

Eagle Lake Police Department Report

The Eagle Lake Police Department (ELPD) reported the following calls and cases for the week ending March 7.

March 1
At 8:58 am, Officer Brandon Wilson met with a complainant at the PD in regards to missing property. The property was later located.

At 12:54 pm, Officer Wilson was dispatched to the 600 block of E. Main St. in regards to a civil matter. Information was received.

At 3:30 pm, Chief W. E. Latimore received a report of a habitual violation of the city noise ordinance. Information was received.

At 5:35 pm, Officer Wilson was dispatched to the 300 block of S. Lake St. in regards to a 9-1-1 hang-up. All was found to be in order.

At 11 pm, Officer Tomas Gonzalez was dispatched to the city limits on Hwy 90A in regards to a reckless driver coming towards town. The described vehicle was not located.

March 2
At 3:30 pm, Officer Wilson assisted Colorado County juvenile probation in the 100 block of E. Main St.

At 3:32 pm, Lt. David Wiese met with a comp. at the PD in regards to a traffic problem in the downtown area. Information was received.

At 9:20 pm, Officer Gonzalez was dispatched to the 400 block of Prairie St. in regards to a disturbance. The matter was settled at the scene.

At 9:36 pm, Sgt. S. D. Nelson provided a business escort.

March 3
At 6:20 am, Officer Jared Butts was dispatched to the intersection of Schley and Johnson in regards to an 18-wheeler getting stuck and damaging a city culvert. Assistance was provided. Citations were issued.

At 1:41 pm, Officer Butts was dispatched to the 1200 block of Seaholm St. in regards to suspicious activity. Information was received.

At 2:15 pm, Lt. Wiese was

dispatched to the 600 block of FM 3013 W. in regards to an activated alarm. All was found to be in order.

At 2:31 pm, Lt. Wiese spoke via phone with a caller in regards to a landlord/tenant dispute. Information was received.

At 2:50 pm, Officer Butts was advised of a suspicious person in the downtown area. The described person was not located.

At 3:56 pm, Officer Butts was dispatched to the area of Tate St. in regards to an open 9-1-1 line on a cell phone. The phone was not located.

At 4 pm, Chief Lattimore spoke via phone with a caller in regards to harassment. Information was received.

At 5:10 pm, Officer Butts assisted the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department on Elder St.

At 7:16 pm, Officer Jessica Alvarado was dispatched to the 400 block of Mills St. in regards to a welfare concern. All was found to be in order.

At 9:46 pm, Sgt. John Sebastian provided a business escort.

March 4
At 8:10 am, Officer Butts was dispatched to the 500 block of Lakeside Drive in regards to damaged property. Information was received.

At 8:36 am, Officer Butts was dispatched to the 400 block of Seventh St. in regards to a civil matter. Information was received.

At 1:15 pm, Lt. Wiese met with a comp. at the PD in regards to a possible theft. Information was received.

At 3:32 pm, Officer Butts was dispatched to the 600 block of Willow Lane in regards to a vehicle

trying to drive through a yard and becoming stuck. Delgado's wrecker service was called to assist. One citation was issued.

5:05 pm, Sgt. Sebastian was dispatched to the FM 3013 Place Apartments in regards to an activated alarm. All was found to be in order.

At 6:31 pm, Sgt. Sebastian was dispatched to the 800 block of "B" St. in regards to loose dogs. No dogs were located.

At 11:12 pm, Sgt. Sebastian provided a business escort.

March 5
At 2 am, Officer Alvarado was dispatched to the 600 block of Maple St. in regards to a disturbance. The matter was settled at the scene.

At 3:40 am, Officer Alvarado assisted Medic Three on Honeydew Lane.

At 12:45 pm, Chief Lattimore spoke via phone with a caller in regards to a civil matter. Information was received.

At 12:58 pm, Officer Wilson was dispatched to the Rice Medical Center in regards to a dog bite victim. Information was received.

At 2:40 pm, Officer Wilson met with a comp. at the PD in regards to harassment. Information was received.

At 2:55 pm, Officer Wilson was dispatched to the intersection of Beaks and Church St. in regards to a reckless driver. The described vehicle was not located.

At 6:38 pm, Officer Gonzalez was dispatched to the 300 block of Mills St. in regards to suspicious activity. The described activity was not located.

At 7:26 pm, Sgt. Nelson was dispatched to the 700 block of Burns

St. in regards to an open door. All was found to be in order.

At 7:30 pm, Officer Gonzalez met with a comp. in the 700 block of S. McCarty St. in regards to damaged property. Information was received.

At 10:19 pm, Sgt. Nelson assisted a DPS Trooper in the 500 block of E. Main St.

At 11:38 pm, Officer Gonzalez provided a business escort.

At 11:49 pm, Sgt. Nelson was dispatched to a one-vehicle crash on FM 3013 near E. Prairie St. Crash report completed.

March 6
At 12:30 am, Officer Gonzalez was dispatched to the intersection of N. Lake and Prairie Streets in regards to a suspicious person. The described person was not located.

At 10:05 am, Officer Wilson was dispatched to the 600 block of Keith St. in regards to a loose dog. No loose dog was located.

At 10:30 am, Officer Wilson met with a comp. at the PD in regards to a follow-up investigation. Information was received.

At 10:40 am, Officer Wilson was dispatched to the 600 block of Maple St. in regards to a past disturbance. Information was received.

At 11:20 am, Officer Wilson was dispatched to the 500 block of W. Prairie St. in regards to a disturbance. The matter was settled at the scene.

At 1:43 pm, Officer Wilson met with a comp. at the PD in regards to a child custody matter. Information was received.

At 6:08 pm, Officer Gonzalez was dispatched to the 100 block of Boothe Drive in regards to an intoxicated person. 44 year-old Bryan Keith Bubela was arrested for public intoxication. Bubela was processed at the PD and transported to the Colorado County Detention Center for confinement.

At 8:55 pm, Officer Gonzalez was dispatched to the 800 block of N. McCarty St. in regards to an unwanted person. Case closed by the issuance of a criminal trespass warning.

March 7
At 1:50 am, Officer Gonzalez was dispatched to the 400 block of Glen Meadows in regards to damaged property. Information was received.

At 2:50 am, Officer Gonzalez provided crowd control in the 500 block of E. Main St.

At 7:46 am, Officer Wilson was dispatched to Carter Walker road in regards to loose dogs. Information was received.

At 12:49 pm, Officer Wilson spoke via phone with a caller in regards to harassment. Information was received.

At 5:40 pm, Officer Alvarado was dispatched to the 400 block of Pendleton St. in regards to a minor two-vehicle crash. Blue forms were issued to report the crash.

At 6:50 pm, Officer Alvarado met with a comp. at the PD in regards to harassment. Information was received.

At 8:17 pm, Sgt. Nelson was dispatched to Oak St. in regards to an unwanted person. The person was gone when Nelson arrived.

At 10 pm, Sgt. Nelson spoke via phone with a caller in regards to a welfare concern. Information was received.

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Colorado County Groundwater District

By Jim Brasher

It recently has dawned on me that being a geologist, I would be remiss if I didn't subject the readers of this column to the fascinating world of Colorado County geology.

You've probably noticed that Colorado County lacks anything resembling the Grand Canyon... or even Palo Duro Canyon. For that matter, you'd be hard pressed to find a naturally occurring ditch of any real size around here.

What that means is that while we live in a very scenic area, the county's surface geology is appreciably more subtle than in other areas.

If you want to find some interesting geology around here, the best place to look is along the Colorado River. The next time you cross the Colorado when it's a bit low, notice all the sand, especially on the inside bends of the river.

This sand was brought down river by currents and deposited where the energy in the river was low enough for the grains to settle. We call these point bar deposits.

Now imagine what the Colorado River was like before the dams were built around Austin. The influence of the Colorado River was over a considerably larger area because flooding was so much more prevalent.

The reason the present Colorado River is of interest geologically and, no doubt, of total fascination to the reader, is that these are exactly the same type of sediments that were deposited hundreds of thousands to over a million years ago and which currently comprise the Evangeline and Chicot aquifers.

Of course, there were no dams on this ancient river and as a result, river flooding was common. Also, periodic climate changes caused sea level to rise and fall dramatically.

At times, this area was miles away from the coastline, as today,

but at other times, the area was essentially right on the coast.

When you pump water from a well, that water comes from an aquifer. This water does not slosh around in big underground caverns, but rather is found between grains of sand and silt.

As you might suspect, the water can more freely flow where there are larger gaps, or pores, between grains. So, sands tend to make better aquifers whereas mud tends to inhibit the flow of groundwater.

The aquifer we tap into for groundwater is called the Gulf Coast Aquifer and it extends through all or parts of about 50 counties along the Texas Gulf Coast.

This huge aquifer system can be further subdivided into sub-aquifers called, from deepest to shallowest: Jasper, Evangeline and Chicot. In areas near the Colorado River, recent river deposits of sand can also store water. About half the groundwater used in the county comes from the Chicot Aquifer or the overlying Colorado River alluvium.

Most of the rest comes from the Evangeline. Only a small portion come from the Jasper.

Which aquifer your well intersects depends on where in the county you're located. In Eagle Lake or Garwood, unless you have a deep well, your water is most likely coming solely from the Chicot Aquifer.

In the Columbus area, a shallow domestic well might only be tapping the river alluvium or maybe the top of the Chicot. If drilled a bit deeper, then it could well encounter the Evangeline Aquifer.

Toward Weimar, your well would not encounter any Chicot, but would likely encounter some Evangeline. If you needed more water, you'd likely have to drill deeper to the Jasper.

As a rule of thumb, the aquifers are better and thicker in the southeastern parts of the county and get thinner toward the north-

west. Does this mean that areas around Weimar, Ellinger and Industry are going to run out of groundwater?

If you're just using water for domestic or livestock use, then there shouldn't be a problem. If you plan on starting to irrigate rice in this area, then that might be a bit more problematic.

So, in one short newspaper column, you're now up to speed on Colorado County subsurface geology. Be sure and test your family and friends about this.

Next month, I'll write about how the knowledge of the geology helps to determine the amount of groundwater available to us.

As always, we invite the public to attend the District's monthly meetings held on the third Wednesday of the month at the Stafford Opera House in Columbus. I promise that I won't quiz anybody about geology either.

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