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August Servantes and Billy Salazar members of the VFW in Eagle Lake doing their part by helping put out and take up the flags in observance Memorial Day to honor those who have given their all and for those who are on the front lines protecting our country.



During the All Sports Banquet held recently at Rice High School the following were honored as Most Outstanding Boy and Girl Athlete. From left to right are Micha Hoelscher, named Most Outstanding Girl Athlete, Coach Brad Dumont, and sharing the honor of Most Outstanding Boy Athlete are Curtis Williams and Anthony Johnson. (More photos inside)

Council Votes No On New Town Water

After a lengthy discussion at its meeting Tuesday, May 23, the Eagle Lake City Council voted down a motion to take over the New Town Water System.

The motion was struck down by a three to two vote with Jane Meldahl and Dave Curry for and Chriss Schuirring, John Young and Larry Contreras against.

"We are not closing the door on this, I just wasn't in favor of the proposed package," said Young.

"As far as I am concerned, this is not over," said Mayor Mike Morales.

"I am disappointed that this did not pass tonight, but I will continue to push to help and be good neighbors," said Curry.

If the motion had passed, the city would have taken over operations of the New Town Water System but used the current meters in New Town with the anticipation of replacing them over time.

This topic was the source of much of the discussion as the meters are one of the biggest cost associated with the takeover.

Council was looking for ways to minimize the cost to the new customers and using the old meters was one of the suggestions.

It was noted that for current city customers, if an old or delapidated meter is found, the meter would be replaced at the property owner's expense to ensure proper metering.

Some felt that it could be considered preferential treatment if the new customers were allowed to keep their old, outdated meters.

It was also pointed out that all current city customers have the same meter, which uses a radio frequency device to relay meter readings to the reader. This allows for timely collection of the readings.

Some of the other solutions proposed were having the city take over operations of the system, but continue having New Town do the billing and collections. This scenario would give New Town the licensed operator that it needs for its system, but allow them to continue working with their customers in the same manner they have been.

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Above Eagle Lake Volunteer Firefighters help remove a vehicle after it crashed into a house in the 900 Block of Burns Street on Monday night. No one was home at the residence at the time and the driver, Will Freeman Tyler, Jr., after fleeing the scene and being caught, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Driver Flees, Then Arrested For DUI Vehicle Crashes Into House

A vehicle crashed into a house in the 900 Block of Burns Street on Monday night around 9:15.

No one was in the house at the time of the accident. The vehicle went into the house at the front door and crashed into the living room.

The driver of the vehicle reportedly

left the scene with two passengers, but they were located a short while later.

Police Chief Bill Lattimore advised that police determined that one of the individuals, Will Freeman Tyler, Jr., was the driver of the vehicle.

He was taken to Rice Medical Center where he was treated for minor

injuries and released.

Police then arrested and charged him with failing to stop and give aid as well as minor driving under the influence of alcohol.

Lattimore said that the accident

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NEWSBRIEFS

ELES PTO taking yearbook orders

The Eagle Lake Elementary School (ELES) PTO is currently taking 2005-2006 year book orders. The price is \$16 each. The PTO is required to have a minimum order of 75 years books sold. Please contact Lydia Contreras at 234-3239 or Daryln Henderson at 979-232-0600 to get an order form. No extra yearbooks will be ordered. Purchase your yearbook and have memories of this school year.

WCJC announces summer hour schedule

Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) began operation of summer hours as of May 22 and will continue through August 18, at all campus and extension center locations. The college's summer hours for all administrative offices and libraries will be as follows: Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. This office schedule does not affect class schedule. For more information, please call 979-532-6322.

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.

Senior Citizens Dance is Friday

A Senior Citizens Dance will be held Friday, June 2 at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 8 to 11 p.m. Rudie and His Czechmates will provide the music. Admission is \$6 per person. For more information call 234-2903.

Come one come all!

Come One, Come All...to the 20th Century Sunday School and BTU Parade Saturday, June 3 in Eagle Lake. Parade line up is at 9 a.m. at Eagle Lake Dairy Delite. The parade begins at 10 a.m. The parade will end at the Eagle Lake Community Center with a carnival sponsored by White Cloud Baptist Church.

Lissie UMC ice cream social is Sunday

Pastor Jeff Craft and members of Lissie United Methodist Church (UMC) would like to invite the surrounding communities to the Lissie UMC Ice Cream Social, and Gospel Sing-a-Long, Sunday, June 4 starting at 5:30 p.m. Home made ice cream, fellowship, and singing the old favorites is a great way to start the summer season. (Ice cream from 5:30-6:30, singing starts at 6:30 to 7:30.)

68th Frnka reunion iset for Sunday

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 a.m. with the lunch at noon. A business meeting will be held at 1 and the auction follows at 1:30. Please bring your best dessert and items for the auction.

KC Golf tourney is Sunday

The Eagle Lake KCs will hold their 22nd annual golf tournament and chicken

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Twelve Indicted By Grand Jury

Twelve individuals were indicted by the Colorado County grand jury on May 25.

They included:

--Ray Charles Coleman Jr., 26, of Alleyton, charged with possession of a controlled substance, less than a gram of cocaine on May 4.

--Jeff Curtis Davis, 63, of Eagle Lake, charged with felony DWI, third offense, on April 19 and on May 4.

--Roderick Oneal Fitzgerald, 31, of Alleyton, two cases bail jumping on April 3 for failing to appear in court.

--Jorge Luna Garcia, 37, of Houston, possession of a prohibited substance, cocaine, in a correctional facility on May 1.

--Osiel Flores Garcia, 33, of Hattiesburg, Miss., unauthorized use of a vehicle on May 4.

--Nicholas Anthony Gaston, 20, of Cedar Creek, possession of a prohibited substance, marijuana, in a correctional facility, on April 28.

--Gerald D. Gordon, 36, of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle on May 3.

--Germain Rivas Ortiz, 19, of Houston, possession of a prohibited substance, cocaine, in a correctional facility on April 29.

--David Perez, 41, of Eagle Lake, possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, less than one gram, on May 3.

--Pedro C. Samaniego, 39, of Eagle, assault causing bodily injury, May 6.

--Willie Smith Jr., 50, of Eagle Lake, burglary of a habitation on April 25.

--Amilcar A. Yoabni, 26, of Houston, felony DWI, third offense, on April 10.



Pictured above is debris from the ceiling of the District Courtroom in the County Courthouse. The ceiling collapsed around 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday. There was no one in the room at the time.

Ceiling Collapses In District Courtroom

A large section of the ceiling of the historic district courtroom at the Colorado County Courthouse collapsed Tuesday morning.

No one was in the courtroom at the time when the plaster ceiling section, approximately 15 by 20 feet, fell approximately 30 feet to the floor below.

A desk at which the district clerk normally sits was covered with de-

bris and a bench for spectators was splintered.

"If someone had been hit by the debris they could have been killed," District Clerk Harvey Vornsand said.

County Judge Al Jamison immediately ordered the courtroom closed.

He summoned officials with Drymalla Construction to look at the damage.

The accident occurred about 10:30

a.m. "There was a loud crash," Vornsand said.

The district courtroom is located on the second floor of the courthouse and has a high, domed ceiling.

There was no immediate indication that water damage was the cause as the plaster and insulation appeared to be dry.

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