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The Rice High School Auditorium is taking shape in Altair. Construction of the new facilities is due to be completed in July.

Police To Get Three New Cars

The Eagle Lake City Council, during their regular meeting April 28, heard a report from Police Chief W. E. Lattimore on the \$125,000 that the department has received as their share of proceeds from a drug money seizure back in November of 2008.

By law the funds must be used for law enforcement purposes and cannot be used to pay any salaries.

Lattimore detailed his plans for the money in his report to council.

He said that he would be purchasing three new police vehicles for use by officers in the department.

He said he planned on purchasing Crown Victoria vehicles due to their availability and availability of equipment designed to fit that model.

Lattimore indicated that two of the new cars would be used for the main patrol officers and that the other would be used as the car for Lulu, the drug dog, and Officer John Williams, who were integral in the department receiving the funds.

He also said that he would like to get DVD camera systems installed in the new vehicles.

He said that the cars could cost up to about \$30,000 each fully equipped and ready to go.

Lattimore also said that he would purchase a video surveillance system for the police station and that the cost on that would be \$8,000 to \$10,000.

The rest of the money would be saved for use in the future.

Lattimore also indicated that he would not hold the Police Equipment Fund fundraiser dinner this year due to the money seizure.

The city had budgeted \$19,500 for new police vehicles for the year. The plan was originally that

they would start a lease on two vehicles.

Council agreed that this money could be re-allocated and they discussed installation of a glass barrier in the city office where customers come in.

They said that this would cost about \$4,500.

Council approved moving ahead on these projects as well as installing tile in the area where customers stand in the city office.

They also discussed but opted to get more information on replacing a portion of roofing on the community center.

In other council action: -Council heard a report from County Health Officer Dr. Donna Campbell on the swine flu.

She indicated that no suspected cases had been reported in the county at that time.

She also said that people should use common sense practices to lower risk of contracting or transmitting this type of virus such as washing hands thoroughly and cover the mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing. She said basically the same things you would do to prevent getting or spreading any cold or flu.

She indicated that this was not something that people should panic over.

-Council discussed the dangerous building ordinance to see what could be done about dilapidated property. Council was advised that the ordinance was being looked at but that it seemed to be in line with the current laws. Council agreed that they would get in touch with a law firm that handled a suit for them in the past that specializes in property law and see if they had any input.

-Council approved a blood drive in front of city hall on June 12.

NEWSBRIEFS

Attention all photo buffs!!!

The Live Oak Photographic Society will have its' May meeting on Thursday, May 7 at 7 p.m. at the Art Guild of Rural Texas in Fayetteville. All persons interested in photography are invited to attend. Our May Photo Challenge is "Tree" Photos. Bring 2-3 photos of trees to discuss and critique (sorry, NO Live Oaks - too easy!!! LOL;-). Go to www.ACriticalEye.org for more info. PS...We are rescheduling our "photo field trip" to historic Goliad to Saturday, May 23, sign up now!

Chamber has new hours!

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce office hours are Monday thru Friday 2-5:30 p.m. The Chamber now has a posting board for events, items for sale/rent and etc. You may fax, mail, email or drop off any items to be posted during their business hours call 979-234-2780 or email at Chamber@elc.net. Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, 303 East Main St., Eagle Lake, Texas 77434. Items will be posted at the discretion of the Chamber.

Chamber to hold ribbon cutting

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at The Nathan Building Antique Mall at 107 East Main Street on Friday, May 8, at 10 a.m. Stay around for the grand opening and get a glimpse of the past.

Study Club luncheon is Friday

The Eagle Lake Study Club will close the 2008-2009 year with the annual President's Luncheon at the Wintermann Library Conference Room, Friday, May 8 at 12 noon. Members are requested to contact Jane Meldahl at 979-234-5981, chair of the event, to confirm if planning to attend. Also, dues for the coming club year will be collected at the luncheon. Guest speaker for the event will be Dr. Sandra C. Thomas of Raleigh, NC. Her topic will be Vignettes of Local History: Settling the Prairie.

Fundraiser set for Friday and Saturday

A Bake and Yard Sale Fundraiser will be held at 303 Strickland in Eagle Lake on Friday and Saturday May 8 and 9, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. both days, rain or shine. Besides the baked goods there will be kid's and adult clothing, knick-knacks and household items. The fundraiser benefits Mario Hull's Trip to Hawaii to play football at the Aloha Bowl to represent the State of Texas Football Team.

Habitat Planting ground blessing

Colorado County Habitat for Humanity has broken ground on its' next house to be built in Eagle Lake. Blessing of the site will take place on Saturday May 9 at 4:30 p.m. The blessing will be built in partnership with the Angelia Gonzales family. The address of the future home is 305 Mills Street. The public is invited to join Habitat for the occasion. For more information call 979-732-5677.

Project Graduation Needs Your Support!

Project Graduation will be having a bake sale and car wash on Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. - noon at Brookshire Brothers. Please come out and support project graduation!

Catholic Daughters Bake Sale May 9

The Nada Catholic Daughters will be having a pre-Mother's Day Bake Sale and fundraiser Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. - noon at Nada Grocery and Market. Please come by and purchase your homemade desserts for Mother's Day!

Jr. Fair Board accepting applications

The Colorado County Jr. Fair Board is accepting applications for new members. You must be in 9th through 12th grade for the 2009-2010 school year. You must be a 4-H member or FFA member. We need members from Columbus High School, Rice High School and Weimar High School. Applications are due on May 15, 2009. Applications are available online at www.coloradocountyfair.org. For application or more information call Kaylee Brune at 979-357-2531 or 979-732-0616.

Historical meeting is May 21

The Colorado County Historical Commission (CCHC) will hold their

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Regional Track Back On; Weimar Game Next Wed.

After initially being cancelled by the University Interscholastic League (UIL) due to the swine flu, the Regional Track Meet in San Antonio at Judson High School is back on.

The meet will now take place May 15-16 at Judson Stadium. For a schedule of events go to www.regionivaatrack.com.

The state meet will be June 5-6 in Austin.

The Rice Raider baseball game against Weimar has also been rescheduled.

After the cancellation of the

Rice versus Weimar game on April 30, the game has been rescheduled for May 13 at 4:00 p.m.

The two teams are tied for third place and the winner of the contest will advance to the playoffs.

Gametime is set for 4 p.m. in Altair. The game was originally scheduled for Monday, April 27, but was rained out.

Then, the swine-flu scare caused the cancellation of the rescheduled game on Thursday, April 30.

Legal Dispute Arises Between LCRA And SAWS

A legal dispute surfaced Tuesday, May 5, between the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) over a plan between the two agencies to supply water to San Antonio.

The SAWS Board of Trustees took action May 5 to declare the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) in breach of the agreement governing a water supply project that was expected to create up to 330,000 acre-feet of water for both agencies, including up to 150,000 acre-feet for San Antonio.

A SAWS spokesman, Greg Flores, said the resolution passed by SAWS was in reaction to

LCRA Board actions in December 2008 that "unilaterally pulled the plug" on the project with SAWS after approximately \$40 million of studies paid by the residents of San Antonio.

"Under our contract, LCRA doesn't have the right to pull the plug on this project," stated SAWS Chairman Alex Briseño.

Contractually, SAWS is allowed to exercise an option to terminate the agreement with LCRA once every year, and this option requires repayment of half of all study costs to SAWS, the San Antonio official said.

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VFW Post 8783 Adjutant Melvin Stancik, is pictured above presenting a flag to Librarian Vicki Powers to be used at the Eula and David Wintermann Library.

Hosp. Board Election On Saturday

Rice Hospital 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. They are Mark Anderson, Sr.; Rebecca Ann Cole Dutcher; Gary Obenhaus; Obie Rhodes and Michael B. Thomas.

The Rice School Board and Eagle Lake City Council both cancelled there election because there were no contested races.



The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department was called to a house fire in 500 block of E. Union St. on Friday, May 1 at approximately 2:09 a.m. The home belonging to Mauro Lopez was a total loss. No one was in the house at the time of the fire. The cause of the fire was unknown as of press time.