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Pictured are prize winners from the Annual Power Unlimited Easter Egg Hunt.

## Egg Hunt Prize Winners Listed

The fifth annual community easter egg hunt was a huge success. Children in the community

were able to take home a total of 18 prizes on Saturday including bikes and other small prizes. Power Unlimited would like

to thank the following businesses and individuals for helping to make this event a huge success: Peggy and Alex Ramirez, Bianca and Renee Torres, Tim and Nina Teague, Jeno Hargrove, Prisca Cantu, Veronica Curry, Elaine Hickey, Joy Peroni, Mrs. Sue Weller, Star Trends, Canaris Nursery and Garden Center, Janik's Meat Market, Rocky Chapel Baptist Church, Dan and Sue Canaris, First National Bank of Eagle Lake, Old Skool Organization and all others who helped to make this event a success.

### 2009 Easter Egg Hunt Winners

1-3 yr hunt: bike winner Jadya Torres, Christopher Avila; small prize, Soraya Mendoza.  
4-5 yr hunt: bike winner, Bryce Wilson, Sarriah Frazier; small prize, Precious Glover, Lilonna Curry.  
6-7 yr hunt: bike winner, Kalista Haydek; small prize, Celebrity Toliver, Kalista Haydek.  
8-9 yr hunt: bike winner, Larcencia Foster, Tavion Johnson, small prize, Tavion Johnson, Jaylen Jones.  
10-12 yr hunt: bike winner, Chaysia Richardson; small prize, Chayenne Davis, Lauren Lathon.

## Commissioners Get EMS Expansion Report

Colorado County commissioners, meeting on Monday, heard a report on activities of the county's Emergency Medical Services Department for the first three months of the year and were told of plans for future expansion.

Patty Nelson, EMS director, and Dr. Donna Campbell, EMS medical director, presented the report.

Nelson noted the department has 48 employees, including four paramedics full time, 12 on shift pay and 28 on hourly pay.

She said a goal of the department is to have 12 full-time paramedics in the next five years.

Nelson noted the department has eight EMS units, four in Columbus and two each in Weimar and Eagle Lake.

She said the department was making a number of internal changes to improve operations and upgrade equipment.

She also said that the department

will be sending a 10-question survey to patients to get feedback on their performance.

--Approved a contract with Volz and Associates to provide architectural services to restore the exterior and interior of the courthouse, excluding the roof and dome, for which there is already a contract.

The contract provides for the architecture fee to be 13.5 percent of the cost of the work.

The cost of the work is estimated at \$6.9 million and the architect's fee at \$934,760.

--Approved a request for use of the courthouse square at noon on May 7 for the National Day of Prayer.

--Approved a request of Mary Stavinoha to use Beason's Park for the Texas Live Oak Festival on May 16. The event is being moved from the courthouse square due to construction work.

--Authorized selling surplus

county property at a public auction on April 25 in La Grange.

--Approved advertising for bids for construction of a bridge on Lutonsky Road at Stein Creek in Precinct 3. The new bridge will replace a wooden bridge at that location, said Commissioner Tommy Hahn.

--Accepted 1.6 miles of road in the Yaupon Creek Estates in Precinct 3.

--Approved naming nine members to a new Airport Advisory Board: Dr. Todd Barfield, Dr. Tom Hancer, Dr. Troy Millican, Madison Smith, Clifford Wensek, Dieter Schunnecht, Jim Whitcomb, Paul Blymeyer and Ron Kariker.

--Agreed to consider later a resolution dealing with the board's bylaws.

--Proclaimed the week of April 12 to 18 as "Public Safety Telecommunications Week."

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Evoritt Blood Drive is today

To our friends of Eagle Lake my brother Jerrald P. Evoritt known as Jerry has been at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston for over 2 months, awaiting a heart transplant. Jerry has already used over 100 units of blood, and by giving blood you save three lives and will also replenish St. Luke's blood bank. Please donate on Thursday, April 16 at 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in front of City Hall in Eagle Lake. Contact Julie Evoritt Gannon at 979-234-3557 or Lynn Ellis at 281-450-6944 to make an appointment. Walk-In's are welcome.

### ELES Pre-K, kinder registration

Eagle Lake Elementary School (ELES) will hold pre-kinder and kinder registration on Thursday, April 16, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the ELES cafeteria. You must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization records. If applying for pre-k, you must provide proof of income to possibly qualify. If you have any questions, please call the ELES office at 979/234-3587.

### Relay for Life April 17-18

The Colorado County Relay for Life will be held on April 17-18th starting at 6 p.m. at the Columbus High School stadium. All survivors are encouraged to attend this event. Survivors will be able to register the evening of starting at 4 p.m. Lots of activities for all ages. Please come out and support the Colorado County Relay for Life. Come visit the campsites of different themes, most campsites will have fundraising going on during the evening. For info please call 979-732-1687 Robin Maertz.

### Gardiner at Thy Word Ministries April 18

Evangelist David Gardiner will be at Thy Word Ministries 1112 Hwy. 90-A West, Sheridan Saturday, April 18 at 2 p.m. Worship, fellowship, personal prayer, BBQ, bring a friend, see you there. For more information call 361-772-0167.

### Aggie muster set for April 21

The Aggie Muster will be held Tuesday, April 21 at the Columbus K.C. Hall (I-10 west). Social at 6:30, dinner around 7:15. Cost is \$20 per person. Tickets for the 2009 season will be drawn and auctioned. Speaker this year will be Volleyball Coach Laurie Corbelli. Contact Steven at sdm929@hotmail.com or Lisa at 979-732-2515 or 732-2332.

### GC Panhellenic Sorority Workshop

If you're a college-bound female, and interested in becoming a member of a University Sorority, please join the Gulf Coast (GC) Panhellenic for their annual Sorority Workshop Saturday, April 25 at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Wharton, 1717 Pioneer Street. This free event includes an educational forum on the most frequently asked questions about the sorority membership and the recruitment process. For more information please call Julie Aaronson 979-532-5554 or Jenness Ousley 532-2313.

### Prom meeting April 22

Prom meeting for Jr. class parents is on Wednesday, April 22 at 6 p.m. in the Rice High School Commons. All junior parents are asked to attend.

### Estate planning workshop is April 23

Attorney Kimberly Hedwood of Hedwood Associates of Houston, who specializes in Elder Law, will present an Estate Planning Essentials Workshop at the Nada Parish Hall on April 23 at 6:30 p.m. This will be a very informative workshop and guidance for your estate planning. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to attend this free workshop. The workshop is sponsored by the Nada KJT Society #34 and the Nada/Garwood Gadabouts.

### WCJC Concert April 23

The Wharton County Junior College Concert Choir will perform on Thursday, April 23 at 7:30PM. The concert will take place at the Horton Foote Theatre, Duson-Hansen Fine Arts Building on Wharton campus. The choir will be singing a variety of great songs. Students with ID are admitted free. Like all the Center for the Arts programs, this will be a very entertaining evening so please plan to come out and enjoy the performance. For more information, call 979-532-6300.

### Crawfish boil is April 25

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus will hold their 6th annual Crawfish Boil on Saturday, April 25 at the Parish of the Nativity Pavilion at 545 S. Austin Road. All-You-Can-Eat Crawfish served from 4 to 8 p.m. Presale tickets are \$20 each. Tickets at the event are \$25. No take out plates. No food or beverages allowed to be brought into the area. Tickets available from Council 4843 members or by calling 281-413-2450 or 979-234-3447.

### Old Skool Casino Trip May 2

The Old Skool Organization will be going to the Coughatta Casino Resort on May 2. The cost is \$20 per person and needs to pay by April 24. Bus will leave B&B grocery in Eagle Lake at 5 p.m. May 2 and will return to Eagle Lake at 9 a.m. May 3. For additional information or to sign up contact Kevin Earls at 979-257-7489 or Sue Ann Scott at 979-332-1168.

## County Fair Tag-Ins Slated

The 2009 Colorado County Fair has been set for Thursday, September 10 through Sunday, September 13.

Tag-ins for individuals planning to exhibit an animal in the 2009 Fair will begin in April.

Market Steers will be tagged, tattooed and weighed on April 18, at the Colorado County Fairgrounds from 8-10 a.m.

A \$5 per steer tag-in will be collected at tag-in. Mike McCowan and Glennon Trojacek are the chairmen of the Steer Committee.

Commercial Heifers will be tagged, tattooed and weighed on Saturday, April 18 at the Colorado County Fairgrounds from 8-10 a.m. A \$5 per heifer tag-in will be collected at tag-in. Heifers must be calf hood vaccinated for Brucellosis prior to tag-in. Larry Hillmer is chairman of this division.

Exhibitor may tag-in four heifers, however, only three will be allowed to show. It is encouraged that heifers be bred at time of show, but cannot calve prior to showing on Friday, September 11, 2009. E.M. Holt is the chairman of this livestock division.

CCF Scramble Heifers will be tagged, tattooed and toothed on Saturday, April 18 from 8-10 a.m. at the Colorado County Fairgrounds. A \$5 tag-in fee will be collected at tag-in.

Heifers must be dehorned and calf hood vaccinated prior to tag-in. Melanie Frank is the chairperson of this division.



### 2009 Raider Golf Team

Kneeling left to right: Travis Kaley-Blue team, Wesly Arrison-Blue team. Middle row left to right: Myles Dumont-Blue team, Carlos Sosa-Blue team, Nick Duarte-Blue team. Back row left to right: Jared Kaster, Mario Hull, Trent Popp, Matt Hernandez.

## Raider Golfers Take Second At District Tournament

The Rice Raider boy's golf teams competed in the District 26AA Golf Tournament held at Stephen F. Austin Golf Course in Sealy on April 13.

The Blue Team consisting of Wesly Arrison, Travis Kaley,

Myles Dumont, Carlos Sosa and Nick Duarte, fired a round of 351 finishing second behind Weimar. The leading scorers for the team were Duarte and Arrison, who fired 83 and 86 respectively.

The White Team consisting of Mario Hull, Matt Hernandez,

Trent Popp and Jared Kaster had a team total of 399.

The Blue Team will be competing in the Region 4 Regional Golf Tournament in San Marcos on April 20 and 21, held at Quail Creek Country Club.

## Habitat Foundations Laid

By Cindy Klopsteck  
In more ways than one, the foundations have been laid for the two Habitat for Humanity houses to be built on Mills St.

The physical presence of two concrete slabs has appeared within the last month, and less tangible but just as evident is the extensive preparation and planning for the construction of the two latest homes to be built locally.

Colorado County Habitat for Humanity has previously constructed only one home at a time for an eligible family who has met all necessary criteria.

Now in 2009, there are three simultaneous constructions, the two on Mills Street and one in Alleyton, the latter started earlier and to be finished before the two Eagle Lake houses.

Wednesdays and Saturdays have been scheduled as workdays for the Mills Street houses. Beginning this April 15, construction begins with the layout/cutting/installing of joists and placing of bathtubs.

Saturday, April 18, framing is to begin. At least two to three vol-

unteers are needed on Wednesday mornings and four to five volunteers on Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., ongoing through April and May.

The men's group with First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake has already been putting in volunteer hours at the Alleyton address and will be assisting with the Mills Street construction.

Volunteers are asked to register upon arrival, sign a required liability release and come prepared to work, with the suggestion of bringing gloves, a hat, closed-toe shoes and sun protection. Both men and women are welcome, and a Saturday lunch is provided. Construction experience is helpful, but not required.

Habitat for Humanity is pleased to announce the two families to be residing at the new houses.

Both are Eagle Lake natives and have family in the city.

Angelia Gonzales and her two daughters, aged 2 and 5, look forward to living at 305 Mills Street. Angelia is an Adult Provider for Texas Home Health and also works as a substitute teacher at

Ken-Tex.

Ana Servantes and her five children, aged 5 - 12, are anticipating moving to their four bedroom home at 307 Mills Street. Ana works at Columbus Community Hospital as a Unit Secretary.

Selected families must be county residents for a minimum of twelve months at the time of application. Need is considered according to the applicant's current housing situation and ability to pay.

Another condition is their willingness to partner in the construction of their home and future Habitat constructions. Referred to as "sweat equity," an admirable requirement of Habitat is for a minimum of 300 hours of manpower to be provided by the family.

They also are required to attend a special homeowner's workshop provided by HFH. All of this gives the family a sense of ownership and accomplishment in seeing - hands-on - the construction of their, in most cases, very first home.

And what does all this provide

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