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Law Enforcement

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a side window and entering. The suspect took several pieces of jewelry and some cash. Fingerprints were taken and the case is under investigation.

Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m., David Delgado discovered someone had broken into his place of business on FM 3013 W. The only items taken were approximately eight cases of beer. Officer Argo also is investigating this burglary.

Officer Johnson was advised by Connie Holmes that while she was at Austin's Grocery cashing a check, someone stole her purse from her car.

Monday, Officer Argo was dispatched to an accident at Lake and Main Streets. Juan Guetterer of Eagle Lake, driving a '72 GMC Jimmy, apparently pulled out and struck a '90 Ford Supercab being driven by James Gertson. There were no injuries, but Guetterer was cited for no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Argo was also dispatched to investigate the burglary of a business at 1200 North Street. The suspect kicked a panel out of a front door to the store and after entry was gained, removed a

pistol and about \$75 cash from the store. The case is under investigation.

Late Tuesday afternoon there was an accident involving a gravel truck at the Alvin Kohleff residence on East Main Street. The details are sketchy, but it is believed the driver, Odell Thomas, was not seriously injured. In addition to Chief Villarreal investigating the accident, an ambulance, the fire department and Delgado's wrecker were dispatched to the scene.

Colorado County Sheriff's Dept. Sunday, May 5, between 11-11:20 p.m., Deputy Nello Strickland observed a white Ford van known to be driven by Michael James Kelley, parked with no headlights near the trailers on the east side of the Southern Pacific Yard. Strickland drove toward the van as it sped across the first set of tracks in the yard. The pursuit took a southerly course toward the Newtown area. The van attempted to jump another set of tracks, but got caught. Strickland managed to get the suspect to lay on the ground. Before Kelley could be handcuffed, a noise came from inside the van. When asked if there was anyone else in the vehicle, Kelley said no. Strickland moved to the rear of the van to look and saw no one in the van. When he turned back Kelley had fled on foot and Strickland did not observe the direction of flight.

The vehicle was impounded by Delgado's and an inventory found iron plates and scrap metal. The case is open pending further investigation.

Council

not told of the change. He knew about the 10 a.m. meeting of Commissioners Court, but thought the 4 o'clock meeting was still on. When Police Chief Lupé Villarreal returned to Eagle Lake from the Commissioners meeting, he told Van Nort, "Well, they had your meeting this morning." The only items on the agenda were the two items Van Nort had asked to be discussed in the afternoon meeting.

Van Nort, accompanied by Acting City Manager Perry, proceeded to Columbus for the 4 p.m. meeting anyway. When they arrived at the Courthouse and passed Strunk's office, he called them in. An involved discussion followed between the three during which Van Nort informed Strunk he had wanted the afternoon meeting so "we wouldn't be airing our dirty laundry in front of the press."

Strunk replied (according to Van Nort) that maybe that's what needed to be done.

The main "dirty laundry" Van Nort was referring to was the misinformed Sheriff Bill Esterling gave to all three City Councils in the county as well as the Commissioners Court concerning some money the Department of Public Safety was supposedly going to turn over to Esterling's department.

At Eagle Lake's March 12th Council meeting, Esterling stated the money in question would be enough to cover the entire cost of the 1990-91 Driggs Grant and would even leave a little for 1991-92. He said the sale of several confiscated vehicles would add to the fund. Using this information as a basis for budget items, Council did not include the City's portion of the cost of a drug task force grant in the 1991-92 budget and Perry suspended monthly payments which were being made to the County for the 1990-91 grant. At this point there are four payments due (with no money to

cover them) and nothing at all budgeted for the upcoming year.

Now it has been learned that DPS Sgt. Sandlin never promised a large sum of money to the agencies who assisted in the drug arrest which netted over \$300,000. In a recent conversation with Lucille Perry, Sandlin stated he had been out of town and had just learned of Esterling's claims when he read it in the paper. "There is no money... it is tied up in litigation," he told her. According to Perry he said even if they (the DPS) were awarded the cash, each assisting agency share would probably not be over \$10,000. This is far short of the \$58,000 quoted by Esterling.

On top of this, Van Nort and Perry discovered there is nothing in the Drug Task Force Fund according to County Auditor Raymie Kana. Van Nort questioned her about the \$5,000 which was supposed to be there. Kana replied that \$4,600 had been used to cover storage costs on the confiscated vehicles Esterling was hoping to sell. The vehicles were not awarded to the Task Force by the courts due to a

"technicality." "He (Esterling) bought a couple of cameras, too. That's where the rest probably went," stated Kana.

Other problems (which were not listed during Tuesday's meeting) have been experienced by our City during dealings involving the Drug Task Force according to Van Nort. In view of these difficulties, he requested that the Force be taken out from under the control of Esterling and be made the responsibility of Commissioners Court. Accordingly, between 4:45 and

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ing illnesses and injuries.

For more information contact John Mahalic, Jr. of Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps at 234-2678.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams devote their lives to saving the lives of others;

WHEREAS, emergency medical services teams consist of emergency physicians, nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, educators, and administrators;

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Eagle Lake benefit from the knowledge and skill of these trained individuals;

WHEREAS, advances in emergency medical care increase the number of lives saved every year;

WHEREAS, the professional organizations of providers of emergency medical services promote research to improve and adapt their skills as new methods of emergency treatment are developed;

WHEREAS, the designation of Emergency Medical Services Week will serve to educate the people of the City of Eagle Lake about accident prevention and what to do when confronted with a medical emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services teams by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy D. Van Nort, Mayor of the City of Eagle Lake, Texas, in recognition of this event, do hereby proclaim the week of May 12-18, 1991, as

"EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK"

and encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Eagle Lake, Texas to be affixed this 6th day of May, 1991.

ATTEST:
Sylvia Rucka, Acting City Secretary

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Roy D. Van Nort, Mayor
Sylvia Rucka, Acting City Secretary



Mayor Roy D. Van Nort is pictured signing the proclamation designating May 12-18, 1991 as "Emergency Medical Services Week." On hand to witness the signing were members of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Ambulance Corps, from left, Heidi Mills, Dorothy Flores, Ron Janow and John Mahalic.

Grigar takes School Board position #1

By Lynda Appelt,
Contributing Writer

The Rice Consolidated Board of Trustees met in special session Monday night and canvassed school election results.

Melody Grigar defeated Glenn Sunderman for Position #1 with a total of 333 votes to 170 for Sunderman. Incumbent Kate Labay received 429 and incumbent Reggie Briscoe received 392. Each was given the pre-oath of office. The official swearing in will be Monday, May 13, at the board's regular monthly meeting.

The board employed for the 1991-92 school year Gary Epps for a teacher-coach assignment at Rice High School. Epps is presently employed at Calallen and is a graduate of Southwest Texas. A contract was also issued for the 1991-92 school year to Jody Berman as a math teacher at the Eagle Lake Middle School. Berman is employed at Oakwood and is a graduate of Texas A&M with certification work from Stephen F. Austin.

In other business the board approved nomination of Briscoe to the Texas Association of School Board's Board of Trustees and approved early dismissal dates for May 29 and 30, the final two days of the school year.

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Thank You

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Rice School Board Election.
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Glen Sunderman

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Asthma: Major Cause for Missed School Days

According to a recent article in the medical journal, *Patient Care*, asthma causes more restricted activity and missed school than any other chronic illness. Also, asthma is becoming more prevalent among children. Asthma symptoms include wheezing (whistling sound), coughing, chest tightness, and breathlessness.

Asthma in children may result from allergic reactions to certain foods or materials such as house dust, plant pollen, or the hair or feathers from pets. Cold, windy weather may trigger asthmatic attacks. Some children seem to have fewer problems with asthma as they reach the mid-teens. It is thought that this is due to enlargement of the airways as children grow. However, many children who get better in their teens have a resurgence of symptoms in their 20s and 30s.

Asthmatic children should avoid exposure to environmental factors that trigger asthma symptoms. Preventing exercise-induced asthma often can be achieved with prescription medicines called *beta agonists* in metered-dose inhalers. These medicines cause rapid dilation of the air passages. Other prescription medicines which have been found to be useful include *theophylline*, *cromolyn sodium*, and steroids such as *prednisone* and *beclomethasone*.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Congressional assistant at Courthouse

Congressman Greg Laughlin will have a Congressional assistant in Columbus at the Colorado County Courthouse from 9:30 a.m.-noon today, Thursday, May 16. The caseworker will be able to handle problems with Social Security, Veterans benefits, and other topics involving the federal government.

No appointment is needed and residents are urged to drop by with problems or questions they may have with the federal government. For more information please call 512-576-1231 in Victoria.

Mt. Olive Church sponsoring fish fry

The Mount Olive Baptist Church is sponsoring a fish fry Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18, at Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 709 N. Lake; 234-3545. Serving will start at 11:30 a.m. both days. Donation is \$3.00 per plate.

Open house at St. Anthony's

St. Anthony's School, Columbus, will hold an open house Friday, May 17, from 8 to 10 a.m., for students in pre-kindergarten through first grade. Anyone interested may attend. For more information call the school office at 732-5505.

'Scouting for Food' Drive to be held May 18

The Cub Scouts will hold a "Scouting for Food" Drive on Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the McCreary Auction Co. located at 201 S. McCarty across from Minimax. The scouts are collecting non-perishable food items for the local food pantry. Please, bring by your donation to help the needy. For further information, contact Herbert Ramirez at 234-5832.

Catholic Church to hold Graduation Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Churches will hold a mass Saturday, May 18 to honor all Rice High School graduating seniors. The mass will begin at 6 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 310 N. Stevenson in Eagle Lake. All graduating seniors of any denomination are encouraged to attend.

'Problems Youth Face Today'

You are invited to a program on Saturday morning, May 18, beginning 10 a.m. at the White Cloud Baptist Church. Topics to be discussed are "Problems Youth Face Today"; crime and drug abuse, education, sex awareness and child abuse. Youth in our community are encouraged to attend.

Youth Annual Day May 19

You are invited to Youth Annual Day on Sunday, May 19, beginning at 3 p.m. at the White Cloud Baptist Church. Guest speaker is Rev. Danny Henderson, Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, Lago, Texas.

Chamber meeting scheduled for May 20

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will be holding a meeting at noon on Monday, May 20 at Sportsman's Restaurant. Members are urged to attend.

Youth Revival begins May 20

Attention! To all citizens of the community: The North Lake "M" Baptist Church family is sponsoring another Youth Revival to be held the evenings of May 20-24 from 6:30-8 p.m. sharply.

The theme is "Good News for Youth of Today." Parental guidance main thought "Feed my Lamb," John 21:15.

PTO meeting Tuesday

There will be a PTO meeting on Tuesday, May 21, in the cafeteria at Eagle Lake Middle School. Officers will be elected and the Jr. High GT students will present a program.

Open House to meet new agent

The Colorado County Extension Service will have an open house on Thursday, May 23, from 1-5 p.m. at the County Agriculture Building located at 316 Spring Street in Columbus. The public is invited to attend and meet the new Agricultural Agent, Rick Jahn.

Rock Island Homecoming, Memorial Service

The Annual Homecoming and Memorial Day Service will be held at the former Rock Island School Gym, Sunday, May 26, 1991. A beef and sausage dinner with all the trimmings (dessert and iced tea or coffee included) will be served at the noon hour. Cost per plate is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

Recipes needed for Garwood Rice Contest

More rice recipes are needed! Please turn in recipes and entries as soon as possible. The Garwood Rice Association has extended the entry time to the end of May. Enter recipes at Garwood City Cafe, P.O. Box 400 or call Iris Danklefs, 758-3422 or mail recipe to Rice Dish Contest, P.O. Box 198, Garwood, Texas 77442. Be a part of this exciting event on Saturday, June 15.

Class of '71 hosting reunion

The Rice High School class of '71 will host a reunion to include classes 72-76 on June 22 at the KC Hall. Addresses are still needed. Any and all class members or teachers from Rice High School's classes of 75-76, please call Denise Janow, 234-2418; Cindy Fink, 234-2659 or 3411; or Sandy Schneider, 758-3635. For those in the classes of 71-74, contact anyone of the following as soon as possible: Kathy (Miller) Ware, 713-437-1788, Theresa (Theuman) Laughlin 409-297-2398, Susan (Bradon) Hadley 409-234-5337; Debbie (Duncan) Vawter 409-234-5457 or 234-3523, Traylor Walker 409-234-3937 or 234-3921, Connie (Breidaupt) Gertson 409-234-3931 or Enola (Pavla) Gertson 409-234-5070 or 234-5780.

Runners needed for 5K run-walk

Runners are wanted for the Oakland Heritage Days 5K run/walk, "Horned Toad Trek", to begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 1, Oakland Square. The fee will be \$10 if received by May 29 or \$15 after that date. Contact Henrietta Strunk, 263-5669 or Alice Strunk, 263-5981. See page 7 for more information.

Red Cross swimming lessons offered

Swimming lessons will be given at the Eagle Lake Swimming Pool June 3-7 and June 10-14. You must be at least six years old to enroll. Classes offered are beginners, advanced beginners, intermediates, swimmers and basic and emergency water safety. Lessons are free, but there will be a \$5 pool fee. Registration will be held at the Eagle Lake Community Pool on Sunday, May 26, from 2-5 p.m. and Wednesday, May 29 from 5-7 p.m.

Juneteenth Celebration coming June 15th

The Juneteenth Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 15th, at the Eagle Lake City Park. Booths are available. Call 234-2067 for information.

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Bendy, Stancik join Eagle Lake City Council

Newly elected Councilmen Don Bendy and Melvin Stancik were sworn in by Mayor Roy Van Nort Tuesday night shortly after the "old" council took care of approving minutes from past meetings and authorizing payment of bills. Attending the meeting in order to witness the "changing of the guard" were the new councilmen's wives Sandy Bendy and Joyce Stancik as well as Ralph and Estrella Truly (Don's in-laws) and Don and Sandy's son Keith.

Before getting down to business, outgoing Councilmen Larry Dulany and Joe Duncan were presented plaques of appreciation for their four and six years of service, respectively.

Next on the agenda was City Engineer John Mercer who requested Council authorize advertisement for bids on two projects: street improvements on Johnnie D. Hutchins and

painting and repairs on the water tower and ground storage tank. Bid advertisements will be published in the May 23rd edition of The Headlight with bids to be opened the afternoon of June 7th. Mercer will then present recommendations to Council at their June 11th meeting.

In other business, Council: "Assured Olivia Maxie and her daughter D. Parker that someone from the City would check their water meters to try to detect any leaks. Maxie's water usage has increased 50% over last year at this same time and she stated there has been no change in her household."

"Passed an ordinance as requested by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation for a stop sign to be erected at the railroad tracks

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Newly elected City Councilmen Don Bendy, left, and Melvin Stancik, center, are sworn in by Mayor Roy Van Nort.

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Eagle Lake Police Department Weekly Report

Week of May 8-14, 1991

Eagle Lake Police Department was dispatched to twenty-four calls this week, including an aggravated robbery at the Texas Tele-Video at 113 E. Main.

Mary Canaris advised the police department at 3:48 p.m. Saturday, May 11th, that she had been robbed at knife point of approximately \$100 by a black male subject, who had left the scene on foot. Johnny Przekazek the suspect to the Minimax parking lot, where he lost sight of him. He was

later observed getting into a blue Oldsmobile Cutlass, which headed south on Boothe Drive.

Patrol Officer Jim Stauda was assisted by Sergeant Earl Jones and Officer Clemmon Johnson. Sergeant Jones is continuing the investigation of this case.

Officer Clemmon Johnson was dispatched to an accident at FM 102 and the 900 block of East Main Saturday, May 11th at 5:58 p.m. involving two vehicles. Tammy Austin of Eagle Lake, driving a 1977 International

Scout, was traveling east on Main Street, when Joel Garza, also of Eagle Lake, and driving an 87 Chevrolet Blazer, turned left on Main from FM 102 and turned into Tammy Austin. There were no injuries sustained from the accident.

Officer Stauda received a call to McCreaty Street, where he was informed of the theft of a bicycle on Sunday, May 12th. The investigation continues.

Officer Stauda was dispatched to a report of an assault on West Main Sunday evening. The victim was taken to the Eagle Lake Hospital for treatment and the case remains under

investigation.

Monday night, the 13th, Officer Jeff Argo was dispatched to meet a complainant at the police department with reference to a broken windshield. The complainant and two other subjects had had an argument and the subject threw some big rocks through her windshield. She was advised to see the judge to file charges.

Chief Villarreal again wishes to commend the public for their participation in assisting the police department in any manner you can and encourages you to continue. The assistance and information you contribute is very useful in solving many cases.

County Commissioners award bids for fuel, construction

By Rhonda Lattimore, Banner Press Staff

The Colorado County Commissioners' Court awarded three bids to local businesses and breezed through the rest of its routine 23-item agenda Monday morning.

A&A Oil Company of Columbus earned the right to continue supplying fuel for the precincts and sheriff's department in the county after the bid opening revealed no other bidders contested the company's bid.

Gross Construction of New Ulm was awarded the bids for the construction of a concrete slab and the erection of a metal building in Eagle Lake at a low bid total cost of \$25,992.50.

Commissioner Leon "Sonny" Spaniel moved to approve the bid with the understanding he would contact the firm and verify if all specifications were met in the bidding process. If the New Ulm firm did not meet all of the required specifications, the court will award the bid to the next low bidder, A. Grohmann & Son of

Weimar, whose bid was \$27,300.

Other bidders were JEP Enterprises Inc. of Eagle Lake d.b.a. Coastal Contracting Company, Kallina Inc. of Schulenburg, Drymalla Construction Company Inc. of Columbus and Tri-County Contractors Inc. of Nada.

The court also received notification from Riceland Regional Mental Health Care Authority on its moving into and utilizing the Waldvogel Opportunity Center in Columbus for housing and psychological rehabilitation services.

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The top graduates of the Class of 1991 at Rice High School were honored last Thursday night during the annual Awards Banquet. Principal Fred Graham presented medals to Valedictorian Darryl Anderson, Salutatorian Noble Anderson and Honor Graduates Hector Tapia and Laraina Pence.

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'Academics should come first'...

Athletic director outlines goals, objectives

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

Athletic Director Mark Johnson dispelled any erroneous statements

that have been made in recent weeks concerning Rice athletics as he outlined the goals and objectives for the program in a report presented to the Rice Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees at its Monday night meeting.

Goals outlined for the coming year include higher participation and competitive spirit among athletes and staff, the operation of the athletic department from the athletic director's office, athletic policies enforced equally and consistently throughout the district in grades seven through 12, better and harder working habits among players and coaches, effective and thorough organization prior to the beginning of each sport and a 95 percent passing rate for all athletes.

"Academics should come first. Athletes should be eligible in the process of working to obtain a high school degree. If they're not, we'll weed them out. If they're not, we'll weed them out," said Johnson.

He also added that an athlete won't be forced to choose one sport or extracurricular activity over another and athletes must be in attendance or call. "This simply prepares an athlete for future job skills," Johnson said. "If we are organized and consistent throughout the district, we will have results."

Rice athletes will be able to participate in football and basketball camps and junior olympic track this summer. The fall season will start with a new athletic structure — two practice sessions from 7 a.m. to noon with an hour rest between the two practices. This will allow students to work in the afternoons.

Johnson then outlined the consolidation of the junior high football and volleyball programs.

"Skills and togetherness will be enhanced through consolidation and we want athletes to feel no difference just because they live in different communities," Johnson said.