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Police report

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while walking on Schley St. The child was taken to the doctor and the dog's owner was cited for letting the dog run loose.

At the police station, Officer Reeves was also told by another subject that a pistol was missing from his car. The case is under investigation. June 26 at 1:26 a.m., Officer Jeff Argo and Sgt. Clem Johnson were dispatched to the Rice Package Store in reference to an alarm. They found the left plate glass window broken out. The officers checked the building and secured it. The manager and owner

were called. Apparently no entry was made into the building.

At 11:30 a.m. Nora Robinson of Columbus reported to Officer Eric Hart that her car had been broken into while it was parked at 416 Church St. sometime between June 23 and 24. A passenger side window was broken out and several items stolen from the car. The case is under investigation. At 5:30 p.m. a complainant told Officer Reeves that his rear license plate had been stolen from his pickup sometime during the previous night. June 27 at 11:12 a.m. a cashier at

J&K's Corner reported to police the theft of \$15 in gas. The cashier told officers the suspect looked into the store then drove off without paying for the gas. Charges were filed.

At 12:05 p.m., Officer Reeves received a report of criminal mischief at a church on Prairie St. A window was broken out but no entry was made into the church building. A case of criminal mischief at 414 E. B St. is under investigation. Unknown suspects kicked in a door at a motel that is not in business, causing damage to the door.

Signs show the way along the Colorado Trail

Look for the signs that have gone up along roadways and along the Colorado River below Austin to help show the way to the river.

The signs are one way the Lower Colorado River Authority is drawing attention to its ambitious Colorado River Trail, which is taking shape throughout Central Texas.

Some of the signs along major roads will point the way to public access sites and boat ramps along the river. Other signs are installed in kiosks at the access sites to show people where they are on the river and to remind them of their responsibilities in using the river.

Signs at bridges crossing the Colorado between Austin and the Gulf Coast will let boaters know exactly where they are on the river. The signs show the location in river miles. River miles are measured from the mouth of the Colorado in Matagorda County, mile 000, and follow the meandering of the river.

Still other signs along the river's edge to point the location of sites where river recreationists can take their boats out of the water. "We want to get people to come back to the river through our Colorado River Trail program and the new signs should help show the way," said

Donna Brasher, LCRA's manager of land resources. "These signs will not only make it easier for people to get to the river, but they should provide a regular reminder that the river is there for them to enjoy," Brasher said.

The Colorado River Trail is a 500-mile corridor following the Colorado from San Saba to the Gulf Coast. The idea is for people to use existing roadways to drive to attractions within the corridor, including sites with direct access to the river.

A key part of the program has been a cooperative effort by the LCRA and

local communities to develop sites to give people greater access to the river. The LCRA-community partnerships have already resulted in the development of river-access facilities in Bastrop, Wharton and Bay City. LCRA is working to develop additional sites in Bastrop, Fayette, Colorado, Wharton and Matagorda Counties.

Did you know...
More than 60 of the natural terrestrial elements have been identified in the sun, all in gaseous form because of the intense heat.

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See Robert Delgado for details.

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SCS News

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Scott Sturges of the Lone Oak area is planning to construct a pond. Technical assistance is also being provided in the development of a conservation plan.

All programs of the Department of Agriculture are available to anyone without regard to race, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin.

Musical evening set July 25

Plans for a community musical are progressing nicely according to Phillip Mehner. He and his Sunday School class at First United Methodist Church are in charge of the arrangements.

The musical, entitled *Decisions of Importance*, will be held Sunday, July 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church with the pastor, Rev. Larry Bailey, serving as master of ceremonies.

The evening's program includes individuals and groups, gospel singing and testimonials, and audience participation.

Everyone is invited to attend. All those interested in taking part in the inspirational event may call Mehner at 234-7594 or Rev. Bailey at 234-2021 or 234-3288. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the program.

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Eagle Lake man shot to death

An argument between two men in the early hours of Saturday morning resulted in a shooting fatality near downtown Eagle Lake.

The Eagle Lake Police Department received the report of a shooting in the 300 block of East A Street at 12:22 a.m. Saturday, July 10. Officers arrived to find a black male had been shot. The victim was identified as Arthur Curran (Ba Ba) Foster, age 24, of Eagle Lake.

Police investigation revealed that Foster had been shot once in the chest and once in the lower abdomen by a second black male. Foster was taken to Eagle Lake Community Hospital. A LifeFlight helicopter arrived at ap-

proximately 2 a.m. but Foster died from his wounds before he could be transported.

Anthony Carlton Milligan, age 24, of Eagle Lake, was arrested and charged with the murder. He was read his rights by Justice of the Peace Mary Lou Szymanski and transported to Colorado County Jail where he is being held without bond.

Apparently an argument between the two men led to the shooting.

Eagle Lake Police Department reported a number of other calls and arrests during the last week including disorderly conduct and alcohol related incidents.

Arrests included: James Lee Roy Jr., on a warrant for disorderly conduct; Ulab Johnson III on warrants for evading arrest and two counts of terroristic threat; Gabriel Corona Jr. for disorderly conduct and public intoxication; Keith Ishee for disorderly conduct and public intoxication; Als oarrested were Joseph Blue Shoemaker Jr., for driving while his license was suspended, failure to maintain financial responsibility and providing alcohol to a minor; Ronnie Gonzales on a warrant for no insurance; Joe Lopez Hernandez for driving while intoxicated; Ben Garcia Hernandez for public intoxication; (See Police report, Page 10)

Need for new county jail now closer to necessity

Special to The Headlight By Rhonda Lattimore, Banner Press Staff

To spend or not seems to be the topic as usual at the Colorado County Commissioners' Court meetings... and Monday morning was no different.

Receiving a letter from Jack Crump of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards stating the county's jail remains in non-compliance to commission standards, the court still faces the prospect of having to find funds to build a new facility.

While the project could be considered an unnecessary and costly venture, it is becoming more apparent that it is very necessary and less costly than the current policy of farming Colorado County prisoners to other area jails.

With a budget of \$18,000 for the entire year, County Auditor Raymie

Kana reported some \$35,200 was spent housing prisoners elsewhere through the month of June. The figures will continue to rise since the fiscal year for the county does not end until Dec. 31.

At the current rate, the county may see a total expense of some \$70,000 by the end of the year, four times the budgeted amount.

In his most recent letter, Crump said the county must provide single cells for 30% of the capacity of the jail or at least furnish one single cell. Inmates must also be given one hour of supervised physical exercise and/or recreation at least three days per week in order to comply with commission standards.

If steps are not taken to correct the areas of non-compliance, Crump said,

"...remedial order shall be issued and enforced, or other appropriate action taken."

The commission has the authority to close a county jail. Fortunately, Crump and his staff have continued to be lenient with Colorado County.

Presently, a citizen's committee has been formed to help the court in making a decision concerning the future of the jail. Two meetings have already been held with more scheduled. County Judge H.O. "Butch" Strunk can answer questions regarding the committee and meeting times.

With the calculators still smoking from figuring expenses incurred due to jail problems, the court agreed to come up with some \$50,000 to match a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation, Division of Aviation.

The monies total 10% of a \$500,000 grant from the department to make improvements to the Robert R. Wells Jr. Airport. The improvements would include widening and repaving the runway and approach, striping the runway and burying power lines.

The Robert R. Wells Jr. Airport Committee, a non-profit organization, agreed to give the county \$11,768.74 to help defray the expense of the 10% match needed to receive the funds. Other individuals who use the airport have made unofficial pledges toward the total.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Jerome Wicke "strongly recommended" approving the matching funds so the grant can be finalized. The court agreed unanimously.

In other business, the court:

•Awarded a bid for roof repair to Roofing Unlimited of Katy in the amount of \$8,650;

•Awarded a bid for seven window air conditioners to Gahler Electric and Air Conditioning of La Grange in the amount of \$10,240;

•Due to current high claims, tabled a decision to seek bids for group health insurance until the current policy lapses in Feb.;

•Reappointed Precinct 4 Commissioner Commissioners, Page 10)



Death on FM 2614

Herbert Ramirez Jr. of Eagle Lake was killed Thursday, July 8, in this auto-gravel truck collision on FM 2614 in the Elm Grove area of Wharton County between Bonus and Garwood. Ramirez' 1987 Chevrolet Celebrity station wagon was struck by an empty gravel truck. The station wagon rolled several times and its engine ended up under the bed of the trailer.

Wharton Journal-Spectator Photo by Burton Parsons.

Local killed in collision

An Eagle Lake citizen, Herbert Ramirez Jr., was killed Thursday, July 8, in an auto accident in the Elm Grove area of Wharton County between Bonus and Garwood.

Ramirez, driving a 1987 Chevrolet Celebrity station wagon, was struck by a truck with an empty gravel trailer. The driver of the truck, Louis Enrique Masson, 30, of Houston, was not injured in the collision.

Ramirez' station wagon was struck in the front driver's side by an oncoming gravel truck as he was turning left off of FM 2614 into a private driveway. The accident happened at approximately 2:35 p.m. He was pronounced dead at the scene at 3:46 p.m. by Wharton County Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Frank Shannon.

Ramirez was a representative of American General Life and Accident Insurance Company. He had been out collecting insurance premiums from clients who live along FM 2614 that afternoon.

An eyewitness to the accident, Leavator Blunston, said Ramirez had just left her mother's home up the road and was turning into another driveway further south when the collision occurred.

She said the truck driver honked his horn several times; then there was a cloud of dust and the crash.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Ray Morjardo noted the tire marks left by the truck indicated it (See Wreck, Page 10)

NEWSBRIEFS

Providence Baptist holds services, workshop

Rev. Coby Shorter and the members of Providence Baptist Church, 1207 E. State Street in Eagle Lake, invite everyone in the community to their Mission I & II Workshop and Women's Day Services this Saturday and Sunday, July 17 and 18. (See article in this issue for more details.)

Book Sale set next week

Eagle Lake Study Club has scheduled a book sale July 19 through 23 at the Wintermann Library. Everyone is encouraged to come browse and buy the used books. Proceeds from the sale are used for the library.

Baptist VBS parent night is Friday

Summershine, the First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School, continues through July 16 from 9 a.m. to noon daily for ages four through sixth grade and all area children are invited to attend. A parents night will be presented Friday, July 16, at 7 p.m.

Reception set for councilwoman

The public is invited to a reception in honor of Eagle Lake City Councilwoman Renee Cooper-Scott Friday, July 16. The reception, hosted by friends, will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. in the council chamber of the Municipal Building at 100 E. Main St.

KCs Casino Night is Saturday

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Council # 4843 will have a Casino Night Saturday, July 17, beginning at 7 p.m. at the KC Hall. An auction will begin at 10:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome and proceeds go to benefit local projects and charities.

Concert is July 18 at First Baptist

First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake will host a concert by David Phelps of Waco, on Sunday, July 18, at 7 p.m. This concert is open to all of Eagle Lake and the surrounding communities. Everyone is invited to attend.

Iglesia Bautista has VBS

Getsemani Iglesia Bautista will have Vacation Bible School July 19-23 at 901 East B St. in Eagle Lake. The evening classes will be for ages four through fourth grade daily from 5:30 to 8 p.m. All area children are invited to attend.

Summer reading program nears end

The closing program for the summer reading program at the Wintermann Library will be Wednesday, July 28. Don't miss these last two sessions on Wednesday afternoons at 2:30 p.m.

Raider booster golf tourney set

The Rice Raider Booster Club is sponsoring a scholarship golf tournament Saturday, July 31. The entry fee is \$40 and entry forms are available at Johnny's Sport Shop, Tee-Up Pro Shop or by calling Mark Johnson 234-3543, Gary Epps 409-732-6668 or Ray Reynolds 234-3035.

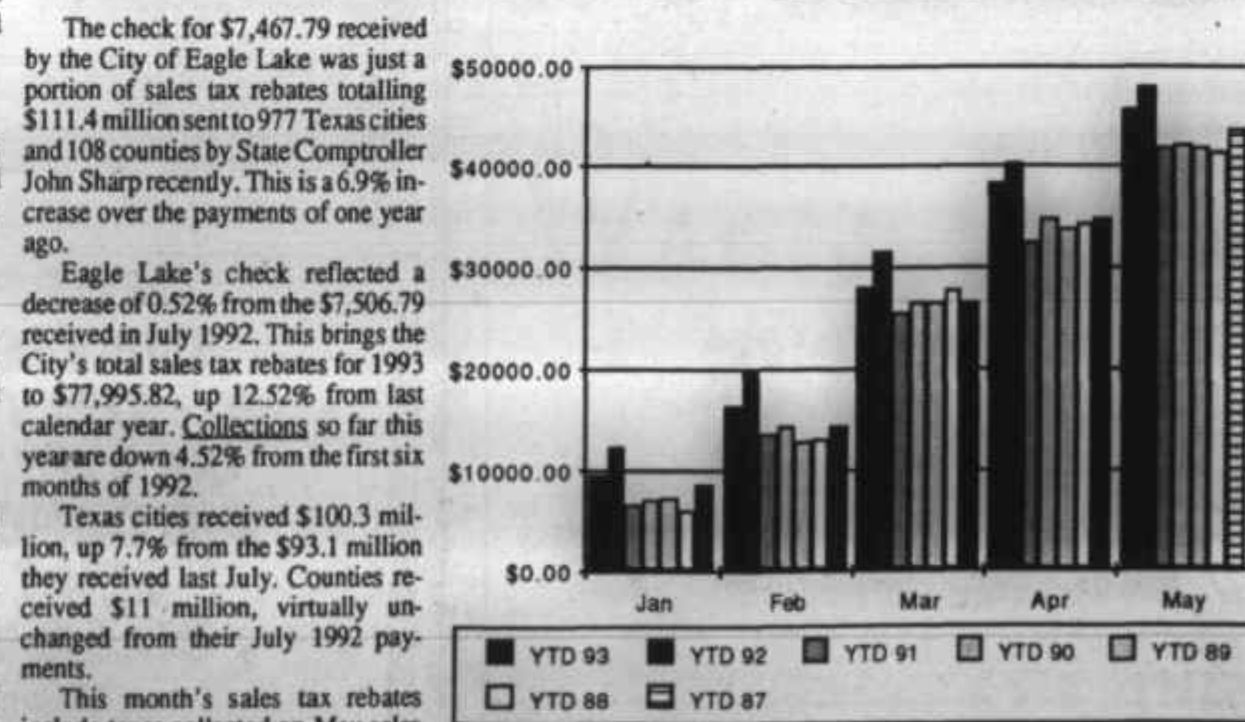
Cholesterol screening at GCMC

A cholesterol and triglyceride screening is scheduled July 21 from 7 to 9 a.m. at the Gulf Coast Medical Center lab. To preregister call 409-532-2500 ext. 1300. The test costs \$8.

Christmas in July?

It may be only July but the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce reminds the community it is not too soon to begin planning for the Christmas Parade Dec. 4. Groups and businesses should begin gathering ideas and materials early to be ready in plenty of time.

July sales tax rebates increase 6.9% statewide



Deborah Matthys named Primary School principal

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees named Deborah Matthys to the position of Eagle Lake Primary School Principal at its Monday night meeting.

Matthys will fill the position vacated by Major Benge this year upon his retirement after 28 years. There were 15 applicants for the position.

The board voted unanimously, upon the recommendation of Superintendent Carolyn McGahey, to award the position to Matthys who has served as special programs supervisor

since coming to RCISD five years ago from T.H. Johnson Elementary School in Taylor where she was assistant principal.

Matthys holds an undergraduate degree from Texas Lutheran College in Seguin and a graduate degree from the University of Texas in Austin where she served as a graduate assistant. Prior to that, she taught two years in Africa and first and second grade for three years in Thorndale.

Matthys was awarded a two-year contract to run from July 1 to June 30, 1995, at a salary not yet determined. The district's Salary & Benefits Com-

mittee will meet later this month to recommend a salary to the board, even though Matthys is to assume her duties immediately.

"My goal is to make Eagle Lake Primary School a place where every child reaches his or her potential," said Matthys.

Under other personnel matters, the board accepted resignations from Sheridan teachers, Annie Ondraek and Judy Hoeltcher, and from Eagle Lake Primary School teacher Kathy Kovar. Eagle Lake Middle School coach Anthony Brown also submitted (See School board, Page 10)



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