

LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department (ELPD) reported the following calls and cases for the week ending Aug. 20.

At 4:10 p.m., Officer Bryan Lasley was dispatched to the 300 block of W. Post Office St. in reference to an unwanted person on the store's premises. Upon the officer's arrival the subject was leaving the store.

At 6:13 p.m., Officer Rosa Linda Perez and Sgt. Steve Nelson were dispatched to the 200 block of FM 3013 east in reference to an alarm. Upon arrival officers discovered that the building was secure. The keyholder arrived and checked the building with the officers, all was found to be okay.

At 9:34 p.m., Sgt. Nelson was dispatched to the FM 3013 Place Apartments in reference to loud music and loitering. Sgt. Nelson arrived and spoke to those involved and resolved the situation.

Aug. 14, at 12:04 p.m., Officer Arnold Terrazas took a report of a stolen bicycle from a resident in the 1300 block of Murphy St.

Aug. 15, at 12:36 a.m., Officer Perez met with a complainant at the PD in reference to someone starting trouble with him. Information was taken.

At 8:56 a.m., Officer Terrazas took a report of a missing cellular phone from a citizen who lives in the 700 block of S. McCarty St.

At 2:46 p.m., Officer Terrazas escorted an unwanted subject out of a citizen's apartment in the 100 block of Justin Way.

At 5:15 p.m., Sgt. Wendy Alley received a report of a Class C theft that took place at a business in the 300 block of E. Main St.

At 5:40 p.m., Sgt. Alley responded to a 911 hang up call in the 500 block

of 1st St. Sgt. Alley attempted to make contact with the residents, but it was found that no one was home.

At 5:45 p.m., Officer David Wiese met with a complainant in the 200 block of Hunter's Lane in reference to a stolen Mongoose bicycle. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.

At 11:06 p.m., Officer Wiese and Sgt. Alley were dispatched to J's Treehouse in the 500 block of Glen Flora Road in reference to a fight in progress. Upon arrival it was discovered that no fight had taken place, but Michael Ramirez had driven his pickup into the side of the building. As a result of the investigation, Ramirez was arrested for driving while intoxicated, and transported to the Colorado County Detention Center (CCDC) where he was released to the jailer on duty.

Aug. 16, at 8:30 a.m., Chief W.E. "Bill" Lattimore served two outstanding warrant on Stephanie Owens at the CCDC.

At 9:35 a.m., Officer Lasley met with a complainant at the PD in reference to a theft that took place in the 400 block of E. State St.

At 5 p.m., Officer Lasley arrested Tobhiyah Fuentes for outstanding City of Eagle Lake Municipal warrants. Fuentes was transported to the CCDC for confinement.

At 8:05 p.m., Officer Perez arrested Kimberly Lujan for outstanding City of Eagle Lake Municipal warrants. Lujan was transported to the CCDC for confinement.

At 10:14 p.m., Officer Perez was dispatched to the 700 block of E. Main St. in reference to a case of criminal mischief.

Aug. 17, at 3:40 p.m., Officer Lasley was dispatched to the 500

block of E. State St. in reference to a missing or stolen pit bull dog. The dog was later returned to the owner by a child who said that the dog followed him home while he was walking his dog by the residence.

At 3:50 p.m., Officer Lasley was dispatched to Dan's Minute Stop in reference to a large number of people loitering who looked like they were going to fight. Upon arrival the people were gone. The manager told Officer Lasley that he had dispersed the crowd.

At 3:54 p.m., Sgt. Nelson was dispatched to the 500 block of Westmoreland Ave. in reference to a 911 hang up. Upon arrival Sgt. Nelson learned that children were playing with the phone. The parents stated they would take care of the problem.

At 6:57 p.m., Sgt. Nelson was dispatched to the Eula and David Wintermann Library in reference to an alarm. Upon arrival it was learned that an employee had accidentally set off the alarm and was in the process of resetting it.

At 7:11 p.m., Sgt. Nelson arrested Harrison Batiste III for outstanding City of Eagle Lake Municipal warrants. Batiste was transported to the CCDC for confinement.

At 8:48 p.m., Officer Perez and Sgt. Nelson met with a juvenile at the PD in reference to an assault. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.

At 10:07 p.m., Officer Perez and Sgt. Nelson were dispatched to the 700 block of Church St. A resident had arrived returned home and found her front door open. Officers searched the residence and found no one or any forced entry. No items were found missing by the resident.

Aug. 18, at 1:13 a.m., Officer

Perez and Sgt. Nelson were dispatched to the 700 block of Heritage Lane in reference to a disturbance. The situation was resolved and all parties left the scene.

At 2:52 a.m., Officer Perez and Sgt. Nelson were notified that a person was enroute to Eagle Lake with a gun in regards to the disturbance in the 700 block of Heritage Lane. Officers alerted the sheriff's department of the situation. Officers awaited the arrival of the person. After a period of time it was determined that the person was not going to show up.

At 2:57 a.m., Officer Perez and Sgt. Nelson were dispatched to Rice Medical Center in reference to an injured person. Officers arrived and found that the person had a small laceration to his ear. The person stated that he did not want a report and the he did not know how he became injured. Officer Perez documented the incident.

At 10:30 a.m., Officer Lasley was advised by a citizen of speeding vehicles in the 700 block of Partridge Lane.

At 2 p.m., Officer Lasley found a dead alligator at the low water crossing on A Street and Hubbards Ferry. Game Warden Bruce Fike was called to the scene and the officers removed the alligator from the road.

At 2:40 p.m., Officer Lasley was dispatched to the 500 block of E. Main St. in reference to a suspicious male begging in the parking lot. The male left prior to the officer's arrival.

At 3:15 p.m., Officer Lasley was advised of possible trespassing in a building in the 100 block of W. Main St. Officer Lasley advised the complainant that officers would be checking the building periodically.

At 5:15 p.m., Officer Lasley was

dispatched to the 300 block of Church St. by an anonymous caller who stated that juveniles were fighting dogs in the back yard. Officer Lasley was unable to locate the described activity.

At 5:50 p.m., Officer Lasley was dispatched to the 500 block of Lakeside Drive in reference to subject possibly trespassing on the property. Information was taken in case a problem arose.

At 7:37 p.m., Officer Perez and Sgt. Nelson were dispatched to the 500 block of Fairview St. in reference to a 911 hang up. Upon arrival officers spoke to the resident. The resident said that no one had called 911.

At 9 p.m., Officer Perez met with a citizen at the PD in reference to his vehicle being scratched by another vehicle's door. The citizen just wanted the incident documented.

Aug. 19, at 3:01 a.m., Officer Perez was flagged down in the 600 block of E. Main St. in regards to a civil matter regarding a vehicle that had been loaned out and returned damaged.

At 11:40 a.m., Lt. Tim Crume and

Chief Lattimore were dispatched to a person disturbing the peace in the 100 block of E. Main St. Officers located Gennie Brown and determined that she was intoxicated. Brown was arrested for public intoxication and transported to the CCDC for confinement.

At 7:58 p.m., Officer Wiese was dispatched to the 800 block of Church St. in regards to a case of criminal trespass. The case was cleared by the issuance of a warning.

At 9:54 p.m., Officer Wiese was dispatched to the 1100 block of Seaholm in regards to a person violating a protective order. The case is open for investigation.

Aug. 20, at 12:31 a.m., Officer Wiese was dispatched to the 500 block of C St. in regards to a disturbance. The matter was resolved at the scene.

At 4:28 a.m., Officer Wiese met with a citizen in the 300 block of Boothe Dr. in regards to an unsecured vending machine door. It was determined the machine had not been locked properly. No merchandise or money was missing from the machine.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

COUNTY COURT CASES FILED

Aug. 13, 2002
Angela D'Ann Moeckel, assault causing bodily injury.
Justo Salinas Banuelas, theft.

Aug. 15, 2002
Michael Alan Rose, possession of marijuana.

DISTRICT COURT CASES FILED

Bradley Peters vs Granvel R. Meyer Jr., personal injury; filed 8-12-02.

Hoelscher Oil Co., a Texas Corp. and Hoelscher Car Care Center, Inc., a Texas Corp. vs Mike Arnold Tucking and Materials, L.P. a Texas Limited Partnership, & Colorado Aggregate Products, Inc., a Texas Corp.; account; 8-15-02.
Conseco Finance Serving Corp. a/k/a Green Tree Financial Serving Corp. vs Lovey J. Bishop; 8-19-02.

DISPOSITION

John R. Mata, forgery, 11-15-01. Sentenced to 12 months in a state jail facility.

DIVORCES GRANTED

Aug. 16, 2002
Barbara Lynn Oliver and Darren Todd Oliver.
Roselyn Jenkins and Joskie Jenkins.

Michael Fitzgerald and Janis Fitzgerald.

DIVORCES FILED

Marvin Lee Kelley III and Mary Jane Kelley; filed 8-12-02.
Jennifer Ann Pavlicek and Christopher Allen Pavlicek; 8-13-02.
Guadalupe Herrera Rodriguez and Jose Rodriguez; 8-14-02.

MARRIAGE LICENS APPLICATIONS

Freddie Gene Jones and Sharon Elizabeth Sewell; filed 8-12-02.
Jose Antonio Villalpando Sarellana and Ahida Chavez Garcia; 8-16-02.
Kevin Wayne Spalek and Valarie Ann Dvorak; 8-19-02.

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Council

at City Council to honor late Police Officer Robert Nieto. Chief Bill Lattimore did an excellent job of presenting Mrs. Nieto with a plaque and Medal of Honor from the American Police Hall of Fame along with a pendant made in the image of Nieto's badge provided by his co-workers.

Mayor René Cooper-Scott recognized the summer youth workers and presented them with certificates donated by Dairy Delite and Splashway.

Dan and Sue Canaris presented a request to waive the 10-foot setback requirement of his storage building to be built in the 100 block of W. Post Office St. The waiver was granted.

Mayor Cooper-Scott was approved by Council as the Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity Standard Of-

ficer for the Texas Community Development Program contract #722879 and approved the Mayor signing all documents relating to the Texas Community Development Program contract #722879.

Council was moving and approving at a fast rate of speed when the tax occupancy appeared on the agenda. Everything slowed down a bit as each council member voiced his opinion on what the tax rate should be.

The hotel/motel tax is used for promoting Eagle Lake and tourism. Tim Kelley wanted to see the tax raised to the full amount of 7%. John Young protested saying he wanted to stay in line with Columbus and Sealy. Eric Nethery also wanted to stay in line with surrounding communities. It was settled at a 6% rate.

Chief Lattimore reported his department is serious about the drug problem in Eagle Lake. It is a problem everywhere and people must get involved to eradicate drugs from their neighborhoods. It will take everyone to help. The drug dealers are not anonymous. People know who they are and must turn them in whether they are friends or family. Drugs are hurting Eagle Lake and its citizens.

Nethery wanted to know what Council could do to help with the drug problem. He said he wants to make this a priority and wants Council to assist in any way possible.

Len Matula brought up enforcing the curfew for young people to keep them off the streets late at night.

(I feel the discussion on drugs will continue at City Council meetings as its members see this as a definite problem to be solved).

Leslie Lerner gave her report on Main Street. She said the railroad is on an eight-week clean up for Eagle Lake, which should help the City.

Main Street is also ordering lights

for the downtown buildings with hopes of lighting up Eagle Lake.

Saturday, Sept. 7, there will be a Tire Clean Up. Bring all your old tires to dispose of for a reasonable price. (Citizens, this is a great project! Take advantage of it!)

Saturday, Sept. 28, there will be a Casino Night at the Prairie Edge Museum.

Thurston Webb gave his report and highly commended the youth who worked for him this summer.

City Secretary Sylvia Rucka reported that clean up letters are still going out. One of the hard things is, if the land is owned by an out-of-towner, they may not know who to hire to help with their clean up.

If you do that kind of work, please call Rucka at City Hall and give her your information so she can pass the word along to people who need the help.

Nethery thanked Webb and his staff for painting the crosswalks at the schools.

Kelley commended Young, Larry Contreras and others for painting the fire hydrants around town. They do look great! Kelley would also like to see the Keep Texas Beautiful placed on the next agenda.

It was requested the organizations of Main Street, Chamber of Commerce and Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance give a short informative presentation at the next Council meeting explaining their goals and mission statements.

Mayor Cooper-Scott thanked Council for agreeing to disagree and for all the input of its members. She would also like to see something to remember 9-11.

In other business, Council:

•Approved signatures for bank accounts;

•Passed a resolution extending the contract with Colorado County Ap-

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praisal District;

•Discussed the CAD valorem tax rate for 2002;

•Approved an ordinance amending the drought contingency plan;

•Approved a letter of agreement with O'Malley Engineers for smoke testing of the sewer lines;

•Approved a contract with the Office of Rural Community Affairs for the Community Development grant program;

•Approved the advertisement for bids on the sewer improvement project;

•Approved a contract with Grant-Works for project administration of the Community Development Grant Project;

•Approved a resolution designating signatures for the Texas Community Development Program Contract #722879.

•Approved the appointment of David Tucker as the Fair Labor Standards Officer for the Texas Community Development Program Contract #722879;

•Adopted an airport action plan so Eagle Lake will be in the running for grant money.

As I always say, there was a lot more happening at the Council meeting, but for the good stuff you have to come and see for yourself.

Museum

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cial interest in that one section describes the displays that the USDA prepared for exhibition in Chicago. There are also articles about birds, mammals, insects, and forage grasses that relate to farming and ranching.

Another recent accession is a collection of three western-style hats donated by Christine Owen. These are not just the average run-of-the-mill cowboy hats but ones with broad rims like Buffalo Bill Cody wore when he led the opening parade of his old-time Wild West Show.

One hat bears the Pecos brand and is straw with a fine, Panama-like weave. Its sweatband bears the name, Duncan & Son, Eagle Lake.

Another is a genuine John B. Stetson that is marked on the sweatband as "The Open Road" and the printed merchant name is Spanihel & Son, Eagle Lake.

The third is a 10x Beaver brand hat with the sweatband bearing the name Priesmeyer Dept. Store, with no mention that this business was presumably located long ago in Garwood.

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Vox Populi...

Joe Schindlers welcomed the arrival of a son, Joe Wayne...

Lissie WSWs met in the home of Mrs. M.E. Isenhower...

Stanley L. Kucherkas as honored as "Tourists of the Week" in Blythe, California...

Rudy Till was named Grand Knight of Nada KC Council...

Gardner C. Duncan gave a program on "Mules" at the meeting of the Rotary Club.



Summer workers pictured with Mayor René Cooper-Scott, at left, were recognized by City Council last week. They include Joe Cooper, Emerson Dawson, Paul Barrow Jr., Robert Johnson, Quentin Thomas, Garrett Flores, Jimmy Navarro and Jeramine Hemphill. Not pictured was Eric Gonzales.
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