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Railroad Commissioner announces back-to-school rail safety program

Railroad Commission Chairman Lena Guerrero announced last week a back-to-school rail safety effort for school districts designed to reduce the chances of a school bus-train collision.

At a press conference at Manor Elementary School near Austin, Guerrero said she is mailing a rail safety training brochure to school district superintendents and PTA coordinators across the state. "We want school districts to be able to assess their risks, identify all the places where school buses have to cross railroad tracks, and train their drivers how to negotiate these crossings safely," Guerrero said.

According to the Commission chairman, Texas recorded more than 500 accidents involving passenger vehicles and trains at rail crossings last year. "Fortunately, none of these accidents involved school buses," Guerrero said. "But we can't afford to take chances with our children's safety. We want to help school districts improve school bus safety where railroad operations are involved."

Guerrero said the rail safety brochure will help school officials answer questions like:

"How can we tell if we have a potential problem at rail-highway grade crossings?"

"How can we get more information about each rail-highway grade crossing in our area?"

"How can we use the information to train regular, relief or substitute drivers?"

"Who do we contact about grade crossing improvements?"

Guerrero also encouraged school district and PTA officials to schedule railroad safety education programs for meetings and school assemblies.

"We have excellent education programs available," she said. "Railroad and Commission representatives can come to schools and PTA meet-

ings with videos and other educational materials."

Guerrero said, "Since Texas has more miles of track and more rail-highway grade crossings than any other state in the country, parents, teachers, kids, everybody needs to know how dangerous it is to try to beat

a train to a grade crossing. School rail safety brochures and information about educational programs are available by writing the Railroad Commission of Texas, Rail Safety Section, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by calling 512-463-7116.

Commissioners

Kuhn was advised by Strunk of the problem and was told it could not be done. Apparently Kuhn has resigned himself to the change; he was not present at the hearing Monday morning.

Before going into recess to await the 11 a.m. public hearing, Commissioners awarded bids on the purchase of a used truck/tractor for Pct. 2, the sale of a 1981 dump truck from Pct. 2 and replacement of the flooring on landings and stairways to the basement in the Courthouse.

A single bid was received on the truck/tractor for Commissioner Johnnie Elstner's precinct. Hoffer Truck Company of Hallettsville submitted a bid of \$18,500 for a 1984 F2575 tandem truck/tractor. As it

turned out, Hoffer also was awarded the bid on the sale of the 1981 dump truck with an amount of \$4,000. The other four bids ranged from \$1,150 to \$2,576.51.

Bid/proposals for replacement of the existing flooring on stairways and landings leading to the basement of the Courthouse were received from two companies: Columbus Carpets & Furniture and Weimar Home Furnishers. Each submitted prices for heavy duty flooring as well as light duty.

Columbus Carpets bid \$4,666.34 for the heavy duty flooring which included 1/4" tile and \$3,851.89 for 1/8" tile and light duty trends and risers. The Weimar company's bids were \$3,840.86 for heavy duty and \$3,034.95 for light. Weimar Home Furnishers was unanimously awarded the contract to install the heavy duty flooring.

In other business, Commissioners:

• Approved the consultant/contract agreement with Riceland Mental Health Authority for a mental health deputy retroactively effective Sept. 1. Deputy Richard "Sonny" Fredericks will continue to serve in this capacity. The County earmarks \$13,700 for Riceland which then reimburses the Sheriff's Department for the deputy's pay and benefits; approximately \$26,000.

• Set a budget hearing for Monday, Sept. 23rd, at 11 a.m. to adopt a tax rate. Chief Appraiser Bill Youens requested the rate be set by the 20th of this month, but the court's next meeting date of the 23rd was as close as they could come.

• Changed the amount of funding to the Department of Human Services from \$8,000 to \$6,000 (the same as last year) after review of the budget for the upcoming year.

• Were introduced to Debs Martin, the new county maintenance supervisor. Martin was one of five applicants for the position; three of which were from out of county. Strunk stated the two from county residents were given a higher priority and Martin was chosen for his past experiences in the fields necessary for the position.

• Were notified of the resignations of county employees Sylvester Stovall, Ossie Glover and Penders

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Moseley from the maintenance department. They also authorized the advertisement for replacements.

• Approved a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the means for its implementation. This was the next step in making the final plan a reality.

• Appointed Strunk to the H-GAC Airport Advisory Committee.

• Received notification from the Texas Department of Health of the random inspection of Weimar Ambulance Corps Unit 803 on Aug. 26th. According to David Rives, inspector with TDEH, the inspection revealed no deficiencies.

• Accepted the resignation of Pct. 2 employee Leonard Kahlden and approved the hiring of Edward Stoeber as his replacement. Kahlden, Commissioner Elstner's nephew, was hired by Strunk when he was serving as commissioner in that precinct. But, when Elstner took office, the nepotism law went into effect virtually freezing Kahlden at his present position and salary as long as Elstner served as commissioner. In order to improve his earning capacity, Kahlden resigned.

• Discussed sending a letter to all phone companies which operate in the county in reference to keeping the area around their pedestals clear. A pedestal is a tall, box-like projection above ground. Due to the heavy rains this summer, when the area around the pedestal has not been kept clear, county employees are unable to locate them when mowing and damage is done to the pedestal as well as the mower. Strunk said, "We hit one with a shredder last week." This item is to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

• Were told by County Auditor Rayme Kana of a bill from the Sheridan Ambulance Corps totaling \$1,980 for 17 persons to attend a class and the purchase of 16 textbooks. Since each ambulance corps in the county is funded for \$1,500 each year, Kana said she had made the check-out for the \$1,500 instead of \$1,980. Technically, expenditures of the corps should be approved by the county before they are incurred.

A wide variety of colorful plants and shrubs surrounding their home at 714 Partridge Lane helped Mrs. Marge Wiese and her son, Larry, win the Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club's distinction of Yard-of-the-Month for September.

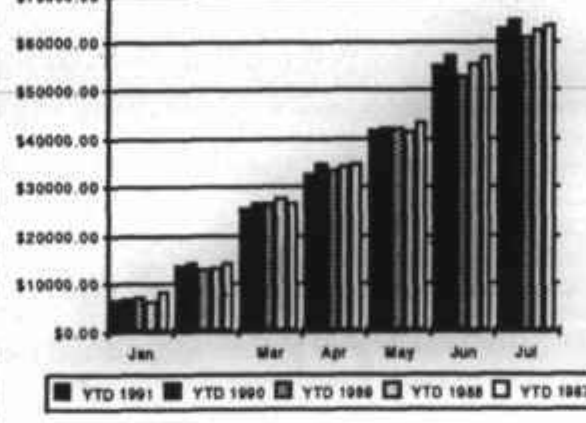
Larry oversees the landscaping and the upkeep of the flowerbeds lining the house that are filled with azaleas, Indian hardhorns, calladiums, pink impatiens, silver fox and roses.

Four oak trees lined up across the front yard are surrounded by pink and purple periwinkles. On the front porch sits two wrought iron chairs flanked by hanging ferns and various potted plants.

A special part of the front yard is a fountain given to Mrs. Wiese in memory of her late husband, Clifford

Wiese, by the Clifford Wiese Sunday School Class of the United Methodist Church. The base of the fountain is surrounded by blue ageratum. The

soothing sound of the running water makes the Wiese yard a nice place to be on a hot summer day! Congratulations to Mrs. Wiese and Larry.



Another way to look at the sales tax being collected in Eagle Lake is with a year-to-date total. The chart at left reflects that total for the first seven months of the last five years. As you can see, the year-to-date for July, 1991, is above 1988 and 89.

'Yard of the Month' for September

Mrs. Marge Wiese and her son, Larry, are the recipients of the Yard of the Month award for the month of September. Pictured from left are: Larry Wiese, Mrs.

Marge Wiese and Anna Gertson, reporter for the Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club. Headlight Photo by Linda Waddell

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Commuter plane crash shocks community, nation

Wednesday morning started out a beautiful day, but the beauty was darkened by the deaths of 14 people unknown to residents our city when Continental Express Flight 2574 burst into flames over a corn field south of town and plummeted to the ground.

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Corps were on the scene within a very short time even though the field is located off County Road 79-A which crosses FM 102 South about four miles out of town. It was not an easy location to find. These volunteers remained on the scene most of the day along with law enforcement officials and growing numbers of media people from all over the nation.

Since the daily papers and television news have been everyone apprised of any developments in the investigation, it will not be reiterated.

jewelry salesman; resident of Scottsdale, Ariz.; born Sept. 22, 1932, in Dallas; remains taken to Dallas for services and interment in Shearith Israel Cemetery.

7. Philip James Vuong, 28; supervisor, TD Toys, Co. of Laredo; born Dec. 24, 1962, in Saigon, Vietnam; remains taken to Philadelphia, Pa., for services and interment at a later date.

8. Edy Augusto Maldonado, 28; drilling engineer and resident of Houston; born June 10, 1962, in Ecuador; remains returned home to Av Riofrio Sangoqui, Ecuador.

9. John Donovan Montgomer, 37; account manager for the Clenden Company; born Jan. 9, 1954, in Pittsburgh, Penn., and was resident of Sterling Heights, Mich.; remains taken to Brookpark, Ohio, for services and interment in Holy Cross Cemetery.

10. & 11. Humberto Tamez de la Garza, 29; plant manager in the agriculture/food industry; and his wife, Erika Georgina Colorado, 25; both of Monterrey, Mexico; remains were returned to Monterrey for services.

12. Guillermo Villalva, 51; director of the northern region Colegio de la Frontera in Juarez, Mexico; born Dec. 15, 1939, in El Paso, Texas; her remains were returned to Juarez for services and interment in the Cemetery Jardine Eternos.

13. & 14. Jose L. Sepulveda Macias, 30; engineer for Tele-Radio and Pares Mexican; and his wife, Bertha Cecilia Delgado Gonzalez Sepulveda, 25; a teacher; both natives of Monterrey and residents of Colonia Fuente del Valle, Nuevo Leon, Mexico; remains returned to Monterrey for services and burial in Panteon de Dolores.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home, Eagle Lake. Fatality list provided by Dulany Funeral Home.

6. Albert Zelman Golman, 58; Fatality list from Continental Express Flight 2574:

1. Bradley Max Partridge, 29; pilot for Continental; resident of Kingwood, Texas; born April 20, 1962, in Lynwood, California.

2. Clinton Rodosovich, 43; Continental pilot; resident of The Woodlands; born Nov. 9, 1947, in Bethesda, Md.; remains taken to South Bend, Indiana, for services at a later date.

3. Nancy Jean Reed, 33; flight attendant for Continental; resident of Bella Vista, Arkansas; born Aug. 8, 1958, in Minneapolis, Minn.; remains returned to Arkansas for services.

4. & 5. Francisco J. Puentes Ayala, 29; engineer for Cajas de Carton de Monterrey, Mexico; Maria del Roble Garza de Puentes, 25; wife of Francisco and architect; both natives of Monterrey; remains returned home for services.

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While visiting relatives on September 1st, Raymond Lewis was accidentally injured when a gun fell, discharging a bullet that ricocheted and hit him in the forehead. He was rushed to Bellville General Hospital and then transported by Life Flight to Hermann Hospital in Houston where emergency surgery was performed.

Raymond then spent five days in the Pediatric Critical Care Unit and is now miraculously doing well in his own room on the third floor of the hospital. He will need physical therapy and speech therapy for another 6 months to a year as well as another operation. The many prayers offered in his behalf have obviously been answered.

Raymond is the three-year-old son of Bruce and Cindy Lewis of Eagle Lake.

When he returns home he will be gladly welcomed by his brothers and sisters, Jackie, 10 years old; Jana, 8; Wesley, 7; Nora, 5; Jimmy, 1-1/2; and his new sister Jessica Anne, who was born five days after the accident.

Anyone wishing to make donations to help this family in their time of need can send them to his aunt and uncle in Eagle Lake: Address them to Raymond Lewis, c/o Larry and Linda Waddell, 217 Airline, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

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