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Marijuana

alleged pilot was found.

On this and other information, a warrant of arrest was issued charging Jimmie Norjay Ellard with aggravated possession of marijuana. The suspect was arrested June 19, 1985, in Woodville and returned to Colorado County. Bail was set at \$100,000. The suspect was released on bond June 29. He was subsequently indicted on the charge and summoned to appear in District court but failed to appear.

On March 3, 1990, he was apprehended by U.S. Customs and DEA. He was transported from Vero Beach, Florida, to Colorado County by Colorado County deputies on April 20.

On August 9, 1990, Ellard pled guilty to aggravated possession of marijuana and was sentenced to eight years in prison and a \$30,000 fine.

The confiscated marijuana was finally destroyed March 19, 1992.

On Wednesday, March 18, while

on routine patrol, Deputy Steve Scott noticed approximately six mailboxes had been pushed over on FM 949 between Cat Springs Road and Schmoele-Sens Road. Scott also noticed one curve sign and three reflector poles had been pushed over in the same area. This incident happened near the Colorado-Austin County line. Scott traveled into Austin County approximately one mile and noticed three mailboxes had been knocked down. He notified Austin County and the Highway Dept. There are no suspects at this time.

March 19, at around 1:30 p.m., Cpl. Bill Lattimore was dispatched to I-10 at 689 mile marker in reference to a vehicle that might be a road hazard. The vehicle was not a hazard but when Lattimore ran a check, the vehicle was listed as stolen out of Houston. Dispatch verified and Lattimore had the vehicle towed to Columbus.



Sheridan News

By Velma Kutzer

The community extends get well wishes to Leo Solomon. Leo, who delivers butane throughout the county for Colorado County Butane, was involved in an accident Monday afternoon. Taken to Eagle Lake Community Hospital, he was later transferred to a Houston hospital. Cards can be sent to him at Box 376, Sheridan.

Leigh Jackson, Leah Brisco, Angie Sanders, Nani Ramos and Jodi Heard all returned home last Saturday night after spending much of their spring break in Washington, D.C. The group of Sheridan Elementary School students represented Eagle Lake Middle School through the American Travel organization.

From Houston they traveled to St. Louis and on to Maryland, Virginia and finally Washington, D.C. The group, along with other school organizations, enjoyed touring many historical places.

In a recent annual meeting of the Sheridan Water and Sewer, Jerri Ann Munz was elected to replace Tommy Garza as a board member. Some 27 members turned out for the meeting. New by-laws were presented to the members and passed.

Mr. Preston, a representative of

the Texas Water Development Board, spoke of the future concerning water and availability of quality water. He reported the local water situation is stable and the wells look good for the future.

The board will begin replacing about 50 meters each year with new ones at no cost to the water customers. The newer models are more accurate and will cut water loss. At present, the organization has 224 members with many members having more than one meter. Any questions or complaints concerning the water or sewer system should be directed to Bobby or Cissy Sims, who pledge to do their best to satisfy the customers.

Don't miss the newest project of the PTS when they hold their first tournament this weekend. The PTS will sponsor a volleyball and horse-shoe tournament at Logan Park, Saturday, April 4.

Volleyball begins at 8:30 a.m. and the entrance fee is \$40 per team. The horse-shoe tournament will begin at 1 p.m. In case of rain, events will be moved into the Sheridan School gym.

Senior citizens, retirees or anyone who enjoys good food and fellowship; the Friendship Fellowship is today at

the Baptist Church kitchen. What began several years ago as a ministry to the senior citizens has been expanded to all ages. Many in Sheridan look forward to this monthly time. Make it a part of your activity, also.

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Crime Stoppers offering reward in drive-by shooting

On Saturday night, March 21, between 11:05 p.m. and 11:20 p.m., unknown person or persons drove by the Rios' Bar at 308 Fourth Street and fired a gun into a Ford Bronco parked in front of the bar, causing extensive damage to the right side door window, right vent window, right side door, right side rear and front fenders and rearview mirror, also striking a porch support, amounting to \$1,360 in damage.

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School Board calls special meeting

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees has called a special meeting for Thursday, April 2, at 7 p.m. They will meet in the board room at the district office in Altair.

The four items on the agenda are: receive individual recommendations on actions for non-renewal; reconsider action on other personnel actions; and consider resignation. Meetings of the school board are open to the public.

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Early morning collision with train kills Hallettsville man

Blaise Henry Kalmus, age 42, of Hallettsville, was killed some time between midnight and 12:15 a.m. Saturday, March 28, when the 1988 Ford pickup he was driving struck a train at the Southern Pacific Bellaire track crossing on FM 3013 in Eagle Lake.

Sgt. Earl Jones of the Eagle Lake

Police Department noticed what he thought were lights on 3013 as he was patrolling along Hwy. 90A near J&K's Corner around 12:20 a.m. As Jones approached the scene, he realized the brightness was being caused by flames coming from a wrecked pickup. The vehicle exploded just after Jones arrived.

According to police, there were no skid marks approaching the tracks and the engineer of the train was unaware of the incident. This crossing is marked with lights which were operating, according to the report.

Justice of the Peace Barry White was called out for an inquest and ordered Kalmus' remains be taken to the Harris County Medical Examiner's office for an autopsy. Results of the autopsy could take up to three weeks. The remains were later transferred to Kubena Funeral Home in Hallettsville for services at a later date. Local arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home.



Newsbriefs

Workshop set for parents of Gifted, Talented

On Tuesday, April 7, Adelle McClenden, coordinator of the Gifted and Talented Program in the Cy-Fair ISD and immediate past president of the Texas Association of Gifted and Talented, will present a workshop entitled, "Providing Parental Guidance for the Gifted Child." The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the Rice High School Commons for parents of students in the G/T program or parents of potential G/T students. For additional information call Joe Wendel, G/T coordinator, at 234-3531, ext. 19 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Spring Fest set April 5 in Nada

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 PTS is sponsoring a volleyball and horseshoe tournament at Logan Park on Saturday, April 4. 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 begin at 1 p.m. Inclement weather will move the tournament into the Sheridan School gym.

Eagle Lake Little League has 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 this 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 the seniors are \$2 a person. All ages are welcome to come out and join the fun.

Citizens group to meet Monday night

Concerned Citizens of RCISD will meet Monday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Eagle Lake KC Hall and all interested persons in the Rice school district are encouraged to attend.

Rabies clinic is Saturday in Garwood

The Garwood Lions Club will hold a vaccination clinic for cats and dogs on Saturday, April 4, from 12 to 2 p.m. Dr. Potter will be providing rabies shots to pets for a cost of \$5 per animal at the Garwood School Shop.

Italian Night Dinner is Sunday

The Methodist Youth of Eagle Lake and Garwood are preparing their annual Italian Night Dinner and pie auction to be served Sunday, April 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall at the Eagle Lake United Methodist Church. The dinner will cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Plates to go will be available. Don't miss the live entertainment with an Italian flair. Call Keith Bendy at 234-5725 or Laurel Milentz at 234-2339 for more information and tickets.

Fun Run to help high-risk infants

The annual 5K Fun Run/Walk will take place at the Wharton Civic Center, Saturday, May 16. Check-in is 6:30 a.m. and the 5K race begins at 7:30 a.m. The proceeds go to benefit the Southwest Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Research Institute. Further information and preregistration forms may be obtained by calling 409-532-8700 or 1-800-466-2469.

No surplus food in April

The Combined Community Action, Inc. (CCA) will not distribute USDA surplus food in April or June. CCA will again distribute commodities in May, July and August. Information on eligibility requirements for the Emergency Food Assistance Program may be obtained from the local CCA office or the CCA central office in Smithville by calling 512-237-2321.

Pilots have Spaghetti Supper Friday

The Eagle Lake Pilot Club's annual Chicken Spaghetti Supper is set for Friday, April 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. The supper is \$4.50 per plate and tickets may be purchased from any Pilot Club member. Proceeds will benefit the Just Say No project for third through fifth grades, as well as the Lifeline project.

Defensive driving school offered

A defensive driving course has been scheduled in Eagle Lake by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kier for April 7 and 8. The class will be from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Wintermann Library, 101 North Walnut St. in Eagle Lake. To preregister for the course, call 234-2042 or report to the class a few minutes early. The completion of the course can be used for dismissal of a traffic violation or for auto insurance discount.

Providence Baptist to hold Sunrise Service

An Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the Providence Baptist Church on Easter Sunday morning, April 19, at 5:30 a.m. Rev. Coby Shorter Jr. will be the host pastor for the service.

Christian musical is Sunday at First Baptist

The Friends of the Father Choir will present a Christian musical "The Greatest Show on Heaven and Earth" Sunday, April 5, at 7 p.m. The musical presentation will be in the First Baptist Church and everyone is invited.

Sealy sets Trade Day

The Sealy Trade Day will be Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring handmade items, crafts, food, fresh air and friendly country atmosphere. The event will be held in downtown Sealy with sidewalk vendors set up along Main Street and the permanent antique and specialty shops open as well. For additional information call 409-885-4535.

Eagle Lake youth involved in stabbing incident

According to a report from the Colorado County Sheriff's Department, on Sunday, March 29, at approximately 2:10 a.m. Deputy Kelly Jones was dispatched to Eagle Lake Community Hospital concerning a stabbing that had occurred in Garwood. Upon arrival at the hospital, Deputy Biggs met with Deputy Leonard Peters who was searching a blue Mustang involved in the incident.

After completing that search, the officers searched the victim's car for the weapon involved. Deputy Peters and Lt. Wied, along with Eagle Lake Police Sgt. Earl Jones, spoke with one of the witnesses of the assault. The witness wrote a voluntary statement of what she had seen stating that Johnny Gonzales Jr. had been stabbed in the abdomen with a butcher knife by the suspect.

The officers then spoke with a second witness who was with the suspect when the stabbing occurred. This witness explained that she was unable to see the stabbing but saw both Johnny and the suspect struggling over the knife she had in her car. The second witness then told officers she hid the knife at her residence. The knife was retrieved by the witness and passed into custody as evidence.

Lt. Wied explained to the victim his alternatives to file charges or let it go. He said he wished to file charges and was told to give a statement written down word for word and signed by him. Johnny's mother was to write the statement as Johnny dictated it.

Wied took the statement and evidence into custody and requested a copy of the doctor's report for the records. The case has been filed.

Crime Stoppers offering reward

The 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 white 1989 Chevrolet Blazer which was parked in the Eagle Lake Hospital parking lot on the morning of Feb. 29.

Between 1:30 and 6 a.m., unknown person(s) broke out the passenger side glass and gained entry into the vehicle. Stolen were a Sony AM/FM cassette-CD adapter, Panasonic cellular phone, Precision 300V amp and an Alpine crossover, valued at \$1800, along with \$1,000+ damage. If you have information about this or any case, call Crime Stoppers, 234-5555. You will remain anonymous.

Miss Eagle Lake 1992

Among numerous blooming potted plants, graciously on loan from Jeanette Canaris of Canaris Nursery, Joy Johnson, center, daughter of Ralph and Bobby Johnson, was chosen as this year's Miss Eagle Lake. The contest was held Sunday afternoon in the Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria.

Pictured with Joy are last year's Miss Eagle Lake, Leslie Center, daughter of Sam and Wanda Center, and Jennifer Wied, this year's runner-up, daughter of Mark and Jane Wied. (See Page 11 for additional photos.)

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

Benge named to FINA/Dallas Morning News All-State Team

Bonnie Benge was one of 12 high school seniors named to the 1991-92 FINA/Dallas Morning News All-State Scholar Athlete Team sponsored by KDFW-TV. They are all seniors who lettered in varsity sports and posted exemplary records in scholastic achievement, leadership and community service.

The team members, representing public and private high schools throughout Texas, were selected by a panel of judges from 64 finalists whose names were announced in January. More than 2,200 varsity athletes, all ranking academically in the top 10 percent of their classes and with a grade average of 90 or better, submitted applications.

Bonnie and the other 11 team members each receives a \$3,500 scholarship. In June, they will be honored with their parents at a banquet in Dallas. The honorary team



captain will be named at that time and will be presented the Tom Landry Award for Excellence trophy.

(See Benge, Page 11)

Eagle Lake Police Department Weekly Report

The Eagle Lake Police Department answered the following calls:

On March 26, at 5:05 a.m., Officer Jeff Argo was dispatched to a burglary alarm at J&K's Corner. It was a false alarm set off by an employee.

March 26, Officer Argo was dispatched to Gonzales Street with reference to a theft. On investigating, he learned that some time during the night, someone had stolen two tires with tires off of a trailer.

At 6:20 a.m. on the 26th, Officer Argo assisted a subject in unlocking his vehicle.

At 7:21 p.m. the same day, Officer Eric Hart was dispatched to a disturbance and criminal mischief call on Keith Street. Two subjects were involved. They were advised to see the judge to sign a complaint.

Also on March 26, Officer Hart was dispatched to a disturbance at the Midnight Bar. On arrival he learned that a fight had already taken place. Officer Argo and Chief Lape Villarreal arrived as backup. All partici-

pants were ordered to clear the area. The three male subjects involved were going to their car when the female said she had to go back into the bar to get her purse. Minutes later she came out of the bar, pulled a gun from her purse and fired at one of the male subjects, missing him.

The female subject, Mary Lujan, was arrested, taken to police department for processing and transported to county jail for confinement. She was to be charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

March 27 at 7:05 a.m., Sgt. Earl Jones was dispatched to the barroom bar in reference to a burglary. It appeared that someone had gained entry into the bar during the night, through a hole in a back wall. The juke box, pool table and PacMan game were damaged but very little money was taken because the machines had been emptied the day before. There are suspects in this case.

(See Police report, Page 12)

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