

Commissioners

According to County Judge Vince Slominski, the new budget provides County officials and employees with a pay increase.

Sheriff R.H. "Curly" Wied will

also benefit when the new budget kicks in Jan. 1, 1999, as he was allocated monies for a new investigator, officer and three patrol cars.

Commissioners also established

COLUMBUS LIVESTOCK AUCTION REPORT

Sale Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

We will be on the air at KULM, Columbus, Wednesdays from 6:30 to 6:45 a.m. and Thursdays, live at ring side, from 2:00 to 2:15 p.m.

The market was stranger and more active this week on calves and yearling. Better kinds sold mostly \$3 to \$5 hundred higher. The plainer types sold steady. Packer and bulls sold \$2 to \$5 hundred higher on approximately 150 head.

If we can help you with marketing your livestock, please call George Hagan or Art Moeller, 409-732-2622.

If you need a truck, trailer or men to work cattle, we're as near as the phone.

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Market Report for Aug. 20, 1998

Animals on hand: 1266; 3 horses, 6 sheep and goats.

Packer cows: higher dressing utility & cutter cows, 35-41¢ per lb.; lower dressing utility & cutter cows, 27-35¢ per lb.; light weight canner cows, 24-27¢.

Packer bulls: heavy weight bulls, 45-52¢; utility cutter bulls, 38-44¢; lightweight canner bulls, 38-44¢.

Stocker/Feeder - Calves/Yearlings

Steers #1: 200-300 lbs., 90¢-\$1.05; 300-400 lbs., 94¢-\$1.02; 400-500 lbs., 79-89¢; 500-600, 69-79¢.

Steers #2 & 3: 350-550 lbs., 55-69¢.

Heifers #1: 200-300 lbs., 90¢-\$1.07; 300-400 lbs., 74-84¢; 400-500 lbs., 72-82¢; 500-600, 62-72¢.

Heifers #2 & 3: 350-550 lbs., 50-62¢.

Stocker cows: good stocker cows & heifers, 375-425 by the head; med. stocker cows & heifers, 275-375 by the head; good cow & calf pairs, \$500-600; med. cow & calf pairs, \$400-500; common cow & calf pairs, \$300-400.

Chamber

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Harrison treated the Board with the following history of Eagle Lake:

The first attempt to raise sugar in Texas was in 1829, when some of Austin's Colonists planted 100 acres in Fort Bend County.

The yield was good and expanded thereon to 75,000 acres of cane planted in this area.

The first sugar refinery was built in Fort Bend County in 1834 erected by William Stafford.

The first in Eagle Lake was built in 1902 by W.T. Eldridge and Capt. William Dunovant. The location is marked by a historical marker on FM 102, south of town.

The mill had a capacity of 1,000 tons of cane per day and an annual output of five billion pounds of refined sugar and employed a hundred men.

However, in 1909 a severe storm inflicted heavy damage to the mill, plantations and fields.

In 1911 a severe ice storm took its toll on 50% of the crop.

In 1914 the Texas legislature outlawed convict labor, which the mill as well as other industries relied on. The plant went into receivership, was sold, dismantled and sent to Jamaica, where it was reassembled. Over 100 rail cars were needed to transport the machinery to the Galveston docks.

Keith updated the Board on the hospital's effort to recruit a new physician this year, and another next year, for Eagle Lake. Keith also updated the Board on the new soccer league being formed in Eagle Lake.

Sedgwick reported the rice harvest

is about 75% complete and fields are being watered for second crop.

Sedgwick also discussed local, Arkansas and Louisiana rice sale markets.

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture has scheduled regional meetings for drought relief programs.

Holland reported that the boot camp has about 55 inmates. The facility converted one of the back bays to accommodate about 16 additional female inmates. The land behind the boot camp was purchased by CSC for an additional women's facility and progress continues on the new 1000 bed facility.

Holland reported the street contract will start paying soon.

Also, the old John Deere building in town will be demolished and the old Baptist Church will be either restored or demolished soon by the new owners of that property.

Thirteen other properties are scheduled for demolition in the very near future.

Holland stated that Council will be addressing a mobile home ordinance and new subdivision regulations.

Progress continues on the city park project.

Holland also reported that the Chamber is now on the internet.

Dulany added that one can phone or fax the Chamber office at 409-234-2780, send e-mail to chamber@elc.net, or visit the Chamber web page at www.elc.net/chamber.

There being no further business, President Thomson adjourned the meeting at 1 p.m.

Police

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At 2:55 a.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to State Street in reference to an assault. A report was taken for an unauthorized use of a vehicle and warrants were later issued.

Keith Ishee was arrested Aug. 24 on both warrants, as well as a municipal warrant, processed at the police department and transported to the county jail for confinement.

Officer Crume was dispatched to Shirley Street at 10:30 a.m. in reference to a junk vehicle. Officer Crume had the vehicle towed.

At 8:05 p.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to State Street in reference to loud music. A warning was issued to the subject for loud music.

On Aug. 22 at 12:20 a.m., Officer Nelson met with a complainant in the 600 block of E. Main Street in reference to a subject refusing to leave the premises. The subject later left without incident.

At 10:51 a.m., Officer Crume responded to a call of a subject not responding to her lifeline. Officer Crume contacted the subject and everything was okay.

At 10:02 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore arrested Ryan Allen Torres in the 300 block of Church Street for public intoxication and disorderly conduct, and later for resisting transport.

After processing, Torres was

transported to the county jail for confinement.

On Aug. 23, at 11:11 a.m., Officer Ochoa met with a complainant in reference to unauthorized use of a vehicle. A report was filed and the vehicle was later recovered.

At 5:23 p.m., Sgt. Knox was flagged down by a complainant who stated he saw a man and a woman having a dispute on Glen Flora Road. Sgt. Knox found that there was no family violence and no police action was taken.

Officer Crume met with a complainant on Boothe Drive at 10:38 p.m. in reference to a theft that had occurred earlier. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.

On Aug. 24 at 1:14 a.m., Officers were dispatched to a train/vehicle accident at the railroad crossing at Stevenson Street.

As the vehicle approached the crossing, the engine failed and the driver couldn't get the vehicle started. The driver, DeShannon Terrell Sims, and passenger, Edward D. Holloway, both exited the vehicle and escaped injury before the vehicle was destroyed by the train.

At 12:20 p.m., Officer Ochoa met with a complainant in reference to credit card abuse. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

the process for naming private roads in the County.

Once the property owners have elected a name for the road, they

would contact 911 coordinator Dale Alexander to determine if it was already taken. If not, the private road would be named as such.

Doves

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Annual Public Hunting Permits may be purchased wherever hunting licenses are sold.

Whitewing hunters are reminded that a \$7 white-winged dove stamp is required to hunt whitewings anywhere in Texas and that whitewing populations are expanding throughout much of the Central and South Zones, particularly near urban areas.

Many dove hunters who traditionally haven't had a need to purchase the whitewings stamp but might need one now can avoid taking any chances by purchasing the Super Combo. For \$49, hunters can purchase a Super Combo which includes resident hunting and fishing license, plus all seven

special stamps - purchased separately, the package would cost \$82.

Hunters are also reminded to renew their hunting licenses, which expire Aug. 31, before heading out on opening day.

New this year to the license buying process are Harvest Information Program (HIP) questions that must be answered by anyone who plans to hunt migratory game birds. HIP certification will print on the license at the time of purchase after the brief series of questions have been answered.

Lifetime license holders must also be HIP-certified in order to hunt migratory birds.

Garza graduates HCC

Kristie Yvonne Garza, wife of Eric Wayne Garza of Houston and daughter of Gilbert and Mary Jane Vargas of Eagle Lake, graduated from Houston Community College (HCC)

on August 7, 1998, with a degree in surgical technology.

The graduation ceremony was held in the Conference Center at M.D. Anderson Cancer Hospital in the Houston Medical Center.

Kristie is a 1995 graduate of Rice High School in Altair.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lalo Gonzales of Eagle Lake and the late Mr. and Mrs. Juan Vargas of Mexico.

Following the ceremony, guests were served punch, cookies, nuts and cake decorated with surgical instruments.

Later, Kristie, Eric and her family went to Outback Steakhouse to celebrate.

Kristie has accepted a position at Southwest Memorial Hospital in Houston.

We are so Proud of you Kristie!!



Kristie Yvonne Garza

Wetland

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Students learn how to conduct a water quality survey, inventory wildlife species, map vegetation succession stages, manage habitat for a target wildlife species, and present their findings to the public.

The project culminates with a banquet where the clubs present their projects to a judging panel and receive awards for their efforts.

The clubs win cash prizes for first (\$1,000), second (\$750), and third (\$500) place, as well as trophies, ribbons and certificates.

Application deadlines are Oct. 30, 1998, for cycle #1 and Dec. 1, 1998, for cycle #2.

Teachers and volunteer leaders with a basic understanding of general biology can work with youth to implement this project.

Knowledge about, and experience with, wildlife management techniques are not necessary. Everything you need to know to apply for and complete this project is included in the project manual which can be ordered from Will Cohen at 512-265-9203.

The project is sponsored by the TAEX; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Rob and Bessie Welder Wildlife Foundation; Animal and Wildlife Sciences Dept., Texas A&M University-Kingsville; Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute; Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Dept., Texas A&M-College Station; Center for Coastal Studies, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

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The Court also asked Alexander to provide it with an update on the names issued.

In other business, the Court:

- Voted to open Seventh Street between Niles and Main streets in Rock Island;
- Adopted a resolution to proclaim Sept. 10-13 as Colorado County Fair Week;
- Agreed to sell Block No. 15,

0.622 of an acre assessed to the Otis Cady Estate, at the next sheriff's sale;

- Executed a contract with Eagle Lake Juvenile Facility to house short-term juveniles;
- Tabled possible action on the replating of The Falls until more items are included; and
- Authorized the advertisement for one or more 1999 diesel 12-to 14-yard dump trucks.

Williams receives CMA certification

Heritage House would like to congratulate one of its employees, Charlotte Williams, for recently becoming a certified Medication Aide.

She has been employed at Heritage House since June 1996.

With determination and hard work, she was soon certified as a Nurse's Aide.

She then went on to become the facility's Restorative Aide, assisting the residents in maintaining their level of function once therapy has been completed.

We are proud of her most recent accomplishment.

Congratulations for a job well done!

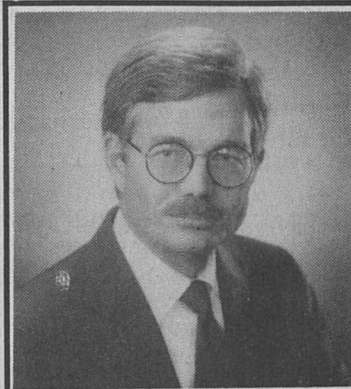


Charlotte Williams

A stroke can be a mind-blowing thing



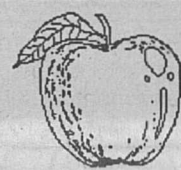
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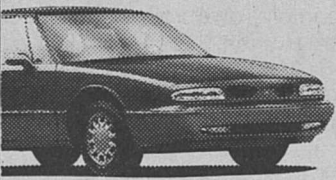
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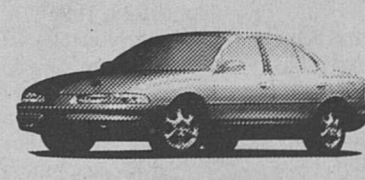
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