

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Eagle Lake Police Department (ELPD) reported the following calls and cases for the week ending Sept. 29.

Sept. 23, at 12:24 p.m., Officer John Sebastian was dispatched to the 400 block of Second St. in reference to a civil matter. Information was received.

At 2:56 p.m., Chief W.E. Lattimore met with a complainant at the PD in reference to a possible stolen vehicle in the Eagle Lake area. The vehicle was later located being driven by a family member. The complainant was referred to the Weimar PD to pursue charges.

At 3:10 p.m., Sgt. Steve Nelson met with a complainant at the PD in reference to trespassing taking place on Glen Flora Rd. Case closed by issuance of a criminal trespass warning.

At 3:45 p.m., Sgt. Nelson met with a subject at the PD in reference to a theft which took place in the 400 block of E. Union St. The case is under investigation.

At 3:50 p.m. Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the 900 block of Kenny St. in reference to a burglary. The case is under investigation.

At 4:15 p.m., Chief Lattimore spoke via phone with a complainant in regards to a civil matter. Information was received.

At 6:05 p.m., Chief Lattimore spoke via phone with the mother of a runaway juvenile who was reported to be in the Eagle Lake area. The juvenile was located several days later and returned to the mother.

At 6:30 p.m., Officer Justin Alderete was flagged down in the 200 block of E. Post Office St. in reference to missing documents. Information was received.

At 7:43 p.m., Sgt. Nelson met with a subject at the PD in regards to the payment of an outstanding Eagle Lake Municipal Court warrant.

At 8:06 p.m., Officer Alderete assisted the Colorado County Sheriff's Department (CCSD) with a vehicle accident approximately four miles north of Eagle Lake on FM 3013.

At 9:02 p.m., Officer Alderete and Sgt. Nelson contacted a subject with an outstanding felony warrant in the 200 block of First St. The subject ran. Judge Larry Dulany issued an additional warrant for evading arrest.

At 11:23 p.m., Officer Alderete was dispatched to the 200 block of Crain St. in regards to a welfare concern. All was found to be in order.

Sept. 24, at 1:15 a.m., Sgt. Nelson was dispatched to Beaks Ave. in reference to an intoxicated subject. Sgt. Nelson arrived, found the subject and found the subject was not intoxicated. Information was received.

At 1:25 a.m., Officer Alderete and Sgt. Nelson were dispatched to the 500 block of Keith St. in reference to a disturbance. The matter was settled at the scene.

At 6:40 a.m., Officer Charles Cole was patrolling in the 500 block of Keith St. when he found a disturbance. The matter was settled at the scene.

At 1:25 p.m., a complainant in regards to possible animal cruelty contacted Lt. Wendy Thompson. The matter was turned over to the animal control officer.

At 7:07 p.m., Officer Cole was dispatched to the 700 block of Sempres St. in regards to a theft. Information was received.

At 11:30 p.m., Sgt. Bryan Lasley located an open door in the 600 block of S. Austin Rd. The building was checked and a key-holder notified.

Sept. 25, at 4:47 a.m., Officer Alderete was contacted by a repo man in regards to recovering a vehicle. Information was received.

At 11:20 a.m., Officer Cole assisted Henneke Funeral Home with an escort. At 1:15 p.m., Investigator David Wiese was contacted via telephone in regards to a house watch. Information was received.

At 8:25 p.m., Officer Cole was dispatched to the 300 block of Guadalupe St. in regard to loud music. Upon his arrival, no loud music was heard.

At 8:40 p.m., Officer Cole initiated a traffic stop in the 300 block of Third St. Patrick Casanova was arrested on an outstanding parole violation warrant. He was processed at the PD and later transported to the Colorado County Detention Center (CCDC) for confinement.

At 10:27 p.m., Officer Cole was dispatched to the 1000 block of E. State St. in regards to loud music. No loud music was heard.

At 10:28 p.m., Sgt. Lasley was dispatched to the 800 block of E. Main St. in regards to loud music. No loud music was heard.

Sept. 26, at 12:34 a.m., Officer Alderete was dispatched to the 500 block of Davitt St. in regards to a past assault. Information was received.

At 9:45 a.m., Investigator Wiese was dispatched to the 400 block of West A St. to assist Medic 3 with loading a patient.

At 10:05 a.m., Chief Lattimore

spoke with a Weimar PD officer in reference to a civil matter. Information was received.

At 1:34 p.m., Officer Sebastian found a downed power line in the 500 block of Westmoreland. CPL was contacted.

At 2:15 p.m., Investigator Wiese met with a complainant at the PD in reference to property found out in the county. A report was taken and the property was turned over to the CCSD.

At 7:50 p.m., Sgt. Nelson was dispatched to the 100 block of Justin Way in reference to 9-1-1 hang-ups coming from the payphone. Sgt. Nelson checked the area, but was unable to locate a caller.

At 8:55 p.m., Officer Alderete met with a subject at the PD in reference to a civil matter. Information was received.

At 9:15 p.m., Officer Alderete and Sgt. Nelson were dispatched to an activated alarm in the 1000 block of E. Main St. The building was found to be secure at ground level. A keyholder was contacted.

At 9:41 p.m., Officer Alderete and Sgt. Nelson were dispatched to the 200 block of E. Center St. in reference to a disturbance. The matter was settled at the scene.

Sept. 27, at 7:30 a.m., Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the 600 block of Melody Lane in reference to a disturbance. The matter was settled at the scene.

At 10:54 a.m., Officer Sebastian was dispatched to Old Altair Rd. and S. Austin Rd. in reference to a vehicle carrying unrestrained child passengers. Sebastian checked the area, but was unable to locate the vehicle.

At 11:43 a.m., Officer Sebastian was dispatched to FM 3013 at the city limits in reference to a reckless driver. He checked the area, but was unable to locate the described vehicle.

At 1:28 p.m., Officer Sebastian provided an escort for Dulany Funeral Home.

At 3:46 p.m., Sgt. Nelson was dispatched to the 500 block of E. Main St. in reference to a missing wallet. Case open for investigation.

At 5:03 p.m., Officer Sebastian was dispatched to a disturbance taking place in a vehicle on FM 102 just outside the city limits. He checked the area, but was unable to locate the vehicle or any signs of a disturbance.

At 10:40 p.m., Officer Alderete was dispatched to the 400 block of E. State

St. in reference to loud music. The music was turned down.

At 11:01 p.m., Officer Alderete was dispatched to the 1000 block of E. Main St. in reference to an activated alarm. The building was found to be secure at ground level.

At 11:13 p.m., Sgt. Nelson was dispatched to the 600 block of Maple St. in reference to loud music. The person responsible was contacted and the music turned down.

Sept. 28, at 12:37 a.m., Officer Alderete and Sgt. Nelson were dispatched to My Place Bar in reference to a disturbance. As a result of the call, one subject was issued a citation for assault by contact.

At 2:24 p.m., Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the 700 block of Heritage Lane in reference to an abandoned vehicle. The caller was advised they could have the vehicle towed by a wrecker if they desired.

At 2:51 p.m., Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the burglary of a building in the 1100 block of Seaholm St. Case open for investigation.

At 3:02 p.m., Sgt. Nelson was dispatched to the PD in reference to a disturbance. Upon arrival, Sgt. Nelson learned a pit bull dog had been stolen. The case is under investigation.

At 3:58 p.m., Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the PD in reference to a runaway juvenile who later returned home. Information was received.

At 7:20 p.m., Officer Alderete was dispatched to the 1200 block of E. State St. in regards to stray dog. Alderete was unable to locate the described dog.

At 9:41 p.m., Officer Alderete was dispatched to the city limits on Hwy. 90A in regards to a possible drunk driver coming in to town from Lissie. He located the described vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. The driver, Matias Martinez, was determined to be intoxicated, processed at the PD and transported to the CCDC for confinement.

At 11:57 p.m., Sgt. Nelson located a vehicle just outside the city limits in front of the John Deere dealership. The driver and passenger were identified. It was determined the vehicle was broken down and the couple had help on the way.

Sept. 29, at 4:08 a.m., Officer Alderete was dispatched to the 500 block of E. Main St. in regards to a diesel spill. The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department was called to assist in the cleanup.

At 8:49 a.m., Officer Cole was flagged down in the 300 block of Third St. in regards to a child refusing to go to school. After some conversation, the child decided to be cooperative.

At 10:30 a.m., Officer Cole met with a complainant in the 1400 block of North St. in regards to a theft. Information was received and the property later returned.

At 12:30 p.m., Officer Cole was dispatched to the 1100 block of E. Main St. in regards to a civil matter. Information was received.

At 2 p.m., Officer Cole was dispatched to a minor vehicle accident in the parking lot of the FM 3013 Place Apartments. Blue forms were issued to report the accident.

At 3:13 p.m., Officer Cole was contacted via phone by a complainant in regards to a possible stolen vehicle. Information was received.

At 6:20 p.m., Officer Arnold Terrazas spoke via phone with a citizen in regards to a close patrol.

At 9:10 p.m., Officer Terrazas met with a complainant in the 500 block of E. Main St. in regards to suspicious activity which had taken place throughout the day. Information was received.

At 9:35 p.m., Terrazas spoke via phone with a complainant in regards to a runaway juvenile. The juvenile was later located and returned home.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

COUNTY COURT CASES FILED Sept. 24, 2003

Jana Joe McCarty, false report to a police officer.

Mitchell R. Stevens, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Sept. 25, 2003

Dionicia Zuniga Rodriguez, DWI.
David Earl Scott, evading arrest, two counts.

Michael Lee Anderson, criminal mischief.

Kenneth Dean Slater, assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

Sept. 26, 2003

Cheryl Ann Johnson, theft.
Nancy Gonzales Albright, theft.

Michael James Chmelik, theft.
Junior Chesley McCage, theft.
Mariano Flores, theft.
David Schuler, theft.

DISTRICT COURT CASE FILED Sept. 24, 2003

Citicapital Commercial vs. Daniel J. Hernandez, contract.

DIVORCES GRANTED Sept. 11, 2003

Karl Edward Hill and Cynthia Marie Hill.

Sept. 26, 2003

Guy Ann Leal and Raymond Leal Jr.
Guy Arville Beane Jr. and Marla Gamble Smith.

Rose Marie Stevens and Jeremy David Stevens.

DIVORCES FILED

Ana M. Servantes and Demetres Servantes; filed 9-22-03.

Kimberly Marie Soto and Samuel Anthony Soto. 9-26-03.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Stephen Michael Hamm and Belinda Fay McFarland; 9-19-03.

James Allen Schimcek and Kelli Zabrana Graham; 9-23-03.

Rolando Roy Herrera and Esperanza Herrera; 9-24-03.

Jose Guadalupe Macias and Veronica Tejeda; 9-24-03.

Number seven in a series in remembrance of our World War II dead...

Remembering Israel Ed Selph

By Joe C. Fling

In the six months after the death of Maurice Parker in Feb. 1943, no one from southern Colorado County was lost in World War II (WWII).

Beginning with the death of Johnnie D. Hutchins on Sept. 4, eight men would die over the next six months including the fall and winter of 1943-44.

Israel Ed Selph was born May 6, 1909 at Sublime in Lavaca County, the son of Madison and Laura Cole Selph. He grew up in Sheridan.

After school, Ed joined the New Deal program the Civilian Conservation Corps and went to California to work.

Later, he was working in Nevada when he entered the service of his country. Selph volunteered and was inducted into the service on Feb. 28, 1941, at the age of 31. He trained and served in the Quartermaster Corps until Oct. 1941 when he was discharged from active duty.

Reports were that at the time there was a 28-year-old age limit for keeping men in the service.

Pearl Harbor, of course, changed all that, as a massive American military build-up, which in a period of about two years, saw the number of American military personnel go from only a couple of hundred thousand to 16 million.

Selph and many others were recalled to active duty, going back June 29, 1942. Ed found himself placed in an engineering unit.

Through Sept. 1943, some 16 Colorado County men had died, all but one of them in stateside accidents, near home or in training or combat in the Pacific and Asiatic theatres of operations.

The beginning of U.S. military offensives in North Africa, Sicily and Italy would greatly increase the chances of servicemen dying in infantry combat in the fall of 1943.

Ed Selph would prove to be Colorado County's first battle death in the battle against the German army.

In Nov. 1942, the U.S. invaded occupied Algeria and Morocco and advanced through Tunisia, invading Sicily in July 1943. It was reported that Selph had shipped overseas in Oct. 1942, which would have made him a part of the first units in North Africa.

He took part in all of the major campaigns in North Africa, Sicily and Italy in 1942-43. The last letters he sent home indicated he was in Sicily. According to Selph's nephew Dean Varley, Ed's landing craft was sunk when

they were going ashore in Sicily and Ed and his fellow soldiers had to swim to the beaches.

It was for his heroics in the fighting in Sicily that Selph was awarded the Silver Star, the third highest award given during WWII. His citation for valor stated that Selph ignored a machine gun some 300 yards away and continued to remove mines, for which he was awarded the Silver Star.

With Sicily secured, Gen. Mark Clark's U.S. 5th Army went ashore at Salerno, Italy, Sept. 9, 1943.

Selph had attained the rank of Sergeant and was killed during the first month of fighting in Italy. Serving in the 10th Engineering Combat Battalion of the U.S. Army's famed 3rd Infantry Division, he was involved in clearing land mines from a vital supply route at the time of his death. This was during fighting after the Salerno landings and before the Germans were driven from Naples, retreating behind the Volturno River.

In the process of such duties, a mine blew off both his legs, and he died of the grievous wounds soon thereafter.

According to his nephew, Selph had finished a removal job and picked up a stick to throw it off the road. This casual act detonated the mine and took Selph's life.

The Silver Star decoration was awarded 17 days later.

What can you do for...

Osteoarthritis of the hip

Osteoarthritis of the hip affects over two million Americans.

Therapy ranges from certain physiotherapy exercises to a possibly unavoidable surgery, depending on the individual diagnosis. What can you do yourself to support the medical treatment of your doctor?

The American Arthritis Society in

Boston, MA, has compiled several useful and practical tips which are available online. Supported by some of the leading hip surgeons in the country, all of these tips can be followed easily and can make a big difference in the life of a person with osteoarthritis. They can be viewed online at: www.americanarthritis.org.

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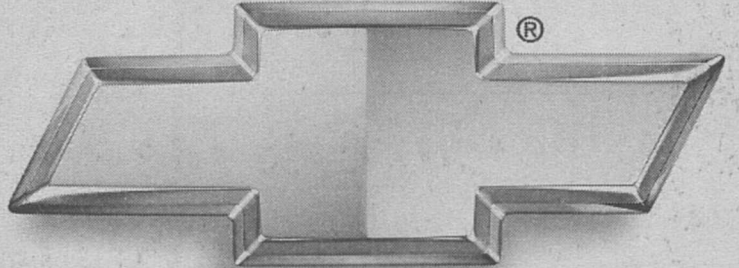


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