

Eagle Lake Police Department Report

The Eagle Lake Police Department (ELPD) reported the following calls and cases for the week ending Sept. 11.

September 4

At 11:03 am, Officer John Sebastian was dispatched to the 300 block of Fourth St. in regards to a 9-1-1 hang up. All was found to be in order.

At 11:09 am, Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the 1400 block of North St. in regards to a past disturbance. Information was received.

At 4:50 pm, Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the 700 block of Clark St. in regards to a civil matter. Information was received.

At 6:28 pm, Officer Wayne Coleman was flagged down in the 200 block of S. McCarty St. in regards to a past assault. Case open for investigation.

At 7:30 pm, Sgt. S. D. Nelson met with a repo man at the PD in regards to a vehicle repossession. Information was received.

At 8:10 pm, Sgt. Nelson met with a complainant in the 400 block of E. Union St. in regards to neighborhood problems. Information was received.

At 9:05 pm, Officer Coleman was flagged down in the 600 block of Willow Lane in regards to loose dogs. Information was received.

At 10:51 am, Officer Coleman was dispatched to the 1400 block of North St. in regards to a past disturbance. Information was received.

At 11:05 pm, Officer Coleman was advised of a reckless driver Church St. The described vehicle was not located.

September 5

At 6:10 am, Officer Sebastian spoke via phone with a caller in regards to a stolen cell phone. Case open for investigation.

At 7:20 am, Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the 400 block of Eighth St. in regards to loose dogs. Information was received.

At 8:33 am, Officer Sebastian discovered a stranded 18-wheeler at the intersection of E. Main and Boothe Drive. Delgado's Wrecker Service was called to remove the 18-wheeler.

At 10 am, Lt. Wendy Alley assisted Children's Protective Services with a child removal.

At 6:21 pm, Officer Coleman was dispatched to the 400 block of Third St. in regards to a disturbance. No disturbance was

located.

At 7:12 pm, Sgt. Nelson was dispatched to the 100 block of Laughlin Rd. in regards to an open door. All was found to be in order.

At 7:35 pm, Officer Coleman spoke via phone with a caller in regards to harassing phone calls. Information was received.

September 6

At 11:10 am, Chief W. E. Lattimore spoke via phone with a caller in regards to a reckless driver. The described vehicle was not located.

At 1:20 pm, Officer Brandon Wilson was dispatched to the 300 block of Guadalupe St. in regards to a threat. Information was received.

At 3:55 pm, Sgt. David Wiese was dispatched to the 400 block of Second St. in regards to an unwanted person. Case opening pending the issuance of a criminal trespass warning.

At 8 pm, Officer Shady Elsabee was dispatched to the RR tracks in regards to someone trying to enter the parked RR cars. No one was located.

At 8:04 pm, Sgt. David Wiese was dispatched to the intersection of Fourth and "C" Streets in regards to vehicles blocking the roadway. The intersection was clear when Wiese arrived.

At 8:10 pm, Sgt. Wiese was dispatched to the 300 block of Mills St. in regards to found property. The property was given to the owner.

At 9:10 pm, Officer Elsabee was dispatched to the 500 block of E. Main St. in regards to gas drive off. Information was received.

At 9:47 pm, Officer Elsabee arrested Michael Lujan in the 1000 block of Raezer St. on an outstanding municipal court warrant issued by Judge George Cason. Lujan was processed at the PD. Lujan paid the warrant and was released.

September 7

At 9:48 am, Officer Wilson discovered damaged railroad arms near the intersection of FM 3013 and Hwy 90A. The RR company was notified.

At 11:20 am, Chief Lattimore met with a comp. at the PD in regards to a civil matter. Information was received.

At 12:11 pm, Officer Wilson received a report of a run-a-way from Wharton County. Wilson

checked several locations in town but was unable to locate the run-a-way.

At 12:24 pm, Officer Wilson assisted a wide load at the intersection of N. McCarty and West Post Office Streets.

At 2:25 pm, Sammy Sewell turned himself in to Sgt. Wiese on an outstanding warrant for failing to pay the fines associated with an earlier DWLI arrest. Sewell was processed at the PD and transported to the Colorado County Detention Center (CCDC) for confinement.

At 5:10 pm, Officer Wilson was dispatched to the 1200 block of Raezer St. in regards to a fight in progress. No fight was located.

At 6:34 pm, Officer Elsabee was dispatched to the 400 block of E. Stockbridge in regards to a disturbance. The matter was settled at the scene.

At 8:45 pm, Officer Elsabee arrested Keandra Sanford at the intersection of FM 3013 and Hwy 90A on outstanding municipal court warrants issued by Judge Cason. Sanford was processed at the PD and transported to the CCDC for confinement.

At 10:37 pm, Officer Elsabee initiated a traffic stop in the 700 block of Scott St. Justin Amaro Flores was arrested for driving while license invalid. Flores was processed at the PD and transported to the CCDC for confinement.

At 11:33 pm, Lt. Alley was dispatched to the 700 block of "C" St. in regards to a robbery. The victim was transported by ambulance to the Rice Medical Center where he was treated and released. Case open for investigation.

September 8

At 12:29 am, Officer Elsabee was dispatched to a disturbance in the 1000 block of Raezer St. in regards to a disturbance. The matter was settled at the scene.

At 12:41 am, Sgt. Wiese was dispatched to a fight in progress on FM 3013 West. No fight was located.

At 12:56 am, Sgt. Wiese was dispatched to the 700 block of "C" St. in regards to a disturbance. The matter was settled at the scene.

At 1:40 am, Sgt. Wiese received information in regards to suspicious circumstances that took place in the 500 block of E. Main St. Information was received.

At 5:50 am, Chief Lattimore was dispatched to the 300 block of W. Post Office St. in regards to a stuck door. The door was opened.

At 7:46 am, Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the FM 3013 Place Apartments in regards to criminal mischief. Case open for investigation.

At 10:09 am, Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the 100 block of Boothe Drive in regards to harassment. Information was received.

At 11:43 am, Officer Sebastian was dispatched to a minor accident outside the city limits on Hwy 90A. Sebastian turned the matter over to a DPS Trooper for investigation.

At 12:40 pm, Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the 600 block of Maple St. in regards to damaged property. Information was received.

At 4:35 pm, Officer Sebastian was dispatched to a disturbance at the FM 3013 Place Apartments. Case cleared by the issuance of criminal trespass warnings.

At 9:06 pm, Officer Coleman was dispatched to Airline St. in regards to a suspicious vehicle. All was found to be in order.

At 11:10 pm, Officer Coleman was dispatched to the 500 block of E. Main St. in regards to crowd control. The crowd was dispersed.

At 11:56 pm, Officer Coleman was dispatched to the 500 block of E. Main St. in regards to a civil matter. Information was received.

September 9

At 9:20 am, Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the 500 block of E. Main St. in regards to a gas drive off. Information was received.

At 10:09 am, Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the 500 block of Third St. in regards to damaged property. Case open for investigation.

At 10:43 am, Officer Sebastian dispatched a funeral escort.

At 11:56 am, Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the 500 block of E. Davitt St. in regards to debris in the roadway. The debris was removed.

At 8:54 pm, Sgt. Nelson was dispatched to a fight in Newtown. No fight was located.

At 11:37 pm, Sgt. Nelson was dispatched to the 700 block of Tate St. in regards to suspicious activity. Several people were identified and escorted from the property.

September 10

At 12:24 am, Officer Coleman was dispatched to J's Treehouse Bar in regards to a disturbance.

No disturbance was located.

At 1:45 am, Officer Coleman was dispatched to the 100 block of W. Davitt St. in regards to a past disturbance. Ramiro Rico was arrested for Class A family violence assault. Rico was processed at the PD and transported to the CCDC for confinement.

At 2:35 pm, Officer Sebastian was dispatched to the 400 block of Guadalupe St. in regards to an assault. Case open for investigation.

At 6:58 pm, Officer Coleman was dispatched to the 400 block of Eighth St. in regards to a property dispute. Information was

received.

At 9:36 pm, Officer Coleman was dispatched to the 700 block of "B" St. in regards to a past disturbance. Information was received.

At 9:53 pm, Officer Coleman was dispatched to "The Barn" bar in regards to a disturbance. Anita Gonzales was arrested for public intoxication. Gonzales was processed at the PD and transported to the CCDC for confinement.

September 11

At 7:31 am, Officer Elsabee was dispatched to the 700 block of Tate St. in regards to a loose dog. The dog was captured and

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Seat Belt Use At Record High

There's proof that more Texas motorists are buckling up. State transportation officials recently announced safety belt usage in Texas topped 90% for the first time in history. A record 90.44% of motorists are using safety belts, up from 89.9% last year.

Since enforcement and education efforts began in 2002, safety belt usage in Texas has jumped more than 14 percentage points. This increase translates into an estimated 1,200 fewer fatalities and more than 28,000 injuries prevented as a result of traffic crashes since 2002, according to transportation officials.

"Increasing safety on Texas highways is something we work on every day," said Hope Andrade, a member of the Texas Transportation Commission. "We are pleased that more and more Texans are doing their part to make our highways a safer place by the simple act of buckling their safety belt every time they get in their vehicle."

Transportation officials credit a safety belt awareness and enforcement campaign called 'Click It or Ticket' with helping drive safety belt usage to an all time high in Texas.

The Texas Department of Transportation and its partners, the Texas Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement agencies across the state, engaged in the "Click It or Ticket" campaign last Memorial Day with a single objective: to watch for Texas drivers and passengers who were not buckled up and encourage them to comply with safety belt and child safety seat laws.

Texas law requires drivers and front seat passengers in all vehicles to be secured by a safety belt. Children under 17 years old must be secured with a safety belt or a child safety seat. A child under five years old and less than 36 inches tall must ride in a child safety seat.

A safety belt violation can

result in fines up to \$200, plus court costs.

Increasing safety on Texas highways is one of the five main TxDOT goals, along with reducing congestion, expanding economic opportunity, improving air quality and increasing the value of transportation assets.

"Helping people get in the habit of using safety belts is just one of the many things we are doing every day to improve safety on our highways," said Andrade. Among the TxDOT initiatives she cited were efforts to install safety barriers in the center median of divided highways, installing rumble strips along pavement edges, building wider safety shoulders, dividing busy four-lane highways, adding dedicated left-turn lanes at busy intersections and encouraging teen drivers to practice safe driving habits.

"Working together we can improve safety on Texas highways," said Andrade.

ORCA Opens La Grange Office

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) celebrated the opening of a new field office in La Grange with a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 8. Area legislators, mayors, county judges, county commissioners, representatives from local chambers of commerce and medical facilities and providers, and others attended the event.

"The La Grange office brings ORCA's services closer to the people we serve," noted Charles S. (Charlie) Stone, ORCA's Executive Director.

"Anyone visiting the office can expect to receive information on any of ORCA's programs and services, plus assistance with identifying other state and federal resources and opportunities."

The agency administers rural-only funding programs that assist local healthcare delivery, and economic development, community planning activities, and housing and public facility needs such as sewer, water system, road, drainage improvements, and disaster relief funds. In ad-

dition to funding programs, the agency provides rural-focused services that include coordinating the state's Emergency Services Districts and renewable energy development, among others.

The La Grange office is located at 254 North Jefferson Street, Room 100. Fayette County is providing the space for the new office.

ORCA's door is always open for your comments and suggestions regarding the agency, or rural issues in general. Contact ORCA at P.O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Phone: 512-936-6701 Toll free: 800-544-2042 E-mail: orca@orca.state.tx.us. Fax: 512-936-6776. On the web: www.orca.state.tx.us

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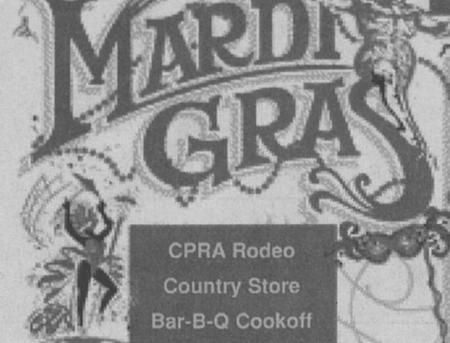
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As the state agency dedicated solely to rural Texas, ORCA makes the broad resources of state government more accessible to rural communities.

ORCA was created by the 77th Legislature to facilitate and focus the State's health, economic development, and community development programs targeting rural communities in Texas. The agency ensures a continuing focus on rural issues, monitors governmental actions affecting rural Texas, researches problems and recommends solutions, and is a coordinator and provider of rural-focused state and federal resources.

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