

A Prayer of Thanks

Bless all of our friends and neighbors who have supported us so loyally this past year. You are truly wonderful people who deserve only the best.

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all!

The Headlight Staff
& Our Families



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Colorado County Grand Jury issues 26 indictments

The Colorado County Grand Jury issued 26 indictments on Thursday, Nov. 18. Indicted were:

Linda Darnell Spates, unauthorized use of a vehicle;
Saul Marquez, possession of controlled substance;
Alfonso Ruiz Hernandez, possession of controlled substance;
Len Carson Matthews, burglary of a building;
Robert Troy Johnson, burglary of a building;
Preston Ray Jenkins Sr., burglary of a building;
Leroy Edward Janecka Jr., burglary of a building;
Louis Charles Bradshaw, possession of controlled substance;
Denise Marie Salinas, aggravated assault/deadly conduct;
Adrian Jay Navarro, places weapons prohibited;
Adrian Jay Navarro, sexual assault;
Lakeisha Rene Jackson, possession of controlled substance;
Leonard Dewayne Hemphill, aggravated assault;
Joe George, aggravated kidnapping;
Joe George, aggravated assault;
Tom George, aggravated kidnapping;
Tom George, aggravated assault;
Palley George, aggravated kidnapping;
Palley George, aggravated assault;
Sigsbee Wordel Thompson, aggravated assault;
Campbell Denley, delivery of a controlled substance;
Charles Dupre Cook, aggravated kidnapping;
Willie Henry Konvicka, driving while intoxicated (felony); and,
Verna Charles Johnson, retaliation.
Two indictments remained sealed as of press time.

LCRA awards grant to restore Police Station

The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) has awarded a \$50,000 grant to the City of Eagle Lake to help restore and expand the Eagle Lake Police Station.

The grant will be used to help modernize and increase the size of the police station, repair deteriorating parts of the facility and restore the building's 1926 exterior.

Repairs will include installing a new roof and replacing all windows.

When work is completed, the building will look much as it did in 1926.

The interior of the building (including the area currently used as ambulance bays) will be stripped and rebuilt to increase the working space from 562 square feet to about 2,000 square feet.

The ambulances will be based at Rice Medical Center.

The grant is one of 27 totaling \$520,253 which were awarded in Nov. through LCRA's Community Development Partnership Program, now in its fifth year.

The program provides economic development and community assistance grants to cities, counties, volunteer fire departments, regional development councils and other nonprofit organizations in LCRA's 58-county electric and water service area.

For more information about the grant program, or to request an application, contact Lori Vitek at 1-800-776-5272, ext. 3393.



On hand Monday afternoon to receive the "big" check (in more ways than one) from LCRA were, from left, Eagle Lake City Manager Ron Holland; Bruce Hicks, LCRA; John Matthews, LCRA board; Marian Balke, LCRA Community Affairs representative; Colorado County Judge Al Jamison; Jason Hlavinka, LCRA Community Development Partnership Program; Eagle Lake Mayor Michael Cooper; Mayor Pro-Tem Barbara Pidgeon; and Eagle Lake Police Chief Keith Webb.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Closings for Thanksgiving holiday

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the following businesses will be closed Thursday: First National Bank, Wallis State Bank, Wintermann Library, Eagle Lake Post Office. The Colorado County Courthouse and the City Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday. There will be no garbage pickup either day. Normal garbage pickup will resume Monday, Nov. 29.

'Spirit of Christmas' Parade is Dec. 4

The holiday day season is just around the corner and the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce invites you to join the 1999 "Spirit of Christmas" Parade Saturday, Dec. 4, at 6:45 p.m. Trophies and rosettes will be awarded. For more information, call the Chamber office at 409-234-2780.

Study Club meeting is Dec. 8

The Eagle Lake Study Club will meet Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m. at the Wintermann Library. Christmas music will be presented by Lee Eivoritt. Everyone is asked to bring a guest.

Materials needed for ELPS float

The Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) PTO needs volunteers and supplies (extension cords, gas generator, hammers, nails and Christmas decorations) to make their Christmas float for the Christmas Lighted Parade set for Dec. 4. You may contact ELPS for more information at 409-234-3587.

Retired teachers meeting is Dec. 6

Calling all retired school personnel and teachers of Colorado County to meet at Schobels' Restaurant in Columbus at noon on Monday, Dec. 6. Bring a contribution for the Bluebonnet Youth Ranch. The Colorado County Retired Teachers Association has given to this special group for many years at Christmas time. Eagle Lake-Garwood are the host towns.

Census jobs available

Temporary Census jobs are available in this area. You could earn extra money by working full or part time. Census takers earn \$10.75 an hour and Crew Leaders earn \$12.75 an hour. Each are paid 31¢ a mile. Call 1-888-325-7733 now to find out how and where to apply. The Bureau of the Census is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Testing will take place in Eagle Lake at the Community Center each Wednesday in Dec. at 2 p.m. Testing in Columbus will take place at the Mansfield Building on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Band Booster meeting set for Nov. 29

The Rice High School Band Boosters will meet Monday, Nov. 29, at 6 p.m. at the high school. This meeting is very important as the Christmas dinner and raffle will be discussed. Please be in attendance.

Senior Citizens' Dance is Dec. 3

The public is invited to a Senior Citizens' Dance, a place to meet old and new friends, Friday, Dec. 3, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by Midnight Express. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call 234-3745.

ELPS PTO needs volunteers

The Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) PTO is in need of volunteers to work in Santa's Secret Shop, Nov. 29 through Dec. 3, at the school cafeteria from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call Erika Watson, 234-6547; Cheryl McDonald, 234-3634; or ELPS at 234-3587 to volunteer.

Washington trip has a few seats

Washington 2000, the trip sponsored by Ray Sykowski to Washington, D.C., is set to tour our nation's capital May 31 through June 3, 2000. If a student or parent is interested in the trip, please call 409-234-3447. A very limited number of seats are still available.

Hot check seminar scheduled

The Colorado County Attorney is hosting a three-city tour of a Hot Check Seminar for merchants in the area, beginning next Tuesday.

Eagle Lake City Hall, Tuesday, Nov. 30, 10 a.m.;

Columbus County Courthouse, Thursday, Dec. 2, 10 a.m.; and,

Weimar City Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m.

For further information, contact Willie Mae Williams at the Colorado County Attorney's Office at 409-732-8203.

'Spirit of Christmas' Parade is Dec. 4

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the 1999 Lighted Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, Dec. 4, starting at 6:45 p.m.

Trophies and rosettes will be awarded.

Bands, marching units and dance and drill teams are invited to perform a four-minute demonstration at the judging stand.

If your entry will have sound or music, please advise on your entry form so entries can be spaced accordingly.

Participants are asked NOT to include "live" Santas on their entry because parents tell us it is difficult to explain to small children why there are so many Santas.

Absolutely nothing may be thrown into the crowd from parade

participants. The Chamber feels sure that you or your organization would not want to be held accountable for the injury of anyone.

Judging will be held prior to the beginning of the parade. The trophies and rosettes will be presented during the parade.

All entry forms must be returned no later than Wednesday, Dec. 1. The Chamber appreciates your participation in this annual event celebrating the holiday season and spirit.

For more information, please call the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce at 409-234-2780.

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending Nov. 22

On Nov. 16, at 12:58 a.m., officers were dispatched to a disturbance on East C Street. Upon their arrival, subjects advised they were playing and there were no signs of an assault. No other action was taken.

Officer Michael Krenek was dispatched to an unwanted subject on the property on N. Lake Ave. The subject was advised it was a civil matter and to contact the judge.

At 3:53 p.m., Sgt. Tim Crume was dispatched to City Hall in reference to a subject there with outstanding DPS warrants. Robert Lee Parker Jr. was arrested on said warrants, processed and transported to the County Detention Center (CDC) for confinement.

On Nov. 17, at 2:20 p.m., while on patrol, Officer Brian Lasley heard an audible alarm in the 1500 block of E. Main St. The alarm was reset and no other action was necessary.

At 8:57 p.m., Officer Krenek was dispatched to Harbert St. in reference to a loud music call. The vehicle was gone from the scene. No action was taken.

On Nov. 18, at 12 a.m., Officer LaWanda Alley was met at the police department by a complainant who reported two bicycles stolen from a residence. A report was taken. The bicycles were later located and returned to the owner. No charges were filed.

At 9:21 a.m., Officer Stephen Nelson was dispatched to Seaholm St. in reference to loud music coming from a vehicle. Nelson checked the area, but was unable to locate the vehicle.

Officer Nelson was dispatched to

disturbance on N. Lake Ave. at 2:31 p.m. No violence had occurred. One subject voluntarily left the premises.

At 4:12 p.m., Officer Nelson met with a complainant at the police department who reported a theft. The suspects were located and returned the stolen item. Subjects were issued criminal trespass warnings not to return to the business. The complainant did not want to prosecute further.

Officer Alley was dispatched to N. Lake Ave. in reference to family problems. The matter was resolved at the scene.

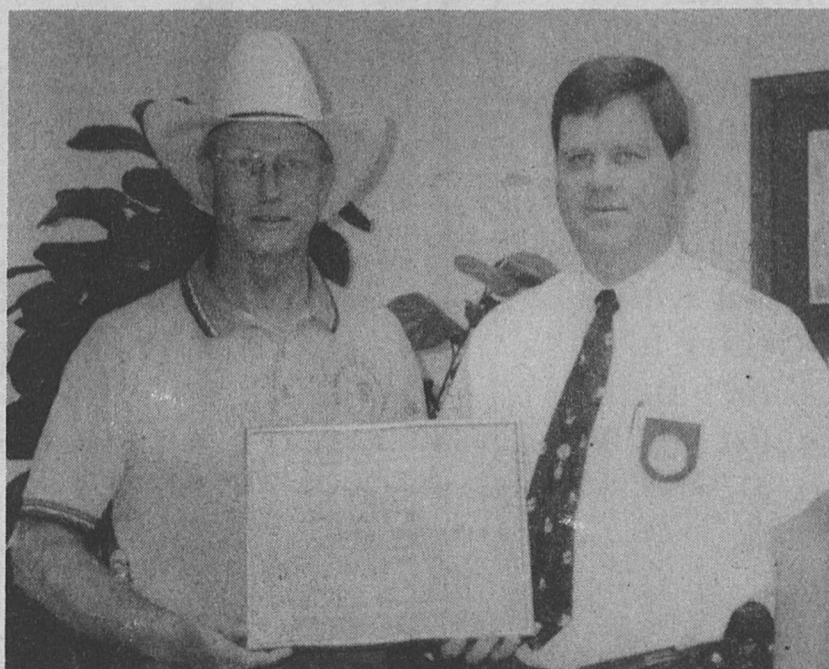
Sgt. Bill Lattimore was flagged down by a complainant in regard to criminal trespass at 10:30 p.m. A report was filed. The complainant was advised to see the county attorney for a protective order.

On Nov. 19, at 5:13 a.m., Officer Alley was dispatched to an active alarm on FM3013 south. The building was secure at ground level.

At 9:30 a.m., Lt. Clem Johnson was advised by a Rosenberg Parole Officer of a warrant for the arrest of Robert Charles Thomas for parole violation. Thomas was located, arrested and processed at the police department, then transported to the CDC for confinement.

At 2:39 p.m., Lt. Johnson was dispatched to First St. in reference to a disturbance. After speaking with the subjects, one person decided to leave the premises. The matter was resolved at the scene.

At 6:37 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore was flagged down by a motorist who advised him of an accident on FM 102 north of Eagle Lake. Sgt. Lattimore stoodby and directed traffic until DPS Trooper Jeff Pickett arrived. At that (See Police, Page 10)



With appreciation

Colorado County Sheriff R.H. "Curly" Wied was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Darryl Darnell, Agent, Wharton Outpost Office and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC), last Thursday, Nov. 18.

The certificate was presented in appreciation for both the personal and professional support which he has given the TABC. Agents of the TABC know they can always depend on Wied and his personnel to assist them whenever needed.

"His commitment to addressing the abuse and violation of the state's alcohol laws and his efforts to address the problem of driving while intoxicated and illegal underage drinking is to be commended.

"Through combined efforts such as this, Colorado County can be made a safer place to live," the certificate stated. Headlight Photo by Carol Nelson