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New Christmas Lighting Fixtures Going Up



City employees Harry Supak, driver of the front-end loader, and Paul Supak are shown installing one of the new Christmas Decorations which will add beauty to the downtown area during the forthcoming holiday season. There will be 25 of the Christmas tree ornaments shown above and 25 candle ornaments and fixtures used at the Municipal Building will be refurbished under a program sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce through donations from local individuals and businesses.

New Christmas Decorations Are Going Up This Week

\$3461.92 Given, More Funds Urgently Needed

City of Eagle Lake employees began the task of putting up the new Christmas decorations for the downtown area this week, noted the City Manager T. J. Smith Tuesday. Half of the new fixtures have arrived and the remainder are due by the end of the week.

City crews are now placing the new fixtures on the brackets which already exist on poles in the downtown area, and also will install the refurbished decorations at the Municipal Building on the downtown city square.

The new fixtures will include 25 lighted tree decorations and 25 lighted candle decorations. Total cost of the fixtures and refurbishing the fixtures used at the Municipal Building was \$4500.00 and the chamber estimates that another \$330 to \$400 will be needed for electricity for lighting the fixtures during the holidays.

As of Monday the Christmas Holiday Decorations Fund totaled \$3461.92. Latest donors to the fund include: Ashby Oil and Mud \$25.00; Jane Clippson \$10.00; Ophelia Johnson \$10.00; Meitzen \$6.25.00; A. J. Struss Auto \$20.00; R. L. Cook Farm \$5.00; Billy Reynolds \$5.00; Rice Package Store \$25.00; and Steve Almanza, Jr. \$5.00. Approximately \$1500 is needed and those wishing to donate are urged to do so as soon as possible so that the new decorations may be received and paid for by the Christmas holiday season. Contributions may be sent to the First National Bank or the Chamber of Commerce in Eagle Lake.

Sheridan Lions Stew Supper Saturday Nite

The Sheridan Lions Club will stage its Thirteenth Annual Stew Supper this Saturday, Dec. 4th, in the Sheridan Community Center and the public is invited to attend.

The stew supper will be served beginning at 6 p.m. with adult plates \$1.50 and children under 12 will be served for \$1.25.

Games and recreation will follow the supper. Proceeds from the event will be used by the Sheridan Lions for the benefit of the Community Center, the Fire Department, and other community activities and your support is solicited.

RHS Boys Cage Tournney Fri., Sat.

Raiders, Brazos Consol. Open Play Friday At 1:00 P.M.

Rice High School Athletic Department will host the Seventh Annual Boys' Basketball Tournament in Raider gymnasium this Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3rd and 4th and cage fans in the area are invited to see some top-notch action by eight outstanding teams from this area.

The Rice Raiders, coached by Jack Grammer, will be defending their championship title in the tournament, and they will open play at 1:00 p.m. Friday when they host the Brazos Consolidated Cougars. Other first round action games include: 2:45 p.m. Royal vs. Cuero; 4:30 p.m. Needville vs. Wheatley JV of Houston; and 6:15 p.m. Gonzales vs. Calhoun (Port Lavaca).

New Shipment of "Cook's Tour I" Now Available

A new shipment of the Hospital Auxiliary's original "Cook's Tour of Eagle Lake" has arrived. This is the first cookbook the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) had printed and the ladies have ordered a new supply due to many requests.

For people who like to cook, this book and the latest one, "Cook's Tour No. 2", are being sold in downtown businesses and the Gift Shop at the local hospital or at Mrs. Frank Higgins' home. Cook's Tour I sells for \$3.00 and Cook's Tour II for \$4.00.

"For that special Christmas gift, give a cookbook this year," say the Pink Ladies.

Buy Cook Books from the Pink Ladies for Christmas gifts.

Temperature Skids To 20 Degrees During Ice Storm

The area experienced record-low temperatures during a severe ice storm which struck this area last week-end, skidding temperatures to the low 20's and icing streets and highways with sleet, especially Sunday morning.

The temperature dropped sharply when the cold front moved into the area Saturday and a misty rain turned to sleet and very scattered light snow flurries. The countryside, lawns, rooftops and other projections were white with sleet. The sleet continued to fall until noon and highways became hazardous for the heavy holiday traffic.

A low of 20 degrees was reported here early Monday morning and the temperature dropped to 22 degrees early Tuesday morning, followed by a gradual warming trend.

Nine Accidents
The Texas Highway Patrol and the County Sheriff's office were called to at least 9 wrecks, mostly from skidding on ice-covered bridges. Two of the accidents were of the major extent, although no injuries were reported and the county escaped without a fatality during the long Thanksgiving holiday week.

and when a record number of persons died on highways in Texas.

One of the nine accidents occurred Sunday afternoon on the North Columbus river bridge and involved four vehicles. Heavy traffic on Highway 71 was delayed for some time while the wreckage was cleared from the bridge.

Local officers reported that the traffic through the city was exceedingly heavy, especially Sunday as holiday motorists, hunters and others passed through the city en route home after the holiday period.

Eagle Lake police investigated three minor accidents during the holiday weekend; and highway patrolmen investigated three others on highways in the area, discussed in another article in this issue.

Some Pipes Burst

Numerous water pipes were burst by the long freezing period. The City of Eagle Lake reported at least two two-inch water mains cracked by the cold temperatures and more may become evident when the thawing period is completed.

County Agent Cooper Going To Fort Bend

County Judge Lester J. Crane reported to the Colorado County Commissioners' Court in special session on Wednesday of last week, that he has received word from O. B. Clifton, district director of the Texas A&M Extension Service, that P. Johnnie Cooper, who has been county agent in this county for the past 6 years, has been hired as County Agent in Fort Bend County.

Cooper also spent four years with the extension service in Harris County. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural education and dairy reproduction from Texas A&M University.

Mr. Cooper is expected to assume new duties in Fort Bend County on December 16th.

No word had been received early this week on a possible successor for Mr. Cooper.

City OK's Bonus For Firemen; Employee Holidays

Eagle Lake City Council unanimously gave its approval to Christmas bonuses of \$3.00 per practice session attended (a maximum of 24 per year) to the members of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. The bonuses will be presented to firemen at the annual banquet to be held Monday night.

The council also authorized the city manager to make plans for the city employees to observe Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Dec. 24-25 as holidays; also New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, Dec. 31-Jan. 1st will be holidays for city employees.

Republican Women To Meet Dec. 8

The Republican Women of Colorado County will have a business meeting Wednesday, December 8th at 2:00 p.m. in the Central Power and Light office in Columbus located at 1001 Milam. Officers of the group urge all members to attend.

Headlight To Sponsor Holiday Decor Contest

The Eagle Lake Headlight will sponsor a Christmas Lighting and Decorations Contest in the Eagle Lake community this year and will furnish prizes for both indoor and outdoor decorations.

Prizes will be \$25 for first place, \$15 for second and \$10 for third place in each division.

Information will be announced well in advance of the judging date so that all decorations may be adequately displayed on the night of judging.

You do not need to enter your display in advance. All entries lighted on the night of judging will be taken into consideration.

Watch this paper for further details.

Publisher Fred Frnka said the contest is being planned in hopes of making this community an outstanding and beautiful one during the holiday season, adding emphasis to the new lighting and decorations program to be on display in the downtown area this year.

Illegal Hunters Pay Fines Totalling Nearly \$3700

2 Charged For Killing Fawn, Trespass Fined \$962

Illegal hunters continue to pay heavy fines for violation of hunting and trespassing regulations in this county. Two men arrested during a lengthy search Saturday evening found hunting especially costly as they paid over \$900 in fines; while a third man believed to be in their group is being sought on illegal hunting and trespassing charges.

At 11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26th, Game Warden Sam Center of Eagle Lake arrested James M. Flemister of Houston near the Mentz community on a charge of possession of an untagged deer and Flemister paid a fine of \$112.50 in Justice of the Peace Richard C. Schmidt's Court, Precinct 1, Columbus.

Two Arrested Here
At around 7 p.m. Saturday, Eagle Lake police officers Buford Ashley and Steve Skinner stopped a pickup on a speeding violation and investigation revealed a cut-up doe deer in the back of the pickup. A charge of possession of a doe deer without permit was filed against Gerald W. James, Sr. of Humble and he paid a fine of \$212.50 in JP Schmidt's court. A passenger in the pickup, Michael B. Nolen of Humble, was also charged with possession of doe deer without permit, and he was

City To File For HUD Funds For Drainage

David Wiese Seriously Hurt In Hunt Accident

David Wiese, 12, of Arlington lost the lower portion of his left leg as the result of a hunting accident north of the city off Cat Spring Road last Saturday morning. David, son of Mrs. Laura Wiese of Arlington and Riley Wiese of Dallas, was here visiting with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wiese, and other relatives, and was hunting quail with two of his cousins when his 20 gauge shotgun accidentally discharged when he slipped on a rice levee and the load of pellets struck the calf of his left leg.

He was rushed following the accident to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital and then to St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston where the leg was amputated below the knee. David remains in intensive care in the St. Joseph's Hospital. His mother reported Tuesday night that he is progressing nicely and is in good spirits, despite his unfortunate accident.

His mother added that he has been receiving the finest care possible, although further surgery may be necessary on the wounded leg.

He is a member of the sixth grade in Arlington and was very active in elementary sports and was looking forward to junior high competition next year.

Friends pray for his continued progress from this unfortunate accident.

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The ordinance also sets out that: "It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any dog owned, possessed, kept, or

Holiday Greeting Ad Sales Are Underway

The Eagle Lake Headlight will begin the sale of holiday greeting ads this week and representatives of the paper will be calling on local businesses during the next two weeks.

If you are not contacted for a greeting by Dec. 17th and would like to be included with a message for Christmas or for the New Year's holiday, please call 234-2783.

The annual Christmas greeting edition will be published Dec. 22nd and the New Year's edition on Dec. 29th.

New Dog Ordinance Now Law

Eagle Lake City Council, in session Tuesday night, Nov. 23rd, passed the final reading of a dog control and restraining ordinance unanimously and the ordinance is now in effect.

Roaming Dogs Illegal

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2 'Lost' Houston Men Show Up With Doe Deer

A search for two men who were reported to be missing after a canoeing trip on the Colorado River during the week-end, ended Monday afternoon when the two men were found and charged by Game Warden Leo Kohleffel with possession of an untagged doe deer.

Families of the two men, Robert E. Davis and David W. Creel, both of Houston, reported to the county sheriff's office that the pair may have developed trouble since they did not show at a pre-designated time at Columbus. The two reportedly put their canoe into the river at La Grange and planned to meet relatives in Columbus. When they did not show up Monday, a search was being organized to search for the pair. Game Warden Kohleffel looked along the river from the air in Jim Whitcomb's

plane, but failed to see any signs of the two. Later while further search plans were being developed the two men, both 23, showed up near the East River Bridge. Investigation revealed they had a doe deer in the canoe and were arrested by Sheriff's deputies and Game Warden Kohleffel and charged with possession of an untagged doe deer.

They were tried in Justice of the Peace Richard C. Schmidt's Court in Columbus on the charges of possession of untaged doe deer and each paid a fine of \$212.50 for their experience.

Fines Total \$3,691.50

The two cases Monday brought to \$3,691.50 the total of fines collected for illegal deer hunting in this county, an unusually high figure, noted local game wardens.

To Seek \$250,000 Grant For Ditch On 4th, E Sts.

Eagle Lake City Council in session on Tuesday night of last week, authorized the engineering firm of O'Malley and Clay of Brenham and Rosenberg to proceed with initial plans for a pre-application request for Community Development Funds from HUD for a drainage improvement project from East Main Street toward and in front of the Eagle Lake Primary School.

Dan Kennedy of the engineering firm met with the council and discussed alternatives that might be carried out in improving drainage in the area and remain within the maximum limit of \$250,000 for a Community Development project. Kennedy noted that the limit for such projects has been raised this year from \$100,000 to \$250,000 and HUD reports more applications than ever before and funds have not been increased that much; hence he indicated that it will be more difficult to get approval in the highly competitive program. Funds received under the program are under a grant form and are fully-financed under the federal program.

Project Discussed

The project which was given a priority rating by the local Citizens' Advisory Committee, is for improvement of the drainage ditch which crosses under East Main Street just east of the S&W Auto Parts store. The ditch is a wide and deep one and runs south along Fourth Street to E Street (in front of the Primary School) and the ditch runs west along E Street to Second Street and then the waters drain south toward the lake.

Kennedy proposed that the ditch be improved with cleaning to its intersection with B Street, a distance of two blocks from Main, then from B Street south to E Street, plans would be to install a double box concrete culvert and fill over the culvert to the existing level of surrounding terrain. The concrete box culverts and fills would also be continued along E Street to the west side of Third Street, thereby eliminating the narrow and dangerous bridge at the intersection of Third and E Street.

From this intersection the ditch would be continued for a block west on E Street with concrete base and linings in the ditch and then flow would continue in an open dirt ditch to the lake. He estimated that the cost of such a program would be \$280,000. Kennedy received authority from the council to prepare a pre-application form for the maximum amount of funds, \$250,000, and also to develop plans for adjusting the installation of the double box culvert covered portion to a point where it could be done within

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