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## County Oks Building Purchase

Colorado County commissioners, meeting Monday, approved an option agreement for possible purchase of an office building at 1220 Bowie in Columbus for \$245,000.

The office building is a former medical clinic and contains about 4,800 square feet.

The purchase is contingent on satisfactory inspection of the building.

Commissioners had previously indicated some county offices could be housed in the building, reducing the size of a proposed annex for future county expansion.

In other action, the Court:

--Approved adding optional workers compensation coverage for reserve deputies.

Reserve deputies are unpaid and the cost to the county would about \$1,500 a year, County Auditor Raymie Kana said.

Sheriff R.H. (Curly) Wied said that 10 deputies are affected.

--Proclaimed the month of May as "Elder Abuse Prevention Month."

--Proclaimed the week of April 14 through 18 as "Public Safety

Telecommunications Week."

--Approved a request by PHI Air Medical to solicit membership/subscription plans in and around the county. Commissioners noted that giving permission did not mean the county was endorsing the service.

--Authorized increasing the hours of the clerk for Justice of the Peace No. 4 to full-time status.

Judge George Cason noted that the work-load of the office had increased because the legislature had increased the dollar amounts

for civil suits filed in peace justice courts.

"We're getting a pile of lawsuits," he said.

--Authorized use of the courthouse square for the Texas Live Oak Festival, May 16 to 18.

--Were told that a lawsuit against the county by a former inmate of the Eagle Lake Detention Center had been dismissed in federal court. The suit claimed the inmate did not receive proper medical care. The case dates to January 2006.

## City Council Votes For Bond Issue

The Eagle Lake City Council, during their regular meeting April 8, voted to move forward with a plan to issue bonds to pay for the well repairs needed on the Davitt Street well.

If everything moves according to plan the city would have the funds needed to pay for the well repairs by early June.

City Manager Ron Holland

said that he would recommend trying for a five-year payoff structure, which would save the city over \$100,000 in interest.

Holland said that the city would have to look at raising some rates or taxes in order to make the payments on the bond.

It was noted that the city could use funds from its \$280,000

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The Eagle Lake Fire Department works on one of several grass fires in the past few days.

## NEWSBRIEFS

### April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

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

### Garwood Pre-K, Kindergarten registration

Garwood School is registering students for the 2008-2009 Pre-K/Kindergarten classes through April 18. Parents may register their child at the Garwood School office. You must bring the following forms in order to register: immunization record, social security card and certified birth certificate. These documents are required by the Texas Education Agency. If you do not have a copy you must obtain a duplicate. Registering pre-k students must be 4 years old as of Sept. 1, 2008 and registering kindergarten students must be 5 years old as of Sept. 1, 2008. Students must live in the Garwood School attendance zone. If you live out of the Rice CISD attendance zone you must apply for an Out-of-District transfer by May 1, 2008. The Rice School Board will approve or deny transfers. Please call the office at (979) 758-3385 if you have any questions.

### 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 your child's weight when you come to the event. This event is open to all individuals. For further information, please contact the Colorado County Extension Office at 979-732-2530.

### Western extravaganza is Saturday

Dust off your boots and hat for Saturday, April 19 and plan to attend the western extravaganza. Kick off at 10 a.m. with a trail ride beginning in Elm Grove. The ride ends at the corner of Lake Ave. and Hwy. 90. BBQ and drinks will be sold. Round up the gang for an all out jamboree at 8 p.m. at the Community Center. ID required. Western wear preferred but not required. For more information call 832-771-6798 or 979-533-4253.

### Quilt show to be held April 19-20

The public is invited to the second annual Heritage Quilt Show. The show will be held April 19 and 20, 2008 at the Stafford House in Columbus. The quilt show will be open to the public 10 AM to 3 PM each day. There is no charge to view the quilts. The quilt show is sponsored by the Creative Homemaking Department of the Colorado County Fair and the Colorado County Extension Education Association. For more information, please call Deneice Smith or Beverly Tuck

### Announcing Narcotics Anonymous

If you have a drug or alcohol problem or think you might have one and you want to stop, then Narcotics Anonymous is the solution! Every Wednesday, night from night from 8 to 9 p.m. beginning April 2 in Columbus. For more information and location, please call (713) 858-5162.

### RHS Reunion slated

The Rice High School (RHS) classes of 2001, 2002 and 2003 are planning a High School Reunion on Saturday, May 10 in Eagle Lake. If you are interested in attending please contact Meagan Staff at meagan\_marie@hotmail.com (979-450-1803), Kinsey Hoffman at kinseyhoffman@yahoo.com (979-758-4891), Erin Gold at erin\_lg@hotmail.com, or Jenna Hoffman at jenna1288@yahoo.com (758-4718) to find out more information and details. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Aggie Muster is April 21

The Colorado County A&M Club will hold Muster on Monday, April 21 at the Stafford Opera House in Columbus. Social is at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30. Dress attire is casual. RSVP by calling Steven Meinecke at 979-758-4198 after 4 p.m. sdm@hotmail.com or Lisa McNutt at 979-732-2332(work) or 732-2515 (home), amcnutt@att.net. Please mark your calendar and pass this information to a fellow Aggie.

### Gospel group coming to UMC

The gospel group, "David's Song" will be performing at Lehrer Memorial United Methodist Church in Garwood on Sunday, April 27 at the 9 a.m. worship service. The public is invited to attend this special service and to enjoy the talents of these Christian vocalists.

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Pictured above are track team members that qualified for the regional meet. Front, from left: Patrick Dota, Luis Samaniego, Josh Williams, and Sarael Valdez. Middle, from left: Carlos Sosa, Nick Jump, Myles Dumont, Corey Farrow, and Sylvester Middleton. Back, from left: Dominique Weeks, Mario Hull, Chris Dorsey, and Nick Salinas. The regional meet is April 25 and 26 in San Marcos.



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