

EL resident arrested for delivery

At the direction of Sheriff R.H. "Curly" Wied, the Colorado County Sheriff's Department conducted an undercover narcotics operation Sunday evening which resulted in the seizure of 15 rocks of crack cocaine.

Shawn Hurd, 22, of Eagle Lake was arrested for delivery of a controlled substance in Penalty Group 1 (State Jail Felony) and possession of a controlled sub-

stance in Penalty Group 1 (2nd Degree Felony) after he sold crack cocaine to Chief Deputy Schleider in Eagle Lake.

Ruben Williams, 44, was arrested for delivery of a controlled substance in Penalty Group 1 (State Jail Felony) after he sold crack cocaine to Schleider in (See Arrests, Page 10)

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NEWSBRIEFS

TWONC changes site of June 15 meeting

The Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club (TWONC) has moved its meeting to the Henry Sunderman home, 617 Melody Lane, instead of the Frnkas' on Thursday, June 15, at 7 p.m. Come and bring a friend.

Juneteenth celebration is June 17

A Juneteenth Celebration will be held at the Eagle Lake City Park (next to the swimming pool) Saturday, June 17, starting at 1 p.m. For booth information, call Bea Kuykendall at 979-234-3448.

'Common Grounds' teen club opens

Who says there's nothing for teens to do in Eagle Lake? This Friday, June 16, the ICE House will become "Common Grounds", a weekend night teen club. Come check out the live music, drama, food and fun-all in a safe, drug and alcohol-free, Christian environment. "Common Grounds" will be open every Friday and Saturday night from 8 to 11 p.m.

Adult education classes being held

Adult Education Classes are being held at the Department of Human Services building, 1460 Walnut in Columbus, Monday through Thursday starting at 8 a.m. Instruction will include basic skills, job readiness, job retention and job advancement skills. For eligibility requirements and additional information, you may call Mr. David Joost, Wharton County Junior College, at 979-532-6301.

Interested in a AARP Chapter in Eagle Lake?

Anyone, 50 or over, interested in helping in the formation of a new AARP Chapter in the City of Eagle Lake, Hallettsville and surrounding areas in Lavaca County, please contact AARP District Chapter Specialist Ray Berry of Edna at 361-782-9034; or write to P.O. Box 903, Edna, TX 77957.

Bible School at Getsemani is June 19-23

June 19 through 23, 6 to 8:30 p.m., children from kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to experience a Fantastic Good News Adventure of Ocean Odyssey at Getsemani Baptist Church (Iglesia Bautista Getsemani) 901 B. Street in Eagle Lake. Fun includes crafts, music, games, stories and free snow cones. For more information, call 234-2714 or 234-3239.

Sheridan Country Squares opens house

The Sheridan Country Squares Square Dance Club has been dancing and having fun for 10 years. We are having so much fun we would like to share some of it with everyone else. June 19-26, we are having open house and fun night at the Sheridan Community Center. We promise a good time will be had by all. Please come join us for the evening, and who knows... you might like it so much you will want to take some square dance lessons and join us every Monday night.

Square dancing is fun, exciting, great exercise and the whole family can participate. No prior dance experience needed. Open to the public ages 9 to 7. For more information, call Jean and Zella Walker, 979-234-3937; or Tony and Linda Clemments, 361-798-4889. See you around a square.

Booster Club meeting set for June 19

The Rice Raider Booster Club will hold their final meeting of the school year next Monday, June 19, at 6 p.m. at Taco Tony's.

Car wash at the boot camp is June 24

The Boot Camp Community Advisory Council is sponsoring a car wash Saturday, June 24, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of the Boot Camp. For a donation of \$5, the Phrase Three Cadets will wash and vacuum your car. The proceeds will be held in trust by the Council, then used when financial needs arise for cadets. Baked goods will also be sold.

Casino trip is June 22 and 23

Join Senior Friends on a trip to Grand Casino Avoyelles in Marksville, Louisiana, June 22 and 23. Cost is \$30 per person based on double occupancy (will receive \$12 credit). Call Sherri at 979-282-6808 to reserve a space.

Hear 'The Message' June 30

The tradition of Eagle Lake theater continues this summer with "The Message", an exciting and compelling dramatic interpretation of the life of Christ. Adapted from a contemporary-language translation of the Gospels, you'll be moved and inspired as you hear Jesus' words in a whole new way. Don't miss this powerful theatrical event at the Prairie Edge Museum Theater Friday, June 30, at 7 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the youth ministries at the ICE House. Call 234-7990 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for ticket information.

Attention Red Cross swim students!

Red Cross swimming lessons at the Eagle Lake Pool for students six years of age and up have been tentatively set to begin July 17. Please check future editions of *The Headlight* for specific registration dates.

20th Century 'Women's Conference' is June 24

There will be a 20th Century District Association Missionary "Women's Conference" at Greater Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 709 N. Lake Ave., June 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rev. R. Kiser will be Auxiliary Moderator. Special guest will be Sister Julia Woodard of Dallas. Come and enjoy a spiritual time with us.

Sportsman's Restaurant to close for vacation

Sportsman's Restaurant, 201 Boothe Drive in Eagle Lake, will be closed from June 22 through July 4, so that owners Doug and Janie Schwemm and their staff can enjoy a much-needed vacation. The staff will re-open the restaurant at 6 a.m. Tuesday, July 5, rested and ready to serve the "World Conference Center" gang their coffee and breakfast.

Project 4-H Fair is June 22

A 4-H Project Fair will be held Thursday, June 22, at the Columbus FFA grounds, sponsored by the Colorado County 4-H Council. Registration is 8:30 a.m. and concurrent sessions will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. This activity is open to all youth in the County between the ages of 8 and 18.

School supplies... school supplies... school supplies

Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) P.T.O. will be selling supplies for the coming 2000-2001 school year. All children pre-K through third grade will be supplied at the lowest possible prices. Supplies will be sold at the ELPS cafeteria Aug. 7 through 11 from 8 to 10 a.m. and during the first week of school (Aug. 14-18) from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Lists and prices will be published around the first week of Aug. For more information, call Ms. Rhodes at 234-3587 or Mrs. Reed, 234-2601.

Cranek wins state championship

Hank Cranek, a recent graduate of Rice High School, has earned a position on the state high school rodeo team and will be traveling with fellow teammates to Springfield, Illinois, July 24-30th to compete at the 52nd Annual National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR) in the calf roping competition.

Cranek won the Calf Roping Championship at the State High School Rodeo in Abilene June 4-10 with a time of 9.18 in the first round and 9.41 in the second.

Going into the short round in second place in the short go, he had a time of 10.78.

He won the average and was also the state winner, receiving a saddle, three buckles and money.

Hank, the son of Cotton and Connie Cranek of Garwood, will be entering Wharton County Junior College in the fall on a rodeo scholarship. He is the grandson of Louis and Leona Cranek of Garwood.

Featuring over 1,500 contestants from 38 states, four Canadian Provinces, and for the first time, Australia, the National High School Finals is the world's largest rodeo.

In addition to competing for over \$100,000 in prizes, NHSFR contestants will also be vying for more than

\$150,000 in college scholarships and the chance to be named the National High School Rodeo Champion.

To earn this title, contestants must finish in the top 20 after two go-rounds of competition before advancing onto Sunday's final championship performance.

This year, the Sunday championship performance will be televised nationally on the Outdoor Channel Network in a three-week long series.

The three weekly one hour shows will wrap up 18 total weeks of NHSRA activity and begin Wednesday, Aug. 23, continue through Aug. 30, with the last hour of the series aired Sept. 6.

All shows are featured as part of the Outdoor Channel's weekly "Rodeo Round-Up" show and are scheduled to air at 8 p.m. Central (check local listings) with re-air the following Mondays at 11 a.m. Central.

Along with competition and the chance to meet new friends from all across North America, NHSFR contestants have the opportunity to represent their team in a volleyball tournament, attend a concert, enjoy nightly contestant dances which this year will feature Ricochet at the Wrangler Cowboy Prom, shop the NHSFR trade (See Cranek, Page 6)



Eagle Lake's sales tax rebate falls off slightly

Last week, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander sent Texas cities and counties \$199.3 million in monthly sales tax payments. June payments to the 1,103 Texas cities and 119 counties that impose a sales tax are up 8.3% compared to the \$184

million rebated in June 1999. Year-to-date sales tax rebates are up 7.9%, compared to 1999.

The City of Eagle Lake received a rebate in the amount of \$9,155.33, down 2.72% from the \$9,411.63 received last June, making the year-to-

date total of \$74,767.86 1.78% behind 1999 for the same period of time.

Comptroller Rylander sent sales tax rebates totaling \$183.6 million to Texas cities, 8.3% higher than last June's payments of \$169.4 million. Rebates of \$15.6 million to Texas counties were up 7.4% compared to allocations of \$14.5 million in June 1999.

In addition to city and county sales tax rebates, the state's six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit departments received \$72.2 million. Another \$6.5 million went to 51 special purpose districts.

Rice Hospital District, one of the 51 special purpose districts, received a tax rebate in the amount of \$6,523.48, a 7.57% decrease from the \$7,057.84 received last June.

June sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in April and reported to the Comptroller in May.

For details of June sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the *Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comptroller's Summary Report* on the Comptroller's web site at <www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html>

The Comptroller's next sales tax

allocation will be made Friday, July 14.

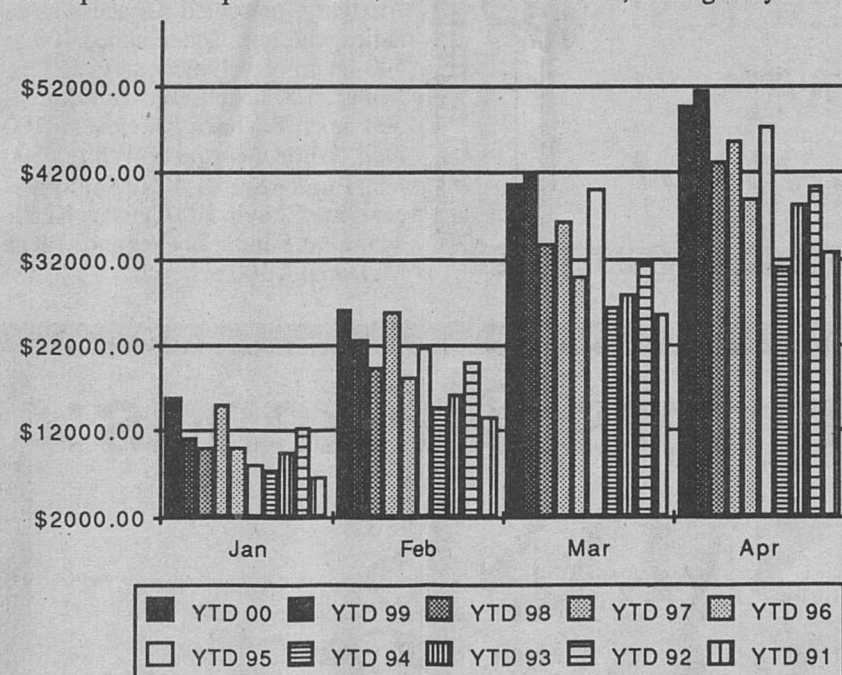
Other cities in the Eagle Lake area, the amount of their sales tax rebate this month along with the change from the same month last year are:

Columbus, \$56,822.96, down 7.89%; Weimar, \$11,311.15, up 8.81%; Sealy, \$93,324.81, up 4.35%; Bellville, \$25,863.09, -5.86%; El Campo, \$138,714.63, -0.51%; and Wharton, \$83,830.61, +10.02%.

Year-to-date for the above cities and the change from last year are: Columbus, \$383,726.05, -4.04%; Weimar, \$77,148.11, +7.95%; Sealy, \$572,270.16, -4.14%; Bellville, \$212,978.13, +8.58%; El Campo, \$1,040,248.81, +11.41%; and Wharton, \$534,041.02, +1.79%.

On the county level, Colorado County received \$45,617.50, up 3.49% from last year's payment of \$44,077.95. Austin County received \$63,971.65, down 18.55%. Wharton County received \$119,960.00, up 26.03%.

Year-to-date figures for these counties are, Colorado, \$316,587.84, down 0.85%; Austin, \$420,858.88, -8.94%; Wharton, \$717,813.17, +11.90%.



City of Eagle Lake's state sales tax rebates are charted against the month the tax was collected, not the month the rebate was received by the City.

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following call and cases for the week ending Monday, June 12.

June 6 at 7:30 a.m., Lt. Clem Johnson received a phone call at the police station from Nancy Torres about her son's bicycle being stolen. Information was obtained and, later that same afternoon, the bike was recovered.

At 9:35 a.m., Officer Wendy Alley and Lt. Johnson provided funeral escort from Dulany Funeral Home to Lakeside Cemetery.

At 9:50 a.m., Officer Alley was notified of a wide load coming through town on Hwy. 90-A. Alley and Colorado County Deputy Benavides escorted the load through the city.

At 4:51 p.m. Officer Alley was dispatched to Scott Street in regard to a suspicious truck. Alley arrived on the scene, but was unable to locate the truck.

At 6:27 p.m., Officer Stephen Nelson was dispatched to the 600 block of Melody Lane in reference to two loose goats. Gus Seaholm had the goats penned, but they kept jumping out of the pen. A City worker picked up the goats.

At 7:23 p.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to a minor traffic accident

in the 200 block of N. Lake.

At 9:00 p.m., Sgt. Bill Lattimore was called to investigate the issuance of a bad check.

At 9:53 p.m. Sgt. Lattimore was dispatched to the 400 block of E. State and met with John Morales regarding his smelling smoke. Lattimore checked the area and could not find a fire.

On June 7 at 4:33 a.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to an alarm at the NAPA Auto Parts store. Nelson checked the area several times and was unable to find anything out of the ordinary.

At 10:56 a.m., Investigator Randy Schlauch received information from Child Protective Services (CPS) regarding possible child neglect. He opened a joint investigation with CPS.

At 12:00 noon, Investigator Schlauch was dispatched to 1308 E. State Street on a possible harassment call.

At 4:54 p.m., Office Alley was dispatched to the City Pool in regard to a juvenile not wanting to leave the office. The juvenile left prior to Alley's arrival.

At 7:50 p.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to B&B Food in reference to a person who was not wanted on the property.

At 9:00 p.m., Officer Nelson arrested Manuel Cobia on several warrants. Cobia paid the warrants and was released.

At 9:02 p.m., Sgt. Tim Crume was dispatched to 1006 Glen Lake Court on a juvenile disturbance.

At the same time, Crume was dispatched to Austin's Grocery in reference to a female trying to break out a window.

At 1:45 a.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to investigate suspicious activity at the E.H. Henry property.

On June 8 at 9:14 a.m., Officer Alley and Lt. Johnson were dispatched to N. Walnut in regard to a suspicious person sitting in a swing on the side of the house. The person left before they arrived.

At 9:14 a.m., Officer Alley was dispatched to the City Pool in regard to a person jumping around and acting crazy. A male subject who was staying at the motel, was located. He returned to his room.

At 3:20 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore met with a subject at the police department in regard to his truck being towed away.

At 3:31 p.m., while on patrol, officers saw a wanted individual, Joseph Paul Rodriguez, riding a bike. When Rodriguez saw the officers, he fled the

scene. Additional warrants were obtained.

At 7:00 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore met with a subject in regard to catching some dogs which have been getting into his trash.

At 8:00 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore arrested Prajedes Jaramillo on an outstanding warrant for violation of probation.

At 8:00 p.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to the 200 block of E. Prairie in regard to a suspicious of person. The person was located and identified.

At 8:11 p.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to a loud music disturbance which was handled at the scene.

At 8:37 p.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to the City Pool in regard to four Hispanic males cursing.

At 8:52 p.m., Chief Keith Webb and Officer Nelson were dispatched to the Episcopal Church on E. Stockbridge in regard to a possible burglar.

Webb and Nelson found Eric Carter of New Jersey hiding inside the church. He was transported to the police department and then to the County Detention Center (CDC).

On June 9 at 5:54 p.m., Officer Brian Lasley was dispatched to Warwick Street in regard to an accident.

Sgt. Crume was dispatched to (See Police, Page 10)