



Rice School District recently installed a scoreboard at the softball field in Altair using funds donated by Colorado County Rice Mill, Inc. and First National Bank. Pictured front, from left are: Neida Salazar, Cynthia Quinney, Alyssa Krpec, Casey Mayfield, Rachel Korenek. Kneeling, from left: Delilah Gentry, Jordyn Pauswang, Kaydi Gold, Brooke Popp, Lindy Lantelme, Paige Vandermark. Standing, from left: Don Adams and Betty Adams, Colorado County Rice Mill, Inc. of Eagle Lake (Scoreboard Donors), Jaquita Woods, Katlyn Ford, Lauren Shimek, Nicole Drlik, Chelsea Korenek, Carol Mitchell and Ronnie Sedgewick of First National Bank of Eagle Lake (Scoreboard Donors).

County Approves RR Crossing Closures

Colorado County commissioners, meeting on Monday, approved an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to provide funding to close two railroad crossings in Glidden and the west part of Columbus.

The crossings are at County Road 2-104 and Roundhouse Road.

A roadway will be constructed connecting County Road 2-104 north of the railroad tracks to Crossroad Street in the Columbus Community Industrial park.

Also, improvements will be made on Roundhouse Road north of the railroad tracks to its intersection with Texas 71.

The total cost of the two projects is \$565,000.

The state transportation department is providing \$340,000 and the railroad is providing \$225,000.

In other action, commissioners:

—Approved a resolution supporting an advisory board for the Robert R. Wells Jr. Airport.

—Approved using a one-step process for selection of a construction manager, called a construction manager at risk, for renovation and restoration of the courthouse. The construction manager provides pre-construction phase services and serves as the general contractor.

The county is waiting for a possible state grant that will provide much of the funds for the work.

—Approved a salary increase of \$2,000 a year for the courthouse maintenance worker, bringing his salary to \$24,750. County Judge Al Jamison said the salary is within the amount budgeted.

Early Voting Underway For Hospital District

To the Registered Voters of Rice Hospital District of Colorado County, Texas:

Rice Hospital District will be holding an election Saturday, May 9 at the following polling locations: Eagle Lake Community Center, Sheridan Elementary School and Lehrer Interests. The polling places will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

There are five candidates running for four Board Trustee positions. There are Mark Anderson, Sr.; Rebecca Ann Cole Dutcher; Gary Obenhaus; Obie Rhodes and Michael B. Thomas.

Early voting by appearance will be conducted each weekday at Rice Medical Center, Administration Office between the hours of 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. beginning April 27.

A los votantes registrados del Arroz Hospital De Distrito de Colorado, Texas:

Hospital de Distrito de arroz se celebrara eleccion Sabado, 9 de mayo a los siguientes lugares de votacion: Eagle Lake Community Center, la escuela primaria Sheridan y Lehrer Intereses.

Hay cinco candidatos para cuatro Junta de fideicomisario posiciones. Hay Mark Anderson, Sr.; Rebecca Ann Cole Dutcher; Gary Obenhaus; Obie Rhodes y Michael B. Thomas.

La votacion anticipada por se llevara a cabo cada dia de la semana en el Centro Medico de Arroz, la Oficina de Administracion de entre las horas de 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. a partir del 27 de abril.

—Approved relocating the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife office from the sheriff's department to the building that currently houses the Colorado County Farm Bureau at 1117 Travis. The Farm Bureau is moving to a new building in May.

County Auditor Raymie Kana said that the county owns the building on Travis.

Sheriff R.H. (Curly) Wied said the space now occupied by the Parks and Wildlife office is needed

for expansion of equipment for the dispatcher's office.

—Held a workshop with a representative from the Texas Association of Counties on job descriptions, physicals and exit interviews.

—Acknowledged receipt of \$30,279 from the state as the county share of a settlement of a tobacco lawsuit. The money goes into the general fund and offsets money the county spends on health care, Kana said.

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. 04-20-09	78/55	0.00
Tue. 04-21-09	90/58	0.00
Wed. 04-22-09	90/61	0.00
Thu. 04-23-09	83/66	0.00
Fri. 04-24-09	n/o	0.00
Sat. 04-25-09	n/o	0.00
Sun. 04-26-09	83/67	0.06

FAMILY POOL FUN.COM

- Our pools create Generations of Memories everyday, vacations never end!
- Aboveground & Inground pools at WHOLESALE PRICING
- SIMPLE DIY Pool Kit Assembly
- SAVE MONEY on All Pool Supplies & Accessories. Ships Fast

Call Today! 800-250-5502

ATV ROLLOVER

EXPERIENCE COUNTS
Lawyers with over 90 years combined expertise.

All-terrain vehicles can be dangerous and deadly. Some ATVs are not manufactured properly or do not have adequate safety features, which may lead to serious injury or death. If you or a loved one has been injured on an all-terrain vehicle, call us today for professional insight.

Ryan A. Krebs, M.D., J.D.
Doctor-Lawyer in Full-time Law Practice
Richard A. Dodd, L.C.
Timothy R. Cappolino, P.C.
Board Certified Personal Injury Trial Law and Civil Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
NO FEE FOR FIRST VISIT
CAMERON, TEXAS

1-800-460-0606
www.HeadTraumaLaw.com

FREE DIRECTV 4 ROOM SYSTEM!

265+ ALL DIGITAL CHANNELS!
130 HD CHANNELS!
Channel Pkgs. Start \$29.99 / mo

FREE HBO, Showtime & Starz for 3 Months!
Packages Start only \$29.99
FREE DVR/HD
No Start Up Costs!
We're Local Installers!
Toll Free 800-214-7110 DirectStarTV

Go Painlessly™

Mary Ann W. Tom W.

Thera-Gesic
Pain Relieving Cream

Ounce for Ounce – Compare and Save!
The top-quality & top-value pain creme

RED McCOMBS TEXAS LONGHORN SALE

Sat., May 2 • 1 pm
Johnson City

PUBLIC WELCOME

Hwy 281 N. 4.5 miles north of Johnson City at The Ranch
For information and catalogs contact Suzy Thomas, 210-821-6523.

Fund Seizure Nets Police \$125,000

Continued from front page

Eagle Lake Officer John Williams brought his drug dog, Lulu, to the scene.

Lulu alerted on the money, which was found hidden in the air conditioning panels running along the floorboard of the bus.

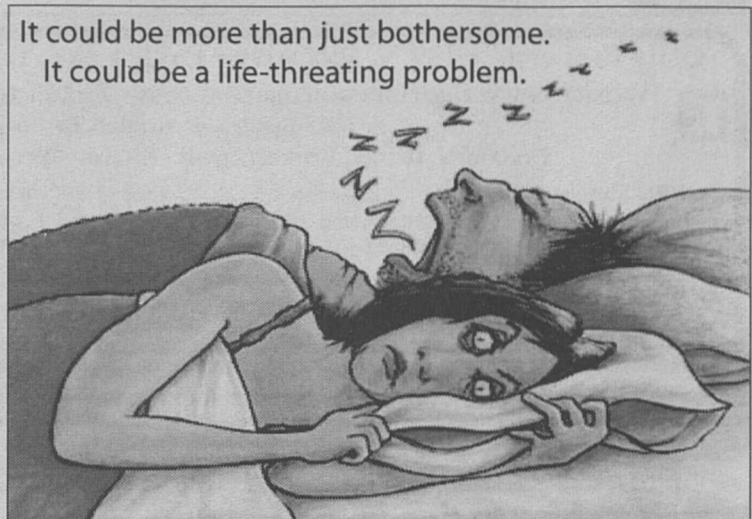
Thirty-four packages of money were wrapped in cellophane, black paper, duct tape and vacuum-sealed plastic and contained a charcoal residue to mask the odor of narcotics.

"Lulu saved the day in this case," said County Attorney Ken Sparks.

"She alerted on the drug money, which usually has an odor from individuals handling the money and the drugs bought with the money," he added.

Sparks explained that the police department is restricted to using the money for law enforcement purposes including officer training, specialized equipment and supplies and items used by officers in direct law enforcement duties.

The prosecutor's office is the official purposes of the prosecutor's office. restricted to using the money for



It could be more than just bothersome. It could be a life-threatening problem.

Talk to your doctor for a referral.

WHARTON SLEEP CENTER

979-532-1700
South Texas Medical Clinics
2100 Regional Medical Drive, Wharton
Comfortable, non-clinical bedroom settings

Not affiliated with Gulf Coast Medical Center

Eagle Lake's MARGARITAVILLE

Join the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce in

MARGARITAVILLE

Saturday, May 2, 2009
4:00 - 10:00 pm
Parish of Nativity Pavilion
S. Austin Road

\$10 Meal Tickets
Dine-In or To-Go 5-8 pm • No Outside Food or Drinks Permitted (Children under 6 eat free)

Beer & Margaritas Sold Separately
Horseshoe Tournament with Prizes at 2 pm

Purchase tickets from the Chamber Office or any Chamber Officer.
979-234-2780
Chamber@elc.net

- BURGERS
- BEER
- MARGARITAS
- MUSIC
- HORSESHOES
- FUN

BEST FOOD IN TEXAS!

Sportsman's

Restaurant & Catering Company

979-234-3071

Feed The Family \$stimulus Package

Fri. 4-6 pm & Sat. 10:30-11:30 am

For \$23⁹⁹ Meal Includes:

- 14 Chicken Tenders
- 4 Servings of Fries
- 4 Brownies
- 1 Gallon of Sweet Tea

Dine-In or Take-Out - No Substitutions
201 Boothe Drive • Eagle Lake