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Heritage House News

By Gladys Owens, Activity Director

Heritage House is all dressed up for Christmas. Santa has even visited already and received our wish list. We will have our family Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see all of our residents' loved ones here.

Three lady elves visited from the Xi Psi sorority and hung stockings throughout the facility Tuesday. These great ladies were Emie Sommariva, Mary Lou Szymanski and Dortha Kinsley. We thank them for their visit.

The members of the White Cloud Baptist Church visited last week and brought special treats. Everyone enjoyed the food and visits very much. Thank you.

We also want to thank Mr. & Mrs. Louis Naiser for the beautiful poinsettia they gave us for the holidays.

Omitted from our December birthday list was Cecilia Reels.

Resident Council held their monthly meeting Friday. The meal of the month was set and other topics were discussed and voted on. Shirley Tedder donated a handmade goose for

our residents to draw to win. The lucky one was Willie Niska.

Sunday worship service was conducted by Rev. Russell Minter of the Christ Episcopal Church. Our Catholic members received Holy Communion Friday.

Heritage House had an in-service at 10 a.m. Friday. Our guest speaker was Lee Kinchloe, our ombudsman for the Houston-Galveston Area Council. Lee spoke on the function of an ombudsman and on residents' rights.

Administrator's News: Osteoarthritis or degenerative joint disease is a noninflammatory disorder of the movable joints, characterized by deterioration and abrasion of articular cartilage and formation of new bone at the joint surfaces. Primary Osteoarthritis is seen in the elderly, whereas secondary Osteoarthritis appears in younger people and is related to trauma, infection, obesity, etc. The major weight bearing joints — hips, knees, cervical, thoracic and lumbar — are those affected by the disease.

Pain, described as aching, is the main symptom which occurs on motion and weight bearing. Weather changes may increase the pain. Stiffness usually persists for a short period of time.

The knee joints are more frequently affected, however, the hip is the most disabling. When the hip is involved, motion can produce pain in several areas: groin, buttocks, sciatic region or inner aspect of the thigh or knee. Severe pain often interferes with activities such as walking.

The most common site, the spine, causes a degeneration of the intervertebral disc. If nerve root compression develops, there can be severe pain. Movement of the spine may aggravate pain and may be accompanied by muscle spasms.

Since this is a disease common to the elderly, many of our residents at Heritage House suffer from this disease which is painful and sometimes restricts the residents' movement. We strive to make the resident as comfortable as possible while continuing to provide a high quality of life.

Garwood/Nada News

By Georgia Michalka

Lights If you missed the lighting of the lights in downtown Garwood last Wednesday, you missed a real treat. Very seldom do events live up to our expectations but this evening proved better than we anticipated.

Our hats really go off to the Garwood Community Association for starting what we hope will become a holiday tradition around here. When you begin to hand out congratulations to individuals it's inevitable to leave out some deserving people, but we would feel worse than guilty not to mention a few.

Anyone who passed through town the last two weeks had to see Association president Gaye Ann Stephens and other club members hard at work restoring and repairing the old Co-op building. The touching Nativity scene organized by Susan Engstrom, com-

plete with live animals, was definitely the highlight of the evening. Singers from churches in Garwood and Nada added to the festive atmosphere on a cool, winter's night that seemed like a picture straight out of a storybook. When Santa arrived and signalled for the lights to go on across town, all the toil and labor by the crews who had put them up was rewarded by their warm glow and the sparkle in our eyes. We never did hear the names of all the cooks, but the stew supper was delicious.

For the first time in many years it all seemed to come together. With candy canes on light poles, Christmas lights on store fronts and a brand new lit-up tree downtown, Garwood really brought in the holiday season in style. The real holiday spirit was evident in more than the decorations, though. It was there in the hearts and on the

faces of the people. It was in the childlike innocence of shepherds, angels, wise men and the Holy Family. It was in the voices lifted in joyous celebration of the Savior's birth. It was in the spirit of giving: gifts of time spent working on a community project, gifts of possessions like sound systems and lights, gifts of oneself to bring happiness and joy to others.

And, after all, isn't that what Christmas is all about?

Sorority Alpha Sigma Omicron sorority held its monthly meeting Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the home of Monica Lehrer. Kim Crane, Linda Bubela and Monica Lehrer were hostesses for the holiday gathering. Vice-president Beverly Krenk presided over the meeting. Reports were given from the various committees.

The sorority continued a yuletide tradition of bringing baked goods and treats to fill their cheer baskets. These baskets are presented each year to special friends of the club to show their affection and brighten the Christmas season.

The ladies also got in the festive spirit by exchanging gifts and revealing secret sisters. Members enjoyed a buffet of refreshments consisting of salmon ball, cherry crescent wreath, meat and cheese tray, broccoli dip, meat and cheese dip, spiced cranberry punch and Christmas sticks.

Santa The jolly old elf will once again be here for a festive breakfast with Santa. The event is this Saturday, Dec. 14, at 10 a.m. and will be held at the Garwood Fire Station. Alpha Sigma Omicron is sponsoring Santa's visit and tickets for the breakfast can be purchased from any member for \$4 each.

Diplomate sports new location, staff

The staff of the Diplomate Beauty Salon was captured during their open house celebration in their new location in Town & Country Center. Left to right are Janice Dutcher, electrologist; Tammie Rosario, Robert Delgado and Melva Cooper, stylists, and Wanda Rosario, owner.

Everyone in the area is invited to visit the new shop location which also houses a gift shop. There will be refreshments and special prices on services through Saturday, Dec. 21st. (See advertisement, Page 3.)

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

Silly Grins Courtesy of Inez Matura

Police Report

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a burglary of a vehicle. He found the driver-side window broken, where entry was gained to the vehicle. A radar detector was reported missing. The case is under investigation.

Dec. 7: Sgt. Jones was dispatched to a criminal mischief call on Main St. Complainant reported someone had torn up a section of Christmas lights. Another criminal mischief across the street also had damaged about 25' of lighting. There are no suspects.

Sgt. Jones took a report of criminal mischief in which yard decorations had been painted over on Prairie. There are no suspects at this time.

Officer Hart took a criminal mischief call on Lakeside Dr. where juveniles were reported throwing objects

at the complainant's house. No suspects were located.

Dec. 8: At 11:17 p.m. Officer Matura was dispatched to a report of subjects shooting pistols on the Jazz-room parking lot. Matura, assisted by Jones and Villarreal, arrested Mickey Pope, Eagle Lake; Ronald Wayne Brooks, Houston; and Broderick C. Williams, Missouri City, for unlawfully carrying weapons.

Officer Hart was dispatched to a report of an assault in progress on Eighth St. The incident involved juveniles and was forwarded to the juvenile officer.

S&W Auto Parts reported BB hole damage to windows. Chief Villarreal is investigating officer.

Catholic Daughters

Court Our Lady of the Rosary #1595 held its regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12. Regent LaVelle Engstrom presided over the meeting which was opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer. Cheer baskets will be made at the December meeting and members will bring homemade goodies to fill them.

Door prizes were won by Lucille Till, Bernice Popp, Mary Popp, Adela Popp and Emma Waligura. Dec. 10 was set for the next meeting.

Birthdays

Dec. 15: David Braden, Thomas Waligura.

Dec. 16: Susan Schuetz, Jeff Wied.

Dec. 17: Scott Bitner, Angela Leopold, Todd Krenk, Sharla Young, Cliff Cerny.

Dec. 18: Neysa Marek.

Dec. 19: Jeff Dugie, Rachelle Kallina.

Dec. 20: Delta Mendell, Walter Staff, Mark Vitke.

Anniversaries

Dec. 19: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Waligura.

Dec. 21: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Michalka.

Letters to Santa and Christmas Greetings Included in This Issue.

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Live nativity featured at Methodist Church

Saturday, Dec. 21, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. a live nativity scene may be seen on the front lawn of the United Methodist Church at 300 W. Prairie Street in Eagle Lake. Members of the church will portray the characters. Live animals will be included in the scene.

The public is invited to drive from Prairie Street onto the circular drive at the church to get a closer view and hear the recorded Christmas music.

On Sunday, Dec. 22, a program entitled "An Old Fashioned Christmas" will feature children reenacting the nativity in the church. There will be carol singing as well. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Marland are in charge of the program.

The Rev. Larry Bailey, pastor of the United Methodist Church, extends an invitation to all to attend the two events.

Nonperishable food may be brought on Sunday as an offering to be distributed to the needy in the area.

In special meeting...

Commissioners amend policy manual

The Colorado County Commissioners' Court voted to amend the county's personnel policy manual, deleting the section regarding employees' political activity, in a special meeting last Friday morning.

The policy had stated Colorado County employees shall not:

- Use their official authority or influence to interfere with or affect the result of any election or nomination for office;
- Directly or indirectly coerce, attempt to coerce, command or advise a state or local official or employee to pay, lend or contribute anything of value to a party, committee, organization, agency or person for a political reason;
- Be a candidate for elective office

in a partisan election; and

County employees are prohibited by law from taking any active part in political management or political involvement in county campaigns other than to vote and express their opinions privately.

In other business, the court amended the policy manual to reflect Columbus Day in 1992 as an official county holiday in order to coincide with the Columbus Quincentennial Celebration.

Beisel earns advanced wastewater certification

The City of Eagle Lake gave special recognition to one of its employees last week for his hard work and study in earning a Class B Wastewater Operator's certificate.

Graham E. "Buster" Beisel, an employee of Eagle Lake for over 14 years, recently obtained his Class B certification. To obtain this classification, he had to have 100 hours of training and a minimum of five years experience. The certification has to be renewed every five years requiring an additional 50 hours training credits for

the renewal. Beisel already had his class C certificate in water. He also recently obtained a Class A Commercial driver's license.

Beisel, a local product originally from Lissie, is a 1977 graduate of Rice Consolidated High School. He is also a member of the Guadalupe Valley Water Utilities Association.

"We are extremely proud of Buster for this accomplishment," agreed Acting City Manager Lucille Perry and Mayor Roy Van Nort.

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CRIME STOPPERS offering reward

The Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1,000.00 cash reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons involved in the burglary of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church at 1302 Murphy St. which occurred sometime between Nov. 2nd at 3:00 p.m. and Nov. 3rd, at 6:40 a.m., when the burglary was discovered.

Three black crosses with gold trim and rope necklaces, one cordless microphone with battery pack and one butane striker were taken.

If you have any information regarding this case or any incident, contact Crime Stoppers at 234-5555 or the Eagle Lake Police Department at 234-2727.

NEWSBRIEFS

Elite Club Christmas party Dec. 21

The Elite Club will be holding their annual Christmas party on December 21, 1991 beginning at 8 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. This will be the only invitation. You are invited. We will be honoring all of our deceased members.

Christmas dance for junior high students

A Christmas dance will be held Friday, Dec. 20th, for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The time will be from 7 to 11 p.m. and is sponsored by Alpha Delta Phi sorority. Information for parents: Once your child walks out the front door, they will not be allowed back in to the dance. Admission is free and refreshments will be sold.

Armbrister to speak at Chamber banquet

State Senator Kenneth Armbrister, D-Victoria, has confirmed he will be the guest speaker for the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet to be held Monday, Jan. 20, 1992 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The banquet will begin with a social hour at 6:30 p.m., and the dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m. This year's ticket price will remain the same as last year's: \$10 per person. Plan to attend this year's banquet. Contact any Chamber director, or call the Chamber office at 234-2780 for tickets.

Recycle, support the Chamber of Commerce

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce wants to remind every citizen that recycling is necessary! Please bring your aluminum and tin cans, colored and clear glass to the new Recycling Center in Eagle Lake. By recycling, you will be supporting your local Chamber which in turn will help our town. The center is open on Wednesdays from 2 to 5 p.m. and again on Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m.

Garbage pickup schedule holiday changes

Those persons who have their trash picked up on Tuesdays will need to put it out early in the morning on Dec. 24th and 31st. The city will only be working half a day and will be picking up early. There will be no trash pick up on Wednesday, Dec. 25th, or Wednesday, Jan. 1st. Therefore, those who have trash picked up on Wednesdays will need to put it out on Thursday instead. Thank you for your cooperation.

Early deadlines set for Dec. 26, Jan. 2 issues

News and advertising deadlines for The Eagle Lake Headlight issues of Dec. 26th and Jan. 2nd will be 10 a.m. Monday. This is an absolute deadline! Since Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Wednesdays, our regular day to be printed, we will be going to press on Tuesday, Dec. 24th and 31st. We will be closed Dec. 25th, 26th and Jan. 1st.

It is imperative everyone comply with this deadline. The Todd Web Press (our printing facility) will be closing at noon these two Tuesdays and we must finish the paper in time to get it to the press on time!

CCA to distribute surplus food today

Combined Community Action, Inc. (CCA) will distribute USDA Surplus Food under the following schedule during Dec. in Colorado County. Commodities must be picked up the day of distribution. There will no longer be distribution after the specified day and time.

Information on eligibility requirements for the Emergency Food Assistance Program may be obtained from local CCA Community Service Centers or the CCA Central Office in Smithville, (512) 237-2321. If you have not received for commodities, please do so before the day of distribution.

Rules for participation in the program are the same for everyone without regard to age, race, marital status, color, religion, sex, handicap, national origin or political belief.

Officer Argo was dispatched to a report of a burglary of a vehicle on Schley Street. A passenger-side window was damaged to gain entry into

Eagle Lake Police Department

Chief Lupé Villarreal was dispatched to a report of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle on the 11th. After talking with the complainant and the suspect, the keys were returned to the owner and the complainant was advised to see the judge if he wished to file charges.

Chief Villarreal is investigating a report of a burglary of a building on McCarty Street where several items were taken, including a lawn mower, box of detergent, space heater, rackets and sockets set and glass trinkets. Villarreal dusted for fingerprints, but there are no suspects at this time.

The department is investigating a report of a stolen bicycle from a residence on Lake Street and a report of a trailer and motor A.T.V. being stolen from Glen Flora Road sometime between 5 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12.

Chief Villarreal assisted with traffic control on East Main and McCarty Thursday afternoon when a BBQ grease spill occurred.

Officer Jeff Argo arrested Barbara Ishaie for public intoxication Thursday evening and subject was transported to the County Jail for confinement and to see the judge.

Chief Villarreal and Officer Argo responded to a burglary alarm at a residence, but it turned out to be a false alarm.

Dario Hernandez of Houston was arrested for public intoxication Friday evening by Officer Argo and was transported to county jail.

On Saturday morning, Officer Argo was dispatched to a burglary of a building at the Western Auto Store on East Main. Subjects cut open a fence in an effort to gain entry into the store, but nothing appeared to be missing.

Officer Argo was dispatched to a report of a burglary of a vehicle on Schley Street. A passenger-side window was damaged to gain entry into

the vehicle and two speakers were taken.

Officer Matura was dispatched to a disturbance at Stevenson's Cafe on Booth Drive Saturday night at approximately 10:15 p.m. The argument began inside the cafe and continued outside. Linda Sewell was arrested for aggravated assault and resisting arrest. Robert Lee Boone was arrested for interfering with a police officer in the line of duty. Both subjects were taken to the police department, processed and transported to the county jail. Chief Villarreal and Officer Eric Hart assisted Matura.

Adrian Farrow was arrested Friday night by Sgt. Earl Jones on a warrant for theft under \$20. Farrow paid a fine and was released.

Chief Villarreal investigated a report of a burglary of coin operated machines on West Post Office Monday afternoon. There were also several other cases of criminal mischief reported during the week, which are being investigated.

During the month of November the Eagle Lake Police Department answered 171 calls. There were 49 criminal cases, 109 miscellaneous cases of a non-criminal nature and 149 cases were cleared. They handled 5 assaults, 10 burglaries, 15 thefts, 7 disturbances, 6 accidents and 19 criminal mischief calls. There were 10 arrests (5 for misdemeanor, 5 for felony) and 106 citations issued.

Colorado County Sheriff's Dept.

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported several thefts during the past week.

On Dec. 12, L. R. H. Wied answered a complaint of theft at the Nelson barn on FM 949 in Bernardo. It was reported that a part-time employee working there at the time had access to the barn and shop. The stolen property was found missing on Dec. 12. It was reported that the employee's last work

serve fund balance as of Aug. 31 of \$1,502,103.

"The financial position of the Rice Consolidated Independent School District as of Aug. 31, 1991, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types for the year ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles," was the statement issued by

the accounting firm.

Total general fund revenues for the district were listed as \$5,871,562 with expenditures of \$5,861,549. The special revenue fund shows revenue of \$275,373 with expenditures of \$275,373.

The auditors expressed pleasure with the self-funded health insurance account which showed a fund balance of \$238,000 and the fact that all district bond indebtedness will be paid off in two years before the new debt service recently incurred by the district in its latest building and improvement program takes over.

The auditors suggested the district establish a written procedure for the handling of general activity funds so that these funds will become a part of the budget and the audit report in the future.

The instigation of stronger controls over capital purchases and other items exceeding \$10,000 and the establishment of procedures and policies to delegate responsibility for specific areas of transactions to a staff member in the area of finance were suggested.

The auditors complimented the well-run and the cooperative attitude of those district employees involved in the audit.

The board heard a report on the state monitoring visit of the district's school lunch program in October.

A number of violations in laws governing food service programs, which consisted of content of meals, eligibility certification and menu presentation are now being corrected and a reimbursement of between \$1,000 and \$2,000 may be due the state.

Superintendent Carolyn McGaughey complimented the Food Service Director Irene Hagendorf on an efficient department.

The board awarded the bid for replacement of the floor in the multi-purpose room at the Eagle Lake Primary School in the amount of \$4,675.60 to Columbus Carpet and Furniture.

The ELPS sports floor will be moved to the Physical Activity Center at Rice High School to replace the present sports floor in that facility. It has not yet been determined what will be done with the floor that will be taken out of the PAC facility.

The sports floor at the ELPS will be replaced with Azrock tile. This project will be completed during the Christmas holidays.

The board approved local policy revisions regarding facilities use and honor rolls, wording in grades 9-12 now reads, "a student shall not qualify for the honor roll if a grade of 75 is received in and subject." The old policy listed a grade of 85.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a lease with E. H. Henry Historical Corporation for the old ELPS campus;
- Appointed Albert Leopold to the Colorado County Central Appraisal District board of directors;
- Appointed Sandy Bandy to the Colorado County Central Appraisal District Appraisal Review Board;
- Awarded bids for food service food and supplies;
- Authorized the replacement of

(See School Board, Page 12)



November Terrific Kids

...at Eagle Lake Primary School are (front) Cleve Scott, Hillary Torres, Jeremie Hem