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Bishop Here For Confirmation of 77 Sunday



His Excellency Vincent Harris, Bishop of the Austin Diocese, center was the guest of honor at a covered dish supper in the Community Center Sunday evening following Confirmation services in the local Catholic churches. With Bishop Harris are: left, Father Tom Hannus, pastor of the Our Lady of Perpetual and Our Lady of Guadalupe Churches; and at the right, Father Edward Geiser, now retired, former pastor of the Catholic churches here. [See story on page 13]

Santa Claus To Visit Here Dec. 15

An invitation to Santa Claus to visit in Eagle Lake on Saturday, Dec. 15th has been extended and accepted and the Chamber of Commerce members are busy completing plans for the annual visit from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Santa Claus will be hitching a ride here by helicopter and should touch down at 1:30 p.m. sharp on Commerce Street in front of the First National Bank and Jo Ann's department store. The street will be closed and roped off for the protection of all during the arrival of the helicopter, piloted by Dan Thornton.

Santa will visit with all of the children in the foyer of the Municipal Building and will have packages of candy, fruit and nuts for the youngsters, compliments of the Chamber of Commerce.

Numerous volunteers will be needed during the event and anyone who would like to assist should contact the chamber office in the Municipal Building, 234-2780, or Louis Schorlemmer, president of the chamber.

In the event of inclement weather, plans are being made for Santa to arrive by fire truck or some other enclosed transportation.

"One and all are invited to make plans to visit with Santa on his annual visit to the community," said Schorlemmer.

Comm. Choir Preparing For Dec. 19 Cantata

The Community Choir, comprised of singers from Eagle Lake, Lissie, Nada and Garwood, will sing the beautiful Christmas Cantata, "The Carols of Christmas" in the United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 19th.

The singers are holding rehearsals each Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church and anyone who would like to participate is welcome to join in this presentation.

The public is invited to make plans to attend this annual inspirational cantata.

C. of C. Ballots Due Back This Friday

Ballots in the election of four new directors, for three year terms, for the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce are due back not later than this Friday, Dec. 7th. They may be returned by mail or left at the chamber office in the Municipal Building.

Results will be canvassed and made public at the meeting of the chamber next Monday, Dec. 10th at 2:30 p.m. at which time the four new directors will meet with carry-over directors for the election of the 1980 officers.

Nominees for the offices are: J. J. Smith, Mrs. George (Ann) Matting, Roy Dean Van Nort, Robert P. Wilcox, Mrs. J. F. (Marlene) Miller, Mrs. Ernie (Sandy) Rodgers, Boyd Belyeu, and Mrs. Robert (Maxine) Griffith.

Final Plans Being Readied For New 26-Lot Subdivision

Donates Quilt To Pink Ladies



Mrs. E. E. Vogelsang of Alletton is shown above displaying a beautiful suede patch quilt which she has generously donated to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital for a fund-raising project. This is the third year that Mrs. Vogelsang has donated a quilt for projects sponsored by the Pink Ladies. The quilt and an afghan made by Mrs. A. J. Struss are on display at the Headlight office this week.

Homes For Low To Moderate Income Families Planned

Plans for a 26-lot subdivision to be developed on Hubbard's Ferry Road adjacent to the west edge of the Eagle Lake Recreation Center Golf Course and northeast side of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital were announced on Tuesday night, Nov. 27th, at the regular meeting of the city council held at the Municipal Building.

John and Charles Lessinger, brothers, representing Trendmark Builders of Houston, presented a proposed plat indicating the preliminary plans for location, design and size of the new subdivision.

The development, to cover five acres, will accommodate moderate to low income families and purchases can be financed through FHA loans. The Lessingers, who will construct homes on lots of the subdivision, say the homes will range from \$35,000 to \$38,000 and hope to get some construction started by April or May of 1980. Trendmark, who is currently building in Brookshire, approximates about 18 months for completion of the project.

Before the developers can begin actual work on the project they must get city council approval of the plat designating streets, etc. O'Malley and Clay Engineering of Brenham is working with Trendmark to help meet specifications required to satisfy city guidelines and hopes to have a final plat ready soon for the city's inspection.

The council was in full agreement that Eagle Lake was in desperate need of a housing development of this type and offered its encouragement to continue plans with it.

City Hires Specialist For Rehabilitation Project

[By Jeff Franks] The Eagle Lake city council in session on Tuesday, Nov. 27th, approved the hiring of Bruce J. Spitzengel to serve as supervisor of the \$157,000 rehabilitation project as proposed in the \$750,000 Community Block Grant received from the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. The hiring, however, is contingent upon HUD approval.

Spitzengel, a community planning and development specialist from LaPorte, has begun preliminary work on the project which will allocate funds following a survey to improve substandard housing in the "flat" (Westmoreland Addition) between East Main (Highway 90A) and E. Street.

In other action last Tuesday the council:

- Approved the closing of Commerce Street on the east side of the city square between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. of Sat., Dec. 15 for the arrival of Santa Claus;
- Heard resolutions from the Eagle Lake Community Hospital and the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce urging the council to consider the necessity of a passage under railroad tracks to accommodate emergency vehicles

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Contract Awarded To Drymalla For ELMS Work

Contract Is For \$843,868 Less Lunchroom Eqp't. Cost

The Board of Education of the Rice Consolidated School District met in a special meeting at 1:00 p.m. Monday and awarded a contract to Drymalla Construction Co. of Columbus for the construction of the Eagle Lake Middle School addition. Drymalla was low bidder on the project with a base bid of \$837,095 but the board voted to accept several alternates that would increase the contract price to \$843,868. However, the board also exercised the option of removing from the contract the installation of lunchroom equipment and this is expected to reduce Drymalla's contract by some \$100,000. Exact figure on the contract cost was still being compiled by the architect S. I. Morris late Tuesday.

By exercising the option to purchase the lunchroom equipment outside the contract, the district will be able to apply immediately for state assistance for the purchase of new equipment which will be needed in the new cafeteria at the Eagle Lake Middle School.

Supt. Harold King estimates (Continued on last page)

Burglars Hit Cattleman's Restaurant

At 5:40 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28th, the Colorado County Sheriff's Office was notified that there had been a break-in at the Cattleman's Restaurant east of Columbus. Investigation revealed that entry was gained by removing an air conditioner from a window on the east side of the building. Taken were: a portable black and white television set, a portable radio, a shotgun, and the restaurant's check book.

The investigation by the sheriff's department continues.

CB Radios, Tools Stolen At Master Tire Service

A burglary at the Master Tire Service at the intersection of State Street and FM 3013 was reported Thursday to the Eagle Lake Police Department. Francisco Leyva notified Deputy Sheriff J. M. O'Connor, who was assisting the local police last week during the absence of Chief of Police Bufford Ashley, to report the incident.

He said that the business was entered the night of Nov. 27th or 28th and two CB radios and one tool box full of brand new tools were taken. Investigation of the burglary continues.

Consol. Fund Extended; At \$9,400

The Eagle Lake Consolidated Fund continues to grow daily and although the \$12,449 goal was not reached by the projected Nov. 30th deadline, leaders of the Fund are confident that the goal will be reached and the drive has been extended in order to give those who have not given an opportunity to do so. The Rev. Melburn Sibley, chairman of the drive, reports that as of last Friday, \$9,400 or 75.5% of the \$12,449 had been collected.

He added that the "United Fund" concept is to include all charities in one gift. Such an effort saves the time of workers and it is a convenience to donors. "Remember that you are supporting many agencies with one gift," he added.

Consolidated Fund workers are encouraged to check back with businesses where collection envelopes were delivered to see if they have been turned in to the bank. Businesses are encouraged to complete employee collections and turn the collection envelopes in to any teller at the First National Bank or mail it to P. O. Box 336, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

The campaign chairman added, "Let's complete the task! Everyone's help is needed."

Holiday Greeting Ad Sales Underway

The Eagle Lake Headlight has begun the sale of holiday greeting ads and a representative of the paper will be calling on local businesses during the next two weeks.

If you are not contacted for a greeting by Dec. 15th and would like to be included with a message for Christmas or for the New Year's holiday, please call 234-2783.

Rock Is. Fire Dept. Stew Dinner Set Sun., Dec. 9

The Rock Island Fire Department is sponsoring a stew dinner at the Fire Station Sunday, December 9 at 11 a.m. Refreshments will also be served.

The dinners will sell for \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. The public is invited to attend.

Columbus Students Present Inspiring Rotary Program



Eagle Lake businessmen and guests enjoyed one of the most inspirational programs ever presented here on Wednesday of last week when this group of Columbus High School Biology and Speech students presented a program on patriotism entitled "I Am The American Flag". The group was accompanied here by Columbus high school biology instructor Charles Rader and also commander of the American Legion Post in

Columbus. Taking part on the program were, left to right, Sandra Dittmer, Amy Wadman, Becky Sullivan, Bernadette Friedricks, Ruthie Heather and Cindy Hanks. The young ladies spoke for the flag describing some of the trials and tribulations this nation has withstood, privileges of being an American and the opportunities which are available in this great country under the United States Flag. [See story on page 7].

Water To Be Off Late Thurs. Nite On East Main

The City of Eagle Lake announces that water along East Main Street will be cut off beginning at 10:00 p.m. Thursday night of this week for repairs to some water lines. The water will be off for as long as it takes to do the work, said city manager T. J. Smith.

Businesses and residences in the area to be affected will be notified personally about the temporary shut-off.

The area to be affected will extend from Miller's Grocery, east on East Main to the edge of the city.

Candy Strippers Offer Baby Sitting

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Candy Strippers will be doing Baby Sitting for those wishing to shop "child-free" on Saturday, December 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

For registration call 234-5441 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 234-3673 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Garwood and Sheridan residents may call 234-2445.

The young ladies will sit with children one year old and up for \$1.00 an hour per child; and \$1.50 per hour for two children in the same family.

The Candy Strippers ask that you register for the sitting by 5:00 p.m. December 7.

Bill Thomas Ins. Agency Honored By Travelers Ins.

Travelers Insurance Company honored the W. M. (Bill) Thomas Insurance Agency by presenting the agency a beautiful plaque as a charter member of the "100" Club. The award is made for outstanding sales and for service to clients, and owner, Bill Thomas, Jr., achieved this honor in less than a year with the company.

John Corbett, director of agricultural development for Travelers' Houston division, made the presentation last Thursday, and later entertained Mr. and Mrs. Thomas with a luncheon at The Farris 1015.

CHRISTMAS SHOP IN EAGLE LAKE