CLUB/ORGANIZATION NEWS

Alpha Delta Phi

The Farris 1912 was the setting for Alpha Delta Phi sorority's annual Christmas Party and meeting held on Tuesday December 3.

The evening began with a social time and then members and their husbands enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Mrs. Helyn Farris and her staff.

After the meal, Social Chairpersons Robin Thomas and Sue Canaris divided members and guests into teams and instructed them to "build" a snowman with the props they provided. The snowmen were judged by some of the guests at the hotel and the winning team of Connie Gertson, Melody Grigar, Jennifer Obenhaus and Vicki Powers was given a prize.

Members then had a short business meeting. A thank you from Ann Braden was read thanking members for the meal taken after the birth of her baby.

Service Chairperson Shelia Mathis reported on the delivery of the Thanksgiving baskets.

Ways and Means Chairperson Jeri Lou Shindler gave members the results of the bake sale.

Program Chairperson Charlene Rodgers reminded members of the next meeting on January 6 in the home of Sue Canaris. Sue will also have the program.

Rosebud Girl Robin Thomas reminded members of important upcoming dates and thank yous were said.

A short discussion was held on the dance to be held for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students on December 20.

Following the meeting, members exchanged Christmas gifts and revealed their secret sisters for the past year. Ornaments were then exchanged by the new secret sisters distributed by new Rosebud Girl Sue Canaris.

The evening set the mood for a wonderful holiday season. Alpha Delta Phi would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year
Feliz Año Nuevo
from...
His & Hers
Mary, Jesse, Prisca & Bea
307 Allen 234-3675

Health, Wealth Happiness, Cheer... all the Best in the coming New Year.
With special thanks for your friendship in the past.
Dr. & Mrs. José Ugarte
and
Ugarte Clinic Staff

Columbus FFA

The Columbus FFA Chapter recently held the weigh-in for hogs and sheep for the March 6-8 FFA Show and Sale. Junior FFA members also weighed in their projects for the junior breeding show set March 8.

The entries for the show have increased in nearly every area. There are seven steers, eight bulls and 20 heifers in the beef show.

In the poultry exhibit there will be six pens of turkeys and ten pens of broilers. Nearly 12 pens of breeding rabbits and five pens of frying rabbits will be shown.

Over 30 market hogs and eight breeding gilts will be shown in the swine category. The market sheep division will have over ten entries and there will be approximately five breeding ewes.

The chapter is continuing to work on the community service and safety program. Chapter members hope through their efforts in these areas they will be able to earn the support of the area and community.

1991-92 Rice 4-H Club officers

The 1991-92 Rice 4-H Club officers are pictured, from left to right: front row, First Vice President, Andrew McGaughey; President, Frances Mrkwa; and Second Vice President, Amalie Kucherka. Seated in the back row, are: Council Delegate Reporter, Trey Kucherka; Reporter, Kerri McGaughey; Third Vice President, Robin Shavers; Secretary, Tiffany Cranek; and Treasurer, Brandon Shanks. *4-H Photo*

Columbus FFA water test kits

The Columbus FFA Chapter is currently working on a safe water program. They are doing a study of both town and rural communities to determine the safety of our community water. Part of the program is selling Nitrate TEST kits for water.

Chapter President Gea Jones says, "The majority of water in the country is in very good shape. However, there are some wells that are contaminated by ground water from poorly placed septic tanks, cracked sewer pipes, leaking landfills, animal waste or improper use of fertilizer. The testing can give homeowners an opportunity to know their water tests less than 10 parts per million of nitrate nitrogen or 44 parts per million of nitrate.

"Keeping low levels of nitrates in water improves feed efficiency for livestock and poultry and ensures better general health for people. If your water tests higher than the federal standards, you can take corrective steps."

The tests the FFA students are selling are easy to conduct. You can do it yourself or the FFA students are prepared to run the tests for you for a minimum charge.

If you are interested in a test, please contact the FFA chapter at 732-5746.

Lions Roar

Jerry Lauderdale and the Colorado County Jamboree performed for the Eagle Lake Lions Christmas Ladies Night program before a full house.

The band played many favorite country-western selections to the delight of the crowd. Before their performance was over, all of the crowd was clapping and toe-tapping to the music.

Lion Steve Taylor welcomed all of the guests and members to the party last Thursday evening, December 12th, at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

After Lion Mark Anderson led the club in prayer, the audience was fed a wonderful meal of turkey and dressing with all of the trimmings catered by Annie Broesche.

Following the meal, Lion Taylor welcomed guests to the Christmas party. He next turned the program over to the Lion Tail Twister, Charles Abel, who miraculously transformed into Santa Claus. "Santa Claus" proceeded to bestow upon all of the Lions "presents". There was a lot of friendly teasing that went forth as Santa dealt out the "presents".

After the "presents" were distributed along with a contribution of $1 from each Lion, the program was then turned over to Lion John Gertson who introduced the band which then entertained everyone till the conclusion of the party.

WCJC spring semester begins January 13th

Wharton County Junior College campuses in Wharton, Richmond and Sugar Land are closed for the holidays but offices resume their regular business hours Jan. 2, 1992.

Spring semester college credit classes begin Jan. 13. Prospective students are urged to contact the college as soon as possible for admission information.

Monday, Jan. 6: Bay City evening classes report to the BCHS cafeteria between 5 and 7 p.m. Phone 409-245-9921 or 409-532-4560.

Tuesday, Dec. 7: Sugar Land day and evening classes report to CentraPlex Center, 550 Julie Rivers Rd., in Sugar Land Business Park, between noon and 7 p.m. Phone 713-240-WCJC.

Wednesday, Jan. 8: Richmond day and evening classes report to Satellite Campus, 2000 FM 3155, near Polly Ryan Hospital, between noon and 7 p.m. Phone 713-342-1496.

Thursday, Jan. 9: Wharton day classes hours for registration are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Evening class registration hours are 5 to 7 p.m. Call registrar at 409-532-4560 after Jan. 1 for an appointment to register.

El Campo class registrants also report to Wharton at same time.

Late registration is Jan. 13-16. Spring semester classes end May 15. Free catalogs and class schedules may be obtained by contacting college officials.

County tax assessor attends A&M seminar

Evelyn Thomas, tax assessor-collector for Colorado County, was among almost 200 tax officials taking part in the ninth annual seminar at Texas A&M Nov. 9-12.

The training was conducted as a program of the Young Institute of County Government of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Other groups involved were the Tax Assessor-Collectors' Association of Texas, Office of Continuing Education at Texas A&M University and the Board of Tax Professional Examiners.

Mrs. Thomas said tax assessors are required by state law to participate in a large number of training courses, conferences and seminars. The annual seminar at College Station included sessions on ethics, leadership development, records management, voter registration, delinquent tax collections, employee management and legislation affecting the office.

Living Hope Church announces holiday service

Living Hope Church will welcome the New Year on Dec. 31 with a Watchnight service beginning at 8 p.m. and continuing until past midnight.

There will be sharing by many members of the church concerning the accomplishments of 1991 and the vision of the church for 1992.

Pastors Joe and Mercy Fling invite the public to this and all services of Living Hope Church.

For more information call 234-5536 or 234-3164.

MAY OLD ACQUAINTANCES BE REMEMBERED
Here's to all the good friends we've made in the past and to all the new faces we hope to meet in the year to come.
Have a wonderful celebration, but please remember to exercise good judgement and drink with care.
Wishing you all a happy and safe New Year.

Lawrence Berger, Constable Precinct #2
Sonny Spanihel, Commissioner Precinct #4
Johnny Elstner, Commissioner Precinct #2
Joyce Stancik, County Treasurer
Bill Esterling, Sheriff
H.O. "Butch" Strunk, County Judge
Darlene Hayek, County Clerk
Mary Lou Szymanski, Justice of the Peace Prect. #8
Otto Loessin, Commissioner Precinct #1
Evelyn Thomas, Tax Assessor-Collector
John Perry, Constable Precinct #8
Harvey Vornsand, District Clerk
Stephen Sebesta, County Attorney
Jerome Wicke, Commissioner Precinct #3

Joining Heather Mills for her birthday are the "Future women of Eagle Lake": (sitting) Brittany Sommerlatte, Jessica Thomas, Jill Marland, Heather Mills, Jenna Cook, Rachel Valigura and Amanda Besch; (standing) Amanda Burrow, Lauren Spanihel, Trina Sommerlatte, Lauren Ugarte, Kayce Wilkerson, Andrea Contreras, Stephanie Sommerlatte, Abbey Cunningham and Jackie Marland. Cassidi Case also joined in the fun.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!
As another great year comes to a close, we'd like to extend our warm wishes and heartfelt thanks to all the good folks we've had the privilege to know and serve.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
The Barn Restaurant and Bar
600 E. Main
Eagle Lake
409-234-3828

'Future Women of Eagle Lake' is party theme

Sunday, Oct. 6, a tea party was held in honor of Heather Mills on her seventh birthday.

The theme for the party was "Future Women of Eagle Lake" and the guests came in their Sunday best ladies clothing, including purses, hats and heels.

The young ladies enjoyed the afternoon's cake, ice cream, tea cookies and punch as well as visiting with the guest of honor.

After Heather opened her gifts, the young ladies went outside for photos and play.

VFW Post #8783 Christmas banquet, awards presentation

Eagle Lake V.F.W. #8783 and its Ladies Auxiliary held their annual Christmas Banquet and awards presentation on Wednesday December 11, 1991, which began at 7:30 p.m. at Andrew Hall.

A delicious meal of turkey, dressing and ham with all the trimmings was served by Annie Broesche's Catering. Father Jesse Euresti, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Our Lady of Guadalupe Churches, asked the blessing. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Post Commander Wilfred Luedecke.

Following the delicious meal, Post Commander Wilfred Luedecke introduced the special guests. Those included: our local law enforcement officers, Chief Lupe Villarreal, Sgt. Earl Jones, Officers Jeff Argo, Keith Matura and Eric Hart and dispatcher Catherine Berger.

Other guests were Mayor Roy Dean Van Nort, Acting City Manager Lucille Perry, V.F.W. Dist. 16 Officers Leona and Arnold Balzar of Columbus, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Roberts of Weimar, Chief Earl Winebrenner and D.A. Bill Burton of West Columbia, Texas, and Bobby Johnson, Colorado County case worker.

Appreciation Certificates were presented to all our local officers by V.F.W. Auxiliary President Pat Matula.

Special recognition of a local law enforcement officer was the highlight of the event. This year's chosen officer is Sgt. Earl Jones who was presented with a beautiful plaque, which read:

"In special recognition of your outstanding, loyal, and dedicated service to our community. You are to be commended for placing the needs of others above and beyond yourself and family.

Sgt. Jones was chosen for his outstanding service to our community of Eagle Lake and the surrounding area — he gives of himself day and night, hour after hour, and never refuses any calls by any citizen. Many times interrupted when having a meal with his family — wife, Martha and son, Jason. He is to be commended for placing the needs of others above and beyond his own personal safety and well being.

Another special recognition plaque was presented to Father Jesse Euresti, which read:

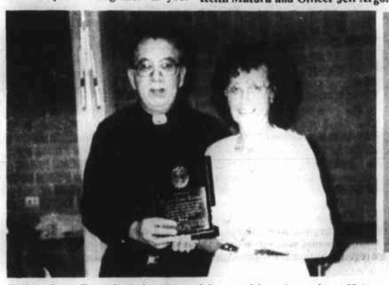
"In special recognition of your outstanding service to the community of Eagle Lake and the loyal and dedicated service to the V.F.W. "We Love You".

Father Jesse has been a right arm to the V.F.W. organization, always giving a helping hand, even at the last minute when called upon. He is a V.F.W. member and always has great ideas about celebrating Veteran's Day or anything concerning "Veterans". He was responsible for the July 4th breakfast and flag raising at the Grotto and at the Eagle Lake Middle School.

Door prizes were awarded to Rollin Baker, Keith Matura, Arnold Balzar, Jeff Argo, Olivia Villarreal, Mayor Van Nort, Mike Duarte, Joyce Stancik, Shirley Luedecke, Dorothy Kohleffel and Father Jesse.

A good time was enjoyed by all who attended.

Pictured with VFW Post #8783 Commander Wilfred Luedecke, far right, are Eagle Lake Chief of Police Lupé Villarreal, Sgt. Earl Jones, Officer Keith Matura and Officer Jeff Argo.



Father Jesse Euresti receives a special recognition plaque from Helen Supak, right, VFW Auxiliary Senior Vice President.

Principal Mader receives Christmas gift

John Mader, principal of the Garwood School, is grinning at the fishing reel the Garwood School faculty gave him for Christmas. Doing the honors are Jesse Banks and Lorene Lanier. His comment, "Gee, looks like they want me to retire and go fishing." *Garwood School Photo*

Garwood students study the news

Every Wednesday, classes at Garwood Elementary and Junior High have the opportunity to improve reading, writing and math skills by using the *Houston Post*. Current events and vocabulary are also being improved each Wednesday. The students even learn the history of comics.

Shown here are Carrie Engstrom, Jennifer Krenek, Mrs. Mader, Neal Mahalitc, Cody Cerny, and on the floor in the foreground are Bryan Rees and Chad Fucik.

Other students who are also working in the program are Vincint Cavit, JoJo Bowen, Shaun Johnson, Rachelle Kallina, Jamie Niswonger, Albert Juarez, Valerie Johnson and Naketra Johnson. *Garwood School Photo*

Party package fun is taxed

What to do on New Year's Eve? Party packages are fun, one stop ideas. These packages include dinner, drinks, entertainment and party favors.

Just keep in mind that sales tax is collected on party packages.

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NORTH TO SOUTH EAST TO WEST WE WISH OUR FRIENDS THE VERY BEST!
Happy New Year!
Gifts of Distinction

I'm the bouncing new year, 1992, full of hopes and dreams. Going to try my best to make this the greatest 366 days you have ever had!
MONTEMAYOR GROCERY

'Jump Rope for Heart' a success at ELMS

Our Jump Rope for Heart event we held during 4th and 5th grade P.E. classes was another very successful event. The students that participated did another outstanding job of raising money for a very worthy cause. We collected a total of $2,317.14.

Thanks to everyone in the community that donated money and everyone outside of our community. This shows that everyone is concerned about one of our number one causes of death in our nation. Jump Rope for Heart is sponsored by the American Heart Association and is one of the many events they conduct to help with the education, research, and prevention of heart diseases.

Below is a list of the students who raised money for our event:

5th grade: Ginger Case, $402.37; Kurt Rodgers, $31; Jennifer Christ, $163; Jonathan Hruzek, $61.34; Rebal Canaris, $67; Ronnie Peroni, $46; Amanda Meehan, $40; Ryan Waddell, $15; Amanda Sosa, $5; Tammie Donner, $5; Dena Pustejovsky, $31; Kasey Eubanks, $31.50; Danielle Witte, $32; Lori Grigar, $33; Cori Gertson, $34; Richard Vargas, $35; Matt Gertson, $42; Ideth Gonzales, $42; Joe Romo, $20; Amber Sides, $30; Geri Flowers, $30; Hollie Shindler, $30; Christie Meyer, $30; Sammie Duncan, $30; Raul Lara, $10; Patrick Spates, $30; Denise Mortenson, $30; Dawn Schwemm, $16; Amalie Kucherka, $10; LaShonda Foster, $10.67; Areli Arellano, $5; Wilbert Thibodeaux, $10; Lisa Valigura, $7.

4th grade: Brandon Shanks, $225; London Ferguson, $40.72; Christie Morton, $55.75; Bridget Posada, $45; Kim Lott, $45.50; Dustin Mills, $54; April Torres, $30.79; Cecilia Ruiz, $60; Martha Reyes, $25.40; Domingo Sosa, $19; Michael Torres, $11; Maria DeLa Garza, $6.10; Sharla Waddell, $32; Monica Alley, $35; Glenn Dromgoole, $7.25; Jason Edwards, $9; Rose Sosa, $12; Phillip Long, $16; Smyra Hurd, $25.50; Brandon Besch, $12; Maria Cortez, $9.25; Stephanie Braden, $7; Jonas Leal, $35; Matt Crysel, $10; Bethanie Guerra, $36; and Shaneiqua Moody, $38.

A total of 59 students raised money for the event. **Ginger Case** had the most with a total of $402.37, she won a Jump Rope for Heart medal and a trophy for her efforts. Congratulations Ginger for your hard work. **Brandon Shanks** had the most money for the 4th grade and he gets a trophy for his efforts. Congratulations Brandon for your hard work. Each student who raised money received a certificate and a prize depending on the amount raised.

We would again like to thank and congratulate the students and communities for their support. See you all next year and thanks again.

Coach Jackson

Pictured are the 4th graders, above, and the 5th graders, below, who participated and raised money in the Jump Rope for Heart event at Eagle Lake Middle School. *Headlight Photos by Linda Waddell*

CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF '92!
Thank you for your patronage.
Jo Ann's
121 E. Main
Eagle Lake

Peace in '92
We wish you a happy, peaceful New Year, filled with calm and strength.
Thomas Clinic
610 S. Austin Road Eagle Lake
Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Thomas
Alma Larmer, Jane Booker, Sylvia Contreras, Jonna Bowen, Elaine Contreras, Soledad Rios
Dr. & Mrs. Russell Thomas
Larry Morales, Joyce Rhodes, Judith Satsky, Virginia Ward, Wendell Ward, Grace Wick