

See Bluebonnet Trail
After the Easter Sunrise Service at the United Methodist Church Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. V. V. (Duck) Swords took a drive through the beautiful Bluebonnet Trail area to Brenham and visited the church at Chappell Hill, which they report very interesting.



Sheriff Jim Broussard

I am submitting this article in behalf of Sheriff Jim Broussard, whom I have known and worked closely with for approximately eleven (11) years.

Jim has worked some of the most complicated cases that have been worked in Colorado County. To mention a few of many, the burglaries of Loesslin Implement Company in Weimar, the burning of the Sandy Creek Drive in near Rock Island, a rape which occurred near Columbus (which withstood two trials with the subject receiving ninety-nine (99) years in each trial), and the case of the Interstate Rapist, in which Jim was the officer to interrogate a confession from the man.

During the time I have been District Attorney, and Jim has been with the Sheriff's Office, I have had many opportunities to observe his performance and prosecute the cases he brought to Court. I must say it is a pleasure to be associated with him.

When Jim works on a case, he is fair, thorough and has a superior record of obtaining confessions from the guilty. He accomplishes this through intelligent interrogation, not through brutality. There has never been an incident that Jim was accused of mistreating anyone in his custody.

He presents cases to the Grand Jury in such detail that there is no doubt in their minds whether to return an indictment in any case.

As District Attorney, when I receive a case that Sheriff Jim Broussard has worked or supervised, I can walk in the Courtroom and get a conviction on the results of his investigation.

If there is a doubt in Jim's mind about a point of law or a point of evidence, he contacts myself or my assistant, Mr. Paul Finley, before he continues with the investigation.

Jim does not accomplish all these matters by himself; however, he has the respect and confidence of his fellow officers that work with him. The case is then brought to my office under his direction.

Two cases worked recently that need to be talked about are the two Capital Murder Cases in Colorado County. Regardless of what has been said, the first Capital Murder Case, which started in Houston was cleared in Colorado County by Sheriff Jim Broussard and Texas Ranger Ray Nutt. Houston Police Department came up with a body and a witness from Houston. The case was completed in Colorado County by Jim and Ray obtaining a confession from the suspect, receiving information of the location of the murder weapon, and bringing the case to Court. During that investigation, four cases were solved for the Houston Police, which deserves recognition instead of criticism. The second Capital Murder Case, which started in Richmond and ended up in Colorado County, was also solved under the direction of Sheriff Jim Broussard. The only clue at the scene was a laundry mark inside the man's trousers. With that and the assistance of local officers, Texas Ranger Ray Nutt, the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, and officers from the Richmond Police, this case was solved.

Investigations are but one of Jim's strong abilities. He is also a strong supervisor, manager, and has the ability of working with fellow officers and the public. He is always seeking ways to bring better Law Enforcement to this Community.

I am proud of being associated with the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of Colorado County, who has such a desire to protect and serve his Community, as Jim does. I feel he deserves the opportunity to remain in that capacity.

My assistant, Mr. Paul Finley, who also works close with Jim, has reviewed this article and fully concurs with my views.

Houston Munson
District Attorney

Paul Finley
Assistant District Attorney

(Political Adv. Paid by Houston Munson)

Bicycle Safety Program To Be Held Here May 1

Sponsored by VFW, Lions, Cub Scout Pack And Texas D.P.S.

All youngsters in the community are invited to make plans to participate in Bicycle Safety Program and Rodeo to be held on Saturday, May 1, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the Eagle Lake Community Center parking lot on Walnut Street.

The event will be sponsored through the cooperation of the Eagle Lake V.F.W. Post, the Eagle Lake Lions Club and Cub Scout Pack No. 3078 of Eagle Lake and the Texas Dept. of Public Safety.

Enrollment in the Safety Program and Rodeo will begin at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, May 1st. Each child will be given a pamphlet on bicycle safety and laws and a program will be presented by a Texas Department of Public Safety officer.

Free Reflector Decals Each contestant will also be given free reflector decals for their bike, furnished by the Rice Area Memorial V.F.W. Post No. 8783.

After the safety program has been presented each contestant will run their bike through a "safety inspection station" then onto the obstacle course. Contestants will be judged on their performance on the course.

Members of the Eagle Lake Lions Club will serve as course judges. Ribbon awards will be presented to the winners. Every child will receive a certificate for his or her participation in the program.

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Judge Cranek read a letter from Edward Mattingly Associates Inc. of La Grange, in which the firm said that it would make a study of the facilities and determine repairs that are needed at a cost not to exceed \$550 (on an hourly basis).

The firm plans to measure and draw a scheme of the facility, draw a plan site and improvements that might need to be made; list building codes and life safety requirements that would have to be made in the improvements; and estimate costs of the project.

The Colorado County-MHMR Board has authorized funds to assist in the project but made the contribution contingent that an overall long-range plan be included in the work to be done. Of primary need are: improvement of the electrical facilities in the old building, a new parking lot, a ramp for wheelchair persons, etc.

The court is expected to give further consideration to the proposed improvements once the report from the Mattingly firm is received. Also the county plans to contact the Travis State School to determine if the State might participate in some of the costs of the project.

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Persons obtaining the bait will be required to pay the \$1.00 per pound when it is picked up and there is a 25 pound limit per household. Precinct 1 Commissioner Otto Loesslin volunteered to send a truck to Austin to pick up the bait.

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Party favors of Play Doh and candy-filled Popeye cups were given to each little guest.

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Paula Rohwer Visits Sister In London, Eng.

Paula Rohwer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Rohwer of Rock Island, Texas, who is a senior at Rice High School this year, recently went on a 12-day trip to London and Paris with her grandmother, Mrs. Emmet T. Rohwer of Huntsville, to visit with her sister and granddaughter, Laura Rohwer Derrick of London, England.

Laura and her husband, Wayne Derrick, living in London for three years while Wayne is attending the National Film School at Beckenfield.

Both Laura and Wayne showed them all of the main sights in London and were very good guides, according to Paula and Mrs. Rohwer.

The second day they were in London, however, Mrs. Rohwer fell and broke her wrist, so they also got to see one of the hospitals. Mrs. Rohwer was treated, free of charge since England has free medical care.

Mrs. Rohwer and Paula made a side trip for three days to Paris, France, and saw some of the most important sights there, also. They then returned to London to spend a few days more with Laura and Wayne, and then back home to Houston and Garwood.

While in London they attended a stage play, also, and went to Stratford, and also toured Harrods, the famous department store.

Months the county did not pay out a single bounty for wolf or coyote scalps.

In other reports reviewed by Judge Cranek, the Sheriff's Patrolling Deputies issued 271 tickets during the month of March.

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Colorado County Sheriff's Report

A Weekly Report of Activities by Sheriff Jim Broussard

Women's Weapons Training Class Set Here April 24

On Saturday, April 24th, at 9:00 a.m. the first training class to acquaint women in the use of weapons that are available to them will be held at the Eagle Lake Fire Department Building. This training is being offered by the Colorado County Law Enforcement Association.

There is no charge for the training, and even though this is but one of the training classes planned, women from the entire county are invited and encouraged to attend. Classes in other parts of the county are upcoming.

April 6: Posted a citation in the Courthouse. Removed livestock from the roadway in the Oak Grove area. Worked school traffic in the morning and afternoon. Assisted Eagle Lake police with a burglary investigation. Issued 15 traffic citations and served six civil citations.

April 9: Picked up vehicle from a five mile west of Houston on a burglary investigation. Assisted a stranded motorist on IH-10. Had JP court in the AM. Issued two traffic citations and served four civil citations.

April 10: Arrested one for theft by check. Checked on a break-in of a storage barn in Garwood. Checked a burglar alarm activating near Menta. Had JP court in the AM.

April 11: Checked on a suspicious subject south of Columbus. Responded to a burglar alarm activating. Checked on an attempted burglary near Rock Island. Checked on a suspicious vehicle in the Garwood area.

Jim Broussard, Sheriff & Deputies: 732-2588 & 732-2535 Home Phone: 732-3950

April 7: Transported subject to Houston for a lie detector test. Investigated a case.

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Ant Bait Distribution Delayed To Apr. 23

Explosion At Bait Plant Delays Shipment To County Until Apr. 22

The first shipment of the Andro fire ant bait for distribution in this county has been delayed due to an explosion in the plant manufacturing the material.

The first of two shipments was due to arrive in the county on Wednesday of this week and distribution was due to start today, Thursday.

Due to the explosion, the Andro will not be available for pickup from the Texas Department of Agriculture headquarters in Austin until Thursday, April 22nd and the first distribution to the public will begin at 9 a.m. Friday, April 23rd.

The bait will be available from the four commissioners' precinct locations from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Apr. 23rd and will be \$1.00 per pound. The bait must be paid for as it is picked up.

no extension, don't delay." Farms signed up and planning to stay in the reduce acreage program must have qualified Conservation Use Acreage (set-aside) according to their permitted or planted acreage on the farm, reports the ASCS office.

Conservation Use Acreage guidelines include:

1. Must be acreage that was planted to a crop in 1980 or 1981 or acreage on rotation farms that would have been planted to a crop in the absence of the program.

2. This acreage cannot be grazed from April 1 through September 30, 1982.

3. Minimum size and width requirements: Not less than one acre and must be at least 66 feet wide.

4. Approved cover: Annual or perennial grasses, crop residue, management with minimum tillage.

5. No harvesting during 1982 calendar year.

Small Grains Certification The ASCS office reminds farmers that May 1, 1982 is the final date to certify to small grains planted in the fall of 1981. These grains are wheat, oats and barley.

COC Interest Rate 13.875% The regular loan interest rate in 1981 and 1982 crop year commodity loans disbursed during April is 13.875.

Easter Guests Easter holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Thomas were their children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Chesbawn, Shane and Sherri of West Monroe, Louisiana; Mr. and Mrs. Boxie Kallina, Rachelle and Chad of Garwood; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Balas, Brian, and Renee and Mrs. Thomas mother, Mrs. C. E. Marshall, of Eagle Lake.

Some Below Market Interest Rates Still Available

ATTENTION: PROPERTY OWNERS

TILSON BUILDS HOMES IN YOUR AREA

Tilson will come to your neighborhood and custom build you a new home on your property. What's more, we'll build it away from you... BRICK, STUCCO, SEMI-FINISHED OR FINISHED COMPLETE. We will build homes on the old fashioned way, board by board, brick by brick, nail by nail. AND WE HAVE A SERVICE DEPARTMENT THAT IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEST IN TEXAS. Tilson homes are priced