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Sheriff

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Tuesday, April 13

At 5 am, Deputy Martell responded to the Columbus Community Hospital in reference to a death investigation. Justice of the Peace Pct. 1, Billy Hefner, arrived on scene to conduct the Inquest. After further investigation, the death was determined to be from natural causes. Case closed.

At 7:38 am, Deputy Head and Sgt. Girndt responded to Happy Oaks RV park in reference to a death investigation. Justice of the Peace Pct. 3, Francis Truchard, responded to the scene to conduct the Inquest. An Autopsy was ordered to determine a cause of death. Case is pending further investigation.

At 11 am, Deputy Head responded to the IH-10 eastbound rest area near Columbus in reference to an abandoned vehicle. The vehicle was removed from the location by Jimmy's Wrecker Service. Case closed.

At 5:20 pm, Deputy Blair responded to a residence on Weishuhn Road in New Ulm in reference to a suicidal subject. The subject was taken into emergency custody on a Peace Officer's Warrant and evaluated at the Hospital by Texana. Case closed

Wednesday, April 14

At 5 pm, Deputy Toppel responded to Texana in Columbus in reference to a Peace Officer's Warrant for a mental patient. The patient was transported to West Oaks Hospital for treatment. Case closed.

At 7:45 pm, Deputy Blair responded to FM 2144 near Oakland in reference to a structure fire. On arrival, the residence was fully engulfed. The Oakland and Weimar Volunteer Fire Departments responded and were able to extinguish the fire. The cause of the fire is believed to be from an electrical problem. Case closed.

Thursday, April 15

At 4:50 am, Sgt. Staff and Deputy Hillier responded to Hwy 71 south of Columbus in reference to an abandoned vehicle. The vehicle was removed from the location by Delgado's Wrecker Service. Case closed.

At 10:51 pm, Sgt. Staff and Deputy Hillier responded to a residence in Sheridan in reference to a possible overdose. The victim was transported by EMS to the Rice Medical Center for treatment. Case closed.

At 11:32 pm, Deputy Blair initiated a traffic stop on FM 1291 and Halfmann Lane north of Frelsburg. After further investigation, Walter Eduardo Cruz-Euceda, 21 of Tennessee, was arrested for No Driver's License and Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility. Case closed.

Friday, April 16

At 4:36 am, Sgt. Staff, Deputy Blair, and Deputy Hillier responded to CR 2103 near Weimar in reference to a suspicious vehicle. The vehicle was located and determined to be stolen out of Columbus. The suspects were taken into custody, the vehicle was recovered, and the case was turned over to the Columbus Police Department.

At 6:55 am, Lt. Neisner responded to the Columbus Community Hospital Emergency Room in reference to a Peace Officer's Warrant for a mental patient. The patient was transported to the Austin State Hospital for treatment. Case closed.

At 11:40 am, Deputy Lindemann met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office in reference to a possible Identity Theft. A report was filed and the case is pending an attempt to develop information.

At 12:23 pm, Deputy Zak responded to the Courthouse in reference to a possible Forgery that occurred in Alleyton. On arrival, information was obtained and an investigation was initiated. Case is pending.

At 1 pm, Deputy Toppel responded to Texana in Columbus in reference to a Peace Officer's Warrant for a mental patient. The patient was transported to the Austin State Hospital for treatment. Case closed.

At 2 pm, Deputy Lindemann responded to Broadway Food Mart in reference to a Theft. On arrival, the complainant reported that someone drove off with \$15 worth of gasoline. A report was filed and the case is pending development of suspect information.

At 6:57 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt and Deputy Berger responded to a residence in Sheridan in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation, one Juvenile was detained for Possession of Marihuana and transported to the Victoria County Juvenile Detention Facility. Case closed.

EAGLE LAKE WEATHER REPORT

Information Courtesy of Texas A&M University System
Agricultural Research and Experiment Station, Eagle Lake

Date	Temp (H/L)	Rainfall(in.)
Mon. 05-10-10	88/72	0.00
Tue. 05-11-10	91/73	0.00
Wed. 05-12-10	88/72	0.00
Thu. 05-13-10	n/a	0.00
Fri. 05-14-10	87/67	3.13
Sat. 05-15-10	78/66	0.13
Sun. 05-16-10	88/71	0.03

NEWSBRIEFS

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area. The meal will consist of chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, bread, cobbler and tea. Meal tickets may be purchased for \$8 at all school offices, Johnny's Sport Shop, Buc-ee's, Larry's Super Serve and Nada Grocery. A silent auction will start at 6 p.m. and the meal and presentation will begin at 7 p.m. If you would like to donate an item to the silent auction please contact Shannon Gold or Clarice Dumont.

NHS Induction ceremony is May 27

The public is invited to attend the Rice High School National Honor Society induction ceremony. The induction of new members into the RHS Chapter will be held Thursday, May 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the RHS Commons area.

Juneteenth meeting is May 29

The next meeting for the planning committee will be held Saturday, May 29 at 10 am at Wesley Chapel Methodist Church, 1003 Columbus St. The parade will be held June 19. Line up is Hwy. 71 and Main St. in Altair at 11:30 a.m. It will end at the roadside park on Hwy. 90 and 71. Call 979-758-2412 for more information. Willie King and Deidre Douglass will serve as king and queen respectively. There will be food, music and games. Surrounding communities, Columbus, Eagle Lake, Garwood and others are asked to join this event.

Family and Friends Day May 30

The pastor, officers, and members of the Providence Baptist Church invite the public to attend their annual Family and Friends Day Service, Sunday, May 30 at 3:30 p.m. The Rev. A.L. Edwards and the Greater New Baptist Church of Needville will be the special guests.

Homecoming service set

The Annual Homecoming and Memorial Day service will be held at the air-conditioned Rock Island Community Center, Sunday, May 30. A beef and sausage dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Coffee, iced tea and dessert included. The memorial service and program will commence at 12:30 p.m.

Live Oak Chapter annual banquet

The CCA Live Oak Chapter 7th Annual Banquet will be held Thursday, June 3, at the KC Hall in Columbus. Doors open at 6 p.m. Meal: Ribeye Steak and Grilled Shrimp—catered by Austin's Catering, Eagle Lake. Tickets presale \$30, at the door, \$35, youth 12 and under \$10 includes memberships. Table sponsorships available. Call Ellen Labay at 979-753-6045 if no answer, leave a message. Special drawings for ladies and youth, live auction, silent auction. Gun (drawing) tickets \$20 each, only 650 tickets sold. Tickets available at: Columbus State Bank, The Vintage Shop-Columbus, Columbus Tire Center, The Flower Garden-Columbus, The Brides House-Columbus, Main Package Store-Columbus, and Johnny's Sport Shop and Schindler LP Gas in Eagle Lake or call Ellen Labay.

On site mammograms available

The Department of State Health Services in Columbus Health Clinic will offer on-site mammography on June 5, at 514 Washington St. in Columbus. For more information and to see if you qualify call 281-464-5136. Appointments are limited.

Mamografia de rutina

El Departamento de State Health Services esta ofreciendo mamografia de rutina. Llame a 281-464-5136 y diga que el motivo de su llamada es para hacer una cita para la mamografia en Department of Health. El numero de citas son limitado, asi que llame lo mas pronto possible!

RMC Health fair, rummage sale

Rice Medical Center (RMC) will hold their Community Health Fair, Saturday, June 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be door prizes given away! The RMC Employee Volunteers will hold a rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at RMC, 600 S. Austin Rd. For more information call Vicky at 979-234-5571.

Hemphill-English reunion set

The Hemphill-English Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, July 3 at the Municipal Park in Eagle Lake. The park will be opened from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the families. However there will be a traditional religious hour from 10 to 11 a.m. at White Cloud Baptist Church. For information contact Robert Hemphill at 915-328-4197 after 6 p.m. or email butuhemp@hotmail.com.

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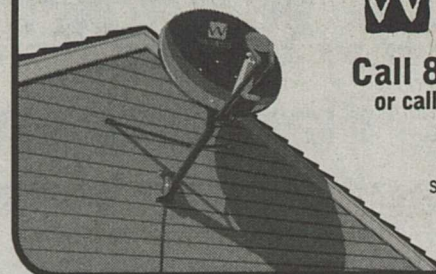
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Raider of the Week



Diamond Ramirez, daughter of Alex and Peggy Ramirez, has been selected Raider of the Week. She is a freshman.

Athletics takes up Diamond's time in the spring semester as she participates in powerlifting and softball.

Theatre Arts is her favorite class.

After high school, Diamond would like to enter the cosmetology program at Wharton County Junior College. She will begin studying cosmetology in school next year.

Murder Case Guilty Plea

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deadly force if the other person is using or attempting to use deadly force or cause serious bodily injury.

Johnson offered evidence through several witnesses that Ulbricht was prone to violence when intoxicated. Ulbricht's intoxication level was 0.28, more than 3½ times the legal limit.

During the trial Sparks pointed out several discrepancies in Johnson's testimony and statements he had given immediately after the shooting.

In closing arguments, he questioned Johnson's story and why he fired a second shot.

The trial began on Monday, May 10, and the jury began deliberating on Wednesday, May 12.

They deliberated six hours over two days.

At one point, the jurors sent out a note indicating they were split 8 to 4 and later asked a question regarding punishment.

The jury next sent out a note that they were split 10-2. They later explained that the split at the end of their deliberations was 6-6.

As the jurors continued to deliberate, the defendant entered

into a plea agreement with the prosecution to plead guilty to murder coupled with a finding that the murder was committed under the influence of sudden passion.

Sparks explained that this finding reduces the punishment to a second-degree felony range of 2 to 20 years in prison.

The judge could also consider deferred adjudication.

Sparks indicated he will be seeking the maximum sentence of 20 years and only entered into the agreement after receiving the consent of the victim's widow and brother.

Visiting Judge Bert Richardson of San Antonio accepted Johnson's plea and will sentence him on June 21 at 1:30 p.m. Johnson remains on bond.

The case is the first murder trial in the county in a number of years.

There have been other murder cases in recent years, but those have resulted in guilty pleas.

Sparks was assisted by Assistant County Attorney Jay Johannes.

Johnson was defended by attorney Leonard Peters.

Pond Day

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of \$10 applies for attending the program and anyone interested in attending is asked to contact the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Austin County Office and let us know you're coming.

Three CEU's will be given to pesticide applicators.

Anyone wishing to have pond-weeds identified is asked to bring their weeds freshly pulled and in a mason jar or zip lock bag.

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