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Sheriff Jim Broussard To Be Candidate In 1982 Elections

Colorado County Sheriff Jim Broussard announces this week that he will be a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff of this county, in the Democratic primary election to be held in May of 1982.

Sheriff Broussard was appointed to fill the office of sheriff by Colorado County Commissioners' Court following the sudden death of Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller May 1st. Broussard's appointment was effective May 10th for the remainder of Mueller's term which ends on Dec. 31, 1981.

Sheriff Broussard's announcement statement follows:

"I would like to take this opportunity to announce to the citizens of Colorado County that I will be a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Colorado County in the 1982 elections. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as the late Sheriff George 'Doc' Mueller's Chief Deputy for over six years. I am also grateful to the Commissioners' Court for appointing me Sheriff upon the untimely death of Sheriff Mueller, and for our citizens' generous response to the appointment. I am also grateful for the continued support I have received from the Commissioners' Court and our citizens.

"The support I received and my desire to serve you made it a very easy decision for me to ask you to keep me in that office. I ask your continued support and I will utilize my 33 years experience in law enforcement to the best of my ability to best serve you, the taxpayer. As time progresses I will outline more about myself and the manner in which the Sheriff's Office will be operated. I can



Sheriff Jim Broussard

tell you now though, I will keep working with all the people and law enforcement agencies regardless of what department they are with. The only way law enforcement can be effective is for all of us to work together.

"As I stated when I was appointed Sheriff, this office belongs to the people and I have only been entrusted with the responsibility of running it for you. I have worked, and will continue to work, very hard in your behalf. I ask that you allow me to continue working for you in the Sheriff's capacity."

Cable TV Viewers Can Air Complaints

Company Reps. To Be At Council Meet At 7:30 P.M. Tuesday

Many subscribers to cable television have filed complaints with officials of the City of Eagle Lake about the quality of reception and about periods of interrupted service within the past few weeks. As a result of these complaints, the city has asked representatives of the Communications Services, Inc., the parent company for Eagle Lake Cable TV, to be present

2 Nabbed After Attempt To Burglarize Johnny's

Flip Vehicle On East Main Attempting To Elude Officers

Two Black men with Eagle Lake addresses were arrested early Sunday morning after their car flipped over on East Main Street attempting to elude officers, and have been charged with the attempted burglary of Johnny's Sport Shop at 101 Boothe Drive in Eagle Lake.

Eagle Lake city patrolman Lupe Villarreal was in his vehicle on South McCarty, less than a block from Johnny's, when he heard the alarm sounding at the sport shop at around 1:54 a.m. Sunday morning. He immediately notified Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner and Sheriff Jim Broussard who were in a vehicle nearby.

The burglars tripped the alarm when they broke the glass in the front door of the business. When the loud alarm sounded, they jumped into their 1978 Ford and headed east on Boothe Drive and then on East Main with Villarreal and the other officers in hot pursuit. Due to the speed of the chase, the Ford flipped in a curve on East Main (Highway 90A). One of the men jumped from the vehicle and fled into a nearby field, but was arrested shortly afterward. The other was partially pinned under the vehicle and was arrested at the scene of the

accident.

The officers found a .38 caliber pistol, which was believed stolen from Wharton; a .22 Marlin Glenfield rifle and a .22 Winchester pump rifle, all loaded in the vehicle.

Jimmy Lee White, the man who ran from the wrecked car, gave his address as 210 Beard Street. He is 24 years of age. The other man, Ralph Edward White, 43, (no relation to the other man), gave his address as 406 Second Street.

They were arraigned before Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones in Eagle Lake later Sunday morning and charged with burglary. Bond was set on each at \$3,000 and the two men were taken to the county jail until such time as the bond is made. Their cases are expected to come before the next session of the grand jury.

Eagle Lake officers and the Colorado County sheriff's department cooperated in the investigation of the cases.

Santa Claus To Be At Rice Drug 9-4 Sat.

Santa Claus is coming to Eagle Lake this Saturday, Dec. 5th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. At that time he will be at the Rice Drug Store in Eagle Lake to visit with the children and to take free pictures with the children.

Also those visiting with Santa can register, without obligation, for jumbo stockings filled with goodies and toys which will be awarded on Dec. 12th and on Dec. 24th.

Also beginning Monday and continuing through Dec. 12th the Rice Drug will be holding a big Christmas sale with savings throughout the store.

"Bring the children for a visit with Santa Claus and for a free picture with Santa and register for the free jumbo stockings to be given away, absolutely free," said Fred Beth, manager of the Rice Drug Store.

Plane Crash Kills One, Injures Another



A 46-year-old Houston man, pilot and owner of the crashed single-engine Grumman aircraft shown above, was killed when his plane went down in a 'laid-out' rice field in heavy

fog around 8:30 p.m. Saturday two and one-half miles north of Eagle Lake. An unidentified passenger in the plane was seriously injured and is in a Houston hospital. A FAA

inspector is trying to determine actual cause of the crash since the plane's fuel tank still had over four gallons of fuel, presumably enough to make it to nearby Eagle Lake airport.

Xmas Bazaar At Kevin Courts Wed., Dec. 9

Residents of the Kevin Court Apartments at 400 South Austin Road in Eagle Lake will hold a Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Wednesday, Dec. 9th and they invite one and all to come by to view the articles and to make purchases.

There will be all kinds of handmade items, ideal for Christmas gifts, including ornaments, crocheted articles and afghans. Also coffee and cookies will be offered for sale throughout the event.

The event will be staged in the assembly hall directly behind the office on South Austin Road just north of the hospital.

Contract Let For Demolition Of 23 Buildings

Final Reading Of FM 3013 No Parking Ordinance Tues. Night

Eagle Lake City Council, in session on Tuesday night of last week, approved the second reading of a new ordinance which will prohibit parking on a portion of Farm to Market 3013 in the city limits. The final reading of the ordinance is scheduled at the meeting at 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday, Dec. 8th.

Because of the holiday season, the Dec. 8th meeting will be the only one for the council in December. The other regular meeting on Dec. 22nd was cancelled last week by the council because of the Christmas holidays.

The proposed ordinance prohibits parking along Farm to Market Road 3013 from its intersection with Highway 90A east to a point 1600 feet north of its intersection with Highway 90A or to a point about 400 feet north of the 3013 and State Street intersection.

The council had received many complaints about the parking of vehicles, especially large trucks in the area where a cafe is located, and proposes to pass the ordinance on the third reading Dec. 8th to prohibit parking in the area and reduce traffic hazards in the area.

Mayor Elmer Struss told the council last week that he

Plane Crash NE Of City Fatal To Houstonian

The crash of a light single-engine, four passenger Grumman aircraft into a "laid out" rice field two and one-half miles north of Eagle Lake killed the pilot and seriously injured a passenger, in heavy fog Saturday night.

Apparently killed instantly in the crash was Jacob Salinas, 46, of Houston, the father of five children. The injured passenger, who to date remains unidentified, is in Ben Taub Hospital in Houston in stable condition but unconscious with a broken arm, multiple bruises and contusions and other injuries. His identity remains in question since he carried no identification and has remained unconscious since the accident.

Eagle Lake police department and Colorado County sheriff's office were notified at around 8:30 p.m. Saturday that the plane had been lost off the radar screen at the Houston Air Route Traffic Control Center. According to officials at the traffic control center, Salinas had filed a

visual flight plan for a trip from Bay City to Houston, the final leg of a trip that originated in McAllen, Texas.

Fog Contributes To Crash

The Houston traffic control center said the plane couldn't land at Hobby airport in Houston because of heavy fog Saturday night and the pilot then reportedly returned to Bay City only to find that airport closed due to the fog.

Air traffic controllers, using radar, directed Salinas to the Eagle Lake airport. They said the pattern showed the plane actually passed over the airport several times but the pilot was unable to see the runway because of the inclement weather.

Shortly before 8:30 p.m. the traffic control center had the plane on radar about 2½ miles northeast of Eagle Lake at an altitude of 1500 feet when the pilot reported less than fifteen minutes of fuel remaining. Then the plane disappeared from the radar screen. Eagle Lake and County officers were notified of a possible crash. Many officers and volunteers searched the area for a while

radius of the Eagle Lake airport until about midnight without success due primarily to the fog, and the search was called off until early Sunday morning.

Sunday morning, the D. R. Wintermann helicopter piloted by D. A. Thornton, was called into service in search of the plane and at 8:40 a.m. the crashed plane was spotted in the ricefield owned by Mr. Wintermann.

Eagle Lake volunteer firemen and volunteers from the Eagle Lake unit of the County's Emergency Ambulance Corps joined officers from the Eagle Lake police department and the county sheriff's office in rushing to the scene.

Plane Heavily Damaged
The plane came down in the field about 250 yards from a gravelled road. When it hit the ground the left wing and undercarriage were damaged and the plane skidded about fifty yards before coming to a stop. There was no fire.

Apparently the pilot, Salinas, was killed instantly since he was found slumped over the instrument panel. The passenger was knocked unconscious and apparently remained so as he was removed from the aircraft and he was rushed to Eagle Lake Hospital and later taken to the Methodist Hospital in Houston by the local ambulance corps and then reportedly moved to Ben Taub.

Salinas' body was taken to the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home and the body was taken later to Morales Funeral Home and then to Forest Park Funeral Home in Houston for rites. He had been piloting an aircraft about eighteen months.

FAA Inspector At Scene
Max Halliburton, a Federal Aeronautics Authority (FAA) inspector from Houston, went to the scene of the crash with local officers, Fire Chief L. J. Spanihel and others Sunday afternoon to make an inspection in hopes of determining the cause of the crash.

Up to that time it was assumed that the plane had run out of fuel, but the FAA inspector's examination revealed the plane had at least four gallons of fuel in a tank, presumably enough to carry the plane to the airport since its apparent path was almost directly on line from the OMNI station to the Eagle Lake airport.

Also the inspector found the ignition switches in the "off" position and this has added to the mystery of just

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Zatopeks Buy Pearl Dist. Company Here

J&S Distributing Company, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Zatopek of Columbus, has completed purchase of the Pearl Beer dealership in Eagle Lake and took over operation of the distributorship on Nov. 29th.

The Zatopeks purchased the business from the Ronald Janow, who obtained the distributorship from the Campbell families about six years ago.

Mr. Janow is retired from the U. S. Armed Forces.

Mr. Zatopek said that the distributorship will continue to operate in Eagle Lake as J&S Distributing Co. of Eagle Lake and will continue the same line of products and services as in the past. Plans are for the aluminum cycling part of the business to continue as in the past.

The Zatopeks' Columbus business handles the full line of Schlitz products and also a feed and grain business in Columbus.

Mr. Janow expressed appreciation to citizens of the area for their support of the distributorship under his ownership and asks that these same courtesies be extended to the new owners.

MOONLIGHT SALE

The Shoe Tree at 220 E. Main is having a Moonlight Sale on Mon., Dec. 7th from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. "Great savings on all items in store, selling at cost price. We are closing out our store," said Shirley Luedcke.

Gift Of Appreciation To Sheriff



Eagle Lake Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner, right, presents a gift of appreciation (a Parker desk pen and pencil set) to Colorado County Sheriff Jim Broussard for his cooperation with and assistance to the Eagle Lake police

department and citizens of Eagle Lake since taking office last May. The presentation was made at the police department's first annual Appreciation Social in the Community Center Sunday evening. For more on the event see page 11 of this issue.

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