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Quiet New Year In City, County

The New Year's holiday weekend passed very quietly in the City of Eagle Lake and County of Colorado, according to law enforcement officials in the area.

Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner said that his department received only one disturbance call on a fight among youngsters but no charges were filed.

In spite of the wet and foggy weather which prevailed during a part of the holiday weekend, there were very few accidents on the highways and streets of the county. Highway Patrolmen Joe Garcia and Ray Munsell of the Eagle Lake station did not work any wrecks in this area. There were no fatalities in this county, although the

Prepared Childbirth Classes Start Here Jan. 19th

Eagle Lake Community Hospital will hold Prepared Childbirth Classes in the hospital's conference room beginning Jan. 19th and continuing one day each week through Feb. 23rd. Sessions will be held Jan. 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23rd.

Sessions will be held each night from 7 to 10 p.m. Fee will be \$35 per couple for the six week course. Instructor will be Susan Ray from the Childbirth Education Association of El Campo.

Lamaze techniques, as well as the different stages of pregnancy, will be covered in the classes. There will be a lecture and exercise period each session. Also the class will include a tour of the hospital's labor and delivery rooms, labor folders and pamphlets, newborn class reunion, "American Baby" magazine, bi-monthly newsletter and a film showing.

Interested couples are invited to contact Laura Devenport, Patient Care Coordinator at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital, 234-3514, for further information and registration.

Burglars Attempt To Crack Safe At Eagle Tractor

A burglar or burglars reportedly entered the Eagle Tractor, Inc. building on East Main sometime during the past weekend and made a light attempt to open a safe stored at the back of the building. Eagle Lake Police Chief Earl Winebrenner received a call from the implement company at around 5:00 p.m. Monday. Employees of the firm did not go into the area where the safe is kept until that time and noted that the safe had been tampered with and notified the police department.

Chief Winebrenner said that he could not find evidence of any point of entry, except for some possible marks on a front door. He stated that damage to the safe was not heavy and that nothing was reported to be missing. Investigation of the entry continues by the police department.

Support the Rice Raider cagers in their District 22AAA competition.

Larry Uhlig Is New Postmaster At Cat Spring

Larry Uhlig who has been a flexible clerk in the Eagle Lake Post Office since Sept. 3, 1974, has been appointed postmaster at Cat Spring, Texas. The appointment was effective Dec. 20th, 1981 and he assumed office on Monday, Dec. 28th.

A native of Bernardo, he and his mother, Mrs. Alfred Uhlig, live on their farm between Bernardo and Cat Spring. The farm has been in his paternal family, the Prauses, since before the Civil War and several years ago the farm received the State Family Heritage Award for having been in the same family for over 100 years.

Larry's maternal great uncle, Charles Theuman, was postmaster at Cat Spring in 1914; and his grandfather Theuman was rural carrier at Cat Spring when that office had three rural routes. His grandfather also taught school in Cat Spring community.

Since Larry is well known by customers of the office and the rural route in Cat Spring, they are pleased by his appointment. The office was vacated in February of 1981 upon the retirement of the former postmaster.

Larry has been a popular clerk at the Eagle Lake postoffice for the past seven years and was well liked by the Eagle Lake customers who will miss him in the local office.

A successor to Uhlig will be named from a register of applicants who took an examination last November, as soon as results are received, said Postmaster Robert S. Martin.

4 Charged In Burglary Of Weimar D. Queen

Four persons from San Antonio, one of them a 16-year-old male juvenile, were apprehended in the Weimar area early Tuesday morning and are charged with the burglary of the Dairy Queen in Weimar.

A person who lives in the area of the Dairy Queen called the sheriff's office at 4:25 a.m. to report some suspicious activity at the business and the sheriff's department sent Deputy Curley Wied to Weimar and notified Weimar Chief of

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Champion Chill Cookers



Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Joe Marsalis, left, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Miller, right, display the first place prize they won in the Breesches' Chill Cooking Contest held annually on New Year's Day at the home of Auntie and Frank Breesches. The prize-winning pot of chill, "M and M Coward Chill", topped 13 other entries in the annual event last Sunday afternoon in Eagle Lake. See story on page 7.

Deadline For CC Banquet Tickets Mon.

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce business office in the Municipal Building and all officers and directors have tickets available for the 31st annual banquet which will be held on Friday, January 15th in the Eagle Lake Community Center.

The deadline for obtaining tickets is next Monday, Jan. 11th.

The tickets are \$6.00 each which includes a delicious meal and program including the official recognition of 1982 officers and an address by Oliver Albritton who currently serves as chairman of a task force appointed by Governor Bill Clements to promote industrial and tourist development in this state. He is expected to bring an informative and entertaining message.

Those planning to attend the event are urged to purchase tickets in advance, as soon as possible. No tickets will be available, except at the Chamber of Commerce office through special arrangements with secretary Dorothy Jones, after the January 11th deadline.

'81 Rainfall Tally Stays At 49.02 Ins.

Although there was some light intermittent rain and fog in this area during the last few days of the 1981 calendar year, the lake plant of the Lakeside Irrigation Co. had no further rainfall to report, hence the total rainfall figure reported in last week's issue of the Headlight, 49.02 inches, will stand as the official rainfall at the lake plant.

The 1981 total exceeds by over twenty inches the 1980 total of 27.76 inches and is over ten inches over the normal rainfall for this area - around 39 inches annually.

Last week, the Headlight reported that light rain was falling at our press time on Wed., Dec. 30th, but no measurable amount was recorded for the last two days of the year at the lake plant.

Truck Slams Into Rear Of Vehicle On 90A

Fortunately no injuries resulted when a large 1979 International Diesel gravel truck slammed into the rear of a 1978 Ranchero pickup at 5:55 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28th on South McCarty (Highway 90A) near the intersection of Laughlin Road and McCarty.

Eagle Lake Patrolman Gil Steen, the investigating officer, reported that the Ranchero was being driven north on McCarty by Hugh Dale Sheridan of Eagle Lake and Houston and the driver slowed down to make a left turn to the home of his mother, Mrs. R. L. Lange. The gravel truck was also being driven north on McCarty by Alfredo Gonzales Aguilar, 36, of McAllen and Altair and the driver apparently failed to see the turn signals and the left front of the truck hit the back center of the Ranchero.

Although there were no injuries to either driver, considerable damage was done to the Ranchero, light damage to the truck.

The investigating officer reported that there was another near collision at the Laughlin Road and McCarty intersection while his investigation was underway.

Aguilar was ticketed with following too closely to avoid collision.

Raider Cagers Open Defense Of Titles

The District 22AAA basketball race moves into full swing this week for the Rice High School Raider varsity girls and boys as they try to defend the league titles earned a year ago.

Both the Raider varsity teams will host Sealy this Friday night in Raider Gym with the girls tipping off at 8:00 followed by the boys at 7:30 p.m.

Next Tuesday both varsity teams will be in East Bernard for games also at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

On Friday, Jan. 15th the Raiders will host Columbus for two games in Raider Gym.

This year, both boys and girls varsity teams will be playing on the same night which should enable cage fans to give undivided support to their teams throughout the conference schedule.

For a schedule of junior varsity, freshman and junior high games, see page seven.

Seven Polling Places Set For January 16 Bingo Election

Voting To Be Done Here In Municipal Bldg.

Bishop Benitez To Make Visitation At Epis. Ch. Wed.

The Rt. Rev. Maurice Manuel Benitez will be making a Visitation to Christ Episcopal Church in Eagle Lake this Wednesday evening, Jan. 6th, beginning with a parish supper at 6:30, and continuing with the Eucharist at 7:30, at which he will be the celebrant and preacher. This will be Bishop Benitez' first Visitation to Christ Church since his consecration September 13, 1980. The rector and congregation of the parish extend a cordial welcome to all to attend.

Bishop Benitez was born Jan. 23, 1928, in Washington, D.C. Graduating from high school in Miami, Florida, he received his B.S. degree from the United States Military Academy and served for six years in the United States Air Force. Following this

military service he attended St. Luke's School of Theology of the University of the South in Seawane, Tennessee, and was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in 1959. He served in churches in Florida and Texas, and was rector of the Church of St. John the Divine, Houston, at the time of his election as sixth Bishop of Texas in 1980. During his ministry he has been active in many areas of Episcopal Church work in the diocese and in the nation. He was married in 1949 to the former Joanne Dossett, and they have three daughters.

A deeply spiritual man, Bishop Benitez is warm and out-going, and the people of Christ Church are looking forward to his visitation. Again, they invite friends and neighbors to join them for this occasion.

Colorado County Judge Lester J. Cranek has released information on the seven polling places for the forthcoming bingo option election to be held in this county on Sat., Jan. 16th. The election was called by Colorado County Commissioners' Court after a petition bearing 342 names was received by the court. The election, if approved, would permit the legal operation of bingo games by charitable and non-profit groups. Enabling legislation to permit calling of the special option elections was passed by the past special session of the Texas Legislature in response to approval of an amendment to the state constitution by Texas voters.

Similar elections will be held January 16th in Lavaca, Wharton, and Fayette Counties and possibly others.

Seven Polling Places Voting in the bingo option election will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in seven voting precincts as follows:

Garwood and Nada voters will vote at the Garwood Lions' Hall; Eagle Lake and Altair voters will cast ballots in the Council Room of the Municipal Building;

Sheridan and Rock Island voters will vote in the Sheridan School Gymnasium; Alleyton, North Columbus, Columbus, Buescher, Shaws Bend and Glidden will vote in the County Agricultural Building in Columbus; Weimar and Oakland will vote in the City Hall in Weimar;

Frelsburg and Brushy will vote in Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg; Bernardo and Ments will vote in the fire department building in Bernardo.

Qualified registered voters will cast ballots in the special bingo option election.

Must Get License Where voters approve bingo, non-profit groups must get licenses from the Comptroller's Bingo Regulation Division and can't legally (Continued on last page)

E.L. Schools To Host Parent Visitation Jan. 15

Friday, January 15 will be an In-Service day for the Rice Consolidated School District faculty members and it will be a holiday for the pupils; however, time has been set aside on that day from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for parents to visit their child's teacher or teachers at Eagle Lake Middle School and Eagle

Lake Primary School. A good response last year encouraged a repeat of this event this school year, according to Principals Major Bengé and David Mims, who urge parents to come during the afternoon to discuss pupil progress with the teachers in the homeroom of that teacher.

Sheriff's Dept. Arrests 4 On Prostitution Charges

Colorado County Sheriff's Department, acting on a complaint of prostitution in a home on Farm to Market Road 155 between Weimar and La Grange, raided the Leo Horak residence Wednesday, Dec. 30, and charged three persons with prostitution and another with aggravated promotion of prostitution.

According to the sheriff's department, arrested and charged with prostitution were: Charlene Garcia, 32 years of age; Brenda Teague,

22; and Glenda Sierra, 22; all of Columbus. Leo Horak, 63, of Route 3, Weimar was charged with the aggravated promotion of prostitution.

All four subjects are reported to be out on bond pending setting dates for trial of the cases in court. Assisting the sheriff's department in the investigation were: officers from the Weimar police department, Eagle Lake Police Chief Earl Winebrenner, and Texas Ranger Ray Nutt, reported Sheriff Jim Broussard.

Bids On Hospital Expansion To Be Opened Tuesday

Bids for the expansion of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital are due to be opened at 2:00 p.m. next Tuesday, January 12th in the hospital's conference room.

The project will increase the hospital's capacity from 37 to 47 beds and will include addition of a therapy department and a new surgical recovery room and other improvements to the existing facilities.

Thomas R. Fannin of the architectural firm of Page Southerland Page of Houston is the project manager.

Eagle Lake Community Hospital was initially granted a license to construct a 37 bed hospital in 1973 and the official dedication of the \$1,550,000 facility was held debt-free on May, 23, 1975.

The new wing will extend southeast and perpendicular to the present facility (toward the Heritage House) and will join the present facility near the present nurses' station.

The expansion will add a total of 3,700 square feet to the existing facility which has around 30,000 square feet. Costs of the expansion have been estimated at around \$350,000.

16 Team Cage Tourney At ELMS Fri. and Sat.

Sixteen teams will open play this Friday when the Annual Eagle Lake Middle School Basketball Tournament gets underway at the ELMS Gymnasium.

The tournament, sponsored by the ELMS Student Council, will consist of four divisions with seventh and eighth grade boys and girls teams comprising those divisions.

The ELMS eighth grade girls and boys and the seventh grade girls, all won their respective divisions in last year's tournament and will be out to regain their titles. The seventh grade boys placed second in their division and will be shooting for the top spot this year.

Girls Division The McAllister and Columbus seventh grade girls will open play on Friday at 8:00 a.m. with Eagle Lake playing East Bernard at 1:00 p.m. on Friday in the other seventh grade girls game. In the eighth grade girls division, McAllister will meet Columbus at 10:30 on Friday with Eagle Lake battling East Bernard at 3:30.

Boys Division The seventh grade boys division will open play on Friday with Garwood playing Katy West Memorial at 9:15 a.m. and Eagle Lake playing Weimar at 2:15. Eighth grade boys competition gets underway at 11:45 a.m. on Friday with Katy West Memorial

playing St. Philip's. Eagle Lake will play St. Anthony's at 4:45 on Friday in the other eighth grade matchup.

Action will resume on Saturday morning with four consolation games followed by the four divisional championship games starting at 1:30, 2:45, 4:00 and 5:15 p.m. Trophies will be awarded to the top teams in each division at the conclusion of play on Saturday at about 6:30 p.m.

Public Invited. Tickets for the tournament games are 50c for students and \$1.00 for adults at the door.

See complete tournament schedule on page 7.