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County Judge Fills City In On Juvenile Facility

The Eagle Lake City Council heard a report from County Judge Al Jamison about the reopening of the Juvenile Facility during their meeting July 8.

"I bring good tidings of great joy," Jamison said.

Jamison advised council that Youth Services International would reopen the facility in the next few months after spending about \$400,000 to renovate it.

He said that the city would be getting funds for a police officer

and half of a new car out of the deal.

He also advised that the facility, at full capacity, would employ upward of 100 people.

He said that the facility, with a capacity of 170 youths, would handle juveniles for the Texas Youth Commission, and would likely be all male. He also advised that they could come from anywhere in the state, but likely many would be from the Houston area.

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County Approves Raises, Repair Dollars

Colorado County commissioners, meeting Monday, approved \$5 million in certificates of obligation for repairs to the courthouse, a new office annex and roads.

They also approved pay raises of a maximum of seven percent for employees and elected officials.

They also heard reservations expressed about a four-day work-week under consideration by some courthouse officials.

Commissioners authorized issuing \$5 million in certificates of obligation to finance \$2 million in courthouse repairs, \$2 million for a new office annex and \$1 million for road improvements.

The certificates are for 20 years and have an interest rate of 3.92 percent. Commissioners were told that was less than the overall market, which is about

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NEWSBRIEFS

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.

Farmer's market extending hours

The Eagle Lake farmers' market is extending its open hours. Beginning July 17, it will be open on Thursdays from 4-6:30 p.m. at the community center pavilion. Come to the market to sell and buy locally grown food. For information, contact Randall Spalinger at rwsal@elc.net or 979-243-4261.

RMC offering safe sitter class

Rice Medical Center (RMC) will be offering a Safe Sitter class in August. Safe Sitter is a nationally recognized program that teaches sitters how to have fun with children, recognize a medical emergency and know the appropriate action to take, how to handle specific ages, injury prevention techniques, safety for the sitter and the children, care of the choking child, preventing problem behavior and the business of babysitting. The program is designed for boys and girls ages 11 to 13. Please call Vicky Pavlu or Shara Sunderman at (979) 234-5571 by Friday, July 18th to register your child.

E.H. Henry to hold meeting

E.H. Henry alumni and ex-students will have a meeting on Thursday, July 17 at 6 p.m. at White Cloud Baptist Church.

"Hearts of Grace" in Garwood Sunday

The Lehrer Memorial United Methodist Church in Garwood would like to invite everyone to a service of praise and worship on Sunday, July 20. "Hearts of Grace", a Southern Gospel trio, will be performing during the 9 a.m. worship service. All are welcome and encouraged to share in this experience.

Dance in Industry on Sunday

The Top Cat Dance Club will sponsor a public dance on Sunday, July 20, at the Fireman's Hall in Industry, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. The door will open at 2 p.m. Music will be provided by Donnie Wavra. The club's membership drive is underway. Walk-in guests are always welcome. Plan to attend and enjoy an afternoon of dancing, fellowship, and fun.

Coaches Vs. Kids Game

A coaches vs. kids game will be held Wednesday, July 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Little League Field. Bring grandpa, grandma and kids to watch the closing of another great little league season!

Football camp to be held

The Little Raiders football camp will be held July 21-July 23 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Elementary School football field. Grades 1st-8th (08-09 school year). Camp performed by Rice CISD football staff. Cost per participant is \$10 each. Registration starts Monday, July 21 from 8 to 9 a.m. For more information call Brian Wiese at 234-3331 or Brad Dumont at 361-772-6995.

Mission workshop is July 26

Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 709 N. Lake Ave. will hold their annual mission workshop on Saturday, July 26 starting at 9 a.m. The theme will be "Jesus will Judge the World". Mission annual day is July 27 at 3 p.m. Theme: "In the Blood of the Lamb". The public is invited to attend.

Old Skool appreciation day

Old Skool Organization has "Appreciation Day" set for Saturday, July 26 at the E.H. Henry Park. Come and help celebrate with the kids. There will be FREE food and drinks!! For more information please call Kevin Earls at 979-257-7489 or Jerome McAfee at 979-531-9070.

Country festival is Aug. 3

The Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Frelsburg will hold their country festival on Sunday, Aug. 3 starting with Holy Mass at 8:15 a.m. Hang around for the fried fish meal with all the trimmings at 11 a.m. Enjoy bingo from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the auction at 1. There will also be a country store, grocery walk, silent auction, cake walk, children's games, bouncin' buddies, horseshoe pitching, snow cones, dunking stand and plant walk. Music during the day by Douglas Polasek and

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Dump Truck Takes Out Power Lines

Monday at about 1 p.m. an 18-Wheeler took out power lines near Taco Tony's Restaurant.

Eagle Lake Police Chief Bill Lattimore said that the accident was investigated by The Texas Department Of Public Safety, since it occurred just outside the city limits.

As of press time, the accident report had not been filed with the DPS Office.

Lattimore did advise that Eagle Lake Police Officer John Williams responded to the scene and said that the truck was apparently driving with the dump bucket upright when it struck an overhead power line causing a utility pole to break in half.

He also said that the power lines going to Taco Tony's were ripped from the building and power lines for a good distance came down.

Lattimore also said that it was his understanding that the accident also blew out three transformers along the lines.

Lattimore said that Williams was not sure whether or not the driver knew the bucket on the truck was up.

Fish Deaths Deemed Natural

Lower Colorado River Authority Biologist John Wedig said that the dying fish in Eagle Lake were from natural phenomena.

He indicated during a phone interview last week that the deaths were not man-induced.

He said that a combination of factors had contributed to the deaths of several thousand fish in the lake.

He said that the high temperatures and overabundance of green algae created large swings in oxygen levels throughout the day.

"The algae creates oxygen during the day, but uses it at night," he said.

Wedig indicated that the deaths were most likely occurring during the night when the algae deplete the oxygen levels.

He also said that fish overpopulation contributed to the problem.

Wedig said that most of the fish dying were shad, carp and some catfish.

He said that based on their



Pictured above are participants in the Red Cross swimming lessons held recently.



Pictured above are medal and ribbon winners from the recent swim meet. From left: Paige Vandermark, Allyssa Young, Victoria Alvarado, Keshie Perez, and Logan Young. Not pictured are Hannah Emmons and Gabby Ecuero who placed second on the Medley Relay Team.

Gator Swimmers Qualify For Regional

The Gator Swim Team traveled to Rosenberg for their last swim meet of the season. We have five that came home with ribbons or medals and they were to go on to Regionals last Saturday in Texas City.

The Gator swim team had an awesome season and we also have a great bunch of kids. The fabulous five that came home with ribbons or medals are Paige Vandermark 4th in medley relay, and 8th in the breaststroke, Allyssa Young 2nd

in the medley relay, and 8th in the butterfly, Victoria Alvarado 4th in the medley relay, Keshie Perez 2nd in the medley relay, and Logan Young 3rd in the 200 freestyle, 4th in the 50 backstroke, and 8th in the breaststroke.

Great job girls and guy, we are so proud of you and all our swimmers who competed on Saturday. Good luck at regionals.

We would also like to thank our sponsors again, Judy Pustejovsky, First National Bank of Eagle Lake, Colorado County Rice Mill,

Inc., The Baumgart Agencies, Eagle Lake insurance Associates, Inc., Golden Goose Designs, John B. Myers, DDS., Rice Industries, City of Eagle Lake, Johnny's Sport Shop, Eagle Tree, Lawn & Landscape, Lake Lumber Co., Inc., Jeff Frnka, Ralph Truly, Wallis State Bank. We would also like to think our awesome coach Cortney Riedel and lets not forget our parents our biggest fans. We would also like to thank everyone who bought cookie dough from the Gator swim team.