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## Rice District Breaks Ground On Junior High

Rice School District broke ground on the new Rice Junior High and high school additions construction project on Monday, March 10 at the campus in Altair. At a recent meeting, the Rice board approved Drymalla Construction Company as the contractor for the \$15.8 million project. Drymalla has guaranteed a completion date of July 1, 2009 and is expected to begin construction within a week, depending on the weather.

Pictured from left, Jack Vawter, school board member; Carolyn Baird, school board president; Clark Peterson, school board secretary; Joe Lee Perez, school board member; Michael Lanier, Rice CISD Superintendent; Betty Schiurring, school board member; Wayne Bowen, school board member; Vivian Spanihel, school board vice president; Peggy Pitchford, representing husband Earl Pitchford of Drymalla Construction Company; Jason Geisler, comptroller of Drymalla Construction Company; Wade Johnson, assistant safety director of Drymalla Construction Company; Bill Hefner, Rice CISD Assistant Superintendent; and T.J. Gonzales, Bay Architects representative.

## One Contested School Race Two To Vie For Eagle Lake Mayor

Filing has ended for city and school board elections set for May 10.

Write-in candidates will be accepted until Monday, March 17 for both city and school elections.

Mayor Mike Morales has filed for re-election to his post where he will be opposed by current City Councilman Michael Cooper. Cooper was elected to council in the last city election.

The city council has two at-large positions coming open and

John Young and Chriss Schuirring have filed for re-election to those posts. Shirley Compton has also filed in the council race.

There are two spots up on the Rice Consolidated School Board. Betty Schiurring is running unopposed for re-election to Place 6. Joe Lee Perez will seek re-election against GayeLynn Thomas to Place 7.

The deadline to register to vote in the May 10 election is April 10.

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Farmer's market opening soon

The farmer's market will open soon for the season. The actual reopen date will be determined by the weather and how our gardens grow. Gardeners and farmers, plan now to bring your abundant harvests to the weekly farmer's market. For information, send email to [rwspal@elc.net](mailto:rwspal@elc.net), snail mail to P.O. Box 508 in Eagle Lake, or call Randall Spalinger at 979-243-4261.

### Lenten luncheons underway

The United Methodist Church (UMC) of Eagle Lake is hosting 12<sup>th</sup> 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 last luncheon Monday, Mar. 17 will feature Father Robert Guerra, of Parish of the Nativity (PoN) Catholic Church, Eagle Lake 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 PoN. 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.

### Diabetic support group meeting set

A diabetic support group meeting will be held every third Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at Methodist Fellowship Hall, 200 W. Prairie Street. ALL diabetics and their friends are welcome. The meeting will be held by and for diabetics as a means of support. The meeting will not offer medical treatment and is not affiliated with the Methodist Church. For more information call 234-2853.

### Relay for Life to hold meeting March 13

The Colorado County Relay for Life will hold a team meeting on Thursday, March 13 at the St. Paul Lutheran Fellowship hall in Columbus at 5:30 p.m. An American Cancer Society representative will be on hand to answer any questions about the relay event. Please make plans to attend this meeting. The Relay for Life Committee is still in need of volunteers for the day of the event to be held on April 18. Event will be held at the Weimar High School football stadium. Please contact Robin Maertz at 979-732-1687, Gerri Hackfeld at 979-732-5948 or Carrie Smith at 361-772-5099.

### RMC Golf tourney is March 29

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Rice Medical Center (RMC) Classic 4-player scramble golf tournament will be held Saturday, March 29. Shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> places. Entry fee is \$200/team and includes the meal and a gift. For information call Noble Anderson at 979-234-5571. Deadline is March 21.

### Sheridan School accepting applications

Sheridan Elementary and Junior High School is accepting applications for the Pre-Kindergarten class for the 2008-2009 school year. Qualified applicants will be accepted based on Texas Education Agency (TEA) and Rice CISD guidelines. Qualified students will be bussed to the Garwood School where the Pre-K class is located. Applications are available in the Sheridan school office. Return the application with a copy of shot record, birth certificate, and social security card by 4/1/08. These documents are required by TEA, if you don't have copies you must obtain duplicates. All applicants must be 4 yrs. old by 9/1/08 and reside within the Sheridan School attendance zone. You will be notified of acceptance or denial. If you live out of the Rice CISD you must apply for an Out-Of-District transfer by 5/1/08. The Rice School Board will approve or deny transfers. Call the school office if you have questions, 979-234-7334.

### Sheridan School to hold kinder registration

Sheridan Elementary and Junior High School is registering students for the 2008-2009 Kindergarten class. Registration forms are available in the school office. Return the forms with a copy of shot record, social security card and birth certificate. These documents are required by Texas Education Agency, if you don't have copies you must obtain duplicates. Students must be 5 yrs. old as of 9/1/08 and live in the Sheridan School attendance zone. If you live out of the Rice CISD you must apply for an Out-Of-District transfer by 5/1/08. The Rice School Board will approve or deny transfers. The kindergarten teacher will assign a date for you and your child to visit her classroom, she will notify you by mail. Call the office if you have questions, 979-234-7334.

### School reunion is April 5

The 7<sup>th</sup> Novohrad School Reunion and Dedication will be held Saturday, April 5 at 10 a.m. The dedication of the historical marker will be at the site of the former Novohrad School Building. Following

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## Alleyton Woman Shot By Dog Accidentally

A 49-year-old Alleyton woman was accidentally wounded Saturday, March 8, about 11:50 a.m., when a dog jumped on a shotgun in a pickup truck bed, causing it to discharge and strike her in the back.

The woman, Marsha Lanier, was shot in the back.

She was rushed by her husband, Dwayne, by private vehicle to Columbus Community Hospital and later transferred to Hermann Memorial Hospital in Houston.

The accident occurred on the couple's property on Brod Road.

According to Sheriff's Lt. Troy Neisner, the couple had been fishing and had the tailgate of the truck down.

The woman got in the truck and a dog jumped in the back of the truck, causing the 12-gauge shotgun to discharge, penetrating the cab of the truck and striking the woman.

Neisner said he was told she was expected to recover.

## Water Board Hears Sludge Presentation

The Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District, meeting on Tuesday, March 4, heard a presentation from Barbara Hoffman and Sharon Witte, who expressed concern about application of sludge as fertilizer on land in the county.

Marian Schonenberg, secretary of the board, said the pair expressed concern about applications of the sludge on land off Ramsey Road, between Eagle Lake and Altair.

Schonenberg said an applica-

tion for a permit to dispose of the sludge is pending before the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

There is a public meeting scheduled on the matter for April 15 at the Eagle Lake Community Center at 7 p.m.

She said the groundwater district also passed a resolution expressing concern about the disposal and asking the state commission for assurances that there would not be pollution.

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One of the many sights from the circus held last Tuesday in Eagle Lake.

## County Files Annual Profiling Report

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department filed on Monday with county commissioners an annual report on traffic stops under a law prohibiting traffic stops based on racial profiling.

The report stated that the department received no complaints in the past year that a traffic stop was based on racial profiling.

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## Commissioners Court Proclaims March 16-22 As Ag Week

County Judge Al Jamison and the Colorado County Commissioners adopted a resolution in recognition of National Ag Week - March 16 - 22, 2008 in Colorado County. See story on pg. 6.

From left to right seated - Commissioner Darrell Gertson, Commissioner Tommy Hahn, County Judge Al Jamison, Commissioner Herbie Helcamp and Commissioner Doug Wessels. Ag Partners standing left to right - Marv Ulbricht (Colorado County Farm Bureau), Michelle Wick (Natural Resource Conservation Service), Dale Rankin (Texas AgriLife Extension Service), Sally Garrett (Texas AgriLife Extension Service Agent), Kim Dyer (Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau), Mary Parr (USDA Farm Service Agency), W.J. Kleimann (Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District) and Royce Jurries (Texas Parks and Wildlife).