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Construction in Altair on the new Junior High Facility is progressing. With the foundation work done, the skeleton of the structure is taking shape. The school is scheduled for completion July 2009, in time for the 2009-2010 school year.

City Looks To Crack Down On Loose Dogs

Who let the dogs out?
Or rather, who would let their dogs run loose? This was a question asked during the last city council meeting on July 22.
Council had a lengthy discussion on the matter, with one of the main issues being how to catch the dogs. Using a dart gun to sedate them was high on the list.
Concerned citizens have brought the issue up with city council again.
"This has been a consistent
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County Proposing \$13.6 Million Budget

Colorado County commissioners, meeting on Monday, were given updated figures by county auditor Raymie Kana on a proposed \$13.6 million budget for 2009.
To fund the budget, Kana is projecting a tax rate of 44 cents
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County Considering Officials Longevity Pay

Because longevity pay is proposed for elected Colorado County officials for the first time, overall pay increases for elected officials will increase this year from 5.7 percent to 26 percent.
Commissioners are scheduled to approve the salaries at their
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NEWSBRIEFS

Band to hold bake sale Friday

The Rice Bands will be holding a bake sale Friday, Aug. 1 at First National Bank and Wallis State Bank in Eagle Lake from 4 - 6 p.m. Profits from this event will help the RHS band go to Orlando, Florida in 2009 and will also help junior high students in future trips.

Plaza to hold open auditions

The Wharton Plaza Theatre on the Square will hold open auditions for the first production in its 2008-2009 season, John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*, Aug. 18 and 20 at 6 p.m. at the theater. Director Janice McDonald seeks a multi-racial cast of nine men and one woman able to play ages 20 through 60+. For more information and character descriptions, please visit www.whartonplazatheatre.org. Performances are October 17-26.

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.

Senior citizen's dance is Friday

A senior citizen's dance will be held Friday, Aug. 1 at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 8-11 p.m. The Lazy Farmers will provide the music. For more information call 979-234-2903.

Sealy Dance Club to hold dance Saturday

Sealy Dance Club will be hosting a public dance Saturday, August 2, at the American Legion Hall in Sealy. Dance time is 7:30 to 11:30. Music will be provided by "The Music Masters". The theme for this dance is "Cotton Picking Times". Overalls and bonnets welcome, we will relive the cotton picking days. Every dance is a big party and fun time. Free cake, coffee, sandwiches, chips, dips, and door prizes. The public is invited. For more information call 979-885-3489. The Sealy Dance Club is a non-profit club.

CDA services through Aug. 3

The 20th Century District Association will hold services through Aug. 3 at the Camp Zion Rising Star Baptist Church where Rev. C. Owens, is pastor. All churches are asked to please make ready to attend.

Country festival is Sunday

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 a free dance from 4 to 8 p.m. with music by the Red Ravens.

Photography club organizing

There will be an organizational meeting held on Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Nesbitt Memorial Library in Columbus to determine interest in forming a "photography club" for Colorado County and surrounding areas. All persons interested in photography are invited to attend. This is open to pros, amateurs and folks who still have their cameras in the box!! We will explore having regular monthly meetings with guest speakers, Q&A sessions, photo challenges and workshops on various aspects of photography. Both film and digital will be discussed and we are looking for input from those interested on topics and activities. Bring your camera and a favorite picture.

Laws and Regulation CEU program

The Colorado County Extension Office will be hosting a 2-hour Laws and Regulation CEU program on Thursday August 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Colorado County Ag Building Conference Room. The guest speaker for that evening will be our Texas Department of Agriculture inspector Melissa Barton. Who will talk about Laws and Regulation in regards to a private applicator certificate or license. Look forward to seeing you there.

WCBC Musical and celebration starts Aug. 8

White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) invites the public to a musical Saturday, Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. On Sunday, Aug. 10 join WCBC for their annual ministers, deacons and wives conference at 4 p.m. Guest speaker
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Rice Football Practice Starts Aug. 4

The Rice Raider Football team will begin getting ready to defend their Region IV football crown Monday August 4. The Raiders will begin their two a day workouts Monday Aug. 4 thru Thursday Aug. 7, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The following weeks will switch to the afternoon starting at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come out and watch.

The Raiders are Dave Campbell's Football Magazine pick to not only defend their District Championship but to defend the Region IV Championship as well. "That's all great, but we have a lot of holes to fill," stated Coach Brad Dumont. "We have some young talent that will have to step up quickly if we are to go that far," Dumont added.

The Team Captains this year will carry a big load for the Raiders. They are: Seniors Ziggy Foster, Tanner Williams, Nick Duarte, Marquis Toliver, Trent Popp and Dewey Pettus.

"These guys have an eight year playoff streak on the line that is the longest in the area and have some big shoes to fill," Coach Dumont added.

All athletes are to check the bus schedule in last week's paper and if you haven't received your letter from Coach Dumont please call the Athletic Department.

Buses start running one hour before practice each day.

Gators Place Third In State

Gabriella Ecuier, Hannah Emmons, Jennifer Rodgers, and Allyssa Young placed 3rd place in the 200 medley relay at the state meet in San Antonio this past weekend.

The girls qualified for the 2009 State Games of America, which will be held in Colorado Springs, CO on July 30 - August 2, 2009. The State Games Of America is the premier, national multi-sport event for athletes of all ages and abilities.

Medal winners from 37 States Games earn the right to compete and match their skills in America's largest national sports festival. Way to go girls we are so proud of you.

Man Runs From Cops, Busted For Cocaine

An Eagle Lake man, 32-year old Anthony Michael Barrios, was charged with felony cocaine and marijuana possession as well as other charges following a traffic stop.

It all started with a traffic stop on July 25 around 10 p.m. in which Barrios fled police on foot, and was allegedly found to be in possession of 16 grams of cocaine

and a small amount of marijuana. Barrios was charged with possession of a controlled substance, evading arrest, resisting arrest, and possession of marijuana in that incident.

According to Eagle Lake Police Chief Bill Lattimore, Barrios was pulled over in the 500 block of East "A" Street for a traffic violation, and fled his vehicle on

foot from Sheriff's Deputy Randy Thumann.

After catching up with Barrios, Lattimore said the officer struggled with Barrios until Eagle Lake Officer John Williams used his tazer on Barrios to subdue him.

Police said substances believed to be cocaine and marijuana were
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Work continues on Norris Street, where the sewer main is being replaced down the length of the street. The work is being completed as part of a community development block grant.



Pictured above, from left are: Gabriella Ecuier, Hannah Emmons, Jennifer Rodgers, and Allyssa Young. They placed 3rd place in the 200 medley relay at the state meet in San Antonio this past weekend.