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Commissioners Vote Against Property Purchase

Colorado County commissioners, meeting Monday, voted to reject an option to purchase property located at 1220 Bowie Street for possible use of county offices.

There was little discussion on the vote.

Afterward, Commissioner Herbie Helmcamp, who made the motion, said he felt that the commissioners needed to get a better idea of the size of a possible annex that might be constructed across the street from the courthouse.

Commissioners in April had approved entering into an agreement, giving the county an option to purchase the Bowie Street property, a former medical clinic, for \$245,000.

The building contains about 4,800 square feet.

Last week, commissioners had discussed trimming the size of a possible \$5.6 million annex for county offices and added two commissioners to a committee studying the annex.

"I think there is too much up in the air right now," Helmcamp said of the purchase of the Bowie Street property.

Commissioners also voted to delay for two weeks a decision on the construction method to be used for courthouse repairs, including the roof.

County Judge Al Jamison said he favored a method called a construction manager at-risk.

He said by using that method, the construction manager assumes the risk that a subcontractor does not perform.

Commissioner Doug Wessels said he favored seeking competitive bids, but a motion to do that failed for lack of a second.

Helmcamp said he would like to delay action on the matter for two weeks and that motion carried.

In other action, commissioners:

--Approved a resolution proclaiming May as "Older Texans Month."

--Approved a resolution proclaiming May 12-17 as "National Police Week."

--Tabled action on a contract, with a company to scan and index documents in the county clerk's office.

--Approved an application by Robert Besetsny for a limited land division on a 162-acre tract of land in Precinct 1.

--Approved an agreement to use the Travis County Medical Examiner and Central Texas Autopsy to provide autopsies for the county.

--Approved an agreement allowing the housing of juvenile offenders from Colorado County in Fort Bend County.

--Authorized advertising for fuel.

--Approved bore under County Road 103 in Precinct 4.

--Heard from Commissioner Darrell Gertson that he had complaints about motorists ignoring a stop sign at County Road 101 and Potter Ranch Road



Taylor Cook and Hillary Johnson were named Male and Female Athletes of The Year for Rice High School at the Annual Sports Banquet held on Monday night. They are pictured with Rice Athletic Director Brad Dumont. See pages 6-9 for more pictures.

NEWSBRIEFS

Garwood emergency number changed

The local emergency number for the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) and ambulance will no longer be available. Starting June 16 you will no longer be able to reach the GVFD and ambulance by dialing 758-3500. All emergencies should be reported by dialing 911.

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.

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 8 to 9 p.m. in Columbus. For more information and location, please call (713) 858-5162.

Raider physicals to be held Thursday

Physicals for incoming 7th, 9th, and 11th graders will be at the high school starting at 5pm on Thursday May 15.

Farmers Market to be open May 15

The Eagle Lake Farmer's market is happy to open for the season on Thursday, May 15. They will be open every Thursday from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the community center pavilion. Gardeners and farmers, come share your fresh harvests with the people of the area. Just show up and set up under the pavilion roof. You are welcome if you have a lot to sell, or just a little. If you have questions, contact Randall Spalinger at rwspal@elc.net or call 979-243-4261.

Raider youth football registration is May 17

Raider Youth Football and Cheerleader Registration will be held Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Eagle Lake City Park. Free hamburger/hotdogs/coke. Go Raiders!

Attention Parents!

Rice CISD invites all parents to hear Dr. Rita Pierson at Eagle Lake Junior High on May 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Dr. Pierson is both humorous and informative and provides insight to parents of students of all ages. With 30+ years in education and counseling, she knows students well and will provide encouragement and hints on how to help your students at home. Because you as a parent are an important partner in your student's education, we encourage you to attend and feel sure that you will enjoy this presentation.

GMOBC Senior Choir set for May 17

The Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church (GMOBC) cordially invites you to their Senior Choir Annual held Saturday, May 17 at 6 p.m. Special guest will be St. Stephens Baptist Church pastor Corey Gardner. Please come and celebrate this occasion.

June celebration and parade

The concerned citizens of Colorado County will be holding meetings on the following dates preparing for the annual 19th of June celebration and parade. The meetings will be held at Wesley Chapel Methodist Church, 1003 Columbus Street in Altair. Exe. meetings will begin at 9 a.m. regular meetings to begin at 10 a.m. Dates are as follows: Saturday, May 17, Saturday, May 31 and June 6; June 14 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a memorial candlelight service at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church; June 14 our parade will begin at 2:30 p.m. with honored guest as parade marshals. There will be awards, games, food and fun for all.

Baccalaureate service is May 18

The Eagle Lake Community Baccalaureate service for the Class of 2008 will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday May 18 at First Baptist Church, 527 North Lake in Eagle Lake. The program is being planned by Revs. Joe and Mercy Fling of Living Hope Church. All students of our community who are graduating from high school this year, whether they

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Mayor Re-Elected, Narrowly

In the Eagle Lake Mayor race, Mike Morales won re-election over Councilman Michael Cooper. The vote was 203-189.

In the council race, John Young and Chriss Schuirring won re-election to their two at-large positions. They garnered 277 and 194 votes respectively. Challenger Shirley Compton earned 79 votes.

In the Rice School District election, Joe Lee Perez won re-election to position 7 over challenger GayLynn Thomas. The vote was 271 to 184.

Betty Schuirring was unopposed for re-election in place 6 and gathered 369 votes.

In Weimar, Mayor Bennie Kosler won re-election Saturday over Councilman Jim Fox.

The vote was 183 in favor of Kosler and 133 for Fox.

Also, Kevin Fishbeck won election to the Place 4 council currently occupied by Fox.

Fishbeck had 189 votes and Todd Leppin had 121 votes.

Milton Koller was unopposed in Place 2 and received 266 votes.

In the Weimar School District, Mike Scardino was unopposed for re-election to Place 2 and Irma Rerich was unopposed for Place 1. She replaces Raymond Prihoda, who did not seek re-election.

Prayer Garden Dedicated

By Cindy Klopsteck

"Lord, to you we give this garden and invite our neighbors too; Let it be a little Eden in which all might walk with you." **

You approach the garden entrance and there is the new black iron fence and with it the open gates and locks dangling from them.

It's 8:00 pm on Monday, May 12th, and I'm walking into the Eagle Lake Prayer Garden, located at the corner of Lake and Prairie streets at the First Baptist Church.

I knew the gates would be unlocked. Pastor Collison had

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Three members of the Rice Special Olympic track team participated in the area track meet hosted by Round Rock High School recently. Pictured from left: Coach Sherry Fruge, Lee Fields, Mya Ruiz, Roman Herek. In back are Neal Marsalia and Angie Herek.

There were over fifteen hundred athletes representing thirty-three teams participating this year. Coach Pustejovsky and Coach Fruge are proud to announce the results: Roman Herek won gold in the 25M Walk race and silver in the Softball throw. Lee Fields won gold in the Shot Put and 4th in the 50M Dash. Mya Ruiz won gold in the Softball throw and silver in the 25M Wheelchair race.

We would like to thank the following volunteers and families for help and support: Angie Herek, Becky Almanza, Molly Valdez, Neal Marsalia and Sandra Miller. Go Rice Raiders! Submitted by Sherry Fruge and Judy Pustejovsky.



Pictured above is a demonstration of cutting a car open by the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department.