

# Preservation of water rights at Cummins Creek, Colorado River dams

**By Louis J. Polansky**  
I attended a meeting of the Texas Water Development Board of our area at Columbus the other day and found out a lot of things which may affect everybody in Fayette and Colorado Counties. This board was set up to find a way to make sure the water available from both the underground and surface drainage is utilized for the people of Texas who need it.

Counties because of some information indicating that the city of San Antonio was interested in maybe building a dam on Cummins Creek up the creek from Columbus that would inundate the lands along the creek which are in the bottom area all the way up to Round Top.

Also, the prospect of people buying water rights from other people was another factor that should be considered as some of this is going on in Wharton County at present.

Under a state law, a land owner may take as much water out of the ground under his property as he can manage to capture. This means that if you want to pump millions of gallons out of the ground, you can.

The meeting itself did not address these problems since no permits will be considered until Jan. 2001.

Ed Janecka, the County Judge of Fayette County, was first to address the board. He let it be known that Fayette County does not want either of these dams or any underground water taken from here to anywhere else.

There were a lot of other speakers from both Fayette, Colorado and other counties. Unfortunately, no one from (Colorado) County Commissioners' Court, including Colorado County Judge Al Jamison, addressed the group to give their opinion.

## Dr. Russell continues in Preceptorship Program

In 1999, Texas continues to seek ways to find more primary care physicians in both rural and urban areas. For the past 22 years, the Texas Family Residency Program (TFRP), has trained family doctors to meet this need. Currently, there are 31 community-based Family Practice Residency Programs throughout the state. As part of this effort, the TFRP also funds the Texas Statewide Preceptorship Program (TSPP) in Family Practice.

practicing primary care, and to examine Family Practice as a serious personal career option. A number of national studies have shown medical students are more likely to select a particular specialty based on the amount of exposure and quality of role models they encounter.

An effective preceptorship can promote students' awareness of their clinical strengths and weaknesses, increase their self-confidence, and facilitate their application of classroom knowledge to the problems encountered by the family physician.

They always say, "where there's smoke, there's fire", so some of us are gathering information about what the actual facts are about all of this and attempting to form an organization

This is an invitation to all interested parties to attend a meeting in Fayetteville on Thursday, Dec. 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the SPIST Hall, located at State Hwy. 159 on the road to Industry right on the outskirts of town. The hall has a sign on it and there will be lights.

The TSPP is designed to promote medical student interest in the specialized field of family medicine. Much credit of the successful program has been attributed to its involvement with the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

Jack Haley, M.D., and Lewis Foxhall, M.D., serve as co-coordinators for the TSPP.

The good news is that medical students are recognizing the need for and value of becoming family physicians, and more students are choosing Family Practice, with Texas filling its highest number of Family Practice Residency slots than ever before.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Thursday, Nov. 11, at 10:50 a.m., Deputies Schmidt and Argo while checking vehicles at Rice High School parking lot observed tobacco products in plain site in two different vehicles.

subject had warrants out of Ft. Bend County. Roland Hemphill II, 24, of Eagle Lake, was arrested.

At 10:40 p.m., Deputy Toppel responded to a call concerning a missing juvenile in Alleyton. After further investigation, Deputy Toppel located the juvenile and returned her home.

Monday, Nov. 15, at 11 a.m., Deputy Riels responded to a call concerning a dog bite in Sheridan. After further investigation, it was determined the dog had all its shots. Case closed.

Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 12:30 p.m., Deputies Schmidt and Argo responded to the Eagle Lake Middle School in reference to a disturbance. One juvenile was arrested for assault-criminal attempt, issued two citations for disorderly conduct and then released to his grandmother.

At 4:30 p.m., Sgt. Pavlicek investigated a possible child neglect report. After further investigation, Sgt. Pavlicek determined the allegations were invalid. Case closed by investigation.

At 9:06 p.m., Deputy Benavides responded to a call concerning a possibly probationer drinking alcohol in Sheridan. The subject was located and Clifton R. Linnemier, 25, of Sheridan was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Victoria County.

Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 12:25 p.m., Deputies Schmidt and Argo responded to a call concerning disruption of classes at the Weimar Co-op. A school administrator decided not to press charges. Case closed.

## Realistic expectations help you avoid holiday letdown

Realistic expectations can help you avoid a holiday letdown.

Simple activities like watching a holiday video, throwing the football or baking cookies can create lasting memories.

The holidays are not a time to settle family differences. Try to avoid confrontations by not bringing up topics that will cause tension around the dinner table or when everyone gathers to open gifts. Also, keep the (See Letdown, Page 10)

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ing session workshop to 115 elementary teachers and administrators in Duncan, South Carolina...

Three students from Garwood attending Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos were awarded their degrees on Aug. 17. They were Marsha Ree & Dianne Lee Stallman, daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Stallman, and Melissa Waligura, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Waligura...

Friends extended sympathy to the family and relatives of Ferdinand Popp of Nada who died suddenly last Saturday evening...

James Franklin (Jimmy) Baker passed away Aug. 22 at Caney Valley Hospital in Wharton. Funeral services were held Aug. 24 in Rock Island...

Scott Powers, son of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Powers, was included on the Academic Honors List at Baylor University...

R.J. and Michael Armstrong participated in the Southern Pacific Employees' Golf Tournament at the San Patricio Golf Course in Sinton Sunday afternoon. Michael received a set of Wilson golf clubs for his efforts. Mr. Armstrong received a set of Wilson golf balls for highest score...

Coaches for Rice High School include, Sam Smith, junior varsity; David Cardoso, varsity; Johnny Clawson, junior varsity; Jerry Hajovsky, varsity; head coach Dee Mackey; Athletic Director Jack Grammer and Winn Hollas, freshman football coach...

named 281 students to the College of Pharmacy Honor Roll. Among them is David Wayne Euers, son of Mr. & Mrs. Les Euers of Eagle Lake...

Mrs. Eunice West, mother of Mrs. Tennie Lee Sparks of Rock Island, passed away Aug. 24 following a brief illness...

Tommy Balusek, son of Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Balusek of Garwood, attended the Nueces County TYRA Youth Rodeo in Robstown, Aug. 7-10, and picked up more titles and more prizes in the youth rodeo circuit.

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Eagle Lake Lions Club with Dr. J.C. Laughlin, president, completed its chest x-ray program...

Sen. Gus Strauss was guest speaker at the meeting of the Eagle Lake Lions Club...

M.M. Jones, owner of Jones Motor Co., announces that the new 1952 Dodge car is now on display...

A speeding vehicle driven by two fugitives slipped over in the Carl Seasholm driveway when tires were shot out by Police Chief Joe Passant...

R.P. Wilcox is chairman of the Lions Club production of the "Womanless Wedding". The bride, Tiny Oats, will be played by W.A. (Bill) Schneider and the groom, Mr. J. Fliverton Barley, by Louis J. Muzny...

Miss Fayne Gau, school FHA advisor, announces plans for FHA week Hobo Day...

Temperature skids 20 degrees in an hour to heavy frost condition causing heavy damage to gardens...

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Last rites were held for Charles W. Herndon, long-time Ramsey area resident...

Alvin Gluecks hold family dinner to welcome home Marine Sgt. Allen A. Glueck and family...

Sgt. George Hurd, son of Namon Hurds of this city, was listed among those wounded in military service...

Darrell Struss has 6th birthday party...

The engagement of Miss Dolores Spanihel and John J. Dullahan is announced...

The R.E. Stevensons hosted the Eagle Lake Mission youth for a party at their home...

Eagles drop 35 to 13 thriller to Columbus before chilled gathering...

Gardner Duncan is leading the scoring for the Houston Huisache polo team...

Ducks and geese come into season with a limit of five ducks and two geese per day...

V.T. Matthews is elected head of the Eagle Lake High School Band Boosters...

John Willis and Donald Pennington are inducted into the services...

Eleanor Jones, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. M.M. Jones, is near the top of her class in grades posted at Belhaven College in Mississippi...

Miss Fay Dodd and Dexter Anderson are united in marriage in candlelight ceremony in Lissie Church...

Louis Albert is the name of the new son for Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Ondrias.

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