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Council

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officer Stephen Smith as a fulltime officer.

Hall told Council the City's jail improvements are near completion. The facility will be used as a holding cell.

A lengthy discussion of garbage collection and disposal policies and procedures and garbage rate increases was conducted by Council after it received notification from Tricil that the landfill fee will increase by $1.75 per cubic yard, effective May 1.

The City currently pays $7.50 per cubic yard ($7 to Tricil and 50¢ to the state). The new rate will be $9.25 ($8.75 to Tricil and 50¢ to the state). This is an increase of 25%.

"We must make some changes in order to keep the cost of garbage disposal down for our citizens," said City Manager Ron Holland.

Council concurred that recycling is a beginning and heard a presentation by Russ Minter of the Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance. He told Council the alliance is ready to get into the recycling act.

"We are offering our labor and facilities to haul our recycling items to Columbus since Eagle Lake no longer has a bin," said Minter.

Holland advised Council that solid waste taken to the landfill is mandated to be down by 40% by the year 2000 and that recycling is certainly a way to help reach that goal.

Mayor Don Bendy asked if Council takes involvement in recycling under advisement, either to transport to Columbus or get the city's bins back, would the alliance get involved?

"Yes. We will be happy to cooperate in any way we can," said Minter.

Council tabled any action on the matter until it can get a general idea of what it has in mind. It will then hold a public hearing to gather ideas for the reduction of garbage and yard refuse.

It also was announced that there are four write-in candidates for City Council — Earl Jones, Barbara Pidgeon, John Young and Dave Curry.

Used oil collection site to hold grand opening

A used oil collection site will have its grand opening in East Bernard, April 30.

The Wharton County Precinct 2 solid waste transfer station on Foundation Loop in East Bernard is the location for the collection center.

That Saturday, festivities will be held from 9 a.m. to noon with free t-shirts, plastic collection containers and other items given away.

A booth will be set up at Klecka's Grocery on Texas Hwy. 60 to provide information, directions and free items for the opening.

The collection center will give area residents a convenient alternative to dumping used oil. It will be recycled from the center which is to be open 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Residents can also leave newspaper, plastics, aluminum, scrap metal and tires at the center.

The East Bernard site is one of 23 centers in 12 counties in Central Texas that have been established under a grant from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission with assistance from the Lower Colorado River Authority.

Wharton County Commissioner Chris King at 409-35-7541 or Will Wyman with LCRA at 1-800-776-5272 ext. 7763, have additional information available about the used oil collection center.

Sheridan speller in Chronicle Bee

Thomas Pittman, from Sheridan School, represented this district in the regional competition of the Houston Chronicle Spelling Bee. He competed Wednesday, April 6, at Texas Commerce Auditorium in Houston with 53 other contestants in the oral spelling bee. He successfully completed several rounds before missing a word and being eliminated.

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County handles loose livestock, few arrests reported this week

Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following calls during the week ending April 17.

On Monday, April 11, at 12:29 a.m. Deputy Thaine Busby assisted the DPS with an accident on IH-10 at the 693 mile marker.

Deputy Leonard Peters gave a courtesy escort at 7:33 a.m. and at 11:30 a.m., Deputy Robert Miller checked on an incident in Alleyton.

Sgt. Lattimore investigated a suspicious phone call at 6:30 p.m. He investigated an incident and retrieved a child at County Rd. 218B off FM 1093 at 7:30 p.m., The case was referred to the judge.

Tuesday, April 12, at 8:11 a.m. Deputy Miller checked on a report of loose horses on FM 109 a mile south of Frelsburg.

At 8:58 a.m., Miller checked on a report of hogs loose at County Rd. 101B.

Lt. R.H. Wied investigated a call at 12:12 p.m. of a possible intoxicated driver on IH-10 at the eastbound 693 mile marker.

At 11:49 p.m., Deputy Jim Parcell met with a Houston Police unit at the IH-10 westbound 706 mile marker.

Chief Deputy Alton Adcock posted three citations at the courthouse and Deputy Carol Scott served two civil papers.

Wednesday, Deputy Parcell assisted Columbus Ambulance Unit 801 with a possible heart attack victim at Hwy. 90E at 5:05 a.m. The case was ruled as death due to natural causes by Justice of the Peace Truchard.

At 10:05 a.m., Lt. Wied investigated a theft of service at Sandy Creek Drive Inn in Hwy. 90-A. The suspect was arrested.

Lt. Wied investigated a report of someone shooting a gun on Canel St. in Alleyton at 1:47 p.m.

Sgt. Lattimore served a civil citation in Columbus at 6:30 p.m. and Deputy Scott served two civil papers. Lattimore served two others.

At 7:51 p.m., Deputy Parcell assisted Columbus police at Columbus Junior High School.

Thursday, April 14, Deputy Parcell investigated a report at 1 a.m. of a suspicious person on Harbert St. in Alleyton.

At 6:30 a.m., Deputy Peters investigated a telephone harassment case at the sheriff's office. The case is pending further action.

Sgt. Lattimore, Deputies Scott and Busby served civil papers.

Deputy Peters investigated an incident of graffiti on the railroad bridge on Old Hwy. 90 near Columbus East River Bridge at 6:34 p.m.

At 9 p.m., Deputy Peters assisted Columbus Ambulance Unit 801 on Hwy. 90-A in Altair with a call. Justice of the Peace Mary Lou Szymanski ruled the death due to natural causes.

Sgt. Lattimore gave courtesy transport to a juvenile to Hempstead at 7:50 p.m.

At 9:47, he investigated a suspicious vehicle at Mikeska's on IH-10.

Friday, April 15, Deputy Troy Neisner assisted Columbus police at 1:19 a.m. with a theft of service case at the Chevron on IH-10.

At 12:56 p.m., Lt. Wied investigated a report of two missing black Angus bulls, possibly felony theft, on FM 950 and FM 2614 in Garwood.

Sgt. Lattimore assisted the DPS with an accident and major fatality between Frelsburg and New Ulm.

At 9:21 p.m. Deputy Neisner assisted the DPS with an accident on FM 950.

Deputy Miller checked on a report of a pickup in the ditch on FM 109 and Brune Mill Rd at 10 p.m.

Deputies Busy and Scott served 18 civil papers.

Saturday, April 16, Deputy Peters made a bar check in Sheridan at 1:21 a.m. Then, at 2:42 a.m., he checked on a vehicle at the rest area in Altair and he assisted a stranded motorist at 2:52 a.m. at the 685 mile marker of IH-10.

Deputy Parcell assisted with a funeral escort at 10:35 a.m. He checked on a transient on Hwy. 90 near the railroad overpass at 11 a.m.

At 12:26 p.m., Deputy Parcell investigated a report concerning an air boat at Beason's Crossing.

Deputy Parcell investigated a terroristic threat call on County Rd. 113 in Garwood at 1:30 p.m. The case is pending action by the complainant.

Deputies Scott and Neisner served criminal subpoenas.

Deputy Parcell investigated a report of loose cattle on Hwy. 71 five miles south of Altair at 2:30 p.m.

At 6:49 p.m. Deputy Miller assisted a stranded motorist on IH-10 west of the rest area.

Deputies Neisner and Miller assisted Eagle Lake police at 8:20 p.m. with a disturbance call on Murphy and Glen Flora Rd.

Sunday morning at 1:12 a.m., Deputies Neisner and Peters arrested a subject for driving while intoxicated at the Roadside Market in Weimar. A second subject was arrested for public intoxication.

Chamber

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•Schwemm told board members of a letter he had received on chamber structures and guidelines. He will make a full report at the next meeting.

The chamber will meet May 16 at noon at the Blue Plate Cafe for their next regular session.

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Town Meeting set for Saturday

The Eagle Lake Police Department in conjunction with Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers are hosting another Town Meeting this Saturday beginning at 2 p.m. in the Community Center, Chief A.E. "Buck" Hall announced recently.

Topics on the agenda, at this time, are the Neighborhood Watch Program, Drug Abatement Program and Operation I.D.

A new program for our area, Operation I.D. is being instituted by our police department to help citizens help themselves by marking and compiling an inventory of their valuables.

Spend some time with the officers who are responsible for your safety. Let them know your opinion of the job they're doing.

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Area schools set kindergarten registration

Prekindergarten and kindergarten registration is being held in area schools for the 1994-95 school year.

Parents or guardians should bring the child's birth certificate, record of immunizations and social security card with them to the registration at all schools. Students must be five years of age on or before Sept. 1, 1994, to qualify for kindergarten.

An immunization clinic is set at Eagle Lake Elementary School for all children, regardless of age or income, Monday, May 2, from 12 to 4 p.m. Students are required to have immunizations of at least three doses for DPT/oral polio and one dose of MMR.

Eagle Lake Elementary will have its registration Monday, May 2, from 12 to 4 p.m. Parents of prekindergarten children will also be required to show a food stamp number or evidence of low income to qualify for this program. The school office number is 234-3587 if you have any questions.

Sheridan Elementary will have kindergarten registration Friday, May 6, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The school number is 234-7334 for any additional information.

Garwood Elementary registration will be Monday, May 2, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the school office. Parents are asked to register their kindergarten children even if their shot record is not complete. The office number is 758-3385.

Tricil, A.C.E. battle rages on

Special to *The Headlight*
By Rhanda Lattimore
Banner Press Staff

And the battle rages on... between the Colorado County Commissioners' Court and Tricil Environmental Response Inc., owners of the Colorado County Landfill.

Monday morning, the Commissioners' Court granted County Judge H.O. "Butch" Strunk permission to request an injunction in district court which would stop disposal of Class II non-hazardous waste at the landfill, located near Altair.

Strunk said Tuesday morning he had not filed for the injunctive relief, but will ask the Commissioners' Court today (Thursday) to consider hiring an attorney to handle the matter. County Attorney Stephen Sebesta reportedly told Strunk he was too busy to take on the case.

The Court's decision to take this action stems from the a decision made by the City of San Antonio to dispose of contaminated dirt at the municipal dump.

Strunk said the City of San Antonio has been collecting Class II non-hazardous dirt at the Alamo Dome for the past six years. Some of the dirt is reportedly from the dome's construction, while the remainder is from areas of excavated underground fuel storage tanks, sump pumps and other sites around San Antonio.

Of the total 27,500 cubic yards of dirt at the Alamo Dome location, 10% was scheduled to be shipped to the Colorado County Landfill, beginning with shipments on Monday and ending Wednesday, according to Strunk.

Strunk told the Court that San Antonio officials were planning to dispose of the "good" dirt in their own landfills and ship out the "bad" or contaminated dirt to another location — the 10% scheduled to be dumped in Colorado County.

"It scares me to think of what potential hazards may be in this (soil). We need to find out what it contains, before they move it and dump it here," Strunk said Monday morning.

"Testing has been done on some 59 samples of the entire mound of soil in San Antonio, but I want to see specific testing on the 10% that they want to send here.

"An inspector is supposed to be on site at the time of delivery, but how much can he detect by simply looking at the soil? We need to find out what this Class II soil contains before we accept it. We cannot take a chance of contaminating the site... to say nothing of the groundwater in and around the site.

"They (the City of San Antonio)

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NEWSBRIEFS

CCA board to meet April 28

The Combined Community Action Inc. board of directors will have a monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 28, in the CCA Center, 275 Ellinger Road, La Grange. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Defensive driving course set

The monthly Saturday defensive driving course is scheduled at the Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake on April 30 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Instructor for the class is Gene Cremeens. To register call 234-5411 or 409-543-7849.

Class of '39 gathers

The Eagle Lake High School class of 1939 will have their 55th reunion Saturday, April 30, at the Farris 1912. Class members invite friends to join them at the conclusion, about 9 p.m., to visit and view a video of their senior class play. The alumni reproduced and videotaped the play at their 50th reunion.

Chamber barbecue is Sunday

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce is selling tickets for a fund raising barbecue dinner Sunday, May 1. Tickets are available from any board member or at the Chamber office for $5. The meal is by Austin's BBQ & Catering.

Brast reunion set May 1

The descendents of Adolph and Theodore Brast will hold their 16th annual reunion at noon on Sunday, May 1. The family and friends will gather at the Lux Camphouse in Sealy. Everyone is asked to bring a meat dish, vegetable and dessert. Also bring old photographs.

May 1 is Brune reunion

The 34th annual Brune Family Reunion will be held Sunday, May 1, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic dining hall at Frelsburg. The reunion includes the Ludwig, Henry, George and Edward Brune families. Members should bring a basket lunch with meat, vegetable and dessert for a noon meal.

Friends and Family Day set

Providence Baptist Church, 1207 East State St. in Eagle Lake, invites everyone to the annual Friends and Family Day program on Sunday, May 1, at 3 p.m. Rev. C. Williams with his congregation from Macedonia Baptist Church in Bastrop will be the featured guest. Rev. Coby Shorter Jr. and Deacon Richard Spates, superintendent, encourage the community to join them for the event.

Immunization clinic date, location changed

The monthly immunization clinic, normally held Tuesday at the old Laughlin Clinic, has been changed to Monday, May 2, at the Eagle Lake Primary School from noon to 4 p.m. The clinic will coincide with kindergarten and pre-k registration. If you have questions, contact the school at 234-3587.

Laughlin assistant at courthouse

Congressman Greg Laughlin will have an assistant at the Colorado County Courthouse in Columbus from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 3. He will be able to help residents with questions regarding veterans benefits, Social Security and other federal government problems. No appointment is needed.

Rice High parents to meet

The Rice High School Commons will be the place for a parents meeting Monday, May 2. An on-going presentation of plans for the 1994-95 school year is set for 4 to 7 p.m. Principal Dr. Barbara Williams with counselors Guy Beane and Joe Wendel will give information and answer questions on schedules and four year plans for students. Call the counselors' office at 234-3535 for additional information.

Candidate forum set for Monday night

A candidate forum for Rice school board trustee will be held Monday, May 2, at 8 p.m. in the Rice High School library. The public is urged to attend and learn about the candidates.

Lifeguard course offered

Anyone interested in taking a lifeguard course or applying for a job at the pool this summer should contact Shannon Pustejovsky before May 4 at 234-3667 after 6 p.m.

Come see 'The Clown'

Everyone is invited to come see the Rice High School presentation of the one-act play "Goodbye to the Clown" Sunday, May 1, at 2 p.m. The performance is in the Prairie Edge Museum and tickets are available from crew and cast members or at the door beginning at 1:30 p.m. Sunday for $2 a person.

Senior citizens have dance

The senior citizens will have a dance Friday, May 6, from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake KC Hall. The cost is $4 a person and the public is invited to enjoy music by the Country Playboys.

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United Way plans underway for this fall

The fund raising committee of the 1994 Eagle Lake United Way met April 21 to begin planning their campaign for October.

Committee Chairman Mike Duarte suggested a walkathon for possible new funds. The committee welcomes other suggestions from the community for fund raising.

Some corporations require early notification of the United Way's needs so they can plan the giving in their budgets. The committee has begun notifying these companies of the goal and plans. If anyone is an employee or owner of a company needing the advance notice, they are asked to contact a United Way committee member.

The Fund raising committee members are Duarte, Laurel Holden, Irving Williams, Bea Mota, Jerry McNeely and Leah Lane. These board members invite the public's ideas and input as well as donations to help make the 1994 campaign a great success.

Money from the local United Way helps fund the Boy Scouts, Youth Development, Colorado County Children's Service Board, Colorado Valley Council on Alcohol and Drugs, Little League, Colorado County Mental Health Mental Retardation, Colorado County Red Cross, Eagle Lake Salvation Army, Special Olympics and the Ministerial Alliance local relief efforts.

Parole violator arrested again by Eagle Lake Police

Frank Ashton of Eagle Lake was arrested on a warrant from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on Tuesday, April 26, at approximately 5:25 p.m. Ashton, who had been on parole until 2002 for a previous conviction, had been arrested on April 1 by Eagle Lake Police and charged with possession of a controlled substance for purpose of sale. A large amount of cash was confiscated at the same time.

Following Ashton's arrest on April 1, Chief A.E. "Buck" Hall requested a "blue" warrant (issued for violation of parole) which was received by Eagle Lake on Tuesday morning. Hall, along with Sgt. Johnson and Officer Stephen Smith, took Ashton into custody late Tuesday afternoon. He was transported to the Colorado County Jail and was to be returned to the state prison system on Wednesday to serve the remainder of his original sentence.

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls during the week ending April 25.

Friday, April 22, at 9:35 p.m., Officer Keith Norman was contacted at the police station in reference to an earlier assault which had occurred at the Dairy Queen parking lot. A report was taken and the matter referred to the judge.

Sgt. Clem Johnson was dispatched to the police station to meet a complainant Saturday, April 23, at 6:35 a.m. concerning a terroristic threat report. The complainant was advised to see the judge to file a complaint.

Officer Eric Bilbo was dispatched to a burglary of a residence at 4:42 p.m. Several items were reported stolen from the garage area. The case is under investigation.

April 24 at 12 a.m., Sgt. Johnson received a report of disorderly conduct. He met with the persons involved and took a report. The case was referred to the judge.

Monday, April 25, Officer Jake Garcia was advised of criminal mischief at the golf course at 5:50 a.m. He found where suspects had damaged the gate on Hubbards Ferry Rd. and the No. 6 hole on the course. It is being investigated.

At 5:50 p.m., Officer Lance Segler was contacted at the police station in reference to missing juveniles. Officer Smith located the juveniles and returned them to their parents.

Other miscellaneous calls answered by police this week included harassment, suspicious persons reports, missing persons and prowlers.

Chief Hall reported to the Eagle Lake City Council Tuesday night that Officer Lance Segler had stepped down as a full time officer and will resume his position as an auxiliary. Auxiliary Officer Brian Davis was recommended to fill Segler's slot on the schedule on a temporary basis. Council approved the changes.

Numerous DWI arrests made by County

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following calls during the week ending April 24.

On Monday, April 18, at 2:11 a.m., Deputy Troy Neisner responded to a report of cattle loose at Hwy. 71 south by John's Oasis.

Deputy Thaine Busby responded to a call at 8:48 a.m. of a horse in a front yard on Hwy. 71 South. At 8:52 he investigated a report of a car being sprayed with an unknown chemical from a rice field at FM 3013, a mile from Eagle Lake.

At 9:44 a.m., Lt. R.H. Wied and Deputy Busby investigated a report of a burglary of a habitation on E. First St. in Sheridan.

Deputy Busby investigated a case at 11:40 a.m. involving theft of an IRS check on County Rd. 268 and Ranch Road 2-215B in Alleyton.

Tuesday, April 19, Deputy Richard LaCourse assisted the Columbus police at 12:44 a.m. with a case of burglary at Mr. B's on Hwy. 90 west.

At 6:11 p.m., Deputy Jim Parcell assisted Justice of the Peace Truchard with an inquest on Alleyton Road. The case was ruled death due to natural causes.

Deputy Parcell investigated a burglary of a building at County Rd. 106A north of Rock Island at 9:35 p.m. At 10:04 p.m., he recovered stolen property at Sheridan School.

During the day, Deputy Carol Scott served five civil papers, Deputy Busby served a criminal subpoena and Sgt. Bill Lattimore served a a criminal subpoena.

Wednesday, April 20, Sgt. Lattimore investigated an incident on County Rd. 210 south of County Rd. 211.

At 8:10 p.m. Deputy Parcell responded to a call of a fire on Hwy. 90 east of Columbus. Deputy LaCourse assisted a stranded motorist at 10:30 p.m. on IH-10 at the 696 mile marker.

Deputy Scott served eight civil papers.

Thursday, April 21, Chief Deputy Adcock posted two citations at the courthouse.

Sgt. Lattimore received a disturbance call in New Town on a civil matter at 7:07 p.m.

At 8:09 pm. Deputy Neisner checked on a welfare concern on IH-10 and at 9:17, Sgt. Lattimore gave a courtesy transport.

Sgt. Lattimore and Deputy Neisner served criminal subpoenas.

Friday, April 22 at 12:32 a.m., Deputy Leonard Peters and Sheriff Bill Esterling responded to the report of an accident at Hwy. 90A at Sandy Creek Drive-In.

Deputy Neisner investigated a class C assault and evading detention case at the Gemini Club in Garwood at 1:59 a.m.

At 2:47 a.m., Deputy Neisner responded to an alarm at Mikeska's Barbecue.

Deputy Peters transferred blood from Columbus Hospital to Eagle Lake Hospital at 4:26 a.m. and at 5:58 a.m. he responded to a call of a minor accident on County Rd. 101 past the Country Camp.

At 11:17 a.m., Lt. Wied checked on a suspicious vehicle at 949 mile marker of IH-10.

Deputies Busby and Neisner investigated a report of a possible drunk driver on IH-10 westbound at 6:29 p.m.

At 11:31 p.m., Deputy Neisner investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle on Brazos St. in Glidden.

Deputy Scott and Sgt. Lattimore served civil papers.

Saturday, April 23, at 12:45 a.m., Deputy Peters arrested a suspect for driving while intoxicated (DWI) and two others for public intoxication on Hwy. 71 and FM 333.

At 5:45 a.m., Deputies Peters and Parcell investigated a report of a burglary of a building, criminal trespass, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and criminal mischief at the Pioneer Concrete Sand Plant on Calhoun Rd. The case remains open.

Deputy Parcell checked on a report of someone sick at the 705 mile marker of IH-10 at 1:26 a.m. but no

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Landfill getting dirt from San Antonio's Alamodome?

Local citizens with the Alliance for a Clean Environment (ACE) expressed concern here this week about contaminated dirt coming to the landfill owned by Tricil in Colorado County.

On April 20, Tricil Environmental Response Inc., owner and manager of the Colorado County Landfill, received approval from Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to accept for disposal, dirt waste from the Alamodome site in San Antonio.

ACE President Billy Hefner expressed concerns about Tricil's plans to accept the contaminated waste in a press release Tuesday, April 26.

According to Hefner, the April 20 letter of approval from TNRCC authorized Tricil to dispose of approximately 27,500 cubic yards of contaminated dirt at its Colorado County landfill. The letter indicated the dirt is contaminated with total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPH) concentrations up to 15,300 parts per million.

The City of San Antonio had filed a request with the TNRCC to allow the disposal to occur and the TNRCC staff issued an approval letter. The letter indicated that although Tricil was authorized to accept the contaminated soil from the Alamodome, it was not required to accept it.

Because of the TPH levels, the waste is classified as "special waste" by TNRCC and the analytical data submitted by San Antonio indicated the dirt had detectable levels of metals and barium in the samples.

Tricil issued a statement April 25 quoting Facility Manager Mark Galliardt, "As of today, no trucks carrying dirt from the Alamodome in San Antonio have arrived at or even been scheduled for the Colorado County Landfill."

Galliardt went on to state, "We have not even been officially notified

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