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Pictured above are the winners of the Rice Booster Club Golf Invitational. Front left to right: Wesley Arrison, Carlos Sosa, Travis Kaley. Back left to right: Adam Shimek, Taylor Cook.

## Water Well Repairs To Cost City Over \$200,000

The Eagle Lake City Council voted during a special meeting Thursday to proceed with a plan to rehabilitate the well on Davitt Street.

The entire project will cost about \$216,000.

The problem came to light when the city started rehabilitation of the above ground storage tank on Davitt Street.

A large amount of sand and gravel was found after the tank was drained indicating that there was likely a problem with the well.

The 16-inch well was originally drilled around 1980 and is about 850 feet deep.

It is the city's largest well, currently capable of pumping about 950 gallons of water per minute, but was originally about 1,250 gallons per minute.

Rehabilitation of the well will likely result in an increase of pumping capacity from the cur-

rent level.

Video of the inside of the well revealed several holes in the casing that were allowing debris into the well.

The pumping system for the well will be repaired at a cost of about \$47,000 plus almost \$6,000 to install it.

The repairs to the well include 206 feet of new liner and 263 feet of screen.

The well repairs will cost about \$68,000.

The existing screen also needs

to be cleaned of deposit buildup and the bottom of the well needs to be cleared of debris. This portion of the project will cost about \$43,000.

With about \$19,000 for contingency, the project total is an estimated \$216,000.

The city was not required to get bids for the project due to it being deemed an emergency.

Council was also given an estimate to drill a new well similar to the current one. That cost would be close to one million dollars.

## County To Make Offer On Property

Colorado County commissioners, meeting Monday, agreed to make an offer for possible purchase of a 4,800 square foot office building on Bowie Street in Columbus.

The action came after a closed meeting to discuss possible purchase.

The building formerly housed the Columbus Medical Clinic.

If purchased, the building could be used to house some county offices.

Officials had been looking at

in the range of 22,000 square feet and noted purchase of the building could allow a reduction in the size of the annex.

In other action, commissioners:

--Agreed to appoint a salary committee to look at several personnel issues. County Auditor Raymie Kana said they involve issues such as sick leave and retirement.

--Agreed to repair the roof of the building housing the justice of the peace in Weimar for about \$9,400.

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Attention!! RPG to hold drawing

Rice Project Graduation (RPG) will be having a drawing to raise money for the community-wide sponsored "drug & alcohol free" event for the graduates. If you would like to donate an item please contact Mary Kay Cook by April 7th at 979-234-2713 or mk.cook@yahoo.com.

### 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 rwsal@elc.net, snail mail to P.O. Box 508 in Eagle Lake, or call Randall Spalinger at 979-243-4261.

### Relay for Life to meet tonight

Relay for Life teams and committee's for the upcoming relay for life to be held in Weimar on April 18 will meet again on March 27 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutherans fellowship hall. All team captains are asked to come to these meetings. Please make plans to attend. American Cancer Society representative will be on hand for any questions. Please contact Gerri Hackfeld at 979-732-5948, Carrie Smith at 361-772-5099 or Robin Maertz at 979-732-1687 or 979-732-5339.

### Wesley UMC garage sale is Saturday

The Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church (UMC), 1003 Columbus St. in Altair will hold a giant garage sale, Saturday, March 29 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items will include clothes, TV, microwave, furniture, knick-knacks and odds and ends. Shop early for best bargains. For donations or information call Mary Nightingale at 234-3264 or Marie Glover at 234-2206. Thank you in advance for your support.

### RMC Golf tourney is Saturday

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.

### Nativity to hold bake sale Saturday

Parish of the Nativity, Relay for Life team will have a cake and casserole sale Saturday, March 29 at the Eagle Lake Brookshire Brothers from 8 a.m. until sold out.

### Democratic Party meeting Saturday

The Colorado County Democratic Party will hold their County/Senatorial convention on Saturday, March 29 at 2 p.m. at the Nesbitt Memorial Library located at 529 Washington Street in Columbus. All the precinct delegates and their alternates are encouraged to attend. For more information call Raul Martinez Colorado County Democratic Chair at 979-263-5354.

### April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Promote healthy families. Help a friend, neighbor, or relative. Be a nurturing parents. Report suspected abuse and neglect: 1-800-252-5400.

### Head Start accepting applications

Head Start is accepting eligibility applications for the 2008-09 school year. If you have a child that will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1 and you would like to enroll them in an Early Childhood Development Program that is FREE to parents: You should call 512-303-7737 or toll free at 1-800-433-7570 for an application or visit our web site at ctfhs.org. Apply now, don't wait slots fill up fast. Openings available in Giddings, La Grange, Smithville, Elgin, Eagle Lake, Columbus, Stoney Point and in collaboration with BISD at Bluebonnet, Cedar Creek, Lost Pines, Mina and Red Rock.

Head Start esta aceptando las aplicaciones de elegibilidad para el año escolar de 2008-2009. Si usted tiene un niño que será 3 o 4 años de edad el 1 de septiembre de 2008 y le gustaría matricularlo en un programa del Desarrollo Temprano de Ninez que es GRATIS a los padres: Usted debe llamar al 512-303-7737 o al 1-800-433-7570 para una aplicación o visite nuestro sitio del web al ctfhs.org. Aplique ahora, no espere. los lugares se llenan rapido. Las aperturas son disponibles en Giddings, La Grange, Elgin, Smithville, Eagle Lake, Columbus, Stoney Point y en la colaboracion con el Distrito Escolar de Bastrop en Bluebonnet, Cedar Creek, Lost Pines, Mina y Red Rock.

### Safety Seat Checkup event set

A Child Safety Seat Checkup event has been scheduled for April 17, in Eagle Lake at Brookshire Brothers' Grocery Store. The time of the event is from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bring your child and let a certified technician check to see if your seat is installed properly and if you are using your present seat correctly. It is important that you know

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## County Set For \$27 Million In Road Projects

Officials with the Texas Department of Transportation have released a list of 19 projects totaling more \$27 million in road improvements in Colorado County.

The projects are projected for work between now and January 2009.

Dates listed are those when construction bids are opened.

Work typically starts within 30 to 45 days after that.

Colorado County Projects for October 2007 through January 2009

March 2008, FM 102, from 0.16 miles southwest of Post Office Street to Main Street in Eagle Lake, asphaltic concrete pavement, (approximately two inches of new asphalt), \$546,000.

March 2008, FM 155, from US 90 to 1.003 miles north of US 90, asphaltic concrete pavement, \$250,000.

March 2008, US 90-A, from 2.49 miles west of State Highway 71 to 0.056 miles west of State Highway 71, asphaltic concrete pavement, \$833,000.

July 2008, State Highway 71, from Fayette County line to IH-10 (westbound main lanes only), micro seal of asphalt and aggregate, \$610,000.

October 2007, FM 102, from IH-10 to Eagle Lake, seal coat, \$619,000.

October 2007, State Highway 71, from Fayette County line to IH-10, seal coat, \$241,000.

October 2007, FM 2614, from FM 950 to Wharton County line, seal coat, \$74,000.

October 2007, FM 3013, from Austin County line to US 90-A, seal coat, \$318,000.

February 2008, IH-10, from east end of Colorado River bridge to 0.07 miles east of east relief bridge No. 1, ACP overlay (westbound lanes only), \$136,000.

February 2008, IH-10, from State Highway 71 to east end of Colorado River bridge, construct additional lanes (east and west), \$12.6 million.

February 2008, IH-10, at FM 806, replace bridge and approaches, \$2.2 million.

May 2008, County Road 842, at Lost Fork Goldenrod Creek, replace bridges and approaches, \$266,000.

December 2008, US 90-A, at east and middle Sandy Creeks and at Colorado River, widen bridges and approaches, \$6.2 million.

January 2009, County Road 208, at Harvey Creek, replace bridge and approaches, \$341,000.

January 2008, Fischer-Buller Road, at Stein Branch, replace

bridge and approaches, \$326,000.

April 2008, FM 1890, at Rocky Creek and at Yupon Creek, replace bridge and approaches, \$1.3 million.



Patrick Dota clears the bar in the pole vault at a track meet in Palacios last week.



Chelsea Krenek slides into home to score a run during a recent Lady Raiders game.

