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## Judge Reports On Potential Use Of Juvenile Facility

Colorado County Judge Al Jamison said Monday he has had some preliminary discussions on possible use of the now closed Juvenile Correctional Facility in Eagle Lake.

At a commissioners' meeting, Jamison said he met last week with representatives from a company called Geo Group Inc.

Jamison said they are a large private company that provides detention and correctional services.

Jamison emphasized the discussion was only preliminary, but he said that the company representatives asked a number of questions, including whether land was available for expansion.

When in operation, the facility had the capacity to house up to 150 juveniles.

Jamison said he also had preliminary discussions with the state Department of Health and Human Services about housing offices that will be moving from Columbus to the facility.

In other action, commissioners:

--Tabled action on establishing a 45 mph speed limit on Kansteiner Road in Precinct 3, northeast of Columbus.

Two individuals urged that the speed limit be kept to a minimum and mentioned 35 mph.

However, Commissioner Tommy Hahn said he had a number of calls from people who wanted the road to be left without a posted speed.

He said he wanted to research whether Reese Lane and Alleyton Road, which connect to Kansteiner had been posted properly for speed limits of 35 mph.

In other action, commissioners:

--Heard from Commissioner Darrell Gertson that he had assigned his work crews to work four 10-hour days a week, with Fridays off.

--Reviewed a preliminary plat for a subdivision to be created on 462 acres of land, off Texas 71 northwest of Columbus.

The current tract of 462 would be divided into 16 tracts.

One of the developers of the subdivision, to be called Yaupon Creek

Estates, said 8,900 feet of asphalt road is planned in the development.

Commissioners decided to take no action and wait for a final plat to be submitted for approval.

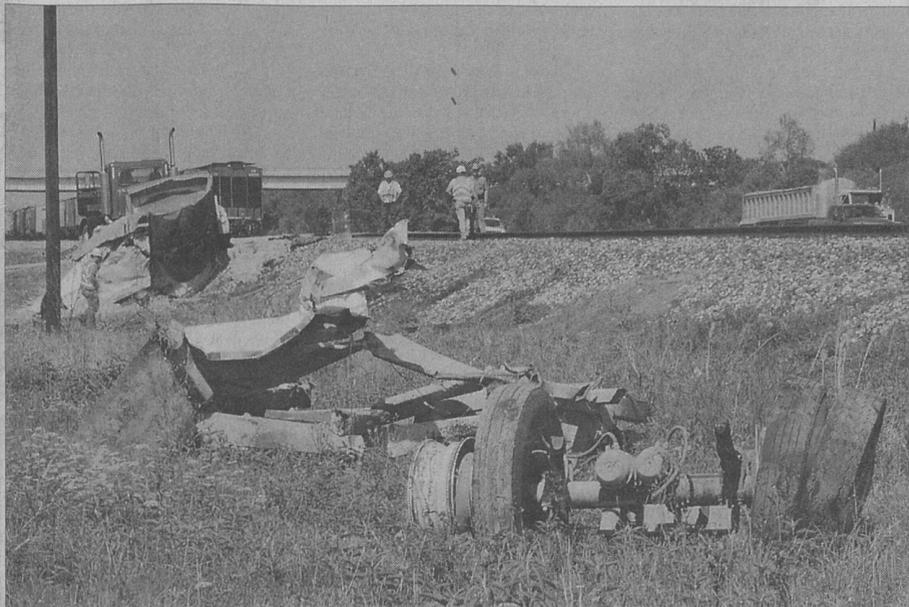
--Approved an agreement with a company, Lone Star Commissary to provide commissary services to inmates at the jail. The firm will charge a 20 percent commission. Jail Administrator Tommy Richter said the contract would save staff time at the jail that is currently being used to handle commissary services.

Inmates are allowed to buy, with their own money, various sundry items from the commissary.

--Approved a change in the hourly rate for Texana Mental Health Mental Retardation Center to transport mental patients to state hospitals or other mental health facilities.

The charge had been \$55 an hour, and will increase to \$70 an hour.

--Set a public hearing for May 22 on a proposal to establish a 45 mph speed limit on Lake Sheridan Road in Precinct 2.



This is what remains of a tractor trailer after being struck by an Amtrak train Friday morning in Columbus. The train was carrying 80 to 90 passengers. Only minor injuries were suffered by the truck driver, train engineer and a few passengers.

## Amtrak Train Shreds Tractor Trailer In Columbus Collision

An Amtrak train, carrying between 80 and 90 passengers struck the trailer of a gravel truck at a railroad crossing Friday morning in Columbus.

An engineer on the train, the truck driver and several passengers suffered minor injuries.

The track was blocked for several

hours.

According to a report by the Department of Public Safety, the truck, driven by Ricardo Cedillo of El Campo was southbound on Roundhouse Road, crossing the railroad track about 9:49 a.m.

The Amtrak Rail, the Sunset Limited, was eastbound at the time.

Cedillo was taken to the Columbus Community Hospital with a leg injury.

One of the engineers Tom Oughton of Burnet, also was treated at the hospital.

Several passengers were treated

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## LCRA Gives County Presentation

Colorado County commissioners heard a presentation from representatives of the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) Monday on a plan to acquire land for a water storage facility to help supply water to San

Antonio.

Leah Manning, manager of the project for the LCRA, made a brief presentation to commissioners and showed a short video about the project.

A series of meetings to provide information about the project are scheduled in the next several weeks.

There will be a meeting on May 22 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Colorado County Fair Complex in Columbus.

Some landowners in Colorado, Wharton and Matagorda counties will be receiving letters discussing possible use of their land for a water storage facility being planned as a joint project between the LCRA and the San Antonio Water System.

A total of 30,000 acres in the three counties have been identified as potential sites, but only about 10,000 acres would be needed.

Manning noted that the LCRA is in the third year of a \$41.6 million study of the feasibility of the project.

That study, Manning said, is being paid for by San Antonio.

She said that the water storage facility would not be accessible to the public because it would be used for drinking water for San Antonio.

A decision on proceeding with construction of the project is expected in 2010, Manning said.

Water would not be delivered to San Antonio until 2020.

According to the LCRA, the project would make water available by conserving as much as 118,000 acre-feet of water per year for agricultural and capturing excess and unused river flows to transfer between 50,000 and 150,000 acre feet of water per year to San Antonio.

In answer to a question, Manning said the LCRA would prefer to purchase land for the project from willing sellers, but noted the agency does have the right to condemn land if needed.

She said the agency was focusing on purchasing land west of the Colorado River.

County Judge Al Jamison asked whether there had been discussions of the impact of taking 10,000 acres of land off of local tax rolls.

Manning said that had not been discussed yet, but said it would be.

## NEWSBRIEFS

### President's Luncheon is Friday

The Eagle Lake Study Club President's Luncheon will be held Friday, May 12 at noon at the Prairie Edge Museum. Speaker will be Maryan Gertson. For more information contact the Wintermann Library at 979-234-5411.

### Youth revival going on through Friday

A youth revival will be held at New Prairie View Baptist Church, 4304 Sealy Road in San Felipe through May 12 at 7 p.m. nightly. For more information or directions call 979-885-6836 or 979-234-6989. Guest speaker will be Rev. Paul Barrow, Associate Minister of Providence Baptist Church, Eagle Lake.

### Musical set for Sunday

You are invited to attend a musical in honor of mothers Saturday, May 13 at 7 p.m. at White Cloud Baptist Church. The event will feature the Community Fellowship Choir. The musical is sponsored by the City Wide Prayer and Mission Ministry.

### CCHC meeting is May 18

Colorado County Historical Commission (CCHC) will meet Thursday, May 18 at 7 p.m. at Prairie Edge Museum, 408 E. Main in Eagle Lake. Ken Stavinoha will present a slide presentation of the renovation of the Eagle Lake Santa Fe Depot. Please bring a covered dish meal.

### Mt. Moriah Women's Conference May 19-20

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church of Alleyton will hold a Women's Conference, theme: "God Made You Beautiful & You Don't Even Know It" on Friday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 20 at 9 a.m. in Sealy at the Hill Community Center. Special guest speaker will be Julia Whitley of KYOK Gospel Radio Station of Conroe and special gospel artist will be "Just Twynz" of Bryan. For more information call 281-342-7557 or 713-303-4371.

### ELFVD Clay shoot is May 20

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department's (ELFVD) 5th annual "Fire Away Classic" sporting clay shoot and gun drawing will be held Saturday, May 20. The event will take place at the Garwood Sporting Clays, Inc. Registration fee is \$60/Round + fees for NSCA members. Lunch included with registration fee. Cash prizes and gun drawing tickets awarded. The Lewis Class System will be used for calculating winners. Bring your own shells or buy them on-site. Contact the Garwood Sporting Clays, Inc. by calling 979-758-9475 or email the ELFVD at elvfd@elc.net.

### All Sports Banquet is May 22

The Rice High School All-Sports Banquet will be held Monday, May 22. The silent auction starts at 6 followed by the banquet at 7. Tickets are \$7 each and can be purchased at the high school office, Sandy Creek Drive-In, Johnny's Sport Shop, Nada Grocery, Garwood Farmer's Coop or Buc-ee's (see Lydia). The banquet is sponsored by the Rice Raider Athletic Booster Club.

### RMA observing new hours

Due to the volunteering of the Rice Medical Associates (RMA) doctors' time for school physicals, RMA will close at 4:30 on Tuesday May 23. RMA will not have late clinic on this day.

### Bond election committee seeking donations

The Rice CISD Bond Election is May 13, 2006. If you wish to donate funds for advertising please mail to: Clark Powers, Attn: Bond Election Committee, 825 W. Main, Eagle Lake, TX 77434.

### Attention All Youth!!

If you are looking for something to do, come on and Praise the Lord with us at the First Annual Texas Gospel Youth Festival to be held Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3 at New Life Ministries in Richmond. We are looking for Praise Dancers, Steppers, Gospel Rappers, Choirs, Groups and Soloists. Please call 281-935-3573.

### 68th Frnka reunion is June 4

The 68th Annual Frnka Family Reunion will be held Sunday, June 4 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church Dining Hall in Frelsburg. Registration starts at 9

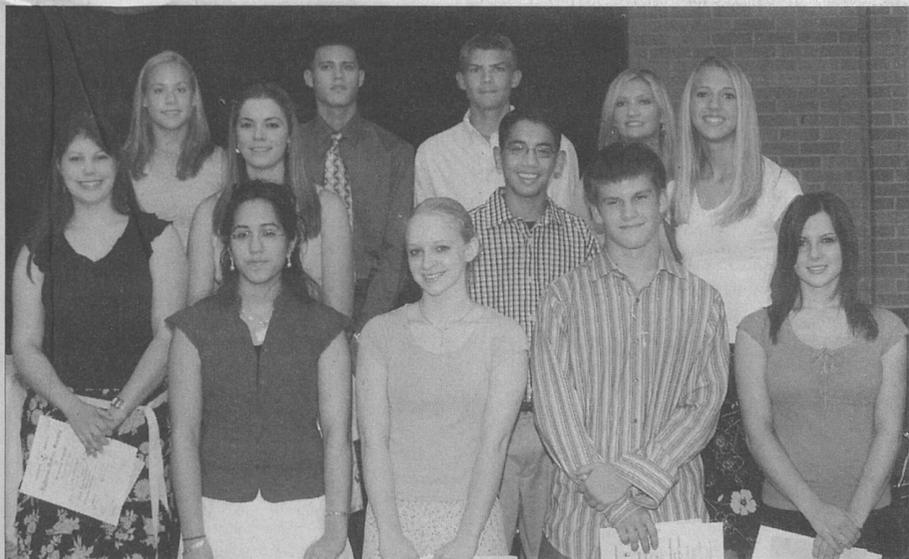
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## City Slates New Town Water Meet

The Eagle Lake City Council set up a meeting in New Town at White Cloud Baptist Church at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 17 to discuss the possible take-over of the New Town Water System.

The City has been discussing this issue recently and would like to move forward, but they need to make sure everyone in New Town is aware of the situation.

All residents are encouraged to attend the meeting.



## National Honor Society Holds Inductions

Pictured above are National Honor Society inductees. From left to right, front row, Yolanda Cisneros, Farah Ellenbogen, Daniel Goodwin and Kali Hammermiller; second row, left to right, Courtney Andrejczak, Shelly Myres, Eduardo Losoya and Kaci Kazmir; back row, left to right, Hillary Johnson, John Paul Supak, Trey Staff, and Kacie Smith.



## Raider Junior High Golfers Take Second

The Rice Raiders hosted the District 20-3A Junior High Golf Tournament at the Eagle Lake Golf Course on Monday May 8. The Raiders placed second in a field of six. Carlos Sosa also got third medalist. Team members are Nick Pagel, Timothy Morales, Carlos Sosa, Myles Dumont and Spence Spencer.