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Water Commission announces 90-day 'amnesty' for tank registration

The Texas Water Commission has announced that, beginning immediately, owners of underground and aboveground storage tanks who have not yet registered their tanks with the state agency may do so without penalty for late registration until October 15, 1991.

"Many individuals or small business owners who own and operate tanks, or who have unused tanks on their property, have not registered the tanks with the TWC because of lack of knowledge regarding registration requirements or a fear of penalties for late registration," said TWC Executive Director Allen Beinke. "Because our main goal is for every tank to be properly registered in order to protect

the environment, we are granting this short 'grace period' for owners to voluntarily comply with the law."

Owners of underground storage tanks that contain petroleum and other hazardous substances have been required since 1987 to register those tanks with the Texas Water Commission. Tanks not currently in use, but not properly closed out according to TWC standards, also must be registered. In addition, aboveground storage tanks that contain motor fuel-type petroleum products have been required to register with the Commission since 1990.

Only owners of registered petroleum storage tanks are eligible for clean-up reimbursement from the

state's petroleum storage tank remediation fund in the event their tanks leak and result in environmental contamination.

After the tank registration "amnesty" period ends on October 15, 1991, owners with unregistered tanks are subject to fines of up to \$10,000 per day. The amnesty policy does not apply persons who have unregistered tanks that are discovered independently by the Texas Water Commission.

Registration requirement do not apply to certain tanks exempted by law or excluded by TWC rules, including small farm and residential tanks of less than 1100 gallons, heating oil tanks, hydraulic lifts, hazardous waste tanks, wastewater treatment tanks, small aboveground storage tanks of less than 1100 gallons, and certain other exempted or excluded

tanks.

For more information on registering underground or aboveground storage tanks, please contact the Registration Section of the Petroleum Storage Tank Division of the Texas Water Commission at 512-371-6212.

Railroad crossing to be made safer

Texas railroad crossings lacking an active warning device will have reflective strips added to them under new rules adopted last week by the State Highway and Public Transportation Commission.

The reflective strips will be in place by August, according to State Department of Highways and Public Transportation Engineer-Director Arnold Oliver.

"The commission adopted the rules on an emergency basis in April, and now the rules are permanent," Oliver said. "We feel that the additions are necessary to ensure travelers' safety. Crossings without a bell or flashing light need this visual enhancement."

Cost for installation at crossings

on and off the state highway system will be covered by the department, Oliver said.

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SWEPI celebrates 23 years without lost-time accident

Shell Western E&P Inc., Houston Central Production Unit located in Sheridan recently celebrated 23 years without a lost time accident. The unit has 47 employees and includes natural gas, oil production and natural gas processing facilities.

Pictured are the SWEPI personnel. Back row, from left: W. Botard, N. Peterson, T. Raabe, T. Mixon, P. Bollow, E. Hagood, J. Klimitchek, D. Parkinson, B. Ap-plegate, A. Leopold, S. Kalsar, T. Stiehler, D. Zbrank, R. Sitka;

Middle row: G. Langley, E. Logue, J. Kelley, M. Golla, G. Kloppenburg, C. Matula, D. Strauss, E. Goode;

Front row: J. Werner, D. Olsovsky, D. Hill, G. Gaertner, C. Clark, R. Naquin, C. Moseman.

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Drug Task Force raids local gathering place

Friday, July 26th, the Colorado County Drug Task Force Raid Team, comprised of officers from police agencies within the county, received information that subjects the "Hole" in Eagle Lake were dealing drugs and gambling.

At approximately 6:30 p.m., officers converged on the "Hole". Subjects were checked for weapons and identified. One suspect, Troy Thomas, age 26, was observed by officers throwing a Chap Suk container over a wall. The container was recovered and found to hold several rocks of crack cocaine. Thomas was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance. He was transported to the county jail and appeared before Justice of the Peace Barry White who set bond at \$10,000. Thomas remains in custody.

Other cases reported by the Sheriff's Department were:

"The theft of a 1979 Buick Electra from Cantu Trucking. The vehicle is owned by an employee of Cantu who had left it there the evening of July 24th and discovered it missing the next morning. It has been entered as stolen in the state computer system."

"The arrest of Darryl Edward Curlee on a warrant for armed robbery issued by Leon County, Florida. Corporal W.E. "Bill" Lattimore stopped to possibly assist two men working under the hood of a vehicle on FM 949 Friday, July 26th. After requesting identification from the two, he requested any outstanding warrant information from the dispatcher. The outstanding Florida warrant came back on Curlee who heard the broadcast on Lattimore's portable radio.

Curlee was asked to get in the patrol car but fled on foot, crossed a barbed wire fence and fled into the brush and trees. Lattimore stayed with the second subject, Curlee's brother, and radioed description and direction of travel requesting assistance. The brother informed Lattimore that Curlee was living at The Frey place where he was arrested by Deputy Leonard Peters and other responding officers. Curlee was transported to the county jail where the warrant and extradition were confirmed and he was booked.

Assisting Lattimore were Deputy Peters and Nilo Strickland, Sheriff Bill Esterling, DPS Troopers Jake Sanchez and Gary Eden, the commander and one undercover agent from the Multi-agency Drug Task Force.

Texas vets special financing available through Aug. 31

Texas veterans have until August 31st to submit bids on approximately

800 tracts of forfeited state land being offered with special low-interest 3% financing. Non-veterans purchasing a tract will pay 4%.

Located in 120 counties, these tracts are part of the Tex-Tras II program which gives Texas real estate agents the exclusive right to market certain forfeited properties.

"The board will consider all offers that meet or exceed minimum bids set for each tract on a 'first-come, first-

served' basis," said David Gloier, Deputy Commissioner for the Texas Veterans Land Board.

Tracts range in size from five to 30 acres. The board will offer full financing on each property. No down payment is required and the board will offer 30-year fixed-rate financing on each tract. The buyer will be responsible for the current year's taxes only.

"The terms of this sale place owning land well within the reach of most Texans," Gloier said. "For example, the monthly payment on a \$19,000 tract financed at 3% on a 30-year note with no down payment would be \$83.00. That's a financing package that's hard to beat."

Gloier emphasized that all offers to the Texas Veterans Land Board must be made through local real estate professionals. Under the terms of the sale, agents receive up to a 5% commission on each sale paid by the buyer at the closing.

Those wanting a complete list of the tracts or information on submitting a bid should contact a real estate professional in their area. For more information, call 1-800-252-VETS.

Water pressure may drop...

A-Way getting equipment, crew in place

A-Way Tank Service, Inc., of Rosenberg, is in the process of bringing in their crew and equipment to begin stripping and painting the elevated water storage tank here.

Acting City Manager Lucille Perry reminds citizens there may be a problem with the water

pressure dropping while the work is in progress. An extra pump will be put into service in the city-wide system, but there may still be instances of lowered pressure since there will not be the additional pressure from the main elevated tank while it is being stripped and painted.

Eagle Lake Headlight

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE SATURDAY!

For your convenience, the excellent article from Texas Secretary of State John Hanna which was printed in last week's *Headlight* is included in this week's issue on Page 9.

Ambulance Corps seeks staffing variance

Due to the lack of volunteers who are certified as either Emergency Care Attendants (ECA) or Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), the Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps is seeking a variance in staffing requirements from the state.

At this time, the Texas Department of Health requires an ambulance be staffed with two certified people (ECAs or EMTs). A variance would

allow the ambulance to operate with one certified as an American Red Cross First Aider.)

While the Corps will make every effort to staff with the state requirements, there will be times when there is the situation of running with either one certified and one First Aider or taking the unit out of service. This usually occurs during the day and on weekends.

To allow the community to express its concerns or ask questions concerning this problem, a meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 12, at 7 p.m. at the Ambulance Hall located above the Police Station on the corner of Post Office and Commerce Streets. Anyone may attend this meeting. Texas Department of Health representatives and Ambulance Corps representatives will be present to answer questions or clarify information.

Eagle Lake Police Department Weekly Report

For week of July 31-Aug. 6, 1991

Wednesday, July 31st, at about 6:25 p.m., Officer Glen Johnson was dispatched to the Blue Night Bar in reference to a break in of the juke box. Officer Johnson met with Lydia Cardenas, owner of the bar, and David Hengst, owner of the juke box. It was determined that someone had pried

money door open and had removed all the money. No other damage was reported.

The Police Department investigated four separate incidents of criminal mischief this past week. The first was reported Thursday morning by a citizen who noticed the glass door had been broken at The Headlight Office.

Someone had struck the glass in the door with a rock which was still protruding.

Friday afternoon, Officer Johnson investigated a complaint of a subject throwing a rock and scratching the door of a pickup. The complainant was advised to see the judge to file a complaint.

Sunday morning, Johnson was dispatched to a residence on State Street where someone had thrown paint on a sliding door some windows of a residence. Also, two gallons of paint had been turned over. This case was referred to Juvenile Officer Bobby Johnson.

Sunday evening, Officer Jim Stauder was dispatched to a criminal mischief incident on Murphy Street. Someone had taken a sharp object and made a deep scratch the length of complainant's car.

On Thursday, August 1st Officer Johnson was dispatched to a burglary of a habitation on N. Lake. The complainant advised that someone had entered the house and removed a color television from a bedroom. There are no suspects at this time.

Officer Jeff Argo was dispatched to a disturbance call on Shirley Street Thursday night. Upon arrival, two subjects were observed standing in the street arguing. Cheryl Smith was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. She was transported to Fayette County Jail by Sheriff's Deputy Nilo Strickland for confinement

and to see a judge.

On August 2nd, at about 2:20 a.m., Officer Argo was dispatched to Norris Street in reference to an assault. Argo talked to the complainant who had visible marks on her lips, arms and back from the assault. Argo located the suspect, Michael Cobia, processed him and transported him to the county jail for confinement.

Argo also received a telephone complaint of the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The complainant advised Argo that while she was in the process of getting fuel, a girl she had given a ride to Eagle Lake had taken her car. The complainant advised she had since located her car and had it in her possession. She gave Argo a description of the suspect.

The Department was advised of the burglary of a motor vehicle on W. Main Street during the night of August 5th. A Kenworth truck-tractor had been entered by breaking a window. A door light lens was also broken. A CB speaker was the only item reported missing.

The Police Department erroneously reported last week that \$825 in liquor was stolen in the Rice Package Store burglary when in fact only \$125 was taken. The remaining \$700 was damage to the plate glass window. Our apologies.

The July monthly report consisted of 207 total calls being answered. There were 12 arrests made and 90 citations issued by the Department.

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Leslie Center crowned Miss WOFF, 1991

Leslie Center of Eagle Lake, second from left, was crowned Miss WOFF of 1991 in Wallis Sunday, July 28th, by last year's queen, Jennifer Weid, far right. Leslie, daughter of Sam and Wanda Center, was sponsored by Eagle Lake Dairy Delite. Runner-up was Brandy Heinsohn of New Ulm-Fretsburg, far left, daughter of Leslie and Dale Heinsohn and was sponsored by The Banner Press Newspaper. Also pictured

is Charity Ross of Sealy who was voted Miss Congeniality by fellow contestants. She is the daughter of Harold and Jeannie Ross and was sponsored by H.R. Limousin Ranch of San Felipe.

For additional pictures see Page 9.

Photos Courtesy of The Banner Press Newspaper

How to apply for grant from Tricil Colorado County Foundation

Applications for grants from the Tricil Colorado County Community Service Foundation are now available by writing to: Tricil Colorado County Community Service Foundation, P.O. Box 425, Columbus, Texas 78934.

The purpose of the foundation is to enhance the quality of life in Colorado County through the funding of worthwhile projects. Priorities for the foundation are education and literacy, along with efforts to counter substance abuse and juvenile delinquency. Other projects will be considered, with the stipulation that they have a direct benefit to the citizens of Colorado County.

Requests to fund projects, helping specific individuals, causes advancing a religion, or those promoting political candidates or points of view will not be accepted for funding by the foundation.

The application form asks for name and location of the program for which funding is sought, along with a description of the group to be served and the goals of the program.

For more information, call Tony Shelton at 713-546-2320.

WOFF Princess

Leigh Ann Michalka, daughter of Georgia and Mike Michalka of Garwood, earned the title of WOFF Princess. She was sponsored by the Garwood Lions Club. Her grandparents are Lou and Glenn Hattermann and Clara and Tommy Michalka, all of La Grange.

Oiler star's local property burglarized

The caretaker for Oiler Ray Childress' property outside Eagle Lake notified the Colorado County Sheriff's Department of a burglary at that location Deputy Nilo Strickland was dispatched to the scene where he found the locks on the front gate and storage shed cut. Reported missing are a Polaroid 4-wheeler with a 25-gallon sprayer mounted on it, one Skid loader, a battery charger, one Skid 7-1/4" saw, a Mikita drill, a cutting torch and hose and two 50' electrical extension cords.

Koy Concrete reported equipment missing from their south I-10 feeder road plant on July 31st. Removed from the plant after the lock on the entrance was broken was an air compressor with a 7-1/2 horsepower Lincoln motor; all of which had been bolted down.

The owner of a camphouse in the Sandy Creek area was the victim of a burglary sometime between 3 p.m. Aug. 3rd and 10 a.m. Aug. 4th. A Craftsman chainsaw used by Larry Evancich, owner of the property, was left in front of the mobile home houses for a weekend camphouse when he left Saturday afternoon. He noticed it was missing Sunday morning. According to Deputy Eddie Aray's report there was no gate, lock or any type of security on the property.

J. Felipe Bolanos, 24 years of age, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated Friday, Aug. 2nd. A motorist with a cellular phone had reported Bolanos' erratic driving allowing Deputy Scott Peters time to "set up" at the FM 949 off ramp of I-10. After spotting Bolanos' vehicle

and following for about a mile, Peters stopped the vehicle and asked Bolanos to perform sobriety tests which lead Peters to believe Bolanos was intoxicated. He was placed under arrest and transported to the jail. An intoxilyzer (breath) test was administered by DPS Trooper Jeff Pickett giving a blood alcohol content of 0.18 (0.10 is considered legally intoxicated, above 0.30 is potentially lethal).

Information on eligibility requirements for the Emergency Food Assistance Program may be obtained from local CCA Community Service Centers, or the CCA central office in Smithville, 512-237-2321. If you have not received for commodities, please do so before the day of distribution.

Rules for participation in the program are the same for everyone without regard to age, race, marital status, color, religion, sex, handicap, national origin, or political belief.

CCA surplus food distribution has new schedule for August

Combined Community Action, Inc. (CCA) will distribute USDA Surplus Food under the following schedule of new times during August in Colorado County.

Thursday, August 15:
Weimar, City Hall, 8:30-9:30 a.m.;
Columbus, CCA Community Center, 903 Preston, 10-11:30 a.m.

Eagle Lake, Providence Baptist Church, 1207 East State Street, 12:30-2 p.m.

Commodities must be picked up the day of distribution. There

will no longer be distribution after the specific day and time. Information on eligibility requirements for the Emergency Food Assistance Program may be obtained from local CCA Community Service Centers, or the CCA central office in Smithville, 512-237-2321. If you have not received for commodities, please do so before the day of distribution.

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Birmingham chosen 'Miss Personality'

Miss Julia Kristina Birmingham, daughter of Carl and Jana Birmingham of Altair, received a trophy along with the title of "Miss Personality" for 1991. The young 5th grader at Garwood School also received trophies for being a state finalist and being chosen for "Outstanding Pageant Participation."

The pageant was held at the Galleria Westin Hotel June 28-30. Julia participated in the talent and speech competition along with 140 other girls.

She is the granddaughter of Sharon and Guy Hannon of Altair and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Birmingham of San Antonio.

Sheridan News

By Velma Kutzer

The community extends sympathy to the Hadac family in the loss of Mrs. Adrienne Hadac who passed away early Sunday morning. Survivors include two sons, Greg and Alice and family of Sheridan and Charlie of Yoakum.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Munoz and children spent Thursday and Friday in San Antonio where they enjoyed a visit to the zoo and Sea World.

Dana Sanders is Vacation Bible School Director again this year and encourages children within and around the community to make plans to attend August 12-16.

There is also a need for the following items: empty thread spools, large or small pieces of cloth, empty coffee or chip cans, shoe boxes, construction paper, pipe cleaners, yarn, blocks of wood, egg cartons, shallow containers

(jar lids or foil pie tins), paper sacks (grocery bags), paint brushes and 1/2 pint, pint or quart milk or juice cartons. These can be left at the church with Dana.

Our new little grand-daughter finally made her appearance last Wednesday, July 24, at 3:26 p.m. in Victoria. Proud parents are David and Marcie Vana of Weimar. The baby has been named Hayley Elizabeth and weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces, and measured 18-1/2 inches long.

Marcie was released Monday, July 29th, and Hayley was moved from isolation to the pediatric ward where Marcie joined her. Hopefully they will both be home by Sunday or Monday.

Our family appreciates so very much the prayers and calls concerning Marcie and Hayley. It has indeed been a very long and tiring week.

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Seborrhea: Affects 12 Million Americans

Seborrhea is a skin condition that is commonly confused with dandruff. The term seborrhea refers to chronic skin eruptions, most of which occur on the scalp, face, and other hairy parts of the body. Seborrhea is associated with dull, greasy scales. The skin tends to itch and burn.

When seborrhea occurs in newborns and young infants, the condition often is referred to as "cradle cap." Seborrhea tends to intensify during periods of stress. Women are affected more often than men, and the condition is seen most frequently among middle-aged and older adults.

Although seborrhea and dandruff are not the same condition, they are treated in much the same way. Many medicated over-the-counter shampoos can be used to treat either condition. A recent article in *U.S. Pharmacist* suggests these guidelines for medicated shampoos: (1) If the condition gets worse or does not improve, try products with different ingredients. (2) Do not use medicated shampoos on children under the age of two except on the advice of a physician. (3) Do not use products containing selenium if you have open sores on your scalp. (4) If the scalp is especially dry, wash it first with a regular shampoo to remove excess dirt and scales.

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