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## Sheriff Broussard

case has drawn so much attention in the four newspapers in the county — and charges of political vendetta have been flying around — that the state felt it would be difficult to get a fair trial. Of the 16 witnesses called by the state, most said they felt a trial in Colorado County would not be fair for either side.

Munson argued that of the 19,000 or so people in the county, it was ridiculous to assume the court could find 12 people needed for a jury that would base their information only on testimony given in a trial.

Some of the state's witnesses did say they felt a trial here would be a fair one, and Volters spent a good deal of time questioning them about other matters.

County judge Lester Crane kept more time than others in the witness box. Volters was attempting to establish a relationship between Crane and the sheriff, and asked questions about why Crane was leading commissioners court to block the state in prosecuting the case.

Crane denied that he was doing that. Volters did establish that Crane and Broussard not only worked together as elected officials, but that Broussard was called upon to sign bail

## NALMS symposium

"How to Form a State Lake Association" is one of the highlights of a two-day regional symposium presented by the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS). The session will take place Monday, July 27 from 6-7 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) is co-sponsoring the symposium which runs Monday and Tuesday, July 27-28.

"Several of the local lake associations have expressed an interest in the session," said Chuck Dvorsky, local NALMS coordinator and supervisor of LCRA water quality monitoring program.

The \$40 registration fee for the Austin symposium includes membership in the society, the symposium

## Fishing tournament winners announced

The sixth annual Greater Colorado County Invitational Fishing Tournament was held July 10 and 11 in Port O'Connor. Tournament director, Ernie Rodgers, announced that this year's tournament included bay entries as well as offshore. According to Rodgers, there were nine boats entered in the offshore division and four boats in the bay division.

Winners in the offshore division were first place Kingfish, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Salley in "Old Farmer"; second was B. J. Williams, Gayle Thomas, Ralph Gertson and Sam Gertson in "Sea Trac". First place Ling went to "Sea Trac" with second place going to Vernon Gertson, Forest English, Mike Henske and James Gertson in "No Name". First place Dolphin went to Lee and Dora Briscoe in the "Dora Lee", with second place captured by George Andel, Cindy Andel-Fred Briscoe and Charlotte Briscoe in "Capt. Pride".

In the bay division, first place Trout went to Jim Mathis, Mike Grigar, Mike Rucka and Bob Cook, as did second place Redfish and Largest Stringer of Trout, Kenny and Gladys Austin, Mary Gertson and Phyllis Thomas received first for Redfish, second Trout and Largest stringer of



From left, Mary Gertson, Kenny and Gladys Austin and Phyllis Thomas were the first place winners for Redfish in the bay division. Jackpot, "Sea Trac", second-place Jackpot, "Capt. Pride", and third-place Jackpot, "No Name". Rodgers said this year's tournament was very successful and has already started on preparations for next year's.

## Big bands in East Bernard August 9

The big band sounds once again echo from the Riverside dance hall on the banks of the San Bernard River in East Bernard. Many who now dance there also danced at the old hall, which recently burned, and will recall bands like Paul Whiteman and Guy Lombardo who played there in the '30s and '40s.

The hall, located on 30 acres of wooded area on Highway 90A east of the San Bernard River, has a seating capacity of 750 people and plenty of parking space. The 55 hundred square feet of maple dance floor is stated to be the best in this part of the country.

The hall is attracting many types of bands, polka, rock, country and western and of course the big ballroom bands like the one that will play there on Sunday afternoon, August 9. This is the big band sounds of Phil Gray with his 12-piece orchestra,

## sports shorts

### Football player shoes day Aug. 5

On Wednesday, August 5, all prospective Rice High School football players are urged to be at the Rice High School field house between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. to pick up football shoes. Any other information needed also will be furnished.

Coach Clifton Darden announced that all football players should be at the Rice High School field house at 8 a.m. on Monday, August 10 to begin practice.

For the freshmen football players, practice will start at 8 each morning and the upperclassmen will practice at 6 p.m. Buses will pick up players in Eagle Lake at the Post Office, and Garwood and Sheridan players will meet the bus at the schools throughout August at 7:15 a.m. for the freshmen players and 5:15 p.m. for the upperclassmen.

### Physicals planned for 7th, 8th graders

Seventh and eighth grade students who are planning to participate in athletics this fall are required to have a physical examination. Physicals will be given at Ugarie Clinic on Tuesday, August 4, at 8:30 a.m. for the seventh grade boys and Tuesday, August 11 at 8:30 a.m. for the eighth grade boys. Transportation from the Eagle Lake Middle School will be provided, leaving at 8 a.m., or students may furnish their own transportation.

Coach Jackson will be sending a letter with the physical form to the students. He has requested the students bring the forms with them filled out by their parents or guardians.

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All students wishing to participate in football at Rice High School for the 1987-88 school year must take a physical.

Physicals have been scheduled at the Eagle Lake hospital at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 30 for students in 10-12 grades and 1 p.m. on Thursday, August 6 for ninth graders.

### Alligator nests increase

The number of alligator nests in this part of the county have increased, according to Lt. game Warden Sam Center.

Last week, Center said he accompanied a biologist from the state parks and wildlife department on a nest survey. The state is gathering information before it releases the number of alligator permits it will issue this year.

### Fishfest tourney in Palacios

August 8-9 have been set as dates for the fifth annual Palacios Fishfest Tourney sponsored by the Palacios Chamber of Commerce.

Cash prizes totaling more than \$4,000 will be awarded to winners in inshore and offshore divisions.

Tournament headquarters will be at the Palacios East Bay Park boat ramp. Rules and entry forms are available from Palacios Chamber of Commerce, Box 774, Palacios, Texas 77465. Entry deadline is August 7.

### Volleyball tourney July 26 in Wallis

On July 26 at the annual WOOF celebration in Wallis, there is going to be a round robin co-ed volleyball tournament at the American Legion Hall.

The tournament will begin at 9 a.m. and the entry fee is \$35. T-shirts will be given to the top three teams. For more information call Betty Supak at (409) 478-6201.

### Local fireman attending fire training school

Sam Pirtle, a member of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department, is attending the annual Texas Fireman's Training School this week, July 19-23, on the Texas A&M Campus University.

The training school offers courses on fire fighting, fire prevention, fire department officer training, fire department pump maintenance and disaster rescue training.

"The training Sam receives will benefit the city by keeping our department current on fire fighting skills," said fire chief Sonny Spaniel.

**Eagle Lake Waterfowl Festival to be held Sept. 18, 19, 20, 1987**

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# Eagle Lake Headlight

## newsbriefs

### Fair poster contest deadline August 7

The deadline for entering your poster in the Colorado County Fair poster contest is Friday, August 7. Details on entry requirements are contained in the catalog which is available at the county extension office in Columbus and will be available here in Eagle Lake from either the First National Bank or Lynda Appel. Finished posters should be turned in to Peggy Braden at the extension office.

### Hunter safety course to be offered here

A hunter safety course will be held Wednesday and Thursday, August 5 and 6 at the Eagle Lake City Hall from 6 to 10 p.m. Anyone who is interested in attending the course should contact Buddy Mills at 234-3383.

### OLG church picnic scheduled August 9

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will be holding their annual picnic festival on Thursday, August 9 at Andrew Hall.

Many activities and delicious food are being planned all day. The crowning of the 1987 queen and princess will be the highlight of the day. Mark your calendar August 9 and make plans to enjoy a fulfilled day.

### Last movie for summer at library today

The Eula and David Winterman Library's summer reading program ends on Thursday, July 30. The last movie for the summer will be shown this Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. for children over four years old. The movies scheduled will be "Great Pony Raid" and "Melody".

### Fair catalogs are now available

The Home Economics, Fine Arts and Special Events catalog for the 1987 Colorado County Fair are now available. Catalogs are available at the County Extension Office in Columbus, First National Bank of Eagle Lake, Weimar City Hall, Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg, Nada Garage, Potter's Western Store in Columbus, Calico Hens and Friends in Rock Island, H&S Grocery in Bernardo.

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## Registration August 1 for gymnastics camp

Debbie Powers and Mindie Porter, owners of P&P Gymnastics Inc., have recently returned from a week of intense training at the Bela Karolyi's gymnastics camp in Houston. P&P Gymnastics will be holding its own gymnastics camp August 10-14.

Karolyi brought in 50 of the top coaches from all over the world, each specialized in their field. The most interesting of these were the advanced coaches on the girls balance beam from Czechoslovakia and Germany, the advanced coach on the girls uneven parallel bars from Romania, the advanced boys parallel bars and rings coach from Germany and one of the tumbling coaches from California.

Debbie and Mindie received five days of specialized training for the balance beam, uneven parallel bars, tumbling, vaulting, mini trampoline, and boys parallel bars, with special emphasis on spotting and technical form.

The gymnastics camp will be held August 10-14 will be open to all boys and girls, ages 3 through 17. The classes will be divided up by sex and grade level. Each student will receive one hour per day of training in vaulting, balance beam, parallel bars, uneven parallel bars and tumbling. Mrs. Lois Jones of El Campo Gymnastics will be assisting with the camp. Camp registration will be Saturday, August 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McCarty's auction building, 201 McCarty. The fee per student is \$25.

Full classes will begin in September. Classes again will be divided by sex and grade, with training in the same areas as at the camp. Registration for the fall classes will be held on Saturday, August 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McCarty's auction building. The monthly fee will be \$22 per student and P&P Gymnastics will offer a special family discount of 10% off for the third and fourth child. For the protection of the child, each student will be required to enroll in the United States Gymnastic Federation insurance program.

For further information contact Debbie Power at 234-7451 or Mindie Porter at 234-5158.

## RHS Drum Major, Twirlers, Flag Corps rank high at camp; seven invited to perform in Australia

### See Pictures on Page 10

Members of the Rice High School Flag Corps and Twirlers, and the band's Drum Major came home from summer camp recently with quite a compliment of trophies and ribbons.

An additional honor was bestowed on the six twirlers and flag corps captain Lara Dupre: They have been invited to participate at Expo '88 in Australia.

Among Drum Major Marsha Hoffman's honors is a grand champion trophy. Head twirlers Renee Balas, and twirlers Dionne Glover,

### Members of the Rice High School

also earned a grand champion trophy among their awards.

A third grand champion trophy also is among the award won by the RHS flag corps: Captain Lara Dupre, Jennifer Mader, Sally Stroble, Laurie Abel, Sharron Querner, Rhonda Praxak and Kim Corman.

Band Director Debbie Harhai didn't just accompany and lead the girls, she also was awarded a blue ribbon for her sponsor's routine. The summer camp was held July 20-23 by

### the Marching Auxiliaries of America

at Blinn Junior College in Brenham. Additional honors won by drum major Hoffman included three blue ribbons, one all-star ribbon, one honor roll medal, an outstanding home routine award, and two spirit batons.

Twirlers group awards also include 12 blue ribbons and a superior home routine award. Individual twirlers awards were won by Tricia Thomas, Prisca Cantu and Dominique Isen-

hower as they were presented all-star ribbons. Miss Thomas also won an honor roll medal.

### Flag Corps group awards also included 10 blue ribbons, four red ribbons and four spirit batons. Among individual honors, all-star ribbons went to Sharron Querner and Lara Dupre. Miss Dupre also won an outstanding color guard award, and invitations to perform at the Bluebonnet Bowl in Houston and the Expo '88 in Australia.

Director Harhai said Each girl would be making a decision about attending the Expo in far away Australia and that each girl would have to have \$2,000 to make the trip.

## Phantom jet 'lands' at airport here

### To a pilot landing his little single engine airplane Friday morning at the Eagle Lake Municipal Airport, the sight of a military F-4 Phantom jet aircraft sitting at the end of the main runway must have caused at least a hard second look.

In case you're wondering, the high-powered jet aircraft didn't really "land" at the airport.

A huge crane-helicopter put it there so the helicopter could land to refuel for its "ferrying" trip from Houston to Austin.

Members of the Texas Air Guard in Houston were responsible for the aircraft. They had refueled one of their out-of-service jet aircraft at Ellington Field, readying it for permanent, public display at Camp Mabry in Austin. With the help of the Alabama Air National Guard, operators of the huge helicopter called a CH-54 Skyhook, they were hauling the jet across the state.

Lt. Col. Bear Honeycutt, one of the 14 or so military men that were at the airport for the landing, said they had chosen a "least populated" route to haul the jet. That was a reason they stopped in Eagle Lake. Two weeks or so ago, Willy Culbertson, flight commander on a smaller helicopter, made contact with Eagle Lake city manager Robert Klockman to make sure it was alright to stop here.

Because of the weight of the Phantom, the crane helicopter carried less fuel, creating the need for the stop for fuel here and in Smithville. A military jet-fuel tanker truck met them at the Eagle Lake Municipal Airport to refuel the big helicopter with 400 gallons. It also topped the tanks of a smaller helicopter that was coordinating the navigation for the trip. A third

### helicopter also from the Texas Air Guard that was on its way from Austin to Houston at the same time, landed just to see the bigger craft. When it was ready to take off, its pilots lifted it up, lowered its crane-like hook while three men on the ground re-attached it to the Phantom.

The resumption of the flight was as exciting as the landing, in that the bigger helicopter, with its five whirling blades, kicked up quite a bit of summer air. During the landing, the air intakes of the big helicopter sucked

up quite a bit of cut field grass, but a crewman said it was not a problem. While on the ground, a crewman climbed on top of the craft to knock some of the grass loose from the intake.

Honeycutt said the CH-54 was the military version of the largest helicopter made. A similar one was used in Toronto, Canada, many years ago to lift the radio tower to the top of the CN Tower building when it was under construction.

Passage of the referendum would set a voluntary assessment of a maximum eight cents per hundredweight of rough rice which would replace the current system of collecting funds for rice promotion and research. The assessment would be made at the first point of processing or sale and Texas rice producers would have the option of requesting a refund.

The referendum also calls for the election, on the same ballot, of a 12-person Texas rice producers board to administer the funds collected by the assessment. Candidates must be rice producers and will be elected at large from each of 12 districts.

The newly elected board can set Office hours will be by appointment and interested patients can call the clinic at the same phone number as before, 234-2544.

## Rice producers to vote Friday on new checkoff program

### Committee. "We've made great strides through the ECONO-RICE research program and the Rice Council in increasing yields, decreasing production costs and increasing domestic consumption," he added, "but price reductions have essentially wiped out those gains. We must continue the momentum we've built if we are to make rice production economical in Texas."

He noted that the overall goals of the Rice Council and ECONO-RICE research program are to increase domestic rice markets and reduce production costs to near world market levels by 1991. The state goal is to increase domestic consumption by 30 percent and to reduce average production costs to \$5.50 per hundredweight by 1991.

Dr. Rodriguez states he is looking forward to his new practice in Eagle Lake and states everyone he has met so far in the community has gone out of their way to be helpful and have graciously welcomed him. His plans are to carry the clinic name as the Laughlin Medical and Surgical Clinic, as he has a great respect for the name. The Laughlin name is well known in the area and has been known as the "pioneers" of the medical community here in Eagle Lake.

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### County Extension Agent

The Texas Rice Research Foundation and the Texas Rice Council are sponsoring a referendum this Friday,

Judgments were entered against 21 defendants for delinquent county taxes by Judge B.B. Schrab at 25th District Court on Thursday, July 16. Bill Youens, chief appraiser for Colorado County Central Appraisal District, filed tax suits ranging from \$85.70 to \$7,134.42 for a total of \$30,567.40 in delinquent taxes.

Defendants and amounts owed (plus penalty, interest, court cost and attorney's fees) include: Ronnie House, \$577.76; Shanley and Associates, \$284.38; Manuel Marquez, \$631.02; John Gano, \$3,337.01; Alex Ramirez, \$327.43; Clifford Austin Jr., \$599.02; Leslie Skaltzky, \$253.51; James Harris, \$443.52; Richard Davis, \$343.42; Kenneth W. Moore, \$3,844.89; Roy Gene Melnar, \$2,909.60; Lape Al-manza, \$304.00; Curtis Fling, \$955.80; Ulas Johnson, \$85.70; Robert S. Israel, \$952.56; Johnnie Dawson Jr., \$431.76; Frank Campian, \$1,176.94; Southwest Minerals Inc., \$4,382.43; S. Bryan Hendricks and Jeanette Hendricks, \$7,134.42.

### Tax suits filed by appraisal district

Salvador Rodriguez, M.D., P.A. is proud to announce the reopening of Laughlin Medical and Surgical Clinic this Monday, August 3 offering specialized cardiovascular laboratory studies, nutritional multidisciplinary program for weight reduction for treatment of obesity and general medicine and general surgery services.

Dr. Rodriguez comes to Eagle Lake after having his own practice in the Spring Branch area of Houston for the past 15 years. Dr. Rodriguez plans on devoting all his time to his new

practice in Eagle Lake, and plans on being in the clinic Monday through Saturday. He is a member in good standing with the American Medical Association, Texas Medical Association, HCMS, American Society of Bariatric Physicians, American Society of Lapro-Suction Surgery Inc., fellow of the American Society of Abdominal Surgeons and associate fellow of the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery.

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