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**Winners Named
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On Saturday, Jan. 30th, the third annual science fair was held at Kendleton Independent School District. The judges were L. W. McIntosh and Mrs. Jean M. Brinkley of Wharton I.S.D., Alex Boyd of El Campo I.S.D., and Lt. Eddie L. Brinkley, Jr., marine biologist of central Texas director of the science

fair was Mrs. Anopawula Spinks.

The grand award winner was Terry E. Steward, a junior, who experimented on the effects of radiation on the community.

Other winners included: Elementary Division: first place to kindergartners James Johnson, Kimberly Shavers, Shannon Turner, Tiffany Williams; first grader Brent Braxton; fifth graders Adiana Spinks and Emil Woods, III.

Junior Division: First place winners: eighth grader Grace Lara, ninth graders Cheryl

**February
Events For
Sr. Citizens**

The Colorado County Golden Age Center in Columbus lists the following events for the month of February:

Feb. 11: Eagle Lake: Blood Pressure, 10:00; Valentine's Day Party.

Feb. 12: Columbus: Arts and Crafts, 10:00; Valentine's Day Party.

Feb. 15: Weimar: Local Shopping.

Feb. 16: Eagle Lake: Arts and Crafts, 10:30; Local Shopping.

Feb. 17: Columbus: Local Shopping.

Feb. 18: Eagle Lake: Arts and Crafts; Covered Dish Birthday Party.

Feb. 19: Columbus: Arts and Crafts, 10:00; Covered Dish Birthday Party.

Feb. 22: Weimar: Local Shopping.

Feb. 23: Eagle Lake: Arts and Crafts, 10:30; Local Shopping.

Feb. 24: Columbus: Local Shopping.

Feb. 25: Eagle Lake: Visit at the convalescent home, 10:00; Arts and Crafts; Advisory Board Meeting, 5:00.

Feb. 26: Columbus: Arts and Crafts, 10:00; Public Hearing, 11:00; Fashion Show Night.

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County Attorney Explains Functions Of His Office

**Speaks To Rotarians;
196 Criminal Cases
Filed During 1981**

Colorado County Attorney Edward Woolery-Price was the guest speaker for the meeting of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club on Wednesday of last week and he brought some interesting information on the functions of the county attorney's office and a review of cases handled by his office during 1981. The county attorney was introduced by Earl Rodgers, program chairman for the day.

Woolery-Price told the Rotarians and guests that the office of the county attorney is historically that of a criminal prosecutor. In Texas the office of the county attorney was created by the state constitution of 1866 and in 1876 the office was made elective.

He said that "the present state constitution requires the election of a county attorney for counties in which there is not a resident criminal district attorney. More than one county may constitute a criminal district. Colorado County is part of a four county criminal district."

"When one judicial district embraces several counties it is the duty of the district attorney to handle all criminal cases in the district courts and the county attorney to prosecute all criminal cases in the courts in that county below the grade of district court."

"This past year, 1981, the county attorney of Colorado County, Texas has been called upon by county officials to give legal opinions, to represent the state for marital commitments in excess of 90 days of a citizen to a state mental hospital, to represent out of state citizens seeking child support from a resident of Colorado County, Department of Human Resources in cases involving placement of infants or children with adults, to assist the Texas Department of Health in cases where public establishments are in violation of the Texas Public

Health laws, to represent the State in juvenile matters, to represent the State in appeals to county court where driver licenses have been revoked by a justice of the peace (which is a civil case), and to prosecute criminal matters where the courts of the county have original jurisdiction. The courts of the county that have original jurisdiction in misdemeanors are the justice of the peace and county courts.

By and large the work of the county attorney is most involved in the prosecution of misdemeanor criminal cases, explained Woolery-Price. "Of all these cases in the J.P. and County Courts there were 19 jury trials. The records at my office show that I processed and filed 196 criminal cases in the county court. Some of these cases were appeals from the justice of the peace court. Of the cases in the county court, 98 guilty pleas were entered without a jury trial. There were five jury trials in the county court, resulting in four guilty verdicts and one being dismissed upon defendant making restitution. In 22 cases (other than hot checks) the defendant did not appear and defendant's arrest was ordered and forfeiture of bonds was also ordered in appropriate cases.

"One case was dismissed in the interest of justice, one was dismissed because the defendant died, one was dismissed because at the time of the trial the State discovered evidence that established the defendant's innocence. Two cases were dismissed when the defendants requested defensive driving courses, which must be granted by the courts in certain instances, and defendants completed the course of instruction. Nine cases were dismissed when the complaining parties in writing said they no longer wanted to prosecute. One case was dismissed when the de-

pendant appearing on a non-support charge showed the court he was filing for divorce where support would be decided in the district court. One case was dismissed when defendant showed he had paid the fine to the justice of the peace after the papers were sent to the county for filing. Three were dismissed because checks had been paid to the merchants and merchants' records were not posted of the payment. Eight cases are pending (thwarting school attendance, non-support, DWI)."

Hot Check Cases

The largest single item that was the most re-occurring was hot checks, noted the county attorney. "20,496.63 worth of hot checks were brought to the office of the county attorney in 1981. Before filing the case in the county court two notices are sent to the person who issued the hot check. If payment has not been made then the case is filed in the county court. If this amount is \$200.00 or less, or sent to the district attorney for felony disposition if the amount is over \$200.00.

"Of the \$20,496.63 worth of hot checks received, \$7,673.86 was recovered before filing, \$9,485.39 was sent to the district attorney for felony disposition and the balance of \$3,337.38 was filed in 61 cases in the county court. Of the 61 cases filed, 43 did not appear and arrest warrants have been issued."

DWI Cases High

Driving while intoxicated cases were the second most numerous of the cases filed in 1981 in the county court, said Woolery-Price. "There were 50 cases filed. There were two DWI cases tried before a jury; one case was filed in 1980. Thirty-eight pled guilty, eight did not appear and their arrests have been ordered, and two were pending at the end of 1981."

He explained further that the county attorney can also

explain and supporting Vocational Education Week and this is not the intent of this writer. If it were I would be pleading for similar vocational classes for the Junior High which needs them desperately. My purpose is to praise the students in the delegation for their poise, delivery, and personal appearance. They represented most admirably what we appreciate in teenagers and adults, as well. I refrain from mentioning any by name lest I overlook some, but each made a commendable presentation. At a time when most published stories about youth are calling attention to their involvement in drugs and crime, it is refreshing and encouraging to be able to point out that the students who spoke at ELMS Monday do represent most of our youth. It gives me much satisfaction to be able to tell this story to your readers.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Charlyne Spaniel

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Black History Month Program Here Feb. 20, 27

The Bay City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a public service sorority, is sponsoring two programs here in honor of Black Awareness.

On Saturday, February 20, 1982 at 7:30 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Primary gymnasium, a pageant will be held with local high school girls competing along with girls from Columbus, Kendleton and Wharton.

Each girl will be sponsored by businesses in the respective towns.

The activity for Feb. 27, 1982 will be announced in the next week issue of the press.

Area Deltas planning this event are Mrs. Marian Woolridge, Mrs. Helen Glover, Mrs. Dollie Johnson, Ms. Beryl Shorter and Mrs. Claudine Shorter.

"Please plan to attend the activities planned by this sorority. Your presence will be appreciated," say local Deltas.

Ambulance Corps To Have Business Meeting Thurs.

The Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps will have their regular business meeting this Thursday, Feb. 11th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ambulance Hall.

Final details for the upcoming Valentine party will be worked out at this meeting. Also a report will be given on the "Vial of Life".

The name of Milton Adams, Sr. of Weimar was drawn from the grand jury list Monday and if he declines, the alternate is Andrew Schobel of Columbus.

The committee meets only in cases of grievance over salaries paid to the elected county officials.

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98 Ambulance Calls, 40 Bounties Reported In Jan.

Colorado County Commissioners' Court reviewed monthly reports from various agencies Monday.

County Judge Lester Cranek reported that the 98 bounties to special wolf trappers was paid during the month for 10 scalps; and also the \$5 bounty was paid on 30 scalps turned in by private citizens, for a total of \$300 bounties paid during the month.

Three volunteer ambulance corps at Columbus, Eagle Lake and Weimar made 98 runs, 39 in Columbus, 38 in Eagle Lake and 21 in Weimar. The fee for ambulance calls in the county is \$40 plus an additional charge of \$1.00 per mile for trips out of the county. The county does the billing and collecting of fees.

Judge Cranek pointed out that two-thirds of the total fees are returned to the respective ambulance units and the county retains one-third or whatever portion is collected. Amount returned to the Columbus unit (distributed according to each unit policy, either to the corporan or retained by the unit) amounted to \$1330; \$1241.66 was returned to the Eagle Lake unit; and \$928.35 to the Weimar volunteer unit.

In another report, it was noted that the County Sheriff's Road patrol unit (No. 56) continues very active, with over 150 citations issued to all types of vehicles in the county during the month of January.

More Names Drawn For Grievance Comm.

More names were drawn from the last grand jury list in 1981 to serve on an officers grievance committee when Commissioners' Court met Monday and it was noted that another of the alternates, Michael Vorsand, has declined to serve. The committee is to be composed of 3 citizens who served on the last grand jury, plus the six full-time elected officials with County Judge Lester Cranek as officio - and non-voting member.

Earlier Jim Yensen of Columbus and Mrs. Joe C. Targat of Weimar declined to serve. George Hoppe of New Ulm agreed to serve on the committee, as did Mrs. Geneva Williams of Alletton, one of the alternates.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Voc. Ed. Students Praised For Presentation At ELMS

Dear Editor:

Monday afternoon a delegation of students from Rice High School spoke before an assembly of the seventh and eighth graders at Eagle Lake Middle School to explain the advantages of a vocational education in high school. They did a tremendous job. Each speaker was on-the-job training in high school.

No doubt there will be a promotion in your paper about the purpose of and advantages offered in each department. A slide presentation accompanied each speaker so the audience recognized friends and former students involved in meaningful activities which can lead directly to gainful employment after graduation because of the experience gained in on-the-job training in high school.

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