



The Eagle Lake United Way recently distributed funds for 2009. Pictured from left to right, in the back row, are Rev. Kevin Colison, Linda Lipperdt, Rev. Steven Whitefield, Laurel Holden and Brenda Besch. In front is Beth Lipperdt.

United Way Distributes Funds

The Eagle Lake United Way distributed its funds raised during their 2009 drive.

Funds raised amounted to \$8,500.00.

Funds disbursed at 100% were as follows: Eagle Lake Youth

Council, \$1,083.75; Children's Protective Services, \$828.75; Little League Operations, \$807.50; Local Relief (Ministerial Alliance), \$1,700; Texana (Colorado County Opportunity Center), \$722.50;

Colorado County Red Cross, \$340; Eagle Lake Salvation Army, \$977.50; Colorado County Special Olympics, \$892.50; Colorado County Youth and Family Services, \$892.50; Project Phone Home (for military Personnel), \$255.

Rapist Gets 35 Year Sentence

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how he was acting when not in the presence of the doctors.

He appeared normal in all respects, engaging in conversations with staff and other inmates.

The hospital found him competent and sent him back to court to face trial.

Once he was returned to Colorado County, he continued to engage in the same behavior and refused to communicate with his public defender, who was again contesting his competency to stand trial based on Hunt's behavior.

Colorado County Jail Captain Tommy Richter was aware of the defendant's attempts to fake his incompetency and reviewed tape-recorded phone conversations that the defendant had with friends and family members over a phone line that inmates were warned is being recorded.

He was overheard talking about his case and his plans to get a new lawyer if his case got set for trial.

During the conversation, he demonstrated a good understanding of the legal system and what

could happen to him if found guilty.

Richter also reviewed inmate mail sent by Hunt, as he was allowed to do by law.

This evidence was used by County Attorney Ken Sparks to prove that Hunt was competent to stand trial.

On the date set for jury trial, Hunt was persuaded by friends and family members to stop the fake behavior and speak to his attorney.

He did so and decided to plead guilty and ask the court to assess his punishment.

On May 1, Hunt's name was called to approach the judge for sentencing.

He responded by reaching into his pants and smearing feces all over his chest.

He was removed from the courtroom, returned to jail and

cleaned up.

Hunt was then returned to court and quickly sentenced by Kirkendall to serve 35 years in prison.

During his sentencing hearing, jail employees held Hunt's arms at his side to prevent any further misconduct.

"I am happy for the victim who had to endure a long wait for justice to prevail, and I am hopeful that no one else gets the same idea in the future," Sparks added.

Sparks said he was especially grateful for the assistance provided by Captain Richter who went out of his way to assist the county attorney's office.

Under the law, Hunt will have to serve one-half of his sentence before being considered for parole and with jail credit will be 66 years old if the parole board releases him at his first eligibility date.

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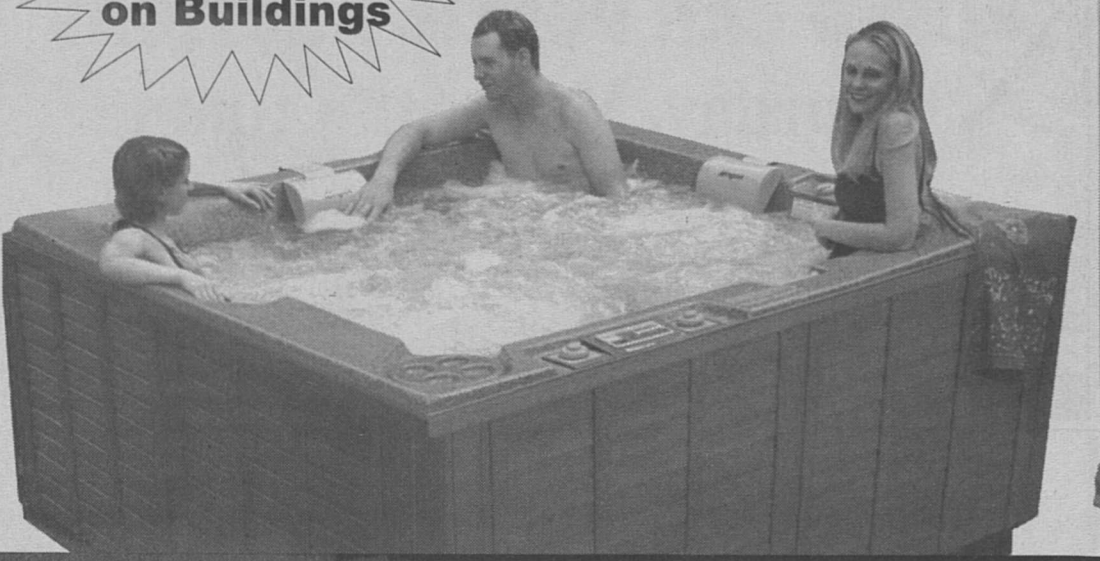
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