



### Chinese New Year

Celebration of the Chinese New Year has become as popular as Chinese Foods. The date always falls between January 21 and February 19, but it is on a different day each year. This year it is on February 13 and is the year 4681.

Special foods are featured during the two weeks around the new year that are a part of the celebration which had its beginnings in ancient China more than 5,000 years ago.

Here is one of my favorites which fits right into the foods of the Chinese New Year.

- Almond Chicken**
- 2 whole boneless chicken breast
  - 1 large egg, beaten
  - 1/2 c. flour
  - 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
  - 1/2 c. soy sauce
  - 1 tsp. ginger
  - 1/4 c. packed brown sugar
  - 1/4 tsp. minced garlic
  - 1/4 c. pineapple juice
  - 2 tsp. lemon juice
  - 1/4 c. chopped green onions
  - 1/2 c. sliced almonds
  - 4 c. hot cooked rice
- Cut chicken into 1/2" slices. Dip in egg. Combine flour and garlic salt. Dredge chicken pieces in flour. Pan fry in small amount of hot vegetable oil until golden brown. Drain and keep hot. While chicken cooks, combine remaining ingredients except onion and almond. Cook until slightly thickened. Place rice on serving platter. Arrange chicken over rice. Pour sauce over chicken. Sprinkle with green onion and almonds. Serves 4.

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## Buy your mops and brooms this Thursday from a Lion

The annual Mop and Broom Sale sponsored by the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club will be held this Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. offering many household items in addition to the traditional mops and brooms.

Chairman for this year's sale is Rev. Mike Barron, who said the club depends on this sale as one of its major fund raising events. The Lions Club, like the other civic organizations for men and women here, sponsors various fund raising events throughout the year, and uses the money raised for worthy local projects.

Once again the caravan truck will be parked in front of the municipal building, and Lions Club members will canvass businesses for sales.

No sales will be made house to house, but the chamber of commerce will



Miss Black Essence 83-84

Diane Carter of Columbus, second from left, was crowned Miss Black Essence 1983-84 on Saturday at Eagle Lake Primary School. Other winners are, from left, Cynthia Coleman, second runner-up; Carter and winner of the advertisement sales contest; Carter; Nine Denley, Miss Congeniality, and Constance Pettit, first runner-up. Additional pictures on Page 9.

## Chamber to plan year at meeting

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will hold its first official meeting of 1983 at the Spantaman's Restaurant at noon next Monday and all directors and other chamber members and interested citizens are invited and urged to attend.

One of the items of business will be a report on the hearing with the Railroad Commission held

last Thursday in Austin, relative to the request by Greyhound Lines, Inc. to halt bus service to Eagle Lake and other communities.

Also, Dennis Thompson of the new American Bell organization is expected to attend to answer questions anyone here might have on telephone equipment and installations.

The chamber meeting is a "ditch treat" luncheon that lasts about an hour. Jo Ann Mahalit, the new chamber president, will preside. She is expected to name committee members for the 1983 year. Projects proposed for the year will be considered.

"Let's get the year off to a good start. We need the cooperation and support of all of our citizens in order to make the Eagle Lake Community prosper," Mahalit said.

## City protests bus cuts but law will allow runs to be routed elsewhere

Six citizens of Eagle Lake traveled to Austin last Thursday to file a protest with the Railroad Commission of Texas against the discontinuance of service to Eagle Lake by Greyhound Lines, Inc.

Those attending the hearing were Bill Harrison, Sr., representing the Industrial Commission and the hospital; Alvin Kohleffel and Robert Klockman, representing the Chamber of Commerce; and Paulette Klockman, representing the Revitalization Committee. It was explained by the Commission officials to all concerned that due to the federal Bus Reform Act of 1982, the Railroad Commission has no jurisdiction to act on combined inter-estate lines, except where less than one service per day is to be provided.

Instating their case J.D. Kinney, a representative of Greyhound, explained that out of the 58 points in question, only seven have package express service and only five have a ticket agency. He further stated that only six points are

more than 12 miles from another point of service which will be retained. The major impact of the discontinuance will occur on the Houston-San Antonio route, as Gonzales, Weimar, Eagle Lake and East Bernard comprise four of the five which have a ticket agency and four of the seven which have package service.

Eagle Lake and East Bernard also will fall into the category of being more than 12 miles from the nearest point of service. Greyhound representatives laid out a two-fold set of reasons why they should be allowed to discontinue service as stated in their petition.

First, they said that a company under the name of Texas Bus Lines has made application for an express route between San Antonio and Houston, Houston and Dallas, and Dallas and Laredo. Under new federal regulations, Greyhound feels they cannot compete unless they can offer express routes.

Second, they claim to be losing money, particularly on the Houston-San Antonio route. They say

that taking only actual operating expense of the bus from one point to another costs \$1,139 per mile. Full allocation, or the cost of operating the bus plus another company operating expenses costs \$2.11 per mile. They further said that the charge of passenger service brings in \$1.02 per mile and that when taking operating expenses only they are losing \$1.11 per mile or \$17,264.50 on the Houston-San Antonio route over a year's time.

Representative Robert Saunders spoke in behalf of the cities in his district requesting that the petition be denied or that hearings be held in the affected areas.

Franks presented the petition which was circulated here last week with approximately 350 signatures and Klockman presented the resolution which was signed at last week's council meeting into evidence. They each requested that a hearing be held in this area in order that affected parties who could not travel to Austin

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## St. Anthony PTC to hold Las Vegas night

The annual Las Vegas night sponsored by the St. Anthony School PTC is scheduled to start at 8 p.m. this Sunday.

The Columbus Knights of Columbus hall. "Fun for all ages" is how the party is billed, with the auction set to begin at 8 p.m.

A special attraction this year is that two former Las Vegas dealers, now residents of this area, will be dealing blackjack. They also will help the other local dealers be a little more

proficient at the games. Craps, roulette, and bingo are some of the other games scheduled.

The bingo games feature \$20 winners for each game, plus a \$100 take home at halftime and \$100 at the final game.

At 8 p.m. the auction begins with such prizes as a television, chain saw, ceiling fan, and an outdoor barbecue gas grill. Refreshments will be available such as sandwiches, cakes, cookies and drinks.

## Signatures being gathered to keep Austin TV stations

Petitions are circulating in Eagle Lake to be given to J. D. Staats, regional executive for the company which owns the Eagle Lake cable television service, to show support for keeping Austin television stations on the local cable.

Helen Pilkington and Bobby Johnson have petitions that will be given to Staats at next Tuesday night's city council meeting which Staats said he will attend. At the meeting last week, Staats said the company intended to take Austin channels 7 and 24 off the local cable, and replace them with Cable News Network and the Christian Broadcasting Network.

But, about a dozen people attended that council meeting and said they would rather have the Austin Channels.

The petitions circulating now suggest replacing Channel 24, which broadcasts locally on Channel 10 with poor reception because of interference from Victoria

channel 25, with the new Houston Channel 20 which resumed broadcasting last Sunday.

Pilkington said Monday that petitions are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, Austin's and Clydes if you want to sign them and express your opinion.

The petitions will be presented at the council meeting which starts at 7:30 p.m. February 22.

Organizations that have information to be printed on the monthly calendar of events, sponsored by the First National Bank of Eagle Lake and published on the last Thursday of each month in The Headlight, should call The Headlight Thursday before noon to have the items published.

The calendar for March will be assembled this Thursday afternoon.

Two studies about population growth in Texas over the next two decades

talk about an increase in Colorado County population, but the projections differ.

According to a study by the governor's Texas 2000 committee, population here will grow 55.5 percent from its 1980 level of 18,223 to a year 2000 level of 29,290. Breakdowns for individual city population were not

## Rice High re-roofing bids opened

A long meeting Monday night of the Rice Consolidated Independent School District gave board members the opportunity to learn first hand what the costs will be to re-roof part or all of Rice High School.

Opening of bids to do such work, as well as a number of other items, were on the board agenda. The other agenda items were:

The board opened bids on a new water well at the high school and awarded a contract; suspended a ninth-grade student for the rest of the year; officially set the date for the school election; adopted a new policy regarding the parent's role on a student's absences from school because of health problems; decided to spend time during the March board meeting to hear the results of an energy audit; adopted the 1983-84 school calendar; extended the contracts of all school administrators, and approved the contract of a teacher in Sheridan hired at the start of this semester.

Because of the cost associated with the roofing work, action was delayed until Monday on deciding which portions of the school's roof would be replaced.

The low bid came in at just over a half-million dollars if all roof areas are

to be replaced. However, since the board began looking several months ago for an answer to the serious leak problems it appears they are trying to decide which portions of the roof will last a while longer.

That will mean only some of the buildings will be re-roofed at a cost under the half-million dollar bid.

The problem, as stated by roofing consultant Kent J. Chatagnier, is that the original materials (asphalt and roof decking) are not compatible, causing speedy deterioration. At the same time, he went out of his way to avoid accusing anyone of wrong doing when the building was built, but did say that in the decade that has passed, lessons learned in construction simply rule out using asphalt materials on flat roofs where water pools.

The apparent low bidder on the project is Pinkston-Hollar, Inc., of Houston and other cities in the United States. Their bid for the entire project was \$516,755, including installing drains on all roof areas. Those drains would remove water from roof areas that might not be rebuilt, thus post-pooling roofing in those areas for a year or more. Eventually, in the "near" future, Chatagnier said they would begin to leak severely, although he did not provide an estimate as to when that might be.

Of the eight other bidders, a company from Corpus Christi bid just over \$1 million.

The board voted to meet Monday night (February

21) at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration building, to further consider bids, and possibly decide what areas to re-roof at what expense.

Student suspended

Harold Carter, a ninth-grade student, was suspended from school for the remainder of the year for an incident involving the

principal of Eagle Lake Middle School at a basketball game there.

Although details of the incident were not discussed, Principal Charles Abel spoke with the board, and gave them a written statement. The school administration's recommendation to the board was for the full suspension.

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## Four have filed for city election

Four people have filed for the city council election April 2, including two incumbents.

Kay Clipson and W. C. "Dub" Alley are the non-incumbents who have filed, and Mike V. Duarte and Alvin W. Kohleffel are the incumbents.

Three seats are open, including that of Ralph Truly who has said he will not be a candidate this year.

Information from the filing form in city hall and the candidates in the order by the date which they filed are:

Kohleffel, 67, a life-long resident of the city. He lists his address as P. O. Box 766, is a farmer merchant, and filed February 9. He lists himself as his campaign treasurer.

Kay Clipson, 35, a resident here for 30 years, filed on February 10. She lists her address as P. O. Box 792, and occupation as landlady. Her campaign treasurer is Don Franks at 322 East Main St., Eagle Lake.

W. C. "Dub" Alley, 61, a resident here for 37 years, filed on February 11. He lists his address 405 Stevenson St. and lists himself as campaign treasurer. His occupation is listed as an LCRA supervisor in the new Lakeside Water Division.

Duarte, 45, has lived in Eagle Lake for 47 years, and lists his address as P. O. Box 4. He filed February 14, is a postal clerk, and is his own campaign treasurer.

In order to vote, residents of Eagle Lake must be registered voters of the county by March 3, 1983. Those wishing to register must do so at the courthouse in Columbus.

March 2 is the last date for a prospective candidate to file. All council seats are on an at-large basis, meaning the three candidates with the most votes will be elected.

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## County's population to increase, but by how much?

area outside the Columbus city limits will grow at the same rate as the other cities in the county.

Figures from the government's population projections show that the more rapid growth were used in a news release from Region 13 of the Texas Department of Highways to show the increased need for highway repair and construction money that will be needed if the projections are accurate.

Using that study, where figures were given for city growth, the population in the city limits of Eagle Lake will be larger than in the city limits of Columbus, with Eagle Lake growing to 5,133 by the year 2000 and Columbus growing to 4,524. However, the study pointed

out that immediate area population is anticipated to grow 72 percent and "will have a severe impact on all aspects of the transportation system," according to Carl V. Ramert, district engineer.

The increase in population probably will bring an increase in vehicles of at least 50 percent, and that is a very conservative estimate, Ramert said.

"When you consider that everything we eat, wear or use has to be transported at one time or another, you

can easily see the fantastic impact that our projected growth will have on our transportation system," he said.

Ramert also said that Texas already has more vehicles than can be handled efficiently.

"The addition of half again as many vehicles, or more, to this stream of traffic clearly endorses the need for enormous programs of improvement and maintenance," he said, adding that all types of

trucks and service vehicles will be needed to serve the growing population, as well as personal automobiles.

"Here in district 13, we are looking at an increase in population from 289,974 in 1980 to 429,074 by the year 2000. That represents an increase of some 47.1 percent. Austin and Victoria counties are expected to, almost double their populations while Matagorda county is predicted to grow from 34,228 to 77,241, a whopping 104 percent. The other eight counties are expected

to change from 44 to 64 percent.

"We are facing this influx of new Texans with a system that is fast becoming obsolete. We not only need new facilities to provide the road network for an appropriate transportation system that will meet anticipated growth," Ramert concluded.

The counties in the highway region here include Austin, Calhoun, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, Matagorda, Victoria and Wharton.

and to set priorities for its construction, and maintenance projects during the coming years.

"The department will apply modern planning, construction, maintenance and management techniques in the transportation system that will meet anticipated growth," Ramert concluded.

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