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K.O.P.S. organization being formed in Colorado County

A new organization, K.O.P.S. (Keep Our Police Safe) is now being formally organized, spear-headed by Shirley Kearbey of Columbus.

While all the paper work is being completed, the organization is asking residents to submit their rendition of an appropriate logo for K.O.P.S.

The logo must be reproducible (ie, use a drawing of a badge, not an actual badge) and must contain the letters "K.O.P.S." somewhere in the logo.

Entries will be accepted until Friday, Oct. 7, at P.O. Box 415, Columbus, TX 78934. The person submitting the winning logo will receive a \$100 savings bond.

The founding members have already raised funds necessary to provide 11 bullet-proof vests for 11 Colorado County Sheriff's Department deputies. The organizations goal is to raise funds for county law enforcement in order to provide them with equipment, etc., they deem necessary but are unable to purchase due to their budgets.

Membership is available to anyone interested. Law enforcement officers will be assessed dues of \$12 per year; individuals, \$25 per year; and businesses, \$50 per year.

Anyone wishing to join or obtain more information should call Kearbey at 732-5061.

Persons involved in the vandalism at Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island, Late Friday night, Aug. 12, or early in the morning, Aug. 13, there were at least 18 graves desecrated at the cemetery by overturning stones.

A U.S. flag was also stolen from the site. The estimated damage is \$3,000.

Myrtle Cemetery Association is offering a \$500 reward for information concerning this crime. You may call Crime Stoppers at 234-5555 or the Eagle Lake Police Department at 234-2727.

You will remain anonymous.

Crime Stoppers 'Crime of the Week'

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shoe and washer tournaments, auction and bonfire are scheduled. Call Ginger Stiehler for details at 234-2489.

Holy Cross plans healing service

Paul Rymniak of Atlanta, Ga. will conduct a healing service Thursday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m. in Holy Cross Catholic Church, East Bernard. The 7 p.m. mass will be followed by a talk, rosary, the healing service and sacrament of reconciliation.

Beautiful burros wanted for contest

Entries are being accepted for the 11th annual South Texas Beautiful Burro Contest to be held Saturday, Sept. 17, at 2 p.m. at the Texas Zoo in Victoria. For entry forms and information write to Beautiful Burro, P.O. Box 69, Victoria, TX 77902 or call 512-573-7681.

Happy Hikers to walk battleground

Sept. 24, the Happy Hikers will sponsor a walking event beginning at the San Jacinto Battleground State Park between 7 a.m. and noon with the finish set for 3 p.m.

This noncompetitive walk is open to anyone and the route is suitable for wheelchairs and strollers as well as pets on leashes. Call 713-487-2662 for additional information.

Canoe race added at Gonzales

The "Come and Take It" Canoe Race will start off the annual festivities at Gonzales Oct. 1 beginning at 10 a.m. at Lake Wood Park, four miles west of Gonzales.

The 12 mile canoe race participants will share \$1,000 in door prizes. The three day festival commemorates the first shot fired in the Texas battle for independence, Oct. 2, 1835. For information about the race and other events, call 210-672-2779.

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16th Annual Colorado County Fair 1994 Schedule of Events

3 to 6 p.m.	Wednesday, Sept. 7 Fine arts entries accepted	9:30 a.m.	Parade Judging
8 a.m. - noon	Thursday, Sept. 8 Only qualified exhibitors will be admitted to the hall.	10 a.m.	Exhibit Hall Open
3 to 6 p.m.	Home economics entries accepted, Floriculture entries accepted, country store items accepted	11 a.m.	1994 Fair Parade in Downtown Columbia
4 p.m.	Fairgrounds open	12 noon	Carnival opens, county store opens, Junior Open Breeding Sheep Show
4:30 p.m.	Concessions of Fairgrounds Open	12:30 p.m.	Petting Zoo
5 p.m.	Carnival Opens	1-7 p.m.	Crowd Games-Boys, Girls, Men, Women - Events and times posted on grounds
6 p.m.	Opening ceremony in front of VMC	2 p.m.	Colorado County Go-Texan Team Penning
7 p.m.	All in county animals must be in place	6:30 p.m.	Junior Sale - Sales Arena
8 to 11:45 p.m.	J.C. Eason Band	6-9 p.m.	Open Go-Texan Barbecue Contest, Check in at Gate at East Side of VMC
9 p.m.	Invitational Round Robin Roping	7:30 p.m.	"Texas Unlimited"
10 p.m.	Daron Norwood	10 p.m.	Open Team Penning
Midnight	Concessions of Fairgrounds Close		Tim McGraw
7 a.m.	Friday, Sept. 9		
8 to 9 a.m.	Market Hog Show	7:10 a.m.	All sale animals must be removed from the grounds
9 a.m.	Floriculture specimens accepted, favorite recipes contest entries accepted.	7:30-9 a.m.	Check in and register-Go Texan Events: BBQ Cook-Off and Hay Hauling
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Children School Program	8 a.m.	Mule Show (Log Pull, Clover Leaf Barrels, Sled Race & Line Driving)
9 a.m.	Judging: Home Economics Department, Fine Arts Department	9:30 a.m.	Cowboy Church, Livestock Arena
(No Admittance to Exhibit Halls during judging)		10 a.m.	TCCA Heifers must be checked in
10 a.m.	Turkey Show	11 a.m.	Check in and register for Go Texan Events: Horseshoe Pitching and Washer Pitching
10:30 a.m.	Market Lamb Show	12-1:30 p.m.	Check in and register for Go Texan Events: Horseshoe Pitching Contest, Senior Citizens Only, Colorado County Youth
11:30 a.m.	Market Goat Show	1 p.m.	Barrel Racing
12:30 p.m.	Market Steer Show	1-5 p.m.	Crowd Games-Boys, Girls, Men, Women - Events and times posted on the grounds
2 p.m.	Commercial Heifer Show	1-6 p.m.	"Coach and Wild Posse" local entertainment
3 p.m.	Colorado County Junior Beef Heifer Show	1-10 p.m.	Carnival
4 p.m.	Gates open to public; Exhibits, Petting Zoo, Carnival, and Country Store Open	1-15 p.m.	Men Only Recipe Contest entries accepted
5 p.m.	Fryer Rabbit Show, Entry deadline for Go-Texan Queen	1:30 p.m.	Judging: Men Only Recipe Contest, Go Texan
6 p.m.	Junior Open Breeding Rabbit Show		Horseshoe Pitching Contest, Go Texan Washer Pitching Contest
6:30 p.m.	Brian Black		Pet Show check in, west side of VMC.
7:30 p.m.	Ranch Rodeo	2:30 p.m.	Judging: Pet Show, Scarecrow Contest and Go-Texan Queen Contest
8 p.m.	"Johnny Dee & The Rocket 88's" Main Stage	3 p.m.	Judging: BBQ Cook-Off
10 p.m.	Junior Open Breeding Sheep checked in	4 p.m.	All Photos of Contest Winners, Home Economics and Go Texan
7 a.m.	Saturday, Sept. 10	5 p.m.	Home Economics, Fine Arts and all exhibits may be removed
8 a.m.	Register for 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest, Junior Open Dairy Cattle and TCCA Heifers may begin arriving and check-in	6:30 p.m.	Fairgrounds close
	4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest, Junior Open Dairy Show, Parade Line up.		This is a tentative schedule and is subject to any necessary changes

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ation. All the subjects were transported to county jail.

Officer Bibbo is investigating criminal mischief which occurred Sept. 3 at the Community Center at approximately 11 p.m. A bathroom window was broken out.

At 7:05 p.m., Officers Davis and Ochoa were dispatched to a disturbance at Joe's Bar. Three subjects were located at the El Zarape Bar and were identified as the suspects.

Roy Rodriguez was arrested for breach of the peace by abusive language; Jesse Uvalle for breach of the peace by abusive language and for public intoxication; and Ernesto Uvalle was arrested for public intoxication.

All three were transported to county jail.

Officer Jake Garcia was dispatched to a reported assault on Sept. 4 at 12:19 p.m. on North St.

Joe Espinosa was arrested for assault, possession and transported to county jail.

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Annual health fair, blood drive to be Wednesday

The Eagle Lake Community health fair and blood drive are planned for the afternoon of Wednesday, Sept. 21.

The health fair will be held from 12 to 6 p.m. at the new Eagle Lake Medical Clinic in the Laughlin Professional Building, 700 S. McCarty St. The bloodmobile will be out from noon to 6 p.m. to take donations of much needed blood.

There will be exhibits and information on health related subjects such as prevention of illness and diseases, awareness education and immunizations.

Free blood pressure checks, cholesterol screening, carotid doppler screening and finger-stick blood sugar testing will all be offered.

Shots Across Texas will be at the fair to give needed

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Pioneer plant at Altair wins national safety award

Another Pioneer plant in Colorado County has won the prestigious national safety award.

The miners at the Arena Plant of Pioneer Concrete of Texas Inc. were given mining's most impressive recognition for their safety record, the Sentinels of Safety trophy, in a special presentation Sunday, Sept. 11.

Pioneer Concrete of Texas Inc. is a subsidiary of Pioneer International Limited based in Sydney, Australia. The Arena Plant, located 4.5 miles south of Altair, was awarded the pres-

tigious Sentinel of Safety Award under the category of open pit mining and quarry operations and is one of only eight awards presented annually throughout the United States.

The Sentinels of Safety Program competition is cosponsored by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) of the U.S. Department of Labor and the American Mining Congress (AMC), the national trade association for the mining industry. This national award has been presented annually since 1925 to the

mines that have the best safety record in the country. It was conceived in 1923 by Herbert Hoover when he was Secretary of Commerce.

Arena Plant, the Altair facility, won the 1993 competition by working 130,401 employee hours without a single lost-time injury during the entire calendar year.

To be considered for the award, a mine must log a minimum of 30,000 employee hours without a single lost-time injury. Any injury that prevents a worker from doing his or her job in a normal capacity is considered a lost-time accident.

President Bill Clinton, in a letter presented to the miners, commended the winners for their workplace camaraderie and dedication to excellence. In attendance at the awards banquet was Bob Jackson, vice president of human resources for American Mining Congress; Clifford Hahn, vice president of Pioneer Concrete of Texas Inc.; Jim Janak, area manager of South Texas Operations; Jimmie Schmitt, Arena Plant manager; and Ray Rucker, safety coordinator of

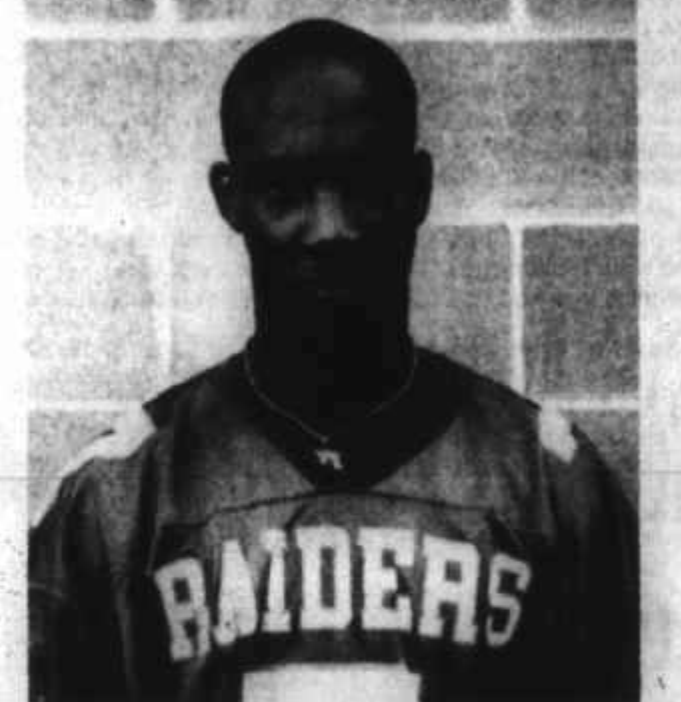
South Texas Operations who also served as master of ceremonies.

Also in attendance will be MSHA administrators and field inspectors. These inspectors' in-depth scrutiny contribute to plant safety at all the facilities under their jurisdiction.

In addition to other awards, each employee will be presented with a Certificate of Achievement.

The Pioneer Arena Plant employees are:

•Alleyton: Danny Rodgers, Kenneth Wallis;
•Altair: Allen Greak;
•Cat Spring: Edward Machinsky;
•Columbus: Alton Barton, Brian Berger, Kirby Berger, Ray Brown Jr., James Dyalba, Juan Espinoza, Gilberto Espinoza, Stanley Frenzel, Joe Hamak, Alton Machinsky, Viola Meyer, Frederick Mikulanka Jr., Joe Orsak Jr., Doyle Noska, Kevin Oppermann, Charlie Poncik, Richard Poncik, Larry Riehs, Ronnie Rollins, Dixie Schobel, Edward Simcik, Arthur Stanick, Edwin Steinhauer, Douglas Wessels, Michael Vasek;
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Sets new passing record

Charlyn Thomas, Rice Raider quarterback, broke a 23-year old record last Friday night while completing 7 of 17 for 101 yards, giving him a total of 1458 passing yards. Thomas surpassed the old record of 1425 yards set by Roger Stienke with the 1971-72 Raider team.

NEWSBRIEFS

Medical Clinic ribbon cutting set

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Eagle Lake Medical Clinic is planned for Thursday, Sept. 15, at 10 a.m. announced the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce. The clinic is located in the old Laughlin Building.

Sheridan plans Fall Festival

The Sheridan Park and Recreation Center Fall Festival will be Saturday, Sept. 17, from 2 to 9 p.m. at the park. A dinner will be served, soccer games, pie eating contest, volleyball, horseshoe and washer tournaments, auction and bonfire are scheduled. Call Ginger Stiehler for information at 234-2489.

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Walk and roll for dignity set

The Gulf Coast Center for MHMR and surrounding regional centers are sponsoring a "Walk and Roll for Dignity" at Stewart Beach Park Pavilion at Galveston on Sept. 16 from 1-5 p.m. For information about the event contact 1-800-252-8154.

Wintermann Library sets 'Amnesty Week'

The Wintermann Library will have an Amnesty Week from Saturday, Sept. 17, to Saturday, Sept. 24, to encourage persons with overdue books to return them to the Library. Everyone should look for any library books that have been overlooked. Please return books and report any lost books.

After the 24th, a list of patrons with overdue books and the amount of fines they owe will be posted.

Opera House opens season

Songwriter Townes Van Zandt will open the season at the Stafford Opera House in Columbus at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17. He will be joined by songwriters Davey Davis and Bobby Applegate for the performance. Call 409-732-5135 for ticket information.

PJs practice on Sunday

The Prairie Edge Juniors (PEJs) will hold practice Sunday, Sept. 18 and each Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Prairie Edge Museum. The group is preparing for their fall production. Deborah Reed is the director.

Alzheimer's group to meet

The Colorado County Alzheimer's Awareness Group will meet Sunday, Sept. 18, from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Mansfield Building in Columbus. The program will be on Medicaid eligibility. For information call Valerie O'Brien at 409-73205716.

ELPS open house is Monday

Eagle Lake Primary School PTS will host an open house at the school Monday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m.

Rice High School has open house

Open house will be held at Rice High School on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. All parents and interested members of the community are invited to see the school and meet the new principal.

Pink Ladies to host game party

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary will host their annual game party Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center. Tables of dominoes, bridge and other games, as well as white elephant sale and bake sale are planned. Everyone is invited to join the fun. Donations are \$5 and tickets are available from any Pink Lady or the hospital gift shop.

Farm Bureau sets convention

Rick Perry, Texas Agriculture Commissioner, is to be guest speaker for the Colorado County Farm Bureau convention on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. at the Veterans Community Center, Columbus. You must buy advance tickets for the event and the deadline to buy tickets is noon Sept. 15.

Cholesterol screening set Wednesday

Gulf Coast Medical Center offers a cholesterol/triglyceride screening from 7 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at the GCMLC lab. Cost is \$8 an you may preregister by calling 409-532-2500 ext. 1300.

Neighborhood Health Watch organizes

The Eagle Lake Neighborhood Health Watch Committee will have their first community meeting Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. in the Eagle Lake City Hall. Dr. John Lane will speak on diabetes, its symptoms and how it can be controlled. The public is invited to attend.

Defensive driving offered

A defensive driving course is offered Saturday, Sept. 24, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake. Instructor will be Gene Creemore. To register call 409-234-5411 or 1-800-285-8297.

Mark calendars for museum party

The Prairie Edge Museum will celebrate its 10th birthday with a celebration Sunday, Oct. 30, from 3 to 5 p.m. The "whole family" of Eagle Lake and surrounding area are invited to join the celebration of our heritage. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

'Crime of the Week'

The Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1,000 cash reward for any information leading to the arrest and indictment of any person or persons involved in the theft of a bicycle on Friday, Sept. 9, at the Eagle Lake Police Station, which took place sometime between Sept. 7 and 10.

If you have any information regarding this case or any case, please call Crime Stoppers at 234-5555 or the Eagle Lake Police Department at 234-2727.

You will remain anonymous.

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