

# EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department (ELPD) reported the following calls and cases for the week ending Sept. 17.

Tuesday, Sept. 11, at approximately 7:10 a.m., Officer Rosa Linda Perez was called to the John Deere dealership in the 1700 block of E. Main St. in regards to someone breaking out a window. Nothing was reported taken. A report was filed.

At 5:44 p.m., Lt. Clem Johnson was called to the 600 block of Keith St. in regards to a suspicious vehicle. Lt. Johnson checked the vehicle's driver and reported everything was fine.

At 10 p.m., Officer Bryan Lasley was called to the 400 block of Church St. in regards to an unknown person knocking on the windows of a house. Lasley checked the house, but was unable to locate any suspect(s).

At 11:40 p.m., Lt. Johnson and Officer Lasley were advised of an assault which had occurred at the Colorado County Juvenile Boot Camp. The officers learned that a Texas Youth Commission (TYC) staff member had been assaulted by several TYC female inmates. The ELPD conducted an investigation and has identified three main suspects. Charges are pending.

Wednesday Sept. 12, at 8:11 a.m., Sgt. Tim Crume and Officer Wendy Lake were called to the Eagle Lake Rice Dryer at 501 Lakeside Drive in regards to a burglary. Officers learned that a second burglary had occurred at Michael's Quick Lube at 300 W. Post Office. The two cases are being investigated as being committed by the same suspects.

At 11:15 a.m., Officer Alley was dispatched to the Eagle Lake Supermarket in regards to a female shoplifter. The suspect was gone upon Alley's arrival. Information was obtained and theft charges are pending.

At 10:20 p.m., Sgt. Bill Lattimore was contacted by a female subject at the police department who reported to have been robbed at gun point while closing the Video 2 Go store at 1203 E. Main St. The suspect was described as a black male, medium complexion, 5'10", with a slender build. Anyone

with information regarding this crime please call the ELPD at 234-2727 or the Colorado County Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-866-522-8477.

Thursday, Sept. 13 at 4:17 a.m., Officer Steve Nelson was called to the 1500 block of E. State St. in regards to a disturbance. The suspect had fled prior to Nelson's arrival. The victim did not wish to pursue charges.

At 3:31 p.m., Officer Alley was dispatched to the 500 block of W. Prairie St. in regards to a juvenile being assaulted while on a school bus. Witness statements were obtained and assault charges are pending on a juvenile male.

At 3:53 p.m., Officer Arnold Terrazas was dispatched to E Street in regards to a traffic accident involving a school bus. A traffic accident report was made. No injuries were reported.

At 4:44 p.m., Officer Terrazas was dispatched to the 3013 Place Apartments in regards to a house fire. The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department was called out. When officers arrived, the apartment's owner said she had left a pan of grease heating on her stove and it caught fire. The fire was extinguished and the fire department checked out the apartment.

At 4:47 p.m., Sgt. Crume observed a traffic accident in the 1000 block of E. Main St. A blue 2001 Toyota passed a 18-wheeler, veered off the roadway and struck a utility pole. A pregnant passenger in the vehicle was transported to the hospital by a private vehicle. An accident report was made.

At 7:25 p.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to the 3013 Place Apartments in regards to a disturbance. Nelson arrived and the disagreement was settled peacefully. No further action was taken.

At 10:36 p.m., Officer Nelson was

dispatched to 400 S. Austin Road to speak with a complainant in regards to a theft. Nelson arrived and spoke with the victim who reported his pocket watch had been stolen. Later, the watch was returned. No charges are pending.

Friday, Sept. 14, at 12:52 p.m., Chief Keith Webb and Sgt. Crume received a report from an off-duty deputy that there were men fighting with bats in the parking lot of Videos 2 Go. While the officers were enroute to the call, the combatants all arrived at the ELPD claiming the other started the fight. The incident is being investigated.

At 1:55 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore responded to a domestic dispute at the 3013 Place Apartments. After he spoke to all the parties involved it was determined no assault had taken place.

Saturday, Sept. 15, at 4:08 a.m.,

Officer Nelson was dispatched to The Eagle Stop at 304 W. Post Office St. in regards to a burglary. He arrived and was told that a 24-pack of Bud Light Beer was taken. A report was made.

At 1:35 p.m., Officer Perez was dispatched to the 500 block of Fourth St. in regards to an unwanted person. Perez located the unwanted male and gave him courtesy transport to his house.

At 10:02 p.m., Officer Terrazas was dispatched to the 1300 block of E. State St. in regards to a domestic disturbance. Officer Nelson assisted in the investigation which involved the victim and her boyfriend. A report was made and charges are pending.

At 11:45 p.m., Officer Nelson arrested Joel Jeremy Cherry on an Eagle Lake warrant for forgery of a financial instrument. Cherry was processed and (See Police, Page 10)

## COURTHOUSE REPORT

### COUNTY COURT CASES FILED Sept. 13, 2001

Raymond Glass, driving while intoxicated (DWI).  
Phillip J. Turner, possession of marijuana (PoM).  
Barbara Reyes Guadiana, driving while license suspended (DWLS).  
Harold Richard Herzik, DWI.  
William G. Corbin Jr., DWI.  
James Sandell, DWI.  
Edward Paul Jansky, DWI, open container.  
William David Ramsey, DWLS.  
William David Ramsey, PoM.  
Richard Lozano, DWLS.  
Primitivo Ruiz Perez, DWI.  
Karl David Youens, DWI, second offense.

Maximino Morn Zepeda, DWI, open container.  
Shawn Phillip Fontenette, DWLS.  
Keith Alan Ishee, criminal trespass.  
Humberto Salas Jr., DWI, open container.  
Cecilia Salinas, DWLS.  
James Dewitt Spivey Jr., terroristic threat.  
**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**  
Andrew Stewart McGaughy and Rebecca Lynn Waddell; 9-12-01.  
Gregory Oneal Frazier and Jo Fuentes; 9-17-01.  
Franklin Agnew Coxwell and Amberly Janet Andreksi; 9-17-01.  
Matias Tovar Reyes and Lorrie Ann Romo; 9-17-01.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS  
Special Election  
NOVEMBER 6, 2001

### PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 52)

Proposition 1 would amend the constitution to relinquish the state's claim to certain disputed land in Bastrop County. The amendment would confirm legal title to that land, excluding any mineral interests, to the individuals who hold a disputed title to the land. The amendment would prevent a loss of title by people who bought and paid for property that was never transferred by the state because of faulty surveys.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by the release of a state claim of its interest to the owners of certain land in Bastrop County."

### PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 37)

Proposition 2 would amend the constitution to establish the process for issuing up to \$175 million of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide aid to counties for access road projects to serve border colonies. Generally, a colony is an economically distressed geographic area with inadequate public services (such as water supplies, sewer services, or paved roads) in a county without adequate resources to provide such services. These projects could include the construction of access roads, the acquisition of materials used in maintaining those roads, and projects related to the construction of those roads, such as road drainage. The Texas Transportation Commission, in consultation with the Governor, would be authorized to determine what constitutes a border colony for purposes of selecting the counties and projects that would receive assistance.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds and notes to provide financial assistance to counties for roadway projects to serve border colonies."

### PROPOSITION 3 (SJR 47)

Proposition 3 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt green coffee and raw cocoa held in Harris County from property taxes in order to qualify Harris County as an exchange port for coffee by the New York Board of Trade. The authorization of exemption would not apply to any other county.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee that is held in Harris County."

### PROPOSITION 4 (HJR 1)

Proposition 4 would amend the constitution by setting the term of the fire fighters' pension commissioner at four years. The constitution currently provides that the duration of all offices not otherwise fixed by the constitution may not exceed two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for a four-year term of office for the fire fighters' pension commissioner."

### PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 32)

Proposition 5 would amend the constitution to allow a municipality to donate outdated or surplus equipment, supplies, or other materials used in fighting fires to an underdeveloped country. Current state law does not allow anything of value belonging to the state or its political subdivisions to be donated to another nation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate outdated or surplus firefighting equipment or supplies to underdeveloped countries."

### PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 45)

Proposition 6 would amend the constitution to require the governor to call a special session of the legislature so that the legislature can appoint presidential electors when the governor determines that it is reasonably likely that the outcome of the election for a presidential candidate's electors will not be clearly determined in time for the appropriate electors to meet before the federal deadline to cast their votes. Under current law, when the people vote for a particular candidate for president, in reality they are voting for that candidate's electors who will meet to cast their votes for president. If the electors are not determined by the certification date, no electoral votes may be cast for the state. The proposed amendment ensures that the state's electoral votes will be cast.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call a special session for the appointment of presidential electors under certain circumstances."

### PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 82)

Proposition 7 would amend the constitution to authorize the Veterans' Land Board to issue and sell up to \$500 million of additional general obligation bonds to finance additional home mortgage loans to veterans. Additionally, the proposed amendment would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use assets from the land and housing assistance funds to create, operate, and improve veterans' cemeteries.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for veterans' housing assistance and to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide for veterans cemeteries."

### PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 97)

Proposition 8 would amend the constitution to allow the legislature to authorize the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue and sell up to \$850 million of general obligation bonds. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds would pay for construction and repair projects or for the purchase of needed equipment by the General Services Commission, the Texas Youth Commission, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the

Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Parks and Wildlife Department, the adjutant general's department, the Texas School for the Deaf, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Public Safety, the State Preservation Board, the Texas Department of Health, the Texas Historical Commission, or the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$850 million in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for construction and repair projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

### PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 47)

Proposition 9 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to provide for filling vacancies in the legislature without an election if only one person is a qualified candidate in the election to fill the vacancy. Under current law, a special election must be held to fill a vacancy in the legislature even if there is only one qualified candidate.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the filling of a vacancy in the legislature without an election if a candidate is running unopposed in an election to fill a vacancy."

### PROPOSITION 10 (SJR 6)

Proposition 10 would amend the constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt certain items of personal property from property taxation by political subdivisions of the state if the property is warehoused temporarily in a location in Texas to be assembled, stored, manufactured, processed, fabricated, or repaired and then forwarded to another location inside or outside Texas. The proposed amendment would authorize a political subdivision that imposes ad valorem taxes, at its option, to tax this type of property after a local public hearing on the matter.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to promote equal tax treatment for products produced, acquired, and distributed in the State of Texas by authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property held at certain locations only temporarily for assembling, manufacturing, processing, or other commercial purposes."

### PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 85)

Proposition 11 would amend the constitution to allow a schoolteacher, a retired schoolteacher, or a retired school administrator who serves as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district, including a water district, to receive compensation for serving on such a governing body. Currently, state employees or other individuals who are compensated directly or indirectly from state funds are barred from receiving a salary for such service.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow current and retired public school teachers and retired public school administrators to receive compensation for serving on the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts, including water districts."

### PROPOSITION 12 (HJR 75)

Proposition 12 would amend, repeal, or relocate several sections of the current

## Hot Checks Seminars set

Colorado County Attorney Ken Sparks has scheduled a one-hour Hot Check Seminars with the Chambers of Commerce in Weimar, Eagle Lake and Columbus.

Sparks will outline his aggressive approach for cracking down on hot check writers in Colorado County. The public is invited to attend.

The seminars will update merchants on the proper procedure for avoiding and handling hot checks.

Sparks will cover the law of theft by check, cases that qualify for prosecution, checks that cannot be prosecuted successfully, the step-by-step collection procedure, deadlines, high risk checks, check-taking procedures, answers to frequently asked questions, notice letters and affidavits for

arrest warrants. Warning posters for hot check writers will be distributed. Police Chiefs Bill Livingston of Weimar, Keith Webb of Eagle Lake and Robert Connor of Columbus will speak at their respective city seminar with advice to merchants on forgery cases and how to handle shoplifting situations.

The seminars will take place on the following dates and times:

Weimar, Tuesday, Sept. 25, 6 p.m., Weimar City Hall;  
Eagle Lake, Wednesday, Sept. 26, 6 p.m., Eagle Lake City Council Chambers;  
Columbus, Thursday, Sept. 27, 6 p.m., Nesbitt Memorial Library.

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## Community service report

Chief Linda Smith reports that for Sept. 2000 to Aug. 2001 the Colorado County Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD) recorded 18,618.80 hours of Community Service Restitution performed by 358 offenders while serving various governmental or non-profit agencies in Colorado County.

The estimated labor costs savings was \$95,887.

The CSCD collected \$31,650.20 in victim restitution from offenders which was disbursed to victims.

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on Sept. 15 at the Frank Broeschies...  
Dr. Karen Faith Stallman and Dr. David Wayne Baxter were united in marriage at Wesley Chapel of the Lover's Lane United Methodist Church in Dallas on Sept. 17.

**Sept. 17, 1953**  
Miss Betty Kay Meitzen, Colorado County's representative at the queen contest held at the District Farm Bureau meeting, was awarded the distinctive honor of being named queen of District 11 and will represent 14 counties at the State queen contest in Mineral Wells...

H.E. Tate was named Mayor Pro-Tem...

Mrs. Cecil Gerstenbert earned retirement from SW Bell after 25 years and 10 months of service...

John W. Littleton, 75 years of age, was killed instantly Sunday at his home in Garwood when a jack fell, dropping the automobile under which he was working...

Miss Dorothy Austin is to head the King's Daughter's Class...

John D. Konvicka was honored on his fifth birthday...

Coach W.B. Hinton has picked Baylor for SW Conference crown...

Johnnie Schmidt was honored with a surprise barbecue...

Bob and John Waddell had a joint birthday party on Saturday...

Charles Ray Altman also celebrated his ninth birthday...

Miss Mary Ann Zickuhr and Wilfred Frnk were united in marriage in a ceremony at Nada...

The Eagles and Cypress Fairbanks played to a scoreless tie in the first game of the season. Outstanding line-men during the game were Raymond Brasher, John Adkins, Al Marx and Kenneth Mahalite. The tackling of Wayne Brasher and Kenneth Perry from their secondary positions were highlights of the game. Other Eagles who played to good advantage were Lewis Epps, John Beseda, Lonnie Sommerlatte, Bobby Kilgore, Tom Brown, Jimmy Tallas, Leonardo Luna, Tommy Starke, Gayle Thomas and Billy Salazar.