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Sheriff's report

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to the courthouse at 8:35 a.m.

At 10:32 a.m., Sgt. Frederick responded to the report of a broken car window on County Rd. 268. At 11 a.m. he checked on cattle loose at Hwy. 90A and 106 near Rock Island. Deputies LaCourse and Wilburn responded to a report of disturbance in Glidden at 10:19 p.m.

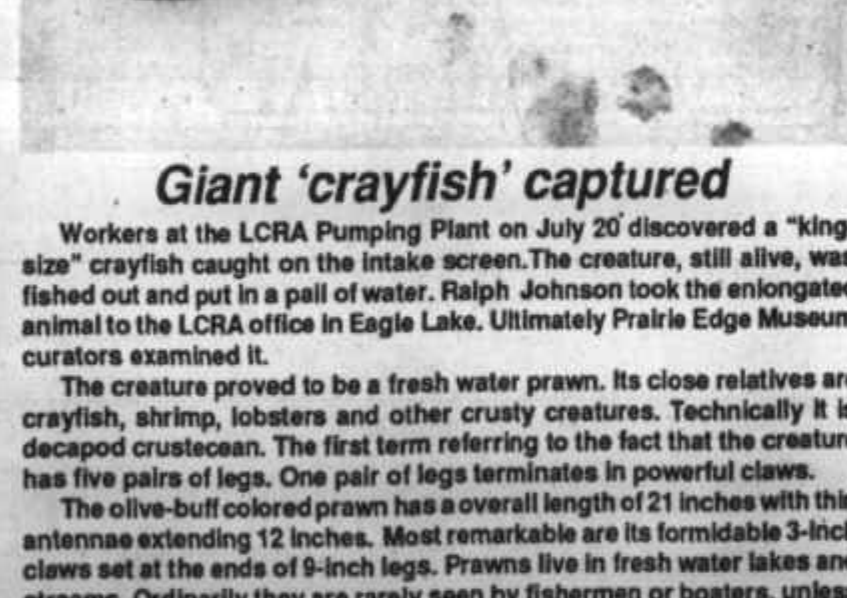
Thursday, July 28, Deputy LaCourse checked on a suspicious person on IH-10 at 12:36 a.m.

Deputy Parrell checked on a possible break-in on FM 102 at 8 a.m. At 10:15 a.m. he checked on a vehicle near Red Gate Hill on FM 109.

Deputy Neisner responded to a call concerning missing juveniles on Weishuhn Rd. at 11:56 p.m.

Friday, July 29, Deputy Peters responded to a call at 6:30 a.m. concerning an assault on County Rd. 106. At 7:58 a.m., Deputy Parrell checked on a suspicious vehicle on Secates Rd. At 3:58 p.m., Lt. Wied responded to a call of a possible break-in at the Garwood swimming pool.

Deputy Stavinoha responded to a call at 7:19 p.m. concerning a reckless driver on IH-10. At 8:56 p.m., Sgt.



Giant 'crayfish' captured

Workers at the LCRA Pumping Plant on July 20 discovered a "king-size" crayfish caught on the intake screen. The creature, still alive, was flushed out and put in a pail of water. Ralph Johnson took the elongated animal to the LCRA office in Eagle Lake. Ultimately Prairie Edge Museum curators examined it.

The creature proved to be a fresh water prawn. Its close relatives are crayfish, shrimp, lobsters and other crustaceans. Technically it is decapod crustacean. The first term referring to the fact that the creature has five pairs of legs. One pair of legs terminates in powerful claws. The olive-buff colored prawn has an overall length of 21 inches with thin antennae extending 12 inches. Most remarkable are its formidable 3-inch claws set at the ends of 9-inch legs. Prawns live in fresh water lakes and streams. Ordinarily they are rarely seen by fishermen or boaters, unless seized. Larger species are edible and considered delicacies in England, Mexico, and many other areas. The largest kinds occur in streams in Indonesia where they constitute an important commercial catch.

Fortunately, the "pumping plant prawn" was saved from the dinner table and has been carefully pickled in formaldehyde. It will soon be on public display at Prairie Edge Museum.

Headlight Photo by Shirley Lueddecke

Teen Queen in Halo Nationals

Julia Birmingham of Garwood won the title of Teen Queen at Halo Nationals in Houston, July 9-10. She competed in beauty, sportswear and swimwear; was runner-up in talent and received the highest score in sportswear. An eighth grader at Garwood School, she is the daughter of Jana and Carl Birmingham.

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1994 Summer reading program ends at the Wintermann Library

The closing program for the summer reading program at the Wintermann Library was held Wednesday, July 27.

The program ended with 21 children attending. A total of 2,143 books were read by the summer readers.

Certificates were presented to the students who had read at least 10 books during the summer program.

There were 67 children participating and 57 of them read over 10 books to earn certificates.

Winners in the four year old to first grade division were Guillermo Lopez with 59 books, Jesse Rodriguez with 57 books and Marco Lopez with 52 books.

The first and second place winners were given t-shirts and third place winners got posters.

Western Auto, Johnny's Sport Shop and Eagle Lake Study Club were the sponsors for the reading program.



21 Children enjoyed the final program of the summer reading program at the Wintermann Library July 27. Certificates were presented and the top reading winners received t-shirts.

Headlight Photo by Charlene Rodgers

Thomas Clinic welcomes new students

Two new students are observing and learning at the Thomas Clinic in Eagle Lake under Drs. Raymond Thomas and John Lane.

The students, who have been here for the month of July, are Kristy Dimery, currently a student at Texas Tech, and Stella Wong at UT-Houston.

They are participants in the Texas Preceptorship Program. In this program, doctors in the Texas Academy of Family Physicians have volunteered to serve as physician preceptors to students in the eight Texas medical school departments of family practice.

All the physicians at the Thomas Clinic have long been a part of this and other programs to encourage students in the medical profession.

They have quite a few students observing and working in the clinic throughout the year.

Police

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to a residence on Seaholm St. in reference to criminal mischief. He located damage to two window screens.

July 30 at 11:08 p.m., Sgt. Johnson met with a victim at the hospital in reference to an assault. A report was taken and charges are pending.

On July 31 at 11:05 p.m., Officer Brian Davis was dispatched to the Country Time Inn in reference to a fight in progress. Two subjects were issued citations for disorderly conduct and advised to see the judge.

Officer Hart was dispatched to a burglary of a vehicle on West Main St. Aug. 1 at 6:35 a.m. Several items were taken. The case is under investigation.

Crime Stoppers 'Crime of the Week'

Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1,000 cash reward for any information leading to the arrest and indictment of any person or persons involved in the theft of a tractor on July 13, around 12 a.m.

The tractor was taken from the 100 Block of Johnson Street and driven to the A&K Railroad yard where it was left and caught fire.

If you have any information regarding this case, or any case, please call Crime Stoppers at 234-5555 or the Eagle Lake Police Department at 234-2727.

You will remain anonymous.

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Eagle Lake KCs invite you to polka

Sunday, Aug. 14, will be a day filled with music and food. The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus are holding a Polka Festival at the KC Hall located on the corner of FM 3013 and Hwy. 90A. A chicken fried steak lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for \$5 per plate. Come out and enjoy lunch then stay to dance and/or listen to the music of the Texas Plainsmen and the Bobby Jones Czech Band.

Rice High yearbooks are here

The yearbooks for Rice High School are here and will be handed out Thursday, Aug. 11, from noon until 4 p.m. at the high school commons.

Rice teacher reception planned

A reception in honor of public school teachers in the Rice CISD will be held Sunday, Aug. 14, at 4 p.m. in the commons area of Rice High School. Parents and students are invited to attend and meet the teachers. The public is welcome to the annual event sponsored by the Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance and parent organizations.

Quarter horse show set in Wharton

The annual Open Horse Show sponsored by the Wharton County Quarter Horse Association will be held Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Wharton County Fairgrounds. Halter classes begin at 9 a.m. followed by performance. For information call 409-532-0250.

Friendship Baptist choir to perform

The Rev. Earl Shorter Jr. and officers and members of Friendship Baptist Church invite the public to the third Choir Annual Day service Sunday, Aug. 21, at 6 p.m. The choir concert will be held at the church, 405 S. Lake St.

Bastrop Opera House hosts 'Ghost'

The comedy Gramercy Ghost by John Cecil Holm will be on stage at the Bastrop Opera House Fridays and Saturdays, July 29-Aug. 20. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. with dinner available at 6:30. Call 512-321-6283 for information.

Lake Somerville sets fest

The Lake Somerville Sportsman Festival is scheduled Aug. 26-28 at the American Legion Park in Somerville. Ducks Unlimited banquet and horseshoe, volleyball, washer, domino and bingo tournaments are planned. For information about booths or tournament registration contact the chamber of commerce at 409-596-2383.

Friendship sets Mission Sunday

The Annual Mission Sunday for Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will be Aug. 14 at 3 p.m. at the church, 405 S. Lake St. Sister Enola Johnson of North Lake Baptist Church will be the guest speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

County tax office to close for lunch

The office of the Colorado County Tax Assessor-Collector will be closed during the noon hour Aug. 10-12, announced Mary Jane Penitzsch. They will resume regular hours Aug. 15.

Bridge party aids Cancer Society

The Colorado County unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a fund raising bridge party Saturday, Aug. 13, from 2 to 5 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church parish hall at the corner of Travis and Preston St. in Columbus. For information and reservations call Barbara Pearson at 409-732-6062 or Nell Sronce at 409-732-2258.

Chamber to meet Aug. 15

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will meet Monday, Aug. 15, at noon at Kevin Court, Dairy Delite will cater the meal. For reservations call the Chamber office at 234-2780.

CCA to give out food Aug. 15

The Combined Community Action Inc. will distribute USDA surplus food Monday, Aug. 15, in Colorado County. They will be at Weimar City Hall, 10-10:30 a.m., Providence Baptist Church in Eagle Lake, 11:30 a.m. to noon; and Columbus CCA Center, 1:30-2 p.m.

Freshman orientation at Rice

Rice High School freshman orientation will be held Monday, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m. in the commons area of the school. All freshmen and parents should plan to attend.

St. Anthony school begins

St. Anthony Catholic School in Columbus opens the 1994-95 school year Friday, Aug. 12, at 8 a.m. for all classes. Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten dismiss at noon while first through eighth grades dismiss at 3:30. Student lunches will be \$1 each.

St. Anthony sets parent meeting

A school-wide parents meeting for St. Anthony Catholic School will be held at the church in Columbus Monday, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m. Principal Charlyne Spahneler and Rev. Daniel Kalich will give presentations and parents will get to meet with the teachers.

ELPS sets school orientation

Eagle Lake Primary School will hold its orientation night Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. Car-rider procedures, bus routes, room assignments and daily schedules will be explained to parents and students at the meeting. The 1994-95 PTO officers will also offer a brief overview of their plans. For information call 234-3587.

Beef cattle short course set

A beef cattle short course is scheduled at Texas A&M University for Aug. 15-17. For information and registration contact Colorado County Agent Rick Jahn at 409-732-2082 or Dr. Larry Boleman at 409-845-2051.

Lady Golfers plan couple's tourney

The Ladies Golf Association will have a couple's tournament at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center on Sunday, Aug. 21. Tee off will be at 2 p.m. and the tournament is for 2-person teams with entry fee of \$50. For information and sign-up contact Margaret Horelica at 409-335-7791 or Barbara Pidgeon at 409-234-2897.

Immaculate Conception plans bazaar

Immaculate Conception Church in Seely plans to hold a bazaar and homecoming Sunday, Sept. 4, at the Seely K.C. Hall. A barbecue dinner will be served beginning at 10 a.m. with auction at 1:30 p.m. and a dance from 8 p.m. to midnight. The public is invited.

Suspected arson fries 'JJ's Chicken'



Arson is suspected in the fire which burned holes through the back wall of JJ's Chicken located on W. Main in Eagle Lake. Quick action on the part of the Eagle Lake Police Department and Volunteer Fire Department saved the building from further damage.

A fire in the 600 block of E. Main at JJ's Chicken was reported to Eagle Lake Police Officer Brian Davis at 3:01 a.m., Aug. 5. When officers arrived, a great deal of smoke was coming from the rear of the building; the north side of the establishment. The fire department responded and quickly extinguished the flames. Arson is suspected and the fire is under investigation.

The Eagle Lake Police Department also reported the following calls during the week ending Aug. 7.

Aug. 4, at 12:44 a.m., Sgt. Clem Johnson was dispatched to a disturbance on E. Street. A family violence report was filed.

At 10 p.m., Officer Davis was dispatched to a residence on Willis Street in reference to disorderly conduct. Davis met with the complainant and took a report.

Officer Davis, while on general patrol Aug. 5, at 12 a.m., observed a vehicle traveling in the wrong lane of traffic. After stopping the vehicle, he discovered the driver needed an escort to the hospital. An assault report was taken. The case is under investigation.

The fire department responded and quickly extinguished the flames. Arson is suspected and the fire is under investigation.

Troy Andrea O'Neal was arrested, processed and transported to the county jail for confinement. Approximately 40 grams of cocaine were recovered.

A burglary of a habitation was reported Aug. 6, at 9:15 a.m., on Lake St. Officer Eric Bilbo responded to the call and took a report. The case remains under investigation.

Saturday, a human skull was found near the W. Main apartment owned by Robert Griffith, according to Chief A.E. "Buck" Hall, it will be taken to the Harris County morgue for examination. No one could tell police anything about the skull or how it came to be in that location.

Aug. 7, at 1:06 a.m., Sgt. Johnson responded to a reported assault on East A Street. Armando Cabral was arrested for family violence assault, processed and transported to the county jail for confinement.

During the month of July the Eagle Lake Police Department received the following calls this past week.

Monday, Aug. 1, Chief Deputy Adcock posted two citations at the Courthouse.

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from Wharton, was arrested at the scene by Deputy Wilburn.

The shooting victim was Lewis James Tillman, a 33 year old black male from Eagle Lake. Tillman was pronounced dead on arrival at Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 3:30 a.m.

Marbles was being held in the Colorado County jail on a charge of murder. A bond of \$75,000 had been set by Justice of the Peace Mary Lou Szymanski. He met a bond of \$25,000 Monday, Aug. 8, and was released at 5:40 p.m.

Suspect arrested in recent shooting death out on bond

The Colorado County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from a resident in Altair, reporting a shooting on Washington St. according to Lt. R.H. Wied with the Colorado County Sheriff's Department, who is in charge of the investigation.

Deputy Mark Wilburn responded to the call. The suspect, John Louis Marbles, a 26 year old black male

Rice High School principal Williams resigns post

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees accepted the resignation of Rice High School Principal Dr. Barbara Williams on Monday night.

Williams, who has been high school principal for the past two years, handed in her resignation on Aug. 1.

No statement was issued on a replacement for Williams, but Superintendent Dr. Carolyn McGaughey said, "We're going to hire a principal... quickly."

In other personnel items, the board approved contracts for Leslie Fanning, Stanley Miller, Alexa Azzopardi and Virgil Hagar at Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS), Lori Grady and Sabina Rotter at Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) and Terri Jones in special education.

Following a presentation by Sharon Webb and Theresa Koster, ELPS pre-kindergarten and kindergarten teachers, the board approved the development of a new progress report for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students.

McGaughey announced that all campuses have received state accreditation ratings and Rice High School earned recognized status in the area of college admissions. "That's good news," stated McGaughey.

It was noted under policy changes that no firearms can be brought on any school property at any time or during any activity, according to a federal mandate. A year's expulsion from the school program is automatic, leaving the district no local option.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a student transfer due to hardship;
- Approved contracts between Colorado County Education Cooperative and Columbus Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Service Inc.; Dr. Sharon G. Walker for assessment services; and Judy Pustejovsky for adaptive physical education assessment services; and a lease agreement with Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Drymalla;
- Adopted and rescinded policy, as recommended by Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Under Update 45 (Series C, D, E & G) and Update 46 (Series D & F); and
- Approved registration for the Dallas TASB conference on Oct. 1-3.

Update on Preston Broesche's condition

Preston Broesche, who was injured last week in an accident at the rice dryer where he was working, is reportedly making tremendous improvements daily in his condition.

This past Saturday, Aug. 6, he proposed to his girl friend, Becky Korenek, and was accepted. No date has been set for the wedding.

He came through surgery Tuesday morning, Aug. 11, "with flying colors," according to future mother-in-law Grace Korenek. His appetite has returned. He reportedly wanted something to eat following Tuesday's surgery.

He will be at Lake Motors, 323 S. McCarty, to meet fans and autograph pictures for them. Custer won the 1992 World Champion Bullrider in Wickenburg, Ariz., 1992 Coors Bullrider Championship, 1990 and 92 NTA Circuit Finals Bullrider Championship and a number of other championships.

The world championships will be held at The Summit in Houston, Aug. 19-20. Custer will be among the riders and entertainers at the event.

Custer commented, "The best part of rodeo life is riding bulls. I also love meeting so many people around the country and becoming friends with them."

World Champ bullrider coming to Lake Motors Inc. next Tuesday

As part of the promotion for the World Bullriding Championships in Houston next weekend, a prize drawing is set at Lake Motors for Monday and one of the world champion riders will be in Eagle Lake Tuesday.

Lake Motors Inc., a Chevy 1st Team dealership, invites everyone to come meet Cody Custer, two-time world champion bullrider Tuesday, Aug. 16.

He will be at Lake Motors, 323 S. McCarty, to meet fans and autograph pictures for them. Custer won the 1992 World Champion Bullrider in Wickenburg, Ariz., 1992 Coors Bullrider Championship, 1990 and 92 NTA Circuit Finals Bullrider Championship and a number of other championships.

The drawing will be held at Lake Motors on Monday, Aug. 15. Everyone is encouraged to go by and register this weekend.

PJs perform today at Prairie Edge Museum

The Prairie Edge Juniors (PJs) summer program comes to an end with their performance this afternoon.

The PJs invite everyone in the community to their free concert Thursday, Aug. 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Prairie Edge Museum. They will demonstrate what they have learned in their summer program over the past three weeks.

There will be audience participation as well as solo and group dances, poetry readings, mime and brief dramatic sketches. Light refreshment will be offered following the performance.