



Sara Nelson of Eagle Lake recently returned from Balama, Mozambique, after spending three months working with Orphans Unlimited, Inc. The public is invited to hear Sara's report of the work she did there. Sara will present the program at United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake on Sunday, July 27 at 7 p.m. and Lehrer Memorial United Methodist Church in Garwood on Monday, July 28 at 7 p.m.



Pictured above are members of the Gator Swim Team that qualified for the state meet July 27 in San Antonio. From left to right: Allyssa Young, Jennifer Rodgers, Hannah Emmons, and Gabriella Ecuier.

Gator Swimmers Make State

Gator swimmers Gabriella Ecuier, Hannah Emmons, Jennifer Rodgers and Allyssa Young are set to swim at state in San Antonio on Sunday, July 27 at Palo Alto College after qualifying in the 200-yard medley relay at the TAAF Regional Meet in Texas City on Saturday, July 12.

These 4 athletes will be a part of the 10,000 athletes expected to compete in the 2008 Tesoro TAAF

Games of Texas, July 24-27! The TAAF Games of Texas include archery, badminton, baseball, bowling, boxing, disc golf, fencing, golf, gymnastics, life-guard competition, racquetball, sand volleyball, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, and wiffleball.

At the Opening Ceremony on Friday, July 25 a local rhythm group Samba Vida will lead the

parade of athletes onto the field at Wolf Stadium.

Presenters include Olympic gold medalist Josh Davis and TAAF and San Antonio officials.

Entertainment will be provided by the Radio Disney performance troupe.

TAAF athletes of the year will light the official 2008 Tesoro TAAF Games of Texas cauldron and the evening will end with a fireworks display.

Tax Rate

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years and have an interest rate of 3.92 percent. Commissioners were told that was less than the overall market, which is about 4.96 percent.

With the lower rate, commissioners were told the county will save about \$23,000 in interest payments.

They also approved seeing bids for the roof repair.

Meeting on July 16, director of the water conservation district approved a budget for 2008, totaling \$138,000.

The district is in the process of accepting applications for an executive director to run the day-to-day operations of the district.

During their meeting, the board also discussed getting information to establish a data base for water well levels in the county.

They also noted the Texas Water Development Board has issued a lengthy strategic plan on water development for the future.

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EAGLE LAKE WEATHER REPORT

Information Courtesy of Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Experiment Station, Eagle Lake

Date	Temp (H/L)	Rainfall(in.)
Mon. 7-14-08	100/75	0.00
Tue. 7-15-08	96/75	0.00
Wed. 7-16-08	96/73	0.00
Thu. 7-17-08	97/72	0.00
Fri. 7-18-08	96/70	0.00
Sat. 7-19-08	97/72	0.00
Sun. 7-20-08	98/73	0.00

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Colorado County Courthouse Report

Two Suits Filed In District Court

One suit was filed in Colorado County District Court recently.

On July 11, Franklin Credit Management Corp. filed suit in a dispute over payment of a \$20,000 promissory note. The suit claims that there has been a default on the payment on the note.

On July 18, Starbrite Electric Inc. filed suit against Gregory Smith in a dispute over payment on an account. The suit says that \$14,176 is in dispute.

Divorce Filed

Freddie Lee McGrew and Eva Gayle McGrew, July 18.

Divorces Granted

Gilbert Lopez Ruiz and Cynthia Ann Ruiz, July 21.

Lawanda Lynn Velasquez and Mike Santiago, July 21.

Board Discusses Dress Code

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The board also discussed length of skirts and shorts.

The code presented to the board for review stated that skirts and shorts had to be to the knee cap. Superintendent Michael Lanier said that this was recommended by the high school administration, but they would follow whatever the board asked them to do.

Board members expressed concern that there would be a large number of complaints if this

were left in.

Lanier advised that in previous years that length was mid-thigh.

"Mid-thigh is not unreasonable to me," Board Vice President Vivian Spanihel said. "I appreciate what they [the administration] are trying to do, but that is maybe taking it a bit far to go to the knee," she added.

Other board members expressed the fact that it might be difficult to find shorts for girls that would adhere to that standard.

The board indicated that they wanted the regulation changed to mid-thigh, and Lanier said that the change could be handled administratively.

In other action: Approved a resolution naming Douglas Beal of the Eagle Lake Headlight and Jacob Truchard of the Colorado County Citizen to the Texas Association of School Boards' annual media honor roll.

Spanihel presented each with a plaque and thanked them for

their contributions.

See more on the media honor roll on page 2.

The board approved lunch prices for the year. The prices will remain the same as last year.

Approved bids from Blue Bell and Walker Produce for ice cream and produce for the coming year. They were the only bids submitted for these items.

Approved the student code of conduct for the coming year. There were no changes from last year.

Approved board operating procedures.

Acknowledged the donation of a scoreboard for the softball field. First National Bank and Colorado County Rice Mill shared the cost of the \$7,000 score board as well as another \$1,000 in materials for installation. School staff will handle the installation.

Grand Jury Indicts Eleven

Eleven indictments were returned by the Colorado County grand jury, meeting on July 17.

Two of the indictments were sealed, pending the arrest.

Those indicted included: --Jose R. Cantu, 27, of Houston, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle on May 2.

--Monika L. Herrera, 29, of Houston, possession of a controlled substance, less than a gram of cocaine, on June 8.

--Steven R. Kilpatrick, 46, of Columbus, possession of a controlled substance, June 1, less than a gram of cocaine and tampering with evidence on June 12.

--Mariano R. Mendoza, 45, of Eagle Lake, assault causing bodily injury to a family member, June 15.

--Daniel Molina, 19, of Columbus, possession of marijuana in a correctional facility on June 7.

--Mark A. Noska, 23, of Columbus, possession of less than a gram of cocaine in a correctional facility, June 23.

--Sara R. Parker, 26, of Trinity, forgery on April 24, 2007.

--Rogue A. Rodriguez, 47, of Brookshire, felony DWI on June 7.

--Salvador P. Rodriguez, 26, of Eagle Lake, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, June 28.

Shooting

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two for at least a month.

He also indicated that alcohol may have been a factor in the shooting, as there were a number of beer cans at the scene.

He said that they believe Becerra has likely fled the country.

Aguanda was released from the hospital on Tuesday, July 22.

NEWSBRIEFS

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Conference to be held Aug. 16

The 20th Century Association ministers and wives. Deacons and wives conference presents Leadership Conference 2008, Aug. 16 at 10 a.m. at White Cloud Baptist Church. Theme: "Coming Together for the Betterment of Leadership" Ephesians 4:11-16. Guest speaker will be Rev. S.D. Silverand of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Hitchcock.

PTO to sponsor HB supper

The Eagle Lake Elementary School PTO will hold a brown bag hamburger supper on Thursday, August 21 at 5:30 p.m. in conjunction with Meet the teacher Night. Tickets are \$5 each. All proceeds benefit the Eagle Lake Elementary School PTO.

Fair catalogs now available

The Colorado County Fair's Creative Homemaking Department 2008 catalog is available. Catalogs may be picked up at the Silver Barn, Colorado County AgriLife Extension, Silly Stamper in Columbus, Hill Bank and Trust, The Collection and Weimar City Hall in Weimar, First National Bank in Eagle Lake, Sand Creek Drive In at Sandy Creek, Heinsohn's Country Store in Frelsburg, Schulz Grocery in New Ulm, Larry's Super Service in Garwood, and Nada Grocery in Nada. The catalog is online at www.columbus.texas.org or colorado-co.tamu.edu (newsletter tab). For more information call the Extension office at 979-732-2530 or Homemaking Department chairman Beverly Tuck at 979-732-7277.

Class of 1988 to hold reunion

The Rice High School Class of 1988 has scheduled their reunion for Oct. 4. Please email Leslie Sunderman at ricehighschoolclassof1988@yahoo.com to give her your contact information. Help spread the word.

EAGLE LAKE Fireworks Display

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Next Fireworks Display ... Dec. 31st