

Museum Gets Bathroom Upgrade

The Prairie Edge Museum is engaged in an extensive repair-removal of its building, built in 1926.

A major need is to bring the building up to code, both electrically and to meet Americans with Disability Act requirements. A particular need was to upgrade

the restrooms

All three restrooms were completely gutted and rebuilt. The formerly raised floors were removed and modern tile floors installed.

One restroom was enlarged and set aside for handicapped accessibility.

New plumbing fixtures were

installed in all restrooms and additional lighting was added.

Morales Construction Company of Eagle Lake did all the plumbing, carpentry, and tile work.

Ted Brunner, long time Museum Board member and patron of the Museum recently visited the new facilities. "This is really

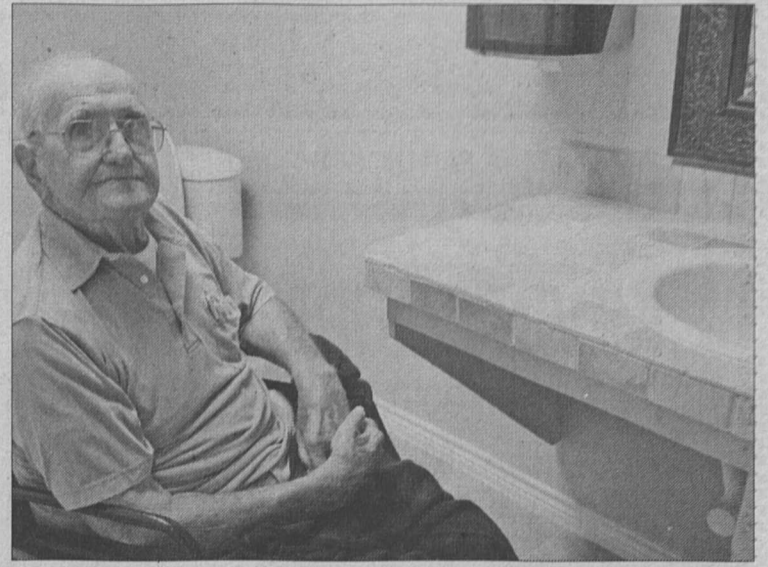
great, so bright and clean," said Brunner.

A generous grant from the David and Eula Wintermann Foundation made this work possible.

Even though the work is not completed, we invite everyone to visit the Museum soon and see the work in progress.

Guests will see that not all has changed. Although many new artifacts have been added, the old favorites are still on display.

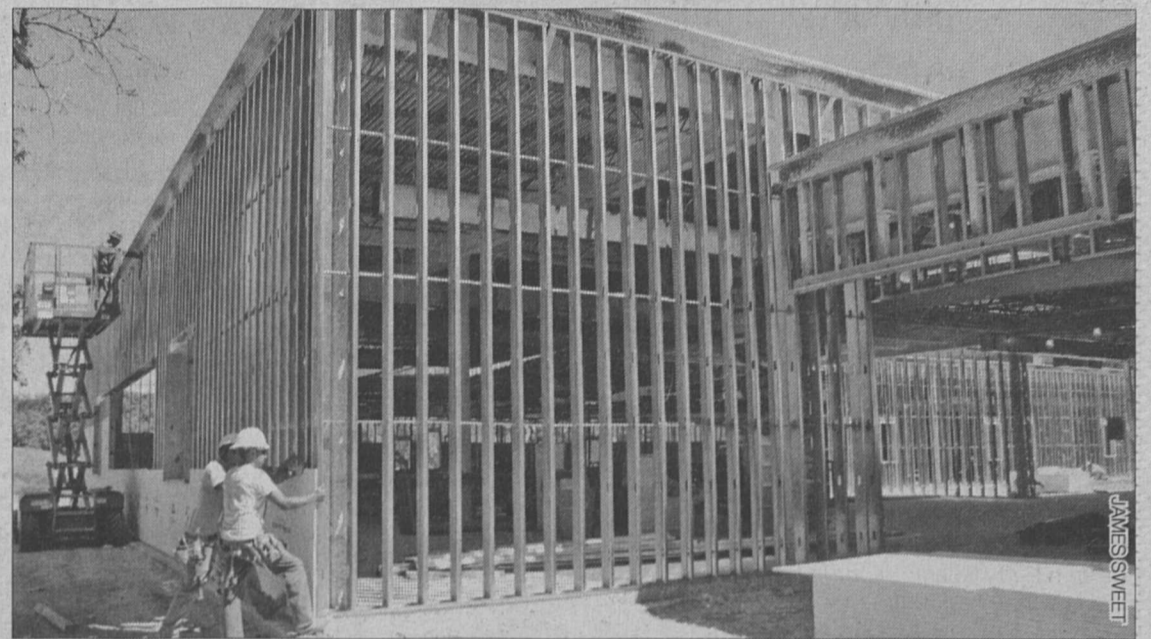
Visiting hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.



Ted Brunner checks out the bathroom renovations at the Prairie Edge Museum.



Top: The property at 816 East "C" Street before demolition by the city. Bottom: The same property after demolition is complete and the debris cleared.



Work continues to progress on the new school in Altair.

County Fair September 11-14

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rado County Ag Complex and Fairgrounds, Highway 71 North Bypass

Crowning of Membership Queen, 8:45 p.m., Main Entertainment Stage

Johns Guns from 8 p.m. to midnight

Friday Sept. 12

CPRA Rodeo at 8 p.m.
Bart Crow Band at 8:30 p.m.
Charlie Robison at 10:30 p.m.

Saturday Sept. 13

Fair Parade, 10 a.m., Downtown Columbus
Antique Tractor Pull, 11 a.m., Fairgrounds

Junior Livestock Sale, 1 p.m., Eddie Orange Livestock Pavilion
CPRA Rodeo and Calf Scramble, 7:30 p.m., Tim Strunk Arena

John Conlee and Little Texas, 9 p.m., Main Entertainment Stage

Katelyn & Christopher Hobaugh -- 7 p.m.
Southbound 955 from 8 p.m. and midnight

John Conlee at 9 p.m.

Little Texas at 10:30 p.m.

Sunday Sept. 14

Cowboy Church at 10 a.m.

Pet Show at 3 p.m.

Three Man Band from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Neil Ross Band from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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County Commissioners Approve Budget

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In records preservation, \$120,000 is budgeted for scanning and imaging county clerk and district clerk records.

She also said the budget provides \$50,000 of additional funds to each of the commissioners' budgets for road work.

The auditor said there is \$225,000 in the proposed budget as a contingency in case of emergencies.

In other action, commissioners:

--Agreed to take no action on putting in place a ban on outdoor burning at the present.

--Agreed to seek input from Veterans organizations in the county in naming a new Veterans Service Officer.

--Discussed some problems created by people putting names

on private roads to their residences that are not part of the county road system and may duplicate a name already in use in the road system.

Commissioners noted they have no authority to remove a sign on a road that is completely private, but said county rules do apply if there are three residences on a road, including private roads. They noted the rules are in place to make it easier for ambulances and emergency vehicles to get to a residence.

--Increased sheriff's and constables fees in several areas, beginning on Jan. 1.

They include an increase for service of most citations by \$15 to

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(Bronze Sponsor).

The Silver Barn, a gift shop on the square in Columbus, has agreed to dress this year's tables in addition to being a return retailer in the shopping mall which will be opened Friday night with wine and cheese tastings and the 2 day silent auction. Shopping will continue Saturday for the main event luncheon, live and silent auctions.

The popular "Bluebonnet Brunch for 20" donated by a group of CCWO members each year will once again be listed for live auction. Another popular donation has been received, that being one of Jack Greenwade's hand tooled knives.

The luncheon and festivities surrounding it have become a social event of note. Folks from several counties can get a jump on their Christmas shopping with a great assortment of retailers from throughout central Texas. Over one-half of the booths have already been taken by.

a total of \$90. Citations for justice court will increase by \$20 to \$85. Service of most writs will increase by \$25 to \$200.

--Authorized the sheriff's department to apply for a grant from the Wintermann Foundation for a Firearms Training Simulator to improve training for officers. They also authorized the county to spend \$500 for training involving courthouse security using the simulator.

--Approved a schedule of 13 holidays for the county in 2009, the same as currently in effect.

--Authorized hiring of two part-time employees in the county clerk's office to assist with early voting.

--Designated County Judge Al Jamison and Commissioner Darrell Gertson as the county's representatives to the Houston Galveston Area Council.

NEWSBRIEFS

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Democratic party meeting is Sept. 18

The Colorado County Democratic Party will meet Thursday, Sept. 18 at Party Headquarters 1114 Milam, downtown Columbus on the courthouse square. Social at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. Campaign materials available. All Democrats invited to attend. For further information contact Susan Havelka at 979-732-9048.

Study Club auction is Sept. 20

The Eagle Lake Study Club will hold their auction Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. A fried chicken dinner, sponsored by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. (dine-in or take-out). Tickets are \$8 each. For tickets call the chamber office at 234-2780.

Leadership conference is Sept. 20

20th Century Association Ministers and Wives, Deacon and Wives Conference presents Leadership Conference 2008 Sept. 20 at 10 a.m. at White Cloud Baptist Church in Eagle Lake. Guest speaker will be Rev. S.D. Silverand pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Hitchcock.

Rice CISD to hold ESL classes Sept. 22

The Rice CISD is offering free Adult ESL/Literacy classes beginning Sept. 22, in the Jr. High School computer lab room in Eagle Lake. Classes will be held once a week, on Monday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m. Dr. Vilma Vavrusa, Rice High School (RHS) teacher and Education Specialist in Educational Leadership/Administration, Curriculum & Instruction, Culture, Language, and Literacy, will be the instructor. For more information contact Dr. Vavrusa at RHS, 234-3535.

Nesbitt library to present guitarist

Nesbitt Memorial Library presents a free public performance by acoustic guitarist Dorian Michael, Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. Dorian Michael has played blues and folk, jazz, and rock and roll throughout the U. S. and Canada. He has three solo CDs and four ensemble CDs. The library is at 529 Washington in Columbus, one block southwest of the courthouse. Call 979-732-3392 for more information.

Class of 1988 to hold reunion

The Class of 1988 will hold their reunion at The Tree House in Eagle Lake from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, October 4. If anyone is interested in a family picnic, let me know that info as well! Email Leslie Sunderman at RiceHighSchoolClassof1988@yahoo.com to give her your contact information. Help spread the word.

Community outreach set for Oct. 11

Ashes To Beauty presents, Eagle Lake Community Outreach on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Park. All ages welcome. Free food, music, entertainment, games and prizes. "Changing families, one person at a time." For more information call 234-3002. See you there!

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