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First Newborn of 1978



Mrs. Archie Noska is shown with her newborn, Archie Jason, born at 8:51 a.m. Sunday, January 1st, 1978 as the first baby born in the New Year at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

Archie Noskas Welcome First Child of 1978

The Eagle Lake community welcomed its first baby of the 1978 year on Sunday, January 1st at 8:51 a.m. with the birth of a baby boy for Mr. and Mrs. Archie Noska of Eagle Lake. The new arrival weighed seven pounds and one ounce and measured nineteen inches in length upon his birth at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. He has been named Archie Jason.

The little gentleman is being welcomed by two sisters: Sandy, age 10, and Monnie, who will be four years of age on January 12th. Grandparents for the New Year's Day baby are Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Baird, Sr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Willie Noska, Sr., all of Eagle Lake.

Auto Collides With Horse Trailer On 71

The New Year's weekend passed with little excitement, except for social activities, and fortunately there were no traffic fatalities on the highways in this county after the 1977 year closed with a record total of 19 traffic fatalities.

Highway Patrolmen Randy Baish and Andy Tacquard of the Eagle Lake station reported only one traffic accident in this area during the weekend.

Tacquard investigated this accident at 11:45 p.m. New Year's Eve on Highway 71, 15 miles east of Amarillo.

Involved were a 1978 Chevrolet driven by Birkley Robinson of Garwood, California, and a horse trailer, and a Chevrolet Impala driven by David G. Montoya.

The officer noted that the vehicles were traveling east on Highway 71. Robinson turned into a private drive in an attempt to turn around and backed the trailer off the highway and the trailer became stuck. Montoya failed to see the trailer which was across the road and struck the trailer. Considerable damage was reported to the Montoya car and the trailer. Montoya received a cut on the chin and other minor injuries.

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New Classified Advertising Rates for Headlight

Effective with this issue the Eagle Lake Headlight has new rates for classified ads in this paper.

The rate for classifieds will be ten cents per word for the first insertion and five cents for succeeding insertions with a \$2.00 per week minimum. An additional 50¢ per ad per week will be added for those classifieds not paid in advance, except to those customers with an established and active account for the month in which the classified ad is placed.

The minimum rate for cards of thanks will remain at \$2.50 for a maximum of 50 words; those in excess of 50 words will have an additional charge of 1¢ per word over 50.

Display ads on the classified page will be \$1.50 per col. inch with a \$2.50 minimum for a 1 inch box.

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Deadlines for classified ads will be at 12 noon on Tuesdays. Late ads will be published only on a space available basis.

You may place classifieds by calling 234-2783 or by writing to Box 97, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

4 Injured In Wreck At Columbus Mon.

Four persons were injured, one critically, in a two-vehicle accident on Highway 71 south of the IH 10 intersection in Columbus at 5:45 p.m. Monday, January 2nd in the county's major contribution to the traffic accident toll during the holiday weekend.

Columbus Patrolman Bobby Friedrich was the investigating officer. He noted that a 1978 Dodge Aspen, owned by Hertz Rental Cars and driven by Michael Manevich of Gainesville, Florida; and a 1977 Ford pickup truck driven by Gordon Hallford of Columbus were involved in the accident.

The officer said that investigation revealed that Manevich had just graduated from the University of Florida and he and his parents and two sisters, from Columbus, South America, were making a tour of the area as part of the graduation celebration.

They told the officer that their car developed trouble and they pulled off IH 10 and went to the Exxon Station at the intersection of IH 10 and 71 in Columbus. Unable to get help there, Manevich drove the car off the private drive of the Exxon Station onto Highway 71 into the path of the Hallford pickup which was traveling south on 71.

Vivian Manevich, 19, was seriously injured and was taken to the Hermann Hospital in Houston by the Life-Flight helicopter at 8 p.m. Monday. Admitted to the Columbus Hospital also were: Mrs. Sarah Manevich, mother of the driver and the injured girl, who had head, shoulder and rib injuries; her brother, Michael Manevich, 17, with shoulder and rib injuries; and the driver of the car, Michael Manevich.

The officer said alert work by the Columbus Emergency Assistance Corps attendant at the scene of the accident probably saved the life of Michael who was knocked out by the impact and was clinging when aid arrived.

Hallford escaped the crash without injuries.

Heavy damage was reported to both vehicles.

Charges of failure to yield right of way from a private driveway were filed against Manevich.

Freash Accident Dec. 31st
Officer Friedrich also investigated another accident of a freakish nature which could have resulted in some tragic results.

At 5 p.m. Dec. 31st, a 1977 Ford pickup driven by Elie Joe Muzny of Houston, drove up to the intersection of Highways 71 and 90 in Columbus and stopped at the intersection for a red light to change. The vehicle did not move through two changes of the light, so curious motorists went to the vehicle and rapped on the window and noted that the man was not moving.

The officer said that about that time, the pickup darted through the intersection against a red light and smashed into a 1975 Volvo occupied by five people, parked on the other side of the intersection waiting for the light to change.

Driver of the Volvo was Robert Bolton of Bellaire and

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Public Meeting Feb. 6 On Sewer Treatment Facility

The City of Eagle Lake will hold a public meeting at 2:00 p.m. February 6th at the Council Room of the Municipal Building, for the purpose of discussing the economical and social effects of the location, design and environmental impact of a 0.5 million gallon per day wastewater treatment facility to be constructed at the existing treatment plant site.

The hearing is one of the requirements that must be met in the City's application for federal funds through the department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City has received some funds for engineering study of the proposal and for an infiltration study which was conducted last year.

The engineering firm of Bernard Johnson, Inc. has been named by the city to prepare applications for funds, has provided maps, drawings, a facility plan, environmental assessment statements and other pertinent data and they are available at the city hall from City Secretary Lucille Perry.

City Manager T. J. Smith said that all persons interested in the project are invited to appear and express their views on the proposed project and the associated Facility Plan and Environmental Assessment. Also written statements may be submitted prior to or during the hearing. "One of the purposes of this hearing will be to discuss the potential environmental impact of the projects and alternatives to it," added the city manager.

After the hearing and final approval by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the City will begin the process for Step II of the three-step application for federal assistance for the local project. Step II will consist of an application for funds for drafting, plans and specifications prior to submission of the project for bids. It has been estimated that Step II, the shorter of the three steps, will require from five to six months to complete, with most of the work to be done on the desk and on the drafting board.

New Ratings Jan. 20th
The Texas Department of Water Resources is expected to come up with a new list of priority ratings for federal assistance and the Eagle Lake application is expected to be elevated on the priorities list, "but will still be a good ways from the top," said the city manager.

It is hoped that the priority rating will be such that the city can proceed with the hiring of the Bernard Johnson engineering firm to begin plans for tying in some of the present existing lines and facilities into proposed new construction; and for "rehabilitation" work on sewerlines in the city where the recent infiltration study revealed leaks which permit infiltration of rain and drainage water into the sewer lines, thereby adding to the amount of inflow into the sewer treatment plant.

The City of Eagle Lake received notice several years ago from the Texas Water Quality Board which now has been coordinated into the Texas Department of Water Resources, that the present plant is not adequate, in size and in nature, to properly handle the flow of wastewater through the sewer plant. The City has been moving since that time toward eventual construction of a new sewer plant.

H&R Block Office Opening Here Monday

Mrs. Bill (Emily) Stiles, owner of the H&R Block office in Eagle Lake, announces this week that the tax service office will be open beginning Monday of next week and will be open through the tax season from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The H&R Block office is located at 113 East Main Street in the same location as Emily's Realty.

Musical At Providence B.C. Saturday Nite

The public is invited to attend a Musical at the Providence Baptist Church this Saturday night, Jan. 7th at 7:00 p.m.

The Rev. Coby Shorter, Jr., pastor, says the event will be in appreciation of the music department. "You will have a very enjoyable time. Many talents will participate in this affair," he added.

Rain, Freeze Usher In New Year

The 1978 year was ushered in by a strong norther that dropped temperatures below the freezing mark and brought about three-fourths of an inch of badly needed rainfall.

The cold wind and light rainfall combined to form ice on branches of limbs, rooftops and other projections. Temperature dropped to 30 degrees on the morning of Monday, January 2nd and was down to 25 degrees on Tuesday morning.

Employees at the lake plant of the Lakeside Irrigation Co. were off during the New Year's weekend hence the plant did not have a recording on the rainfall. The Rice Experiment Station west of Eagle Lake recorded .32 of an inch of rain last Sat., Dec. 28th and another .10 of an inch on the 29th. This brought the total rainfall for the year of 1977 to 34.89 inches, about five inches below the normal rainfall for this area.

The rice experiment station recorded .28 of an inch of rainfall on New Year's Day to get the 1978 year off to a cold and wet start.

Dr. Jim Stansel, director of the Rice Experiment Station, noted that the rainfall "will help the soil moisture situation for winter pastures." He added that expected milder weather will boost the growth rate of winter grains and other pastures, later in the week.

He noted that there is a chance for more rainfall by the week's end.

Receives Burns
David Wintermann received burns about the face and on one hand when gas which had accumulated in a heater which he was lighting at his home on Lakeside Drive exploded. Mr. Wintermann received flash burns about the eyes and on one hand, but is getting along nicely and no permanent injury is expected to the eyes.

Kiddies Pictures To Be Taken Here Jan. 14

This year the Eagle Lake Headlight will run a pictorial feature of the youngsters in this area as "Citizens of Tomorrow". In the near future we will be publishing free a picture of all the children who are brought by their parents or other guardian to the Eagle Lake Community Center between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14th.

Living Color

An expert children's photographer will take the pictures to assure uniform quality and size for best reproduction, and they will be taken in natural living color. Please dress your children colorfully to take full advantage of the beauty of color photography. The pictures will run in black and white in the newspaper.

There are absolutely no strings to this invitation nor are there any charges to the parents. They do not have to be subscribers of this newspaper to participate. Neither are the parents obligated to purchase any of the color pictures taken.

Those who might desire color photographs may obtain them by making arrangements with the Studio Representative when they select the pose they wish to see printed in the Headlight.

Appointments

Appointments may be made by calling Karen Franklin, phone number 234-2733. While appointments are not necessary to have your children photographed it could avoid your having to wait. Check this date on your calendar now, Saturday, Jan. 14, and help us make this a memorable community feature.

Burglars Hit Phillips Exxon At Columbus Sun.

The Colorado County Sheriff's office received a call at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 1st from Bill Phillips, owner of the Exxon Service Station on Highway 90 east of Columbus, reporting that his station had been entered. Investigation revealed that the entry was made by breaking out a glass in the front door and then the burglars reached in to unlock the door.

Phillips reported the following items missing: \$5.87 worth of gas was taken from a pump which was unlocked with a key found in the building; one AM-FM radio, 2 cans of radiator sealer, two cans of gasoline additive, one box of aspirin, 13 flashlight batteries, 12 D cell batteries, and a 16 volt handlight. Investigation of the entry continues.

Bishop Milhouse To Speak At Lissie Church Jan. 15

Consecration Of
New Addition
To Be Held

Bishop Paul W. Milhouse, President of the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church, and episcopal leader of the Oklahoma Conference, will preach during the morning worship service of the Lissie United Methodist Church on Sunday, January 15th.

Prior to merger with The Methodist Church, the Lissie church was one of the stronger congregations in both leadership and stewardship of the Evangelical United Brethren Denomination. It was the largest EUB church in Texas and had an

outstanding track record in the Texas-Oklahoma Conference over which Bishop Milhouse presided. At meetings and convocations he still refers to and inquires about "my church at Lissie."

An informal reception will be hosted for Bishop and Mrs. Milhouse by the United Methodist Women in the fellowship hall of the church from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14. Light refreshments will be served.

Before being assigned to the Oklahoma area in 1968, he served as bishop of the Kansas City area where he was first assigned upon election to the episcopacy in 1960. A man with a pastor's heart throughout his ministry.

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ELMS Jr. High Cage Tourney Thurs. thru Sat.

Eagle Lake Middle School will host the annual boys and girls junior high basketball tournament this week-end, Thurs., Fri., and Sat., Jan. 5th, 6th and 7th and sports fans in the area are invited to make plans to attend the event.

All games will be played in the Eagle Lake Middle School gym beginning at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5th and continuing with the girls finals at 5 p.m. in the 7th grade division and at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, in the 8th grade division and the boys final at 7:30 p.m. on Sat., Jan. 7th.

Boys' Division

Competing in the boys' division will be Weimar, Eagle Lake, Columbus, East Bernard, El Campo, Garwood, Wharton and Iago. The first round of play will see Weimar playing Eagle Lake at 1 p.m. Thurs.; Columbus vs. East Bernard at 3:30 p.m. Thurs.; El Campo vs. Garwood at 2:15 p.m. Friday; and Wharton vs. Iago at 4:45 p.m. Friday. The boys' consolation final will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday; the third place game at 3:45 p.m. and the final at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7th.

Two Girls' Divisions

The girls will play in two divisions, with East Bernard, Columbus, Iago and Eagle Lake 7th grade girls in one division and the girls from the same schools in the 8th grade division.

The first round of action in the 7th grade division will find the East Bernard girls meeting Columbus at 4:45 p.m. Thursday while the Eagle Lake and Iago girls meet at 3:30 p.m. Friday. In the 8th grade divisions, the Eagle Lake and Iago girls tangle at 1:00 p.m. Friday and the East Bernard and Columbus girls at 2:15 p.m. Thursday.

Consolation in the girls 7th grade division will be at 12 noon Saturday and in the 8th grade division at 1:15 p.m. Saturday. The 7th grade girls finals will be at 5:00 p.m. Saturday and the girls 8th grade finals at 6:15.

Tickets to the various sessions of the tournament will be 50¢ for students and \$1.50 for adults. All tournament tickets for adults will cost \$2.00 each.

Raiders Open Dist. Fri.

Sports fans are invited to Raider Gym in Altair Friday night to support the Rice Raider boys as they open defense of the West Zone District 14AAA title vs. Columbia. Games begin 4:30.

Parent Orientation For 1978 Freshman Class Jan. 16th

An orientation for parents of the freshmen class of 1978 will be held at 7 p.m. in the Commons of Rice High School on Monday, January 16, 1978. An overview of the Rice Curriculum together with the level of course offerings will be presented. Professional staff members will be available to discuss with parents their dependent's program on an individual basis.

The program is scheduled to concur with the preregistration of the freshmen class for 1978, and will enable the parents to assist their child in selecting courses during the registration process.

Bill Esterling Named Special Sheriff's Deputy

Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller announces this week the appointment of Bill Esterling to his staff as a special deputy. The sheriff noted that Esterling lives in the Rock Island area and that will give more coverage to that part of the county.

The position is only a part-time one with pay of \$48 per month. The sheriff said that he was glad to have Esterling accept the appointment.

County Savings & Loan Plans \$100 Million Celebration Jan. 22

Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan Association is making plans for a big celebration on Sun., Jan. 22nd when the association will celebrate the passing of \$100,000,000.00 in total assets. Sam K. Seymour, Jr., president of the Columbus-based association, notes that the assets of the association have climbed from \$4,500 in 1965 to \$100,000,000 in 1978.

An open house will be held at the Columbus location on Sunday, Jan. 22nd from one to five p.m. Good food will be served to those attending and there will be complimentary gifts for everyone.

Tax Group Here Mon., Tues. To Collect '77 Taxes

Colorado County Tax Assessor and Collector Henry J. Hajovsky and his deputies will be in Eagle Lake Monday and Tuesday, January 9th and 10th to collect 1977 taxes and to assess property for 1978 taxes.

The tax group will be at the Municipal Building in Eagle Lake from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Effective January 1st, the 1977 taxes are due at net payment and beginning February 1st penalty and interest will be added.

The tour will continue at Hopkins' Office in Garwood Wed., Jan. 11th from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; at the Sheridan school from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thurs., Jan. 12th; and at the Rock Island community center from 1 to 3 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 12th.

The final stops of the tour will be at Oakland community center from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fri., Jan. 13th; and at the Nade Grocery and Market on Mon., Jan. 16th from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Complete plans for the gala event will be announced in future issues of the Headlight. Meanwhile, Mr. Seymour and other association officers invite one and all to make plans to attend the celebration event.

Mr. Seymour emphasized that the open house will be for all citizens of the area and added that invitations will be extended through the newspapers in this area only.

Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan Association also has branch offices in the Katy-Nottingham area, in Bealy, Schulenburg, and Wharton.