site of the Holy Cross Parish Bazaar, Sunday, October 14. Dinner will be served starting at 11 a.m.

The menu will include BBQ beef, chicken and sausage with "Homemade Dressing" and all the trimmings.

Hamburgers will be served starting at 3 p.m. Czech pastries, refreshments and country store times may be purchased during the day.

The auction will begin at 12:30 p.m.

All kinds of games and entertainment for young and old will be available throughout the day. Added attractions will include a

Petting Zoo, Velcro Wall and Rock Climbing Wall.

Pony rides will be available. Making his 6th appearance will be "Patrick", the celebrity camel, who has appeared on the "Debra Duncan and Oprah Winfrey shows".

Not only can he be touched and petted, he will be available for rides.

There will be live music and entertainment starting at Noon provided by the Texas Legacy Czech Band (12 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.), the Dujka Brothers (3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.) and No Limit, local musicians providing country/rock music (6 p.m. - til?).

Drawing tickets may be purchased throughout the day.

Drawing at 8 p.m. for 103 drawing prizes including an eight day European tour for two to Austria and Rome, 46 gift certificates from \$25 - \$250 (redeemable at merchants), garden set, Olympia DL 200A advanced camera, KitchenAid Prof 600 mixer, Remington 12 gauge Shotgun, king size quilts, one-half calf, 3 Savage .22 caliber rifles w/scopes, 2.5 gallon cordless shop vac, \$125 value surprise package, family fun night package, cargo net, food saver, barnwood cooler on legs, tarp on legs, 6' banquet table/4 chairs, handmade afghan, nativity lap quilt, postal collection (King of Rock n Roll, Our American Hero and American Farm Heritage), Livestock Show rodeo tickets, Czech Republic crystal (oval platter, cross, rosary, 14x9 tray), tapestry throws, porch swing, girls bicycle, turkey fryer kit, ceiling fan and more.

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Temp. Water Board Available For Info

Ground water is the second largest reserve of freshwater on earth. It makes up 40 percent of the freshwater used in the United States. Groundwater, (not to be confused with surface water) is found within underground aquifers. An aquifer is a water bearing stratum of sand, gravel or permeable rock below the surface of the earth. The recharge rate of aquifers is slow, and in many areas groundwater is removed from the aquifer faster than it can be replenished, resulting in diminished supply.

Groundwater depletion affects everyone's lives. Water tables have been reduced drastically all over the world, especially in areas that rely heavily on agriculture for income. Closer to home, Texans have also experienced water table reductions. The most dramatic examples are the Ogallala Aquifer (50 percent depletion) and the Trinity Aquifer (800 ft. decline in water levels).

The state of Texas acknowledged these problems, and the need for water planning to ensure future water availability in our state. Texas recognized that the amount of water available varies from one place to another in our state, and the state realized the need for local control of that water by landowners. The groundwater conservation district (GCD) is the state's preferred method of management of our groundwater resources.

The purpose of a groundwater conservation district is to conserve and protect our groundwater, prevent waste and subsidence, and prevent degradation of water quality. A groundwater conservation district (GCD) gives us the ability to monitor our groundwater supply, and establish safe limits for removal. A groundwater conservation district provides local landowners with the information to challenge "overpumping" in a court of law.

The "rule of capture" a law dating back to 1904, says that a landowner has the right to remove unlimited amounts of groundwater with no consequences for problems caused to his neighbor. Currently, under the "rule of capture", water can be removed in unlimited amounts from our aquifer, and sold (ie. San Antonio), even if it causes local people to have problems with their wells. Our landowners have no legal recourse under the old Texas law. A groundwater conservation district is the only recognized authority in Texas able to place limits on "overpumping" and challenge the "rule of capture" when harm is done to others.

In August of 2002, there were 67 confirmed districts, and 19

unconfirmed districts covering all or part of 108 counties in Texas. Today, as more Texans have realized the need for local water management, the number has increased to 87 confirmed districts, 8 pending confirmation, and a total of 138 counties are either fully or partially within a groundwater conservation district. This represents 90 percent of groundwater usage in our state.

Substantial population growth and economic development is projected for Texas by 2050. With this growth comes an increased need to protect our groundwater resources. Nearby metropolitan areas are growing rapidly and are creating greater demands for water. They are willing to pay a good price, and Colorado County is an attractive source. Without a GCD Colorado County is a "sitting duck" and there are no rules to protect us. We are vulnerable to "overpumping" and currently we do not have any way to stop the damage that could be caused by overpumping.


The Texas legislature has declared that GCD's are the state's preferred method of managing groundwater resources. No state agency has this authority. Creation of a groundwater conservation district is how we can protect our water and do so according to the laws of Texas. Only a GCD can limit the amount of water, removed from our county for use outside of the county.

The Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District is sponsoring three educational programs in each of our cities. The Texas water development board will present information at 7 p.m. on October 4 at Weimar City Municipal Building; October 10 at Eagle Lake Municipal building; and October 18 at the Colorado County Services Facility in Columbus.

Temporary board member of the Colorado County GCD are available to answer your question or to meet with your organization; Vivian Spanihel, Precinct 1, (979-533-0849); Bill Briscoe, Precinct 2 (979-240-9713); Clayton Wallin, Precinct 3, (979-732-6367); Tom Kelley, Precinct 4, (713-557-2239); Marian Schonenberg, Columbus, (979-732-2362); Jim Wiese Eagle Lake (979-732-1041); and David Kahlich, Weimar (979-725-8322).

Please call any member if you would like schedule a presentation for your organization. Visit the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District website at www.colroadocountygcd.com.

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