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Writing Up That Last Order



Louis J. Muzny, who has spent over forty years in the grocery business and the last 35 associated with the Wilcox Grocery in Eagle Lake, is shown writing up his last grocery order prior to his retirement which became effective last Saturday, December 30th. (Story on page 3).

ELMS 7th and 8th Boys Cage Tourney Fri. and Sat.

The Eagle Lake Middle School will host its annual boys' seventh and eighth grade basketball tournament Friday, Jan. 5 and Saturday, Jan. 6 in the Eagle Lake Middle School gym. Area sports fans are invited to make plans to attend this event.

Tickets for the various sessions will be 50c for students and \$1.00 for adults. All tournament tickets for adults will cost \$2.00 each.

The tournament will get underway at 9:00 in the morning on Friday.

The Middle School seventh grade playing the Seely seventh grade. At 10:15 a.m. Eagle Lake eighth graders drew a bye; at 11:30 a.m. East Bernard and Garwood seventh graders meet; at 12:45 East Bernard and Garwood eighth graders play; Royal and Wharton seventh graders meet at 2 p.m.; El Campo gets a bye in eighth grade play; and Lago plays Brano seventh graders at 3:15 p.m. and Lago meets Brano eighth graders at 4:30 p.m. Loser of ELMS-Seely seventh grade plays the East Bernard-Garwood seventh grade loser at 5:45; and ending play Friday, Jan. 5 the loser of East Bernard-Garwood gets a bye at 7:00

p.m. The action continues on Saturday at 8 a.m. and play will continue right up to the seventh grade consolation finals at 2:15 p.m.; eighth grade consolation finals at 3:30 p.m.; seventh grade third place game at 4:45 p.m.; eighth grade third place game at 6:00 p.m. The seventh grade championship finals will be at 7:15 p.m. Sat., Jan. 6 and the eighth grade finals at 8:30 p.m.

Peroni's Now Own Mobile Village Here

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Peroni have purchased the Mobile Village mobile home park next to the Guadalupe Addition in the southern part of town and the park will be known in the future as Peroni's Mobile Village.

The Peronis purchased the 32-lot mobile village from Brig. Gen. (Ret.) and Mrs. Joe N. Frazar, effective January 1st of this year.

The Peronis came to Eagle Lake about a year and a half ago and she (Edwina) is a Registered Nurse employed at Eagle Lake Community

Monday Nite Math Classes For Parents Of ELMS Students

Monday Night Math Classes are scheduled in January for parents of students in the Eagle Lake Middle School. These classes are in response to parents asking for assistance and guidance with their children's math homework, and the classes will have one main focus - to aid the parent who feels inadequate in helping with math.

Contrary to published stories in other sources, we have found parents of our students concerned about their class performance and willing to cooperate with the teachers at the Middle School. The parent math class is one response to their interest in helping their children be better math students. We encourage parents to become actively involved in helping, or maybe just checking, their children with homework," commented James Crabb, ELMS principal.

Classes on 3 Mondays Mrs. Leon Spaniel and Byron Zavesky, Junior High math teachers, will conduct the classes. Topics will include: ideas and ways

parents can help with math concepts dealing with the four operations on whole numbers, decimals and fractions, simple geometry, and the metric system. Participants will also have an opportunity to be actively engaged in working with classroom manipulations.

The classes will be held in the Eagle Lake Middle School on three Mondays in January, beginning Mon., Jan. 8th, Jan. 15th, and Jan. 22nd. Notices have been sent home with all Junior High students, and parents are asked to return the registration form so some idea of the number of participants can be anticipated.

Rotary Duck, Goose Gumbo Supper Tues.

Eagle Lake Rotary Club will sponsor its annual duck and goose Gumbo Supper in the Eagle Lake Community Center next Tuesday, Jan. 9th and one and all are invited to attend.

The delicious gumbo, prepared under the supervision of Jim and Sue Stansel, will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. for \$1.50 per plate.

All proceeds will go toward the club's commitment to the Eagle Lake Community Center renovations project.

Ducks and geese are needed for the event, and persons who have interest in donating to this worthy project are invited to contact Donald Oberhaus, Jim Stansel, or leave them at the Eagle Market, specially designated for the Gumbo Supper.

County Fair Hearing On Jan. 11th

A County Fair public hearing will be held Thursday, January 11 at 7 p.m. in the Columbus Elementary School cafeteria. At this meeting it will be decided whether there will be a

2.09 Inches Rain Added To '78 Total

Two more inches of rainfall in the last few days of 1978 increased the 1978 rainfall total in this community to 25.09 inches, a total well below the normal average rainfall of 39 inches per year.

The lake plant of the Lakeside Irrigation Co. measured 1.45 inches of rain on Thursday of last week and another .64 of an inch Saturday, Dec. 30th to boost the December total to 3.35 inches and the 1978 total to 35.28 inches.

This compares with 34.89 inches of rain in 1977.

Hospital; and Mr. Peroni is associated with Mobil Oil Co., having been transferred here from Texas City.

The Mobile Village features spacious lots, paved and guttered streets, and other improvements.

Hot Water Heater Causes N.Y. Day Fire

Eagle Lake volunteer firemen were called out at around 3 a.m. on New Year's Day, Jan. 1st to extinguish a fire caused by a hot water heater exploding in a storage building at Eagle Trailer Park just west of the city.

This was the third alarm of the 1978-79 year (which began Dec. 1, 1978) since the firemen were called previously to two grass fires.

Uzzells Are Injured In Accident Fri.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Uzzell are recuperating in the Polly Byon Hospital in Richmond from injuries received in the collision of their station wagon and a large truck-trailer van just west of Rosenberg at 4:45 p.m. last Friday, December 29th.

The Uzzells, and those who have seen the damage done to their car, are thankful indeed that the injuries were not more serious.

Ernest and Virginia were traveling on Highway 90A near the intersection of 90A and Scott Road, which runs parallel to the Gulf State Trading Company, when the large truck and trailer with

van body, owned by a corporation in Hallettsville, approached the intersection traveling north on Scott Rd. when the brakes on the truck failed and it crossed onto the highway into the path of the Uzzell vehicle.

Mr. Uzzell said that he saw the truck but was unable to stop and the station wagon ran under the bed of the rear tandem wheels, ripping off the hood and part of the engine. In the impact, the Uzzell vehicle lifted the rear of the truck slightly and the truck bed then ripped off the top of the station wagon to a point behind the front seat.

The station wagon began to burn and although the door

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county fair or not.

All interested persons are invited and urged to attend, said Shirley Brown, County Extension Agent.

Temperature Skids To 15 Degrees Tuesday

Celebrate 40th Wedding Anniv.



Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bunge of the Van Poppel community [between Garwood and Altair] were honored on the occasion of their fortieth wedding anniversary with a reception and dance last Thursday evening, December 28th in the Eagle Lake Community Center. See story on page 11.

ECA Class Starts This Thurs., Jan. 4

An Emergency Care Attendant class will be held at the Ambulance Hall (above the police station) beginning at 7:00 p.m. this Thursday, Jan. 4. Anyone interested in joining the Ambulance Corps or in furthering their knowledge of emergency first aid is invited to take the course.

All EMT's and ECA's are reminded this is your recertification course. "Even if you are no longer active, we urge you to recertify for your own and your family's protection or to be prepared if you become a first responder at the scene of an accident," said Corps officers.

If you have any questions, call June Mahalite at 234-2678.

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2 Minor Accidents In City During N.Y. Weekend

Eagle Lake police department reported a very quiet New Year's week-end with only two accidents on Saturday, Dec. 30 the major incidents to be investigated by the officers.

At 8:00 p.m. at the intersection of Postoffice and Walnut streets, a 1973 Chevrolet driven by Roger Lee Kruse of Eagle Lake was traveling west on Postoffice and was struck by a 1964 Mercury being driven north on Walnut. Investigating officer Richard LaCourse noted that the Mercury failed to stop at a stop sign, hit the Chevrolet and knocked it onto the sidewalk. The driver of the Mercury reportedly jumped from the car and fled the scene on foot along with another occupant of the car.

Considerable damage was reported to the Kruse vehicle.

Officers have identified the

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The year of 1979 blew in with some of the coldest weather ever and the temperature skidded to a low of 15 degrees on Tuesday morning and was down to 20 degrees on Wednesday morning.

Fortunately, there was little moisture with the blustery north winds and only minor damage resulted from the icy conditions on the streets and highways in this area.

Highway Patrol Sergeant Gilbert Kiel reported Tuesday afternoon that there were four or five minor accidents caused by icy conditions on bridges and overpasses on IH10 in the Columbus area. But this was not true further north, where accidents due to the icy conditions increased in a north and westerly direction. He stated that there were 15 or 20 minor collisions due to icing on Highway 71 and Interstate 10 in Fayette County.

The temperature started sliding New Year's Day morning and by nightfall it was down near the 20 degree mark. Fifteen degrees was registered at the rice experiment station and in areas in the northern part of the city; 16 degrees on the thermometer at the First National Bank. Temperatures continued below the freezing mark during the day Tuesday and reached another very cold 20 degrees early Wednesday morning.

Some Power Failure A Central Power and Light Co. power line broke from the high north winds around 9:15 p.m. Tuesday night and some 438 customers in the southern part of the city (along Highway 90A, on the hill, and Guadalupe area, and in the Matthews area) were without power from 9:15 until 11:45 p.m.

Local CPL crewmen made the repairs to the broken line.

The natural gas pressure dropped in some areas of the city, especially along McCarty Street and on Austin Road, but city personnel were busy rectifying the problem.

The supply of gas is expected to be adequate for this cold spell but citizens are urged to conserve energy as much as possible by lowering thermostats, especially during the night hours.

No Gas In Weimar

A malfunction in a natural gas line where it leaves the Entex Gas Pipeline System to the City of Weimar, cut off natural gas supply to 766 customers at Weimar at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday and it was not until nightfall that the problem was corrected and Weimarites began to get some heat to thaw out from the frigid temperatures.

Twenty-eight Entex crews were in Weimar late Tuesday afternoon checking homes to see that all gas fixtures, pilot

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County Ends Year With Twelve Fatalities In '78

Gilbert Kiel, sergeant for the Texas Highway Patrol in charge of operations in Fayette and Colorado Counties, reported this week that Colorado County had a total of 12 fatalities during 1978. The twelve fatalities came in ten accidents and compared with 20 fatalities in fourteen accidents in the year of 1977.

In Fayette County, the 1978 death toll on highways was 10 deaths in nine accidents as compared to eleven deaths in eight accidents in 1977.

The sergeant noted that these figures do not include any fatalities that might have occurred in cities of 2000 population or over.

Raiders In All-Region Band



The above members of the Rice High School Raider Band have been selected, by audition, as members of the Texas Music Educators Association All-Region Band. Music Region XIII extends from the Rio Grande to the Calhoun and Fort Lavinia. All-Region band members include, left to right, Robert Morgan, Arnold Rodriguez, Robert Moss, Thomas Beck, Carol Crabb, Becky Anderson, Gilbert Cordia, Michelle Sibley, Angel Farrow, Peggy Leopold and Rich Farris.

The Region Band will perform a concert this Saturday,

Jan. 6th in Fort Lavinia. In order to prepare for this concert the band members will rehearse on both Jan. 5th and 6th at Calhoun High School. Dr. Gary Garner of West Texas State and Verda Harrington of Anderson High School will be clinicians of the Region Band.

"We are very proud of these outstanding band members and students and are looking forward to an outstanding clinic and concert," said Rice High School Band Director Floyd Spenshath.

Police Chief Reports Tickets Up, Accidents Steady During 1978

Speaks At Rotary Meet Last Wed.

Eagle Lake Chief of Police Buford Ashley was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club on Wednesday of last week and he brought an informative program on the operation of the police department and cited statistics on traffic tickets and accidents for the past five years.

His report showed that in 1974 the department issued 522 traffic tickets and investigated 62 accidents. In 1975, the traffic tickets increased to 692 and accidents to 82; in 1976 the department issued 501 traffic tickets and worked 87 accidents.

In the year of 1977, a total of 555 traffic citations were issued and 101 wrecks worked. The chief noted that up to Dec. 28th, the department had issued 718 tickets and worked 97 accidents for the year of 1978.

Ashley said that although the police department is not supposed to write tickets to make money, income from the fines levied for traffic violations made a modest contribution to the city's budget.

25 Truck Accidents

Much to the surprise of the

group, the chief commented that in 1978 only 20 trailer trucks (not all gravel trucks) were involved in accidents in the city of Eagle Lake. He added that the department has issued "very few" tickets for speeding to the truck drivers. "Because of the size of the trucks, especially the gravel trucks, and due to the noise they make, their speed appears to be more than it is and it is difficult for even an experienced officer to estimate a truck's speed accurately," said the police chief.

Another note of interest reported by the chief was that there has not been a fatality from an accident in the city since Dec. 28, 1976.

Most of the citations issued to gravel trucks passing through the city are for leaking tailgates, said the officer. He added that the fine for second offense leaking tailgate is automatically set at \$200 under state statutes.

Few Accidents on McCarty Another surprising part of his report was that in all of 1978 only two accidents were worked on South McCarty Street at the entrance to the city from the west. Despite the higher speed restrictions in that area, there have been

relatively few accidents from the Dairy Queen west to the city limits. The chief noted, however, that the higher speed limits along that section are conducive to accidents and the probability of a major accident is always prevalent.

In a question and answer session, the chief discussed with Rotarians the possibility of reducing the speed limits in that area and also the increased speed by the trucks as they leave the city in both westerly and easterly directions.

Marijuana Problem Endless Chief Ashley estimated that about sixty percent of the community's teenagers have smoked marijuana at one time or another, but indicated that there "have been no great problems" as a result. He noted that there are some youth in the community who go to the big cities and purchase a pound or so of marijuana and then return here and divide it up into "lids" or "joints" for sale to local youth. But he added that the young people are not the only ones who indulge in marijuana, commenting that there are also a number of adults who use marijuana frequently.

Ashley was introduced by program chairman Bill Farris.