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The Prairie Juniors presented "Treasure Island" last weekend. More pictures on page 6.

County Oks \$3.1 Million For Courthouse Repairs

Colorado County commissioners on Monday were given a breakdown of \$3.1 million in proposed courthouse repairs and agreed to let County Judge Al Jamison proceed with the repairs.

This precedes a meeting the commissioners have slated for 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, to discuss a possible state grant, construction of an annex building and financing.

County Commissioner Doug Wessels said he felt that the county would possibly know better what assistance the state might provide when commissioners met with state representatives on Thursday.

But Jamison said the repairs were needed whether or not the county received a grant from the state to cover part of the repairs.

"This is work that has to be done," the judge said.

Jamison said he wanted commissioners to be aware of the costs so that there would not be any misunderstandings about the

scope of the work later.

He said bids would be solicited for various parts of the project.

A breakdown of the costs included:

- Contractor's general conditions and scaffolding, \$328,000.
- Demolition, \$7,000.
- Masonry, \$103,000.
- Metal work, \$23,000.
- Carpentry, \$121,000.
- Thermal and moisture protection including roof, \$923,000.
- Doors and windows, \$601,000.
- Finishes, \$104,000.
- Mechanical, \$4,000.
- Electrical, \$23,000.
- Architect and engineering fees, \$414,000.

At the Thursday meeting, Jamison said two representatives of the Texas Historical Commission have been invited to attend.

He also said members of a citizens committee looking at plans for a courthouse annex will also be present.

In addition, he said, he ex-

pected to have some figures on financing the work.

"We want this to be as transparent as can be," he said.

Earlier, the judge said, there would be an opportunity for citizens to give their views.

While no firm figures have been cited, a tax increase of 2 to 3 cents per \$100 valuation has been mentioned as possible to finance the county's portion of the project.

In other action, commissioners:

--Approved a speed limit of 35 mph on Smith Rau Road in Precinct 3.

--Appointed Mary Stavinoha to a vacant position on the county's Children's Protective Service Board.

--Went into a closed session to discuss negotiations with the Farm Bureau on acquiring land across from the courthouse. No action was taken when the commissioners returned to open session.

Voting Locations Listed For Primaries On Tuesday

Following are the designated polling locations in Colorado County for both the Republican and Democratic primaries on Tuesday, March 4.

Precinct 101-Columbus/Glidden, Colorado County Services Facility at 305 Radio Lane in Columbus.

102- Rock Island, Rock Island Community Center at 2710 Niles St. in Rock Island.

103- Garwood/Nada, Lehrer

Interest at 7836 Hwy. 71 in Garwood.

201- Oakland/Weimar, Weimar City Hall at 106 E. Main in Weimar.

202- Sheridan, Sheridan Community Center at 5803 S. Logan Park Dr. in Sheridan.

301- Buescher/Shaws Bend, Texas Manufactured Marble Co. at 1217 Business 71 in Columbus.

302- Brushy and Frelsburg, Diamond Center at St. Peter

& Paul Catholic Church, 1031 Church Lane in Frelsburg.

303- Mentz, St. Roch's Parish Hall at 1704 Mentz Rd. in Mentz.

304- Bernardo, Bernardo Fire Station at 2845 FM 949 in Bernardo.

305- Alleyton/North Columbus, Agriculture Building at 316 Spring St. in Columbus.

401- Altair, Robert R. Wells Airport at 1084 CR 102 in Altair.

402- Eagle Lake, Eagle Lake Community Center at 100 N. Walnut in Eagle Lake.

Sample ballots are printed on pages 8 and 9.

NEWSBRIEFS

Lenten luncheons underway

The United Methodist Church (UMC) of Eagle Lake is hosting 12th Annual Lenten Luncheons each Monday, through March 17 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 Bank. The fourth luncheon Monday, Mar. 3 will feature Rev. Lee Everett, of First UMC, Lissie as guest speaker. A sliced meat and cheese tray, crackers, sandwich bread, hot cornbread, iced tea and coffee will be furnished by the UMC of Eagle Lake. Soups and desserts will be furnished by First UMC, Lissie. Everyone is cordially invited...bring a friend. The Colorado Transit will provide service to and from Monday Lenten lunches. Please call them at 1-800-548-1068 to arrange pick up times.

Brighter day holding registration today

A Brighter Day Child Care Center, Beverley McMillian, owner, will be re-locating and will have openings in March. Enrollment forms are available at this time. To reserve your daycare slot, enrollment forms with a non-refundable registration fee need to be returned by Thursday, February 28. There is limited daycare slots still available. Parent Orientation will be held on Thursday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m. For more info, contact Beverley at 979-732-9493.

CCA taking applications today

Combined Community Action (CCA) has received funds for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program from The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. They have started pre-applications and will be coming to Eagle Lake on Thursday, Feb. 28. If you or someone you know is over 60 years of age or receiving disability and having difficulty paying the utility bill please contact DeAndrea Baker or Norma Rodas at 1-800-688-9065 to schedule an appointment.

Democratic party to meet Friday

The Colorado County Democratic Party will meet Friday, Feb. 29, at 7 p.m. at the Nesbitt Memorial Library, 529 Washington St., in Columbus. Local candidates running for office will be present as well as others. The public is invited to come and listen to the candidates one last time before the March 4 Primary.

Dance to be held Saturday

The Sealy Dance Club will host a public dance Saturday March 1, at the American Legion Hall in Sealy. Dance time is 7:30 to 11:30. Music will be provided by "The Red Ravens". The theme for this dance is Go Western. So, put on your hats and boots. Every dance is a big party and fun time. Free cake, coffee, sandwiches, chips, dips, and door prizes. The public is invited. For Information call: 979 885 3489.

Senior citizen dance is March 7

A Senior Citizen's Dance will be held Friday, March 7 at the Eagle Lake Community Center, 100 N. Walnut from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. "This Is It" will provide the music. For more information call 979-234-2903.

OES to sell fish plates March 8

The Loretta's Pride Order of the Eastern Star (EOS) will be selling fried fish plates with all the trimmings on Saturday, March 8 at the White Cloud Baptist Church, Old Altair Road from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Advanced tickets of \$7 may be purchased from any OES member or you may call 234-7893 or 234-3257 after 5 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome.



Little League Meeting March 5

A Little League meeting will be held Wednesday, March 5 at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Little League Field.

All coaches are asked to attend.



Kourtney Korenek connects on a swing during a recent Lady Raider game.



With the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLS&R) just around the corner these trail riders made their way through downtown Eagle Lake on Monday morning. The HLS&R runs March 3-22.