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Woodlake Property Owners Association Neighborhood Watch Newsletter Easter 2012 Edition

The publication of this newsletter is unofficial and does not reflect any opinion, directive, or policy of the Woodlake Property Owners Association members or Board of Directors.

The primary purpose of the newsletter is to convey information designed to assist us to reduce or prevent crime in our community.

The information presented is available through various public access sources, personal interview, or observation. Your comments as to how we can better improve this effort are welcome.

1. Bell County Sheriff Tip Line: Wanted

<http://www.bellcountytexas.com/cscd/cscdwanted.htm>

Four of our suspects this issue were last known to have lived in Temple: Wanted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon is 32 year old, 5'8", 200 lbs, James Garcia is a W/M with brown eyes and black hair. Tonya Schiller is a 5'2", 150 lbs, 36 y/o, W/F, with brown eyes and brown hair, wanted for burglary of a habitat. Morris Shelton, 5'11", 180 lbs, is a 50 y/o, B/M with black eyes and black hair who is wanted for DWI w/child passenger. And, Gilbert Jimenez is 31 yrs/o, 220 lbs, W/M with brown eyes and black hair wanted for possession of a controlled substance.

From Killeen, suspect Bryan Harrison is 26, 6'2", 175lbs, B/M with brown eyes and black hair and is wanted for assault of a family member. Ondria Hardeman is a 29 y/o, B/M that is 6', 164 lbs with brown eyes and black hair. Hardeman is wanted for robbery and is also from Killeen.

If you have any information regarding these individuals, please call the Bell County Sheriff's Office at 254-933-5400, your local law enforcement, or **CRIMESTOPPERS AT 1-800-729-TIPS** (Local 526-TIPS). **ALL CALLS WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.**

2. Crime Update -

Temple - Spike strips put an end to a high speed chase that occurred after a man stole money from a local "IHOP" restaurant Wednesday morning.

Killeen - Police have arrested two Fort Hood soldiers in connection with a burglary that took place early Saturday morning.

Police need your help tracking down a man who is believed to have robbed two convenience stores in a very short time period. Police responded to a robbery report at the Eagle Mart Convenience Store in the 3400 block of Florence Road at 10:01 p.m. on Tuesday.



The final suspect in the murder of 19 year old Jaytuan Lee Hawthorne has now received his sentence after pleading guilty to Capital Murder.

Copperas Cove - Police chase down a car being driven backwards at a high speed, with their lights off and three children in the car.

3. USAonWatch & the National Sheriff's Association SpeakOut -

The USAonWatch®-Neighborhood Watch Program and National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), based on recent public media reports, is aware of an incident that occurred late last month, in a Sanford, Florida community, in which a reported "neighborhood watch leader" shot a teenager. The NSA, through its USAonWatch®-Neighborhood Watch program, is committed to making communities, across the country, safer by working with local law enforcement agencies to reduce crime and improve communities for those who live and work there.

Since 1972, the USAonWatch®-Neighborhood Watch Program (housed within the National Sheriffs' Association) has worked to unite law enforcement agencies, private organizations, and individual citizens in a nation-wide effort to reduce crime and improve local communities. The success of the program has established Neighborhood Watch as the nation's premier crime prevention and community mobilization program. More than 25,000 Neighborhood Watch groups, across the country, are currently registered with the USAonWatch®-Neighborhood Watch registry. Our nation is built on the strength of our citizens. USAonWatch® empowers citizens to become active partners in community, crime-fighting efforts, through participation in Neighborhood Watch groups.

NSA has no information that indicates that the community where the incident occurred has ever registered with USAonWatch®-Neighborhood Watch program. Neighborhood Watch is based on the premise that the role of watch groups is only to serve as the eyes and ears of law enforcement. We encourage individual groups to work directly with their local law enforcement agencies to develop procedures for reporting suspicious activities. At no time, do we advocate any intervention actions by any watch group or individual.

For additional information on the USAonWatch®-Neighborhood Watch Program or to find a Neighborhood Watch group in your area - www.usaonwatch.org. Chris Tutko cuttko@sheriffs.org

4. On The Horizon: Sheriff Smith Retiring; Four Candidates Vie to Fill the Vacancy -

It is a rare circumstance to have more than two candidates in the competition to become the next county sheriff so, the probabilities of having four, all Republican is nearly impossible.

The job comes with huge responsibilities and demands. Among being the "Top Cop" representative for all the counties law enforcement, managing an extensive budget, departments, and personnel, not to mention the jails, the county sheriff plays a key role protecting our Constitutional rights against an overbearing federal government; responsibilities that must not be taken lightly.

Nor, as responsible citizens should we take voting, or for whom we vote, for granted.

Sheriff Smith performed his duties admirably for 26 years so the decisions we make may have far reaching consequences.

This summation of the candidates' qualifications and biographies are to help you wade through the confusion but more importantly, to get you to do your own examination to make the best selection at the polls on May 29th.



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Luis R. Cortez is 56 and has been involved in Bell County law enforcement since 1984. He served as a Reserve Police officer for the city of Belton, Deputy with the Bell Co. Sheriff's Department, Reserve Deputy with Constable's Office Precinct 4, and Chief Deputy with Constable's Office Precinct 3. Currently as Constable of Precinct 1, he serves the areas of Belton, Morgan's Point Resort, Moffat, Whitehall, and parts of Temple.

Since taking office in January 2001, Luis has had a record of backing up his campaign promises. He has collected over \$322,641 in revenue for the county in unpaid traffic fines and warrants through a letter writing campaign, almost \$30,000 in judgments, and approximately \$118,000 in filing fees for his services. In addition, he has been involved in collecting on hot checks for Sharon Long's office. He has accomplished this single handedly in his one-man office. Luis' philosophy is that by working hard, he can help lower the tax burden to the citizens.

Constable Cortez is a second generation Mexican-American and is the proud father of three daughters, two wonderful son-in-laws and six grandkids. Luis attended Salado schools where he learned to speak English by the "immersion" method. He continued his education in the Belton school district and earned his G.E.D. in 1985. He is currently pursuing an advanced degree in Criminal Justice. Luis was baptized at Temple Bible Church in 2003 and currently attends cowboy church at Soldiers of the Cross Cowboy Fellowship.

Eddy Lange has been a Bell County resident since his family moved to Temple in the early sixties. Law enforcement is intrinsic to Eddy's heritage; starting out as a Temple police officer, his dad worked his way up to become Deputy Chief.

In 1980 Eddy became a certified peace officer, then in 1989, a firefighter and EMT for the City of Temple. In 1992 he became the first ever Republican Justice of the Peace for Bell County. Then in 2004, Eddy was elected to serve as the County Commissioner.

Eddy became a licensed auctioneer in 1977, and began Eddy Lange & Associates, Auctioneers, owned a hay baling business from 1978 through 1990, the Holland Supply (feed and hardware) from 1988-1990, and has several rental properties.

Eddy has been involved in several local organizations: Member of Temple Lions Club since 1992, past Temple Jaycees Board of Directors, CTCOG Board of Directors, Honorary Member Temple Rotary Club South, Auction Chairperson, Bell County Youth Fair, auctioneer for Bell County Youth Fair since 1980, and the Cowboy Christmas Ball committee.

As well as affiliation with charities: East Bell Youth Booster, Ronald McDonald House, Love Cures Foundation, American Heart Association, Troy band, baseball, Academy softball and AG boosters, Holland area youth boosters, Contemporaries, Knights of Columbus, SPJST, and has helped with benefit auctions for a number of local churches and schools.

Eddy attended grammar and middle school in Temple, then transferred to Academy to play basketball. He started college at Temple Junior College and finished his degree at Central Texas University. He's been married to Amy Gosney Lange since 1987.

Keith Lee came to Texas in 1985 from Louisiana and after the Marine Corps and the Navy Seabees, has been in the Central Texas since 1995.

While working with the campus police Keith studied Criminal Justice at LSU. During that time he worked security at union strike locations, (picket lines).

Keith served as a Marine Corps scout sniper and as an instructor at the sniper school. He was serving as a Navy Seabees when he re-

enlisted for Operation Desert Storm and was deployed to the Persian Gulf.

Since coming to the area, Keith has worked as a developer and has built and renovated several homes in the area.

Keith wants to help clean up Bell County and to protect and serve its citizens on a platform that includes: cleaning up methamphetamine labs, helping officers become more "citizen friendly" and to cut down on ticket writing for the purpose of raising funds.

"I intend to go after the violent criminals and leave the good people of Bell County alone," Lee said in an interview at the Belton Journal last week. "I'll go after the gangbangers, the meth labs, the crack houses, the drive-by shooters and the thugs that hang out in certain parts of Bell County. I intend to clean all that up by working with the local police chiefs.

If I become Sheriff of Bell County, I have no intentions of turning the dogs loose on the good people of Bell County," Lee said. "I think the best thing we can do to increase money into Bell County is to encourage growth".

"If we encourage growth, rather than run people off by writing them a ticket every time they come to town, then I think that will put more money in the coffers and create a decrease in individual tax burden where we pay a smaller piece of a much bigger pie.

I think that the police are here to protect and serve and not to be looking for ways to make money. We should let the chiefs of police and the city council worry about bringing money in and let the police do their job. They are not legislatures and they are not lawyers, they just need to enforce the law."

As a local businessman, Lee said he knows what Bell County needs from a sheriff.

"We've had politicians in the Sheriff's office for a long time. For what I want to do for Bell County, it's going to take a bulldog. The other candidates might be good politicians, but I'm a bulldog. I go after everything just like I did in the Marine Corps."

For more information about Republican Bell County Sheriff candidate Keith Lee, visit his Facebook page or email at keithprestonlee@gmail.com.

Bob Patterson is Bell County's Jail Administrator.

Bob grew up in Ohio where enlisted in the military in 1975. Eventually Bob left the Army as a military police (MP) from Fort Hood to make Bell County his home.

Bob has had a long and admirable career in law enforcement. He began serving papers for the Sheriff than moved on to criminal investigation and patrol.

"I've pretty much been involved with all aspects of the county sheriffs operations," Patterson said.

In 1987, Bob was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant assigned to the Bell County Jail where he was responsible for managing the budget, courtroom security, and intake operations. Then and until 1995 at his current position, Bob became the Supervising Inspector for the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

"I've had the opportunity to be involved in leadership roles at the local, state and national levels. Helping to create a team that manages the professional operations of our jail and watching our staff grow and take responsibility has been rewarding. I get a great bit of enjoyment watching people grow."

Bob's affiliations include: President of the Central Texas Peace Officers Association, Texas Jail Association and the American Jail Association.

Bob hopes to build on Sheriff Smith's reputation, high standards, and responsiveness to the local communities.