

Eagle Lake phone books due

Eagle Lake telephone customers will begin receiving the 1983 edition of the Southwestern Bell directory this week.

Mailing of more than 3,800 directories should be completed within a few days, according to Paul Johnson, manager for community relations. This year's directory contains 3,080 listings on 21 white pages.

The cover features the sculpture titled "After the Storm," carved by the artist. You can reach Esther at 232-5321 for more information after 6 p.m.

Colorado County

By Jim Broussard

Sheriff's Report

Fort Bend singles club meets this Thursday

The Fort Bend Singles Club will meet from 7:30 until 10:30 p.m. this Thursday, August 11 at the Rosenberg American Legion Hall for business, conversation and dancing. All age singles are invited and come as guests of the club.

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8-1-83: Checked on a criminal mischief near Eagle Lake. Checked on a suspicious subject in the Frelsburg area. Investigated a criminal mischief in the Garwood area. Had county, two of the subjects involved are in prison and three more are due in court. There were two pickup trucks, a cattle trailer, and an airplane confiscated during the arrest and the sheriff's office is attempting to have these vehicles awarded to the county by the courts.

8-2-83: Checked on a disturbance in Alton. Assisted at the scene of an accident on IH-10. Checked on reported gun shots heard in New Town. Checked on an abandoned vehicle on 109. Burned a load of marijuana confiscated in Garwood. Checked on a burglar alarm activating in the Garwood area. Checked on suspicious subjects in Garwood. Issued seven traffic citations and served two civil citations.

8-3-83: Checked on a disturbance in Alton. Assisted at the scene of a funeral procession from Columbus to Shaws Bend. Transported a prisoner from Eagle Lake to Columbus. Issued 16 traffic citations and served eight civil citations.

8-4-83: Arrested one for disorderly conduct. Assisted at the scene of a vehicle fire on 1693. Assisted at the scene of an accident in Columbus. Inquest near Frelsburg.

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MOMENTS WITH MISTY



"TO LISTEN OR NOT TO LISTEN, THAT IS THE QUESTION!"

-Ebert

Unfortunately, I must project this "you can unload all your problems on me" kind of face because it happened again — another person just unloaded their personal problems on me. I know this could probably be classified as self-induced masochism for sitting there and listening, but believe me when I say, "I am not a masochist! I am a person that loves God, loves people and desires very much to assist people in their time of need." Actually, the act of unloading is sometimes helpful and healthy. I enjoy counseling and sharing with others. As an aside, I recently was called for jury duty. Surprisingly, the defense attorney when addressing us prior to the trial stated, "I know I have a mean looking face, I keep it that way on purpose. Have you ever heard of anyone unloading all their problems on a mean person?" Little did he know how applicable his statement was to me in particular and possibly to you as you read this article. I am not purporting for all of us to suddenly change our facial expressions to that of a mean person; however, I would like for you to consider the following aspects when you feel the need to talk to someone whether they be a spouse, friend, neighbor, fellow employee, or minister, etc.:

(1) Please consider carefully whom you choose to talk with. A close friend that is not a neighbor or fellow employee, and (or) your minister are obviously better choices.

(2) If the matter you will be discussing is in regard to a conflict with someone else (and it usually is), would it not be better in the long run to discuss it with the person involved? You will need to solve the conflict with that person eventually anyway. Why not discuss it with them now before the situation becomes "blown out of proportion?"

Communication is one of the most important keys in human relationships. Most of the time the person never intended to hurt you; maybe you are too sensitive. Well, that is another subject within itself!

(3) When sharing your problems or talking with others, you should not allow the conversation to unintentionally lead into a gossip session. Please do not repeat what you have heard about others and especially the very private things that someone shared with you. Wives are no exception to this rule. For example, a friend of mine and her husband were having marital problems. We were carpooling and every day for an hour driving to town in the morning and an hour coming home in the evening, we would discuss her problems. We were able to work through some of the them. Eventually, she started sharing very private things about her husband — especially things related to the "bedroom" situation. She was wrong to breach that confidence barrier. After this, I stated the facts, she ended with, "My husband would kill me if he knew I had shared this with anyone, please do not let him know that I told you." Consequently, every time I see the fellow, I regret not telling her those things I did not want to know in the first place. It makes me feel very uncomfortable to say the least. In this particular instance, her actions reminded me of Proverbs 11:22, "Like a gold ring ever telling me a beautiful woman who shows no discretion" (NIV). Needless to say, I chose not to remain in the carpool for long. No one EVER has the right to disclose anything entrusted to them in confidence. It does not matter how angry you may be at the time!

(4) Mr. Webster's dictionary defines a gossip as a person who

habitually reveals or relates personal or sensational facts. No matter how unintentional it may seem when we discuss someone, gossip is gossip. We all have been victimized or devastated by gossip and it really hurts. There are three criteria to consider before committing this ghastly deed: (a) Is what you know the absolute truth? (b) Does this information need to be repeated? (c) Most importantly, what you are about to repeat, is it kind? That old rule, "If someone will talk about someone else to you, you can rest assured that they will talk about you to someone else" is still applicable today. What bothers me more about this is that some of these people have no qualms or remorse for having done so!

Also, we can all relate to the "preconceived idea" concept. Many times before we ever meet a person, someone will fill us in whether we want them to or not. Unfortunately, no matter how hard we try not to form preconceived ideas about someone, it happens anyway and it affects our attitude toward that person. This is very unfair to the individual. In a court of law at least we can defend ourselves, but how can we defend ourselves when we do not know what is being said. I have found a wonderful little saying that I keep on my desk at work. It helps in a tremendously subtle way not only to prevent someone from gossiping to me and (or) my having to interrupt the person and say I would rather not hear this (thereby hurting their feelings and probably making me their next gossip project), but it also motivates them to higher and better things. It is as follows:

Bright people talk about ideas.

Mediocre people talk about things. Small people talk about other people.

(5) When you need to talk to someone, please do not "overflow" your welcome. Some people just naturally talk too much to begin with, but to take advantage of an available ear is the most unpardonable sin. It benefits neither you nor the listener. You can really lose friends fast! Did you know that a person who talks too much, "ramrums" everyone he/she comes in contact with like a job superintendent, knows everything there is about everything (so do not confuse them with the facts), and that continuously unloads and/or gossips is the person whom everyone avoids like a plague? Then they wonder why no one likes them and consequently, they have a low self-esteem problem.

These aspects (and many more not discussed due to space) are not intended to put anyone down. To the contrary, this article is intended only as a "liaison" for those of us who at one time or another find ourselves in the position of either the available ear ourselves (not the other guy) and consider these aspects in our lives. I disagree with the philosophy that people cannot change. You can! It will take a concerted effort though to change the pattern of behavior we have developed over the years. But if we do, we will change ourselves and begin to change the world around us. It has to start with someone; why not let it begin with us!

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Sheriff Jim Broussard, at left with a rake, helps tend to the burning marijuana the county disposed of last week. Assisting in the burning were county jail trustees. (Photo by The Weimar Mercury)

Michalcik family reunion held July 31 at Kucherka's camphouse

The Michalcik family reunion was held in Eagle Lake Sunday, July 31 at the Kucherka's camphouse. Descendants of the late John and Mary Michalcik gathered for a covered dish lunch followed by games of volleyball and washers, fishing and just visiting family and making the acquaintance of new additions to the family.

All four of the living children of the late John and Mary Michalcik were in attendance including Mrs. Mary Taylor and husband Willie of Weimar, John Michalcik and wife Vlasta of Hallettsville, Alfons Michalcik and wife Lillie of Hallettsville and Mrs. Adela Fojt of Cat Springs.

Also, Mrs. Linda Henke and children Kevin and Tanya of Agua Dulce; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Michalcik and daughter Roxanne, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Suter, and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Michalcik and wife Lillie of Hallettsville and Mrs. Melissa and Clarissa, all served two civil citations.

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Former Garwood resident, Elva Martin, buried here

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