

USED CARS

GM PROGRAM CARS...

1991 Olds Cutlass Ciera	\$11,995 ⁰⁰
1991 Geo Metro	\$6,995 ⁰⁰
1990 Chevy Corsica 6,000 Miles!	\$8,695 ⁰⁰
1990 Geo Metro	\$6,500 ⁰⁰ \$6,295 ⁰⁰
1987 Chevy Suburban Clearance!	\$9,100 ⁰⁰ \$8,995 ⁰⁰
1985 Mercury Marquis Slick Car... Low Miles!	\$3,595 ⁰⁰
1983 Olds Cutlass Supreme Fine car!	\$2,995 ⁰⁰
1979 Ford Wagon A Beauty!	\$2,595 ⁰⁰

"Home of Award Winning Service"



LAKE MOTORS, INC.

• Chevrolet • Geo
• Oldsmobile • Cadillac
Eagle Lake

323 S. McCarty

Se Habla
Español

Will
Finance!

409-234-2513

WE'RE SLASHING PRICES!

St. Mary's School recognizes top students

Students at St. Mary's School, Nada, were recognized recently for various outstanding achievements. Those who received the Highest Academic Award were: Meagan Staff, 1st grade; Stacy Schneider, 2nd grade; Chrissy Leopold, 3rd grade; Angie Leopold, 4th grade; Valerie Korenek, 5th grade; Marcie Till, 6th grade and Chad Wesselski, 7th grade.

Students receiving the Religion Award were: 1st grade, Kinsey Hoffman; 2nd grade, Kristin Wesselski; 3rd grade, Cody Crane; 4th grade, Angie Leopold; 5th grade, Valerie Korenek; 6th grade, Maria Hernandez and Chad Wesselski, 7th grade.

Perfect Attendance Awards were presented to: Kinsey Hoffman, Ryan Staff, Angie Leopold, Justin Schneider, Ryan Till, Klay Korenek, Kevin Hoffman, Marcie Till, Olga Sosa, Dana Leopold, Tony Garcia and Brent Schneider.

The first grade students receiving the Honor Roll Award were: Fatima Hernandez, Kinsey Hoffman, Garrett Crane, Lana Engstrom, Natalie Bata, Lance Bitner, Maria Housh, Meagan Staff, Ryan Staff, Matthew Shimek, Brittany Waligura, Trent Korenek, Jared Korenek and Amanda Rodriguez.

Second through fourth grade students receiving the Honor Roll Award were: Angie Leopold, Kristin Wesselski, Amber Mahalia, Debbie Leopold, Angela Popp, Jenna Hoffman, Stacy Schneider, Ross Housh, Scott Bitner, Chrissy Leopold, Martha Rodriguez, Cody Crane and Clint Korenek.

Students in the fifth through seventh grade receiving the Honor Roll Award were: Christie Crane, Ryan Till, Maria Hernandez, Marcie Till, Valerie Korenek, Dana Leopold and Chad Wesselski.

Schilling chosen Imperial Miss Texas

The weekend of June 7-8 was an exciting time for Alexandra Schilling of Eagle Lake. She was the winner of the Imperial Miss Texas Beauty Contest in Houston. Her talent competition included a tap dance to the song, "Sing, Sing, Sing." Eight young ladies gathered to compete in different divisions with 10 being in the Duetches in which Schilling competed.



Alexandra is the daughter of James Schilling of Eagle Lake and Cathy Wendel of El Campo. Many thanks are extended to Mr. Billy Lehrer and Garwood Irrigation Company, who sponsored her.

Wildlife Regs

through January. Other saltwater changes include placing a 32-inch minimum length, three fish day bag on greater amberjack; a two-fish bag on cobia; an eight-inch minimum length on lane and vermillion snapper; and a seven-fish bag on red snapper. These changes, along with a prohibition on the harvest of jewfish, will provide rules similar to those in federal waters off the Texas coast. Commercial crab traps are to have white buoys and recreational crab traps are to have white with a two-inch-wide center stripe of contrasting color. Per traps are to have orange buoys. Also, only the right claw of stone crabs can be removed. This was enacted to improve enforcement of the previous law that allowed either claw to be removed, and which could lead to

Continued from Page 9

adverse impact on the stone crab resource. The department's proposal to allow fishing guides to retain only one game fish per day was withdrawn. Other fisheries regulations approved by the commission included reducing the minimum size limit for spotted and Gulf of Mexico bass from 14 inches to 12 inches; removing the 10-inch minimum size limit for yellow bass; removing the 10-inch size limit on crappie at Lake Fork and Lake O' the Pine from December through February. Anglers must keep the first 25 crappie they catch regardless of size; and 18-inch slot limit for black bass on Lake Pinkston and Lake Waxahachie; a 14- to 21-inch slot for black bass at Mill Creek Lake; a 500 daily bag limit and 1,000 possession limit on shad in the

Garwood School 1991-92 supply list

Pre-Kindergarten: 8 crayons; 2-#2 pencils, 1 pair scissors, 1 bottle Elmer's glue, 1 box Kleenex.
Kindergarten: 4-#2 pencils, 1 box (16) crayons, 1 bottle Elmer's school glue, 1 box Kleenex, 1 roll Scotch tape, 1 pair safety-cut scissors, 2 pocket folders.
1st: 2 medium bottles Elmer's school glue, 1 pair scissors, 1 large box Kleenex, 1 box (24) crayons, 4-#2 pencils, 2 first grade tablets, 1 medium size school box, 1 roll transparent tape, 1 red marker, 4 pocket folders, 1 spiral notebook (8x10) white primary paper, red base line.
2nd: 1 medium bottle Elmer's school glue, 1 pair scissors, 1 large box Kleenex, 1 box (24) crayons, 4-#2 pencils, 2 Nifty Primary composition

books (1/2" ruled, 36 sheets, 10x18"), 1 medium size school box, 1 roll transparent tape, 1 red marker.
3rd: 1 binder & notebook paper, 1 pair scissors, 1 large box Kleenex, 1 box (24) crayons, 4-#2 pencils, 1 medium bottle Elmer's school glue, 1 roll Scotch tape, 1 pair safety-cut scissors, 2 large ring plastic floppy folders.
4th: 3 spiral notebooks (not one big one), 1 three ring plastic folder, three paper 3x5 with pockets & brads, Elmer's glue, pointed scissors, 2-#2 pencils, 1 red ink pen, 1 ruler with cm. & in., 1 box (at least 24) crayons, 1 supply box, 1 eraser, map colors & marker are optional.
5th: Regular ruled paper (no college rule), #2 pencils, scissors, red checking pen, Elmer's school glue,

map colors, large box Kleenex, box of crayons, ruler, Scotch tape, 6 folders with brads and pockets, 1 large spiral notebook.
6th, 7th, 8th: Notebook paper, 1 pair scissors, 1 bottle Elmer's school glue, 1 red grading pen or pencil, crayons, map colors, 2 large box Kleenex (one each semester), 2-#2 pencils, 1 ball point pen (blue or black), 1 ruler, (centimeter scale), 1 compass, 1 protractor, drawing paper, graph paper (large squares), 1 spiral notebook, 2 floppy folders with brads.
Special Education: Map colors, notebook paper (200 sheets), 12" ruler, scissor, roll of Scotch tape, Kleenex, #2 pencils, 2 red pencils, 3 floppy folders, composition book (large).

Popcorn dinosaur designing program at library

Children who attended story hour at the Eula and David Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake participated in a popcorn-dinosaur designing contest. Claudine Shorter was the director of this program entitled "Camp Wild" held Wednesday, June 12.



"The Popcorn Book" by Tomie de Paola was read to the children by Mrs. Shorter; then each child designed a drawn-on dinosaur with popcorn on a sheet of construction paper. Ms. Li-vanec was chosen out of the crowd of on-lookers to judge the entries.

The winners are pictured at right with "Read to Me" posters they received. From left are: First place winner Valerie Fields and second place winner Kayce Wilkerson. Pictured with the girls are Claudine Shorter and Librarian Wanda Center.

Frazar

Continued from Page 1

U.S. asked the captured Iraqi soldiers where their officers were. The officers had told them to stay and fight and if they did not they would be executed; then the officers left them there and went back into the city. American soldiers were tough, but humane in that they gave wounded Iraqi soldiers help and food.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the film showed very heart-warming homecomings of the soldiers and many snuggles were heard around the room. Frazar said many of the soldiers broke down crying on the buses before they even reached the arms of their loved ones. You could see the relief on the faces of the sol-

diers and their families as they exchanged many hugs and kisses. A question and answer session concluded the presentation. Many thanks are extended to Brigadier General Frazar for taking time to present this program to us in Eagle Lake. It was very interesting and enjoyed by everyone present.

Sheriff's Report

Continued from Page 1

sponded to the calls. The complainants include Judy Barton, Rick and Jane Armontrout and Darrell and Cindy Kubesch. The doors of all three residences had been kicked in to gain entry. The burglaries all took place between 7:30 a.m. and noon.

Items taken include VCRs, jewelry, cameras, guns, old coins, binoculars and cam corder. Suspects used a pillow case from the Kubesch residence to hold old coins and jewelry. The pillow case with the jewelry and coins was found in a field at the Armontrout residence.

Witnesses stated that they had seen an old Ford, green with a white top parked in the driveways of the Kubesch and Armontrout residences.

Thursday, June 13, Sheriff Esterling received a teletype form investigators in Montgomery County stating that they possibly had the items. Two suspects are currently in jail in Austin county. Warrants from Colorado County have been issued for the two suspects, Thomas Andrew Potts, a white male born January 24, 1973 and Eric Bradley, a white male born July 4, 1969. A deputy will be en route to the Montgomery County Constable Pct. 2 office to recover a majority of the stolen merchandise.

Little League pictures need identifications

Again this year, Jodi Sebasta of Jodi and Company, has graciously supplied us with copies of the team pictures she took for this season's little league teams. We need a coach from each team to come by our office in order to identify the individuals in their team's picture.

Thursday and Friday are the best days to accomplish this task.

As we receive the names and space is available, we will publish the pictures (most likely on the sports page) each week.

Police

Continued from Page 1

ton advised Officer Johnson that a van backed up and hit her car, then pulled off without stopping to access the damages, which amounted to about \$300 to the Pearson vehicle.

Week ending 06-11-91

On Wed., June 5, Officer Clem Johnson was dispatched by the Sheriff's Dept. to a terroristic threat call on 8th Street. Upon investigation, it was learned the incident occurred in Wharton County at Glen Flora. The subject was advised she would need to file charges in Wharton County.

Also, on the 5th, Officer Argo was dispatched to a family disturbance and assault call on Shirley. The complainant was advised to see the judge and file charges of assault on the subject.

June 7, Officer Staude was dispatched to a hit and run accident on Center Street. Steven Samples advised that he had left his car parked in front of his house during the night and discovered that someone had hit the left rear quarter panel of his Ford Pinto. It is unknown at this time who may have struck his car.

Saturday morning, at 12:10 a.m., Officer Argo was dispatched to a family disturbance on Semprex. Sgt. Jones also met Argo at the location. After meeting with the couple, it was determined that the husband would be a dangerous threat to his wife and child. The officers attempted to arrest him, but a struggle ensued which resulted in Argo's begin hit in the head with a flashlight. The subject was quickly handcuffed and placed in custody. Manuel Stephen Ebarra was charged with aggravated assault on a peace officer. After processing at the police department, he was transported to county jail where bond was set at \$10,000.

June 11, a burglar was reported to Chief Villarreal. It occurred some time in May. A gun and several pieces of jewelry were taken from a home. There are no suspects at this time.

During the month of May, Eagle Lake Police answered 198 calls. Investigated 33 criminal cases and cleared 53 cases. Calls include 10 assaults, 14 burglaries, 9 thefts, 4 disturbances, 11 accidents, 7 criminal mischief, and 143 miscellaneous. A total of 81 citations were issued and 8 arrests were made: 2 misdemeanors and 6 felons.

Airport to be closed for construction

Demehl Construction will begin work on airport improvements Monday, July 1st, according to Acting City Manager Lucille Perry.

The facility will be closed to all traffic beginning at 7 a.m. that morning and could remain closed until midnight, October 24th (the 120-day time limit).

Eagle Lake Headlight

June 27, 1991

(USPS 163-760)
Volume 88, No. 13
Eagle Publishing, Inc.
P.O. Box 67 — 220 E. Main St.
Eagle Lake, Texas 77434-0067
409-234-5521

35¢ PER COPY

Don't miss this one!!

1st annual 'Battle of the Coaches' Thursday

The first annual "Battle of the Coaches" will be held today, Thursday, June 27th, at the Eagle Lake Little League Field.

Activities, including a long-ball contest, will begin promptly at 6 p.m. A charge of \$1 for five balls will be required to enter the contest. The long-ball contest will end at 7:15 with the "battle" to follow at 7:30.

There will be no charge to those who would like to sit in the stands and see what the coaches can really do, but donations of any amount will be accepted. All proceeds received will be put back into the Little League Funds. The concession stand will be open to add to your enjoyment.

The "Eagles" team will consist of the following coaches: Angels, Steve Almanza and Billy Salazar; Bears, Rochelle Alley and Maria Leal; Cardinals, Buddy Mills, Herb Fischer and Richard Sommerlatte; Cubs, Larry Dulany and Chuck Stephens; Dodgers, Mike Grigar and Richard Lamkin;

Mets, Glenn Sunderman and Charles Besch; Panthers, Howard Wilkerson and Ray Skowiski; Raiders, Debbie Shanks and Vivian Spanhel.

The "Lakers" will consist of Astros, Larry Contreras and John Young; Mustangs, Tim Lueddecke and Dwight Hadley; Phillies, Clark Pown, Kim Powers, Jim Buckner and Carolyn Baird; Rangers, Michael Rucka and Gus Sealhorn; Red Sox, Melvin Schmitt, John Dusek and Rebecca Burrow; Tigers, Bobo Brune, Sylvia Brune and Greg Contreras; Yanks, Larry Waddell and David Evers.

This is expected to be the most exciting games of the year!! Everyone come on out and enjoy the fun, while supporting a very important organization in this community. Bring your camera. You'll want some pictures for posterity or possible "blackmail".



GAME

Marquart named to National Dean's List

Jaime Marquart has been selected to receive honorary award recognition by having his biography published in the 14th Annual Edition of The National Dean's List, 1990-91.

The National Dean's List is the largest, most prestigious publication in the country recognizing academically gifted students selected by their college and comparable faculty representative. Each year, 2,500 of our nation's finest colleges and universities use the publication as a special award to recognize their most outstanding students. Only 1/2 of 1% of our nation's college students receive this award.

Jamie was also named to the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's 4.0 Honor Roll. Only students who have completed twelve or more hours during the Spring semester with a grade point average of 4.0 were named to the Honor Roll.

Congratulations, Jaime!! Keep up the good work!

Eagle Lake resident's death apparent suicide

Sunday, June 23 shortly after 9 p.m., police responded to a shooting call at 107 W. Prairie. When police and ambulance arrived, it was found that William Green, 52, had apparently shot himself with a small caliber gun. Green was taken to Eagle Lake Community Hospital and later LifeFlighted to Hermann Hospital, Houston. Mr. Green was pronounced dead at 10:24 a.m., June 24th from a gunshot to the head.

According to police reports, several letters written by Green were found at the scene.

Wednesday, June 19, Lorand Robinson reported a burglary at his residence. A large amount of money was reported taken.

Vera Lemon reported a fight at the Jazz Room also on the 19th. Officers arrived and were dispersing the large crowd when several shots were heard fired near the area. A license plate number and vehicle description was received from an individual at the scene. The car registration listed an owner from Houston. A check of the area was made, but the vehicle was not located.

Friday, the 21st, the department received information from the Victoria County Sheriff's Department that they had a warrant on Calvin Stovall for hot checks. Stovall was arrested and held for Victoria.

Saturday, the 22nd, a 1975 brown Ford two-door was impounded by the department after an officer found the vehicle in a ditch at the intersection of FM 3013 and FM 1093. It appears the driver of the vehicle had been traveling at a high rate of speed and did not stop at the stop sign at that intersection. The car struck the embankment of the ditch and bounced into the fence line. The driver was not found; registration gave a San Antonio address.

Also Saturday, officers received a report from A&K Railroad Salvage of the theft of some railroad bed rock. Anthony Barrios reported to police that his bicycle had been stolen from his home on Alamo Street.

On Monday, Johnny's Sport Shop reported that sometime over the weekend someone had stolen an Evinrude trolling motor from a boat on display next to the store.

Joel Ruiz reported that an RCA CB radio and a Whistler radar detector were stolen from the 18-wheeler he drives for Cantu Trucking which was parked on FM 1093.

Joe James reported someone entered his garage and stole his red, 20-inch lawnmower.

The Eagle Lake Police Department is currently investigating these cases and many others. If you have any information which could lead to the arrest of any suspects, please call the police department at 234-2727. If you have any knowledge of any crime or witness a crime occurring, do not hesitate to call the Eagle Lake Police or Crimestoppers at 234-5555.

NEWSBRIEFS

Late report cards may mean fine owed

If your child hasn't yet received a report card, please check with the school office. There may be a fine of some kind he or she owes.

Satisfy your 'sweet tooth' for a good cause

Treat yourself and your family to some tasty desserts this weekend without having to slave over the hot stove... support local youngsters as they sponsor a bake sale this Saturday, June 29, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The baked goodies will be available at three locations: Wilcox Minimex, Miller's Grocery and the Providence Baptist Church Cafeteria. Sponsoring the event to raise funds for camp are Sunny Gerson, Robyn Rucka, Giana Sides, Ericka Fields, Kristi Gerson, B.J. Salazar, Courtney Parker and Paula Barrow. They would appreciate your dropping by Saturday to see what they've got to satisfy your sweet tooth!

Footleters auditions June 27, 29 & 30

Footleters Community Theatre of Wharton will hold open auditions for its August production, a Texas-type comedy, Roles for three men and five women. Tryouts will be held Thursday, June 27 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 29 and 30 from 3-5 p.m. Auditions, along with the signing also needed to be purchased first or the matter and as Councilman Don Bendy commented, "if someone doesn't push for a date, the case will be forgotten."

Ft. Bend Singles sponsoring dance

The Fort Bend Singles are sponsoring a dance Friday, June 28, beginning at 8 p.m. at the KC Hall in Needville. Music will be provided by Al Sulak and the Country Sounds. The public is invited. Door prizes will be given.

White Cloud Baptist Church selling fish dinners

The White Cloud Baptist Church will be selling fish dinners beginning at 10 o'clock Saturday, June 29th from the church cafeteria. Delivery will be available by calling 234-3800, Rev. O. Rhodes is pastor.

School Board meeting re-scheduled

The special school board meeting that was called for Thursday, June 27th has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, July 2nd. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

17th Annual Rice Field Day

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Eagle Lake will be holding its 17th Annual Rice Field Day and Tour on Friday, July 2.

Field tours will begin at the research site on FM 102 at 4 p.m. with the last truck leaving at 5 p.m. The tour will feature new rice varieties, pest management, seedling establishment, and disease management. The tour will be followed by an evening meal at the Eagle Lake Community Center courtesy of area businesses. The evening program beginning at 6:45 will include Dr. Dale Pennington presenting, "EPA Water Plan — A Problem for Texas"; Dr. Gerald Evers, "Pastures for the Texas Rice Belt"; and Dr. Art Gerlow, "1991-92 Rice Market Outlook".

For additional information please call Tricia at 409-234-3578.

Wintermann Library's 'Camp Wanna-Read'

Scheduled this coming week at Eagle Lake's Wintermann Library are: 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 3, Story Hour; Mrs. Claudia Mann, Camp Tra-La-Boom. The library will be closed Thursday, July 4, therefore no movies will be shown next week.

VFW breakfast, flag-raising ceremony

The VFW Post #8783 and Ladies Auxiliary will hold a flag-raising ceremony and breakfast at Diner Hall beginning at 6:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 4th. Continental breakfast will be served. The public is invited and urged to attend. Mass will follow at 8 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Chamber July 4th parade to honor servicemen

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a parade to honor all servicemen and women who participated in "Operation Desert Storm" and all other war veterans on Thursday, July 4th. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. with line-up at 9 a.m. If you or any organization are interested in participating, please contact the Chamber office at 234-2780 or Parade Chairman Irving Williams at 234-3122.

Why hasn't the City done anything about overgrown lots?

Council members question City Manager about hazard

A question posed by Councilman Lonnie Sommerlatte opened up a discussion of what city officials could do about overgrown lots around town.

Acting City Manager Lucille Perry reminded Sommerlatte the lot in question already had a case filed on it last year. The case is still "on the books", according to Perry, in the office of the Municipal Judge. A city ordinance concerning this type of problem allows for a fine of up to \$200 for punitive damages. This specific case has been "overlooked" for almost a year; it was on a list given members of the council in September of 1990. A hearing has never been set in the matter and as Councilman Don Bendy commented, "if someone doesn't push for a date, the case will be forgotten."

The procedure in these cases is for the City to send a letter asking the lot be cleaned up. If there is no response to this letter, a second, more forceful letter, is sent. The third and final correspondence is sent certified mail. A case is filed in Municipal Court if there is no response to the third request. Unless the Municipal Judge or City Attorney "forces the issue", the case can sit on the books forever.

Situations such as this are frustrating not only the City, but to citizens who live in or must travel through the specific area. Overgrown lots are not only a health hazard, they are a traffic hazard also, making it difficult for motorists to see oncoming traffic. Perhaps pressure from individual citizens would expedite matters.

In other business, Council: "Authorized the line-transfer of funds to allow for the purchase of a used motor grader from the State Department of Highways in Beaumont. Harry Supak stated he has been looking for this piece of equipment for years but either something else needed to be purchased first or the ones he looked at were nothing more than junk. The only possible hold-up on this purchase would be if another state agency (beside the highway department) wanted to purchase it."

"Authorized the line-transfer of funds to allow for the purchase of a hoist with a body harness to be used for maintenance for sewer work. This hoist is required by regulations issued by the Occupational and Safety Hazard Association (OSHA). This piece of equipment will allow a worker to be removed from a worksite (such as a manhole) quickly when he otherwise could not get out.

"Authorized a city-wide garbage pickup program again for this summer. A firm date has not yet been set, but Perry emphasized this is for household garbage only... no demolition remains will be picked up. "We do this so our citizens can clean out their garages," Perry stated. One change this year will be that no tires will be picked up. There is a fee at the landfill for tires (\$3.10 for auto; \$5.10, truck; \$10+ for larger tires). More information will be available when the date is decided upon.

"Authorized the submission of the purchase order for the new fire truck. A discussion of the 5" hoses which will be used on the new truck followed a comment by Mayor Roy Van Norst about negative comments he had heard from some firemen. ELVFD Captain Thurston Webb explained the advantages of the larger hose being used to hook up the truck at a hydrant. It will allow the fire truck to be at the scene instead of down the street a block or two next to the fireplug. The hose will also be much more effective in situations such as the fire at A&K Railroad Materials last month.

"Authorized the hiring of two part-time, temporary employees to assist with the city-wide garbage pickup. The persons hired will work only on the pickup and only as long as it takes to get household trash picked up."

"Learned the Municipal Airport would be closed beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, July 1st, for as long as 120 days (October 24th). It could be for a shorter period of time; it all depends on the weather and how quickly Demehl Construction can get the work done. Perry told council she had contacted everyone she could think of (commercial users, private users and LCRAs) to inform them of the closing. There was no appreciation of the pending improvements voiced by anyone contacted. Every one acted as though this construction was a surprise to them.

"Was shown the new uniforms which had arrived for the utility workers. Each worker will have four shirts, four pairs of slacks and an insulated jacket provided by the City. Some workers purchased (at their own expense) additional shirts and/or slacks. Perry pointed out that each employee will receive a set of guidelines concerning where and when the uniform may be worn which will be issued as each employee signs for his uniforms.

Colorado County. The 7,984 acres of Atwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge is currently valued at \$4,710.

Strunk then read a letter from Austin Mayor Lee Cooke in which Cooke stated the Austin City Council recently passed an ordinance banning the use of detergents which contain phosphates in the city of Austin.

"It is great to see the city of Austin doing something to help the Colorado

(See Committee, Page 12)

Rock Island VFD granted ambulance title

By RHANDA LATTIMORE, Banner Press Staff
The Rock Island Volunteer Fire Department was granted the title to an unused ambulance which has been stored in Precinct 4 for several years at Monday morning's regular County-County Commissioners' Court meeting. The department plans to set up rescue service for the Rock Island area.

"We are at a disadvantage as to our location. This is no fault of the emergency services or any dispatching system, but in Rock Island, there is sometimes a 40 to 50 minute response time on emergency calls," said Rock Island VFD Fire Chief Lee Lewellyn.

"We would like to use this old ambulance to set up our own emergency service. We have been using my own personal vehicle and I can personally say that at least three lives have already been saved using it."

Lewellyn, on behalf of the department, proposed to refurbish the unused ambulance as well as maintain, stock, equip and insure it at no expense to the county. He also noted that it would be made available to the county or any city within the county if needed in disaster or emergency situations.

"I am going to renew my EMT training and so is my wife. There are two nurses in Rock Island who have agreed to ride in the vehicle. We will also provide classes