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Hospital Report

From Page One

Houston's medical center. Specifically, the hospital and the doctors would like to arrange "stress tests" be made here. In another area, the hospital is looking to upgrade other equipment.

Other new procedures that will be performed here include a Laparoscopic, which involves making a small incision in the abdomen and using fiber optics to scan an area (instead of full exploratory surgery). It also can be used for "banding" surgery, such as permanent birth control methods. The hospital has its eye on more outpatient surgery. It is less costly for the patient, insurance companies are more likely to pay more for the outpatient costs, and the patient loses less time off the job.

But for those operations that require overnight care, the hospital is working on developing the pre-surgery testing on an outpatient basis. Such pre-admission testing would require the patient to come to the hospital the day before the operation, but allow him or her to return home that night. That avoids the cost of one day's hospital stay.

Employee changes
There also have been some changes in the hospital's employees and others who work there. For instance, John Pasley, who operated the hospital pharmacy for the Owen Co. was offered a position at a larger pharmacy and hospital in Corpus Christi recently, and has moved there. His place here was taken by Joe Woods. This moved here from Omaha, Nebraska.

Gail Girard is the director of nursing now, having returned to her native Texas. And Tom Sherick has been here about three months as the hospital's respiratory therapist. Lisa Sablatara is another new staff member, and is in charge of medical records. Although not a staff change, Jack Harrell moved his office to the former snack area just off the lobby. Additional room was needed in the business office on the other side of the lobby when the hospital installed its new computer system.

For other staffing, the hospital has continued its policy of scheduling RN's on a 12-hour day, three days a week. This allows two RN's per shift for

better patient coverage. LVN's also work 12-hour shifts and aides and ward clerks maintain their regular 8-hour days. One area the hospital watches closely is in its staffing. The responsibility of scheduling nurses and others belongs to Girard. When someone is not available to work the shift for which they are scheduled, and the patient load is low that day, there is no need to schedule someone for the absence.

Reflecting the slowing of the economy other Eagle Lake businesses have felt, the hospital has seen its patient load decrease, but not significantly. Another measure of hospital usage is the number of patient days. That number has dropped dramatically though, in line with the government's payment program. That shows the hospital still can deliver quality medical care, while remaining financially stable.

Births in the hospital have remained ahead of last year with 112 babies born in the 12 months ending March 31. A new program instituted recently provides a complimentary "upscale" meal for the father

and mother, as a nice way for the hospital to say thanks for using Eagle Lake Community. It is served in the mother's room.

Financial impact on area
In addition to its service to the area as a medical facility, the hospital probably is the second largest single employer in Eagle Lake. Just behind that is the Rice school district. With the approximately 90 full-time (equivalent) employees, the payroll approaches \$16 million annually.

Through the hospital's Home Health-Home Care agency, elderly patients are able to receive special post-operation medical care at home when needed. The hospital also continues to enjoy an excellent working relationship with the staff and management of the Heritage House.

In the future, the hospital plans to present to the public more information about the facility, so residents will understand what is available. Also, administrator Harrell and the local doctors are available for questions anyone might have.



The new wing at Eagle Lake Community Hospital provides additional beds.

Rotarians learn about state flags

Replicas of some of the ten flags that have flown over Texas in its short history were on display last week at the Rotary Club meeting.

If you didn't know differently, you might have thought they were the originals.

The display was another product of the state's 150th birthday, as the bicentennial celebration comes to life, moving from planning to action. An art museum in Austin, Gallery of the Southwest, took on the project of researching the flags, and having the realistic reproductions made, copying details like frayed edges and battle damage.

The Rotary program was brought to Eagle Lake last Wednesday by Rotarian George Ferguson, since his new newspaper in Columbus, the Banner-Press, wanted to participate in the bicentennial activities. Also speaking was Ed Thomas who is heading the bushes on behalf of the Live Oak Art Club and the Colorado County Cultural Center as they work to purchase the Brunson Building to house the center.

Terry Nicholson, representing the gallery, said that if the newspaper sponsors the purchase of a set of the flags, one framed flag would be donated to the county cultural center project. That one could be sold at a fundraising auction, while the ten purchased would be on display for educational activities.

Nicholson spent nine years with the Texas State Archives specializing in rare books, maps and documents, and now works with the private Austin gallery dedicated to southwestern art and Indian art exhibits. They researched the ten flags of Texas, and developed the replicas. Only one of the original flags remains intact in Texas today, he said. That's the San Jacinto flag. Until this week it hung in the state House of Representatives.

It is being removed for restoration, and so replicas can be made, then will be placed in the San Jacinto museum for display only once a year on San Jacinto Day. The other flags were the Gonzales "Come and Take It" flag; The Alamo flag; The Dodson flag, which is the first "Lone Star" flag; Captain Scott's flag with the word "Independence" on it; The Troutman "Liberty or Death" flag; The First Flag of the Republic; the Flag of the Texas Navy; the Second Flag of the Republic, and the Third Flag of the Republic.

The flags are mounted in 8-foot by 4-foot frames (either gold leaf or solid walnut), and are available for \$600 each. Unframed, but mounted on a linen wrapped museum board, they are \$400 each.

Thomas described the development of the county cultural center, and the efforts underway to secure the building for remodeling.

"We've got a wonderful project going in Columbus," he said, "and it's going to be a benefit to all of Colorado County."

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Police station remodeled

An open house was held last week to show off the addition to the Eagle Lake police department. One of the vehicle bays was used to expand the facilities to include a private office for the chief and a dispatcher's office. The other room now is a patrolman's room. Any new additions to the department entrance also is in the addition.

bunks in the jail holding facility were removed. Now, only two prisoners can be held. At the open house, area law enforcement officials and their families, including city council members stopped by for snacks and refreshments. The new department entrance also is in the addition.

Pedestrian killed Tuesday on Interstate 10

A pedestrian died on Interstate 10 and another arrest in the Colorado County Sheriff's Department narcotics investigation were reported Tuesday by Sheriff Jim Broussard.

Also investigated on June 13 was a report by Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. that a burglary of two pay phones at Popeye's Grocery along 110 near Allerton Road. Damage to the telephones was estimated at \$750 with an unreported amount taken from the coin boxes.

The narcotics arrest came in

the ongoing investigation by the sheriff's department, Texas Ranger Ray Nutt and narcotics officers from the state department of public safety. Arrested and charged on June 14 with delivery of a controlled substance was John Edwin Blair, 31, of Columbus. The investigation is continuing, Broussard said.

The death occurred about 6 a.m. Tuesday approximately 15 miles east of Columbus. Killed when struck by a pickup truck was pedestrian Arnulfo Escobedo Ortiz, 26, of Houston, a construction worker. He was

pronounced dead at the scene by Judge M.M. Jones of Eagle Lake. The body was taken to Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus. Driver of 81 Ford truck was Hualde Gonzalez Sepeda Jr. of Houston. He suffered no injuries.

According to the report by DPS trooper Gary Eden the truck was eastbound in the right lane and Ortiz was walking east on the right shoulder. The report said the driver apparently fell asleep and veered off the roadway.

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Deed, Marie C. Price to Frank Todd Barfield Jr. et ux land in Smith & Jones Addition, 5:28-85.
Deed, Arnie D. Vonkamp et al to Karla K. Carroll, 69.273 acres, B.M. Dougherty Survey et al 5:14-85.
Deed, Karla K. Carroll to Bob K. Carroll, 18 acres, S.J. Rodgate Survey, 5:14-85.
Deed, Earl J. Moscarello et ux to Terri Kay Keul undivided interest, 20.252 acres, John Dunlavy Survey, 10:17-84.
Deed, Colorado Oaks Enterprises Inc. to Nelson & Co., lot 12 blk. 4, The Falls Subdivision, 5:20-85.
Deed, Henry Krenk Jr. et ux to Michael Kidwiler et ux, 3 acres, Howard McElroy Survey, 5:20-85.
Deed, Pete C. Mason Sr. to Rene Rowalaba Case et ux, land in blk. 46, City of Eagle Lake, 5:17-85.
Deed, Paul Gonzales to Mary Helen Vasquez, lots 2 & 3 blk. 1, B.W. McCarty Addition, 5:20-85.
Deed, Paul Gonzales to Mary Helen Vasquez, lots 2 & 3 blk. 2, McCarty Addition, 5:20-85.
Deed, Morris Morales et ux to Douglas G. Schwann et ux, land in blk. 12, Eagle Lake, 5:17-85.
Deed, Allen Hoeselcher et al to Jim Hilscher et al, 95.965 acres, John Warte Survey, 5:18-85.
Deed, Veterans Land Board to William W. Witt, 5.000 acres, 16GNRR Co. Survey, 4:19-85.

OIL, GAS LEASES

Virginia E. Zee to TXO Production Corp., 40 acres, James G. O'Farrell Survey, 5:29-85.
Edward J. Seifert et ux to TXO Production Corp., 123.111 acres, H. Austin Five League, 4:11-85.
Marie S. Swanberg to Roy R. Gardner, lots in various blks., Sheridan, 5:1-85.
Nina Hill et al to Roy R. Gardner, North 40 acres, J.T. Powell Survey, 4:16-85.
Dorothy Bergman to Roy R. Gardner, lot 4 blk. 11, Sheridan, 4:26-85.
Debbie H. Zee to Roy R. Gardner, lots in various blks., Sheridan, 4:26-85.
Coyne Concord Oil Co. LTD to Zapata Exploration Co., South corner 160 acres, L.J. Selby Survey, 4:22-85.
Coyne Concord Oil Co. LTD to Zapata Exploration Co., 164.3 acres, 16GNRR Co. Survey, 4:22-85.
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Coyne Concord Oil Co. LTD to Zapata Exploration Co., West corner 160 acres, L.J. Selby Survey, 4:22-85.
Coyne Concord Oil Co. LTD to Zapata Exploration Co., SE 164.3 acres, 16GNRR Co. Survey, 4:22-85.
Coyne Concord Oil Co. LTD to Zapata Exploration Co., North 162.13 acres, 16GNRR Co. Survey, 4:22-85.
Coyne Concord Oil Co. LTD to Zapata Exploration Co., South 162.13 acres, 16GNRR Co. Survey, 4:22-85.
Juanita Allison Session to Fayette

Exploration Co., 14.698 acres, James G. O'Farrell Survey, 5:10-85.

Henry P. Massey et al to Fayette Exploration Co., 62.59 acres, James G. O'Farrell Survey, 5:10-85.
Horse 1. Allison to Fayette Exploration Co., 14.092 acres, James G. O'Farrell Survey, 5:10-85.
Leland G. Butler to TXO Production Corp., 66.10 acres, S.M. Williams Survey, 5:19-85.
Edna Flowers to Robert L. Zinn dba Zinn Petroleum Co., 10 acres, William F. Stanley Survey, 4:11-85.
Henry C. Mosler Jr. to Robert L. Zinn dba Zinn Petroleum Co., 16.03 acres, B.A.M.G.R. Co. Survey, 5:29-85.
Joyce Strauch to Robert L. Zinn dba Zinn Petroleum Co., 10 acres, William F. Stanley Survey, 4:11-85.
Karl J. Parker to Amerasia Hess Corp., 160 acres, 16GNRR Co. Survey, 4:19-85.

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Martha Grace K. Brown to Roy R. Gardner, 160 acres, 16GNRR Co. Survey, 4:19-85.
Lavo Briscoe et al to Roy R. Gardner, various lots and blks., Sheridan, 5:14-85.
Louis Hard to Consolidated Southern Corp., 4.13 acres, Wm. F. Stanley Survey, 4:28-85.
Israel G. Comer et ux to TXO Production Corp., 3 acres, John Brennan A-90 Survey, 5:28-85.
Herbert W. Wick et ux to TXO Production Corp., 4 acres, H. Austin Five League Grant, 5:28-85.
Charles Edward Ammann et ux to TXO Production Corp., 4.972 acres, H. Austin Five League Grant, 5:28-85.
Daniel J. Schimke to TXO Production Corp., 14.49 acres, John Brennan A-90 Survey et al, 5:28-85.
Ray H. Kusey et ux to TXO Production Corp., 30.985 acres, Robert Maxwell A-404 Survey, 5:28-85.
Delores Hopmann to TXO Production Corp., 30 acres, H. Austin Five League Grant, 5:28-85.
Ray H. Kusey et ux to TXO Production Corp., 8.004 acres, Robert Maxwell A-404 Survey, 5:28-85.
Lillian Wick et al to TXO Production Corp., 2.62 acres, H. Austin Five League Grant, 5:28-85.
Robert T. Wick et ux to TXO Production Corp., 32.39 acres, H. Austin Five League Grant, 5:28-85.
Larry James Wick et ux to TXO Production Corp., 24.01 acres, H. Austin Five League Grant, 5:28-85.
Ray H. Kusey et ux to TXO Production Corp., 153.494 acres, H. Austin Five League Grant et al, 5:28-85.
Roberta Middleton to Consolidated Southern Corp., 12 acres, A.B. Kerr Survey, 4:27-85.
Jennie Green Seydler et vir to TXO Production Corp., 17.693 acres, James G. O'Farrell Survey, 4:28-85.
Geneva Gilmer to TXO Production Corp., 31.828 acres, John Brennan Survey et al, 4:28-85.
Movia Arthur to TXO Production Corp., 31.828 acres, John Brennan Survey et al, 4:28-85.
Lydia Mikala to TXO Production Corp., 6.125 acres, James G. O'Farrell Survey, 4:28-85.
Beate Schroeder to TXO Production Corp., 5.125 acres, James G. O'Farrell Survey, 4:28-85.

Colorado County Sheriff's Report

By Jim Broussard

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6-9-85: assisted the Columbus police with a burglary investigation; assisted with a funeral procession in Columbus; checked on a road hazard on 90 east of Columbus; checked on a motorist blocking the roadway near Columbus; checked on a suspicious subject in Altair; assisted at the scene of a fire in Columbus; arrested one for public intoxication; assisted at the scene of an accident on 2434.

6-10-85: posted a citation in the Courthouse; checked on thefts east of Eagle Lake and on 3013; checked on a possible theft on 71 North; investigated a criminal mischief near Bere; arrested one for burglary; removed livestock from the roadway near Garwood; arrested one for narcotic charges; assisted a stranded motorist near Gladden; district court; issued nine traffic

Homemaker's Reflections

By Peggy Kalina County Extension Agent

When Mothers work outside the home . . . Impact on children

Note: This is the first article in a five part series dealing with working mothers.

As more and more women joined the job force during the 1960's and 70's, some people predicted the downfall of American family life. Although their own families seem happy, some women are still concerned about the impact of working outside the home—especially on their children.

Actually, the hundreds of research studies of working mothers and their families show little direct impact from outside employment. But they also show that families have made some changes.

In general, a mother's full-time employment is not by itself likely to harm a child.

Studies show virtually no difference in school achievement and social adjustment between children of working mothers and those of non-working mothers.

The children of working mothers also have as much attachment to their mothers as the children of non-working mothers have to theirs.

Even during the often-troubled teenage years, a mother's employment alone has little impact on the relationship between mothers and their children. The entire range of behavior from marijuana smoking to attitudes toward school and parents, there's almost no difference between teens with working mothers and those whose mothers don't work.

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