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Eagle Lake Police Department Report

During the month of February, the Eagle Lake Police Department reported they answered 150 calls. There were 40 criminal cases and 126 cases were cleared. There were 4 assaults, 4 burglaries, 14 thefts, 9 disturbances, 10 accidents, 9 criminal mischiefs, 100 misc. and 2 misdemeanor arrests.

Week of March 4-10
March 5, Officer Eric Hart was dispatched to the Dairy Queen at 7 p.m. in reference to a burglary of a motor vehicle. Hart was advised by the complainant that while he was in Dairy Queen, someone stole a truck door out of a trailer that he was pulling. There are no suspects at this time.

Officer Hart was dispatched to a disturbance call at 11:50 p.m. at the Country Time Inn involving two subjects. One received a cut to his leg that required eight stitches to close. Charges are pending at this time.

March 6, at 2:55 a.m., Officer Keith Matura, while on routine patrol, drove up to the KC Hall where he observed a black male attempting to break in to the back of the hall. Matura pursued the subject on foot but lost him as he rounded the corner of the building, slipped and hurt his knee.

Albert Delgado reported to police on March 6, that a 1969 Chevy pickup had been parked at the body shop at Lake Motors had been stolen sometime the night before. The pickup was entered into the police computer as stolen.

March 7, Officer Jeff Argo was dispatched to a report of criminal trespass on Connor St. After investigating, Argo advised the complainant to see the judge if she wished to file.

March 8, Sgt. Jones was dispatched to a reported assault at 12:30 a.m. by the hospital. The incident occurred on the parking lot at Midway Bar. The victim received cuts to his right eye and lip from a beer bottle that was thrown at him by an unknown suspect.

Chief Villarreal received a report of damage to a stop sign at Austin Road and Hanly Street Sunday morning. The incident occurred during the previous night.

Chief Villarreal investigated a report of criminal mischief on 7th Street where someone threw rocks through a window of a residence.

Officer Argo, assisted by Sgt. Jones, investigated a report received by the hospital of a disturbance that occurred on A Street. The incident broke out again in the parking lot at the hospital and five subjects were issued citations for disorderly conduct.

On Monday afternoon, March 9, the hospital advised of an auto-pedestrian accident that had occurred on A Street. Upon arrival at the hospital,

Chief Villarreal learned that Antania Allen, a 23 month-old child, stepped out of her parents vehicle and ran toward the street and into a passing vehicle driven by Barbara Thomas. Fortunately, Thomas was driving slowly; the child received only minor scrapes and cuts. She was taken to the hospital then released to her parents.

Crime Stoppers Reward Offered
Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1,000 cash reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons involved in the burglary of a vehicle on Donovan Street somewhere between 2 and 7:50 a.m. on Saturday, March 14th. Unknown person(s) took a Remington 870 12 ga. pump shotgun, a Remington .22 ga. rifle and a 12-volt battery.

If you have any information regarding this case, please contact Crime Stoppers at 234-5555. You will remain anonymous.

Week of March 4-10
March 13, Officer Hart was dispatched to Gonzalez Street in reference to criminal mischief. The subject involved was a juvenile and was referred to juvenile court.

Also on the 13th, Hart investigated the report of a bicycle theft from a residence on N. McCarty. The bicycle was a pink girl's 20"uffy 5-speed with a pink seat. There are no suspects.

Sgt. Jones was dispatched to a reported burglary on Donovan St. in which a vehicle was entered and a Remington 870 12 ga. pump shotgun, a Remington .22 ga. rifle and a 12-volt battery were taken.

Officer Argo was dispatched to the Lewis residence on Austin Rd. Saturday morning where a subject had fallen from a tree. Argo called for Judge Mary Lou Szymanski who pronounced Mr. Lewis dead at the scene, apparently from a broken neck.

Sgt. Jones responded to a report of a fight at the Midway Bar on March 16th. The victim was found standing on the porch of the bar, bleeding from the head. He told Jones that a young Mexican boy had hit him in the head with a bottle when he exited the bar. The victim was treated at the hospital and kept overnight for observation.

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And last, but certainly not least, Mary Lou Szymanski in a cameo scene, will appear on the Prairie Edge stage for the first time. An Eagle Lake resident for the past 40 years, Mary Lou hasn't acted since high school. In her senior year, the lead belonged to her. Mary Lou and her husband, Butch, have three daughters and four grandchildren. Since 1985, she has been Eagle Lake's city judge and the Justice of the Peace for this precinct. A member of the Pilot Club, Xi Psi Sorority and the museum board, Mary Lou enjoys sewing, hand work and crafts in her spare time.

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Little Miss & Mister to be crowned this Sunday

The new Little Miss & Mister Eagle Lake and Miss Eagle Lake will be chosen Sunday afternoon, March 29. They will be crowned in a program beginning at 3 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria. There will be entertainment by the Eagle Lake Gymnastics' Jazz Babies, Jazz Etc. and the Eagle Lake Gymnastics. The public is invited to the contest. There is no charge.

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County Commissioners approve use of forfeiture funds by sheriff

By Rhonda Lattimore
Contributing Writer

The Colorado County Commissioners' Court breezed through its Monday morning meeting in less than one hour and, among the numerous items on the agenda, adopted a budget approved by Sheriff Bill Esterling to cover \$3,284 in forfeiture monies collected this year.

The sheriff proposed to purchase several computers and a cellular telephone with the funds. Travel expenses incurred in collecting the monies were also included in the budget.

County Auditor Raymie Kana reported that some \$3,000 was brought in by the sale of a Chevrolet Blazer seized last year in a drug bust at the rest area west of Columbus. The remaining funds were transferred from an account formerly held in District Attorney Bud Kirkendall's office.

Presently, all forfeiture funds are put into an account earmarked for the

drug task force in the county. Esterling will be asked to submit a budget to cover all expenditures of seized monies as they are collected.

Esterling also asked the court to approve advertising for a new car for the department. The court tabled approving the request until Esterling can meet with the members and give specifics as to what will be done with the vehicle the new one will replace.

The court approved the transfer of 25% of the first two quarterly payments of the \$86,766 Criminal Justice Assistance Division Performance Award to the Colorado Valley Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse Inc.

Totalling \$43,383, some \$10,000 of these two payments will be used by the council to provide individual counseling sessions and various programs for both adult and juvenile probationers.

In other business, the court: Approved advertising for a new 15 foot Batwing shredder for Com-

missioner Precinct 3 Jerome Wickes; Awarded a bid to repair the roof on the east side of the courthouse to Roofing Unlimited of Katy for \$12,860;

Appointed Gwyn Kahlich to a three-year term on the Colorado County Children's Service board of directors;

Appointed Nancy Stiles of Columbus and Don Stavina of Weimar to the Colorado County Economic Development board of directors;

Accepted \$5,000 from the city of Eagle Lake to fund the Economic Development Council;

Adopted a policy of notifying retired county employees of medical insurance premium due dates. Individuals will be notified 30 days prior to premium deadlines. If a payment is not received within the 30 days, the policy will be cancelled; and

Announced Amro fire ant bait is currently available for sale from each commissioner at \$5 for a pound bag.

Sheridan Little League boosted by Foundation grant

With the large oak trees which will flank the future concession stand/restroom facilities in the background, Colorado County Community Service Foundation President Richard Heffley, third from left, presents a check in the amount of \$10,000 to Wayne Dupré, Vice President of the Sheridan Park and Recreation Center (SPARC). Looking on is Donny Snow, Board

Member of SPARC, Leatrice Heindol, Little League President and SPARC Board Member, and Roy Van Nort, Foundation Board Member.

The grant money is to be used in the construction of the concession stand/restroom facilities at the Sheridan Little League Park located on Hwy. 90A across from Sheridan Dairy Delite. Photo by Jeannine Fearing

NEWSBRIEFS

Miss Eagle Lake entry deadline is today

The Miss Eagle Lake contest, held in conjunction with the annual Wildflower Celebration, is open to unmarried girls in grades 9-12 in the Rice CISD, according to contest chairman Wanda Center. Entrants may pick up registration forms at the Wintermann Library. Entry fee is \$10 and the deadline for entering is March 26. The competition will be at the Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria March 29 at 3 p.m.

Practical Parents meet this morning

Practical Parents will have a special meeting Thursday morning, March 26, at 9 a.m. Mrs. Betty Davis will speak on "signs and symptoms of drug abuse." This is the time to come even if you have not been to the meetings before.

Garwood Little League to meet tonight

All Garwood Little League players and their parents must attend a meeting tonight, Thursday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Garwood School cafeteria. There will be a film on drugs. Cookies will be distributed to all players to sell for a fundraising project. This is also the final opportunity to register for Garwood Little League. Call Donna Woolard at 758-3510 for information.

Food booths available during celebration

The Prairie Edge Museum has Wildflower Celebration food booths available for weekends only. For more information about reserving a booth during April, Call Heidi Mills at 234-3383 or 234-2855.

CCA board meets tonight

The Combined Community Action, Inc. board of directors will meet Thursday, March 26, at 7 p.m. at 531 E. Colorado, La Grange. The public is invited to attend.

Get season passes for tours

Wildseed Tours season passes will be on sale at the Prairie Edge Museum in the lobby during the performance of "The Foreigner" this weekend, March 31 is the final date to purchase the passes and proceeds from the sale of these season passes go to the Chamber as a donation from Wildseed. Farms to help defray costs of the Wildflower Celebration. For additional information call Helen Craig at 234-2807.

Spring Fest set April 5

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada will have its first Spring Festival Sunday, April 5, in the KJ Hall. Masses will be held Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7 and 10 a.m.

The barbecue chicken and sausage dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All plates are \$4.50 and seating is available. Plates to go will also be sold. The entertainment will include bingo, auction, rides, games and pastry booth.

Sheridan holds tournaments

The Sheridan FTS is sponsoring a volleyball and horseshoe tournament at Logan Park on Saturday, April 4th. Volleyball will begin at 8:30 a.m. and carries an entry fee of \$40 per team. Registration for the horseshoe throwing begins at noon and play will start at 1 p.m. Inclement weather will move the tournament into the Sheridan School gym.

Business women host dinner

Monday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m., Dr. Keith Dowell, South Texas Medical Clinic surgeon and member of the breast cancer task force, will address the Business and Professional Women's Clubs of Wharton, Rosenberg and Richmond. The dinner and program will be held at Caney Creek Lodge on County Road 235 in Wharton. The public is welcome. For reservations call Liliana Threlfall at 409-332-1700.

Eagle Lake Little League schedules barbecue

The Eagle Lake Little League will hold a fund raising barbecue Sunday, April 12 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with all plates costing \$5 each. Tickets are available from all little league players and parents.

Seniors dance next Friday

The senior citizens of Eagle Lake will have a dance Friday, April 3, at the KC Hall in Eagle Lake. Music will be provided by the Country Playboys and tickets are \$2 a person. All ages are welcome to come out and join the fun.

Colorado County Sheriff's Report

For the week of March 26

On March 19, Sheriff Bill Esterling and Lt. R.H. Wied removed approximately 760 lbs. of marijuana from the jail basement where it had been stored and secured since a seizure on April 7, 1985.

The marijuana was destroyed upon a destruction order signed by District Judge B.B. Schraub. The marijuana was taken to an abandoned gravel pit where it was destroyed by a controlled burn.

The drug had been seized when an aircraft had landed at the Eagle Lake airport around 2 a.m. April 7, 1985. Upon investigation of the aircraft, officers located approximately 48 bales of marijuana. The pilot fled from the scene, the plane and marijuana were confiscated. In the continuing investigation, latent prints were lifted from the bales and the name of the

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Middle School students walkout in support of Sanders

Eagle Lake Middle School Principal Charles Abel tries to coax some of his seventh and eighth grade students back to class after they staged a walkout Tuesday morning in support of Coach Jack Sanders who recently had his contract non-renewed in a 5-1 vote by the Rice CISD Board. The walkout lasted approximately 45 minutes.

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To those of you who supported another candidate for District Judge, I would ask that you now consider voting for me in the April run-off. I believe my seven years serving the people of the 25th Judicial District as your Assistant District Attorney, my broad knowledge of criminal law, and my proven commitment to our district make me better qualified than my opponent to hold the office of your District Judge.

Thank you again, and please vote April 14th.

Sincerely,
Dwight Peschel
Candidate for District Judge