

Rachel Korenek passes the ball as Kristyna Lobjeries, right, looks on.



Mario Hull looks for room to run after catching a pass on Friday night.



Machelsea Thomas passes the ball as Kayli Kallina backs her up.



Pictured above is the freshly painted Prairie Edge Museum.

Prairie Edge Gets New Paint Job

Prairie Edge Museum committed itself to a massive renovation campaign four years ago. Members of the Board of Trustees surveyed the building as it existed in 2004 and realized that repairs must be made.

The Trustees held a series of fundraisers, including fried chicken dinners, Museum Cookbook sales, and children's theatre performances.

A generous matching grant from the Wintermann Foundation made the current project possible.

Citizens have noticed the exterior paint changes and commented on them. A committee from the Museum chose the paint scheme and Morales Construction Company of Eagle Lake

Painted the building sandy beige with deep forest green trim. Morales also painted the pipe and chain perimeters.

Staff and volunteers switched the inner-opening doors to outer-opening, in compliance with the

ADA code.

Other changes are taking place daily inside the building. Completion of all renovation-repairs is expected this autumn, at which time the Museum will have an open house.

Two Water Board Races Contested

There will be two contested elections Nov. 4 for directors of the new Colorado County Ground-water Conservation District.

One of the contested elections is for the Place 2, Precinct 2, position which covers the Weimar area.

The incumbent Thomas Hudec filed for election and will face Donald W. Hoenighaus.

The other contested election is the Place 3, Precinct 3 position. The incumbent, Mike Wostarek chose not to seek re-election.

Three individuals filed as candidates to replace him. They include: C.W. Wendt, Tom Yates and Whyman Psencik.

Three incumbents on the ballot are unopposed.

They include:
--Betty Schiurring, Place 1, Precinct 1.

--Marian Schonenberg, Place 5, Columbus, at-large.

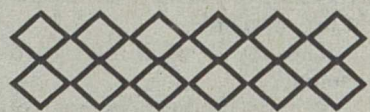
--Scott Brasher, Place 7, Weimar, at-large.

Drawing for positions on the ballot took place Aug. 26.

All of the elections are for four-year terms except for Place 2 in Precinct 2, which is for an unexpired term that ends in 2010.

Meanwhile, the district has scheduled a public hearing for Thursday, Sept. 4, at 6:30 p.m. at Columbus City Hall on the proposed budget and tax rate for 2009.

The proposed budget is \$331,509 for 2009 and a tax rate of 2 cents per \$100 valuation is proposed to fund the budget.



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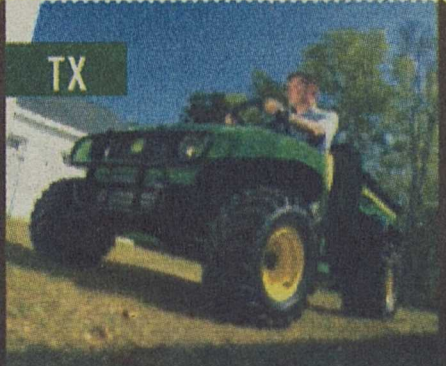
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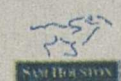
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