

# Eagle Lake Headlight

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## No more ticket trailer for Houston Rodeo

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has announced that the ticket trailer is no longer a part of its activities. All tickets, other than Colorado County night, must be obtained from Ticketmaster outlets including Foley's, Sears, Fiesta and Sound Warehouse as well as the Astrodome box office. Tickets are \$10. There are no general admission tickets this year. Colorado County Night tickets will be available at the First National Bank in Eagle Lake, Potter's Western Store, Hill Bank & Trust in Weimar and the County Judge's office after Jan. 27. Colorado County Night will be Feb. 26 with Clint (See Tickets, Page 10)

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## New, re-elected Colorado County officials sworn in

Colorado County Judge H.O. Strunk administered the oath of office to officials who will be serving the county for 1993. The swearing-in ceremonies took place Monday morning, Jan. 4, in the county courtroom at the County Courthouse in Columbus.

Pictured above, first row, from left, are Strunk; re-elected County Attorney Stephen Sebasta; newly elected Tax Assessor-Collector Mary Jane Poinitzsch; Auditor Raymie Kana; re-elected Constable Precinct 1, Lawrence Barger and newly elected Constable Precinct 4, Willard Luedecke. In the back are Sheriff Bill Esterling, Constable Precinct 3 Ivan V. Menke and Constable Precinct 2, Joe F. Dusek.

In the photo at right, the two incoming county commissioners, Jerome Wicks, re-elected from Precinct 3, and newly elected Commissioner Richard Seifert, Precinct 1, received their oath from Strunk.

Headlight Photos By Shirley Luedecke

## Early New Year's head-on collision kills two residents

A head-on collision at 12:35 a.m. on Jan. 1 began the new year for Eagle Lake with two people killed and two others injured. Gable Barrios, age 26, driving a maroon 1980 Buick Riviera, was southbound about one-tenth mile south of Eagle Lake on FM 3013. Anthony Ward Scott, age 20, driving a 1989 Chevy Cavalier, was driving northbound with two passengers. Arthur Foster Jr., age 24, was in the front right seat and Rolanda Gay Hemphill, age 21, was in the back seat of the car.

According to the DPS report filed by

Trooper Jeff Pickett, Barrios crossed over the center line into the southbound lane of traffic and Scott moved to the shoulder of his lane, apparently attempting to avoid Barrios' vehicle. The two vehicles hit head-on, front left to front left, on the shoulder of the road. The impact spun Barrios' car 180 degrees and it skidded 64 feet after impact. Scott's vehicle skidded off the right side, rolled once and came to rest on its wheels. It skidded 85 feet after the impact. The back seat passenger, Hemphill, was ejected, and thrown 15 feet from the car and over a fence. Barrios and Foster were injured and taken to Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Both Hemphill and Scott were pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Barry White. The DPS report indicated that Barrios was driving under the influence of alcohol and Scott had also been drinking. Funeral arrangements for both of the deceased are pending as of press time.



## Burglaries plague city during holidays

The Eagle Lake Police Department handled a number of calls concerning burglaries during the New Year's weekend. Dec. 29 at about 11:30 p.m., Officer Jay Reeves, on routine patrol, observed several people standing around a dumpster at Stevenson's Bar on S. Lake. When Officer Reeves stopped and got out of his car, he saw one of the subjects drop something into the dumpster and all the subjects ran. Officer Reeves located a matchbox on the top of the trash in the dumpster. The matchbox contained what appeared to be four pieces of crack cocaine. No one at the scene would claim it so the cocaine was taken as evidence. Sgt. Clem Johnson, while on patrol Dec. 30 at 10:35 a.m. observed a screen pulled off a window at the E.H. Henry building (old primary school). He also noted one of the doors was open and found upon investigation a fluorescent light broken all over the floor. There is a suspect in the case. Dec. 30 at 12:52 p.m., Sgt. Johnson was dispatched to the Longhorn Saloon regarding a reported break-in. He found that subjects had gained entry into the building through a window on the east side. Three six-packs and two 12-packs of beer, as well as a color television, were taken. The burglars exited through the front door. Officer Eric Hart made contact with a subject who had the stolen television from the Longhorn Saloon, Dec. 31 at 9 a.m. The person stated he had bought it from another subject. The investigation continues in this case. At 8 p.m. Dec. 31, Officer Reeves received a report of a burglary on Third Street. He met with the burglary victim who said someone had entered her home and stolen a radio. The next day, Jan. 1, Officer Hart was told by that same burglary victim that the person who stole the radio had been contacted and arrangements made for its return. She did not wish to file charges. (See Police report, Page 10)

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Rabies vaccinations offered

A rabies vaccination clinic for area pets is set for Tuesday, Jan. 19, at the Eagle Lake Fire Station from 5 to 7 p.m. Potter's Veterinary Clinic of Columbus will vaccinate animals and register them. Call 234-2640 if you have any questions.

### Chamber banquet tickets on sale

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce annual banquet will be Monday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. Houston Police Chief Sam Nuchia will be the banquet guest speaker. Tickets are available from all chamber directors and the Chamber of Commerce office for \$10 a person.

### Cholesterol screening set at GCMC

Gulf Coast Medical Center lab will offer cholesterol/triglyceride screening from 7 to 9 a.m. Jan. 20. A fee of \$8 is charged and you must preregister by calling 409-532-2500 ext. 1300.

### 4-H shooting project begins tonight

The Colorado County 4-H Shooting Sports project will begin with a sign-up and organizational meeting Thursday, Jan. 7, at Columbus Elementary School at 7 p.m. for 22 light rifles. The shooting schedule will be set at the meeting. The project goes through March.

### Food distribution is next week

The Combined Community Action Inc. will distribute surplus food on Monday, Jan. 11, in Weimar at the city hall from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Surplus food will be given at Eagle Lake at Providence Baptist Church, Thursday, Jan. 14, from 9:30 to 10 a.m. and in Columbus at the CCA community center from 11 a.m. to 12.

### College information hotline set this weekend

A college information toll-free hotline, 1-800-253-8989, will be available Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 9 and 10, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for all Texas students and parents to call for information about college selection, admission, testing and financial aid. Spanish speaking counselors will also be available.

### United Way board to elect officers

The board of directors of United Way of Eagle Lake Inc. will meet Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. at Sportsman's Restaurant to elect new officers and directors. They will also discuss the 1992 fall campaign drive and approve the distribution of funds. All directors are asked to attend this meeting.

### Farmers tax guides available

The Farmers Tax Guide for use in preparing 1992 federal income tax returns is now available at the Colorado County Extension office, 316 Spring St. in Columbus.

### Rice research review set in El Campo

The annual Econo-Rice Research Review sponsored by the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center has been scheduled for Jan. 21-22. The research meeting will be held at the Civic Center in El Campo. For additional information about the meeting, contact Joyce Markwood at the center in Beaumont, 409-752-3045.

### Adult education classes offered

Registration and pre-testing for adult education classes for a GED are scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Middle School. Mr. Bostwick will be conducting the class. For more information call 234-5419 or the school at 234-3501.

## Sheriff's office retrieves stolen truck trailer

During the last week of Dec., the Colorado County Sheriff's Department handled a number of thefts and burglaries. On Dec. 20, Dale Little had reported the theft of a 1985 Western Star truck trailer and a 1981 Mate dump trailer from the Always-Trucking Co. yard east of Eagle Lake off FM 3013. Deputy Troy Neisner investigated the incident.

The Sheriff's Dept. was contacted Dec. 28 at 7:28 p.m. by the Jackson County Sheriff's office and informed that the trailer had been recovered in Edna. The trailer was returned and released to the owner. Dec. 29 Deputy W.E. Lattimore met with Everett and Kathy Dutcher at their residence north of Eagle Lake on FM 102 concerning a burglary of the residence. They reported that he left the house around 6:15 a.m. and his wife at 5:30 a.m. She returned at approximately 11 a.m. to find the house had been burglarized. They had moved into the house just 10 days ago from Eagle Lake.

Pry marks were found on the sliding glass door which is not visible from the road. Items reported missing included a jewelry box and the jewelry from a bedroom, two Coleman lanterns and a new Coleman cookstove. There were several rifles and shotguns visible in the closet where these were stored that were not taken. An Emerson VCR model 4000, stereo system and Rockford Fosgate speaker system were taken from the living room. The total value of the stolen items is approximately \$1,000. (See Sheriff's report, Page 7)

## 1992... A good year for Eagle Lake citizens

During 1992 Eagle Lake saw a number of changes and marked several major events. The Eagle Lake Community Hospital celebrated its 50th anniversary and the Ladies Auxiliary celebrated 25 years with the hospital.

**JULY**  
\*Fred Grahmann, Rice High School principal, has been named assistant superintendent for business and finance for RCISD.  
\*James Lee Jones was arrested for the triple stabbing in Altair June 21 that resulted in two murders.  
\*Dr. John Myers, DDS, has purchased the Dental Clinic in Eagle Lake from Dr. David Easers. Easers will continue at the clinic parttime until his new clinic in Austin is completed.  
\*Louis J. Muzny was honored by the American Legion Post #106 for his 30 years service as post #106.  
\*After 15 years in Eagle Lake, Dr. José Ugarte closed his clinic to move to Kingsville.  
\*Physician Assistant Lois Goodwin has joined the staff of the Thomas Clinic.  
\*Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry made a visit to Prairie Rice in Eagle Lake.  
\*Chad Ferguson, publisher of the Banner Press Newspaper, was named Sportsman of the Year by the Texas Girls Coaches Association.  
\*Weddings were announced by Kelli Lamier and Thomas Cook; Teresa Rash and Billy Brethaupt; Shannon Vikstrin and Charles Clough; Lawanda Ware and Xaxavier May; and Deborah Huz and John M. Johnson.  
\*Tricil kept its interim status on hazardous waste landfill after a TWC

hearing July 8 in Austin. However Tricil may not expand without full public hearings.  
\*Kami Kollaschny opened a new studio in Eagle Lake as a branch of her Sealy Performing Arts and Fitness.  
\*Three Running Raiders in the summer track program qualified for the national finals: Ruthie Long, Brandon Mathis and Rick Thomas.  
\*Alvin Kohlfel, age 77, of Eagle Lake, passed away on July 13.  
\*The E.H. Henry Historical Corp. received the deed to the old Eagle Lake Primary School from RCISD. The deed was executed at a cost of \$10 and the property is to be used for nonprofit educational, civic and charitable programs.  
\*A citywide cleanup was held two weekends in a row with city garbage trucks making special pick ups to help.  
\*Rice School District hired two new principals, Dr. Barbara Williams will be principal at Rice High School and Jose Rolando Rodriguez will be at Eagle Lake Middle School.  
\*A prisoner at the Colorado County jail was found hanged by his belt in his cell July 20. The county law enforcement officials declared there was no foul play.  
\*Eagle Lake Police, acting on a tip and armed with a search warrant, made a drug raid on Murphy Street, netting six baggies of cocaine and one arrest.  
\*Over 700 people attended the July 29 ACE meeting on Tricil's proposed hazardous landfill expansion near Altair.

**AUGUST**  
\*Eagle Lake Police Sgt. Earl Jones resigned to campaign fulltime for the

sheriff's position in Colorado County.  
\*A Southern Pacific train collided with a truck loaded with rice east of Eagle Lake near 90A injuring the truck driver.  
\*The Seal Catalog Store on Main Street closed.  
\*Rice CISD added five new coaches to the staff: Jerry Young, Tracy Wienecke, Chris Wienecke, Susan Pittman and Anthony Brown.  
\*Teachers were welcomed with a reception sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance and the PTO.  
\*New Town residents began a cleanup project recently.  
\*Reporting their weddings were Tanya McQueen and Jim Wieser; and Jeanne Hatley and John Young.  
\*The newly-adopted RCISD

budget for 1992-93 is \$8,228,864 and includes salary increases for all categories of employees.  
\*Monica Janow has been named the new Sheridan postmaster.  
\*United Way set a \$10,150 goal for their fall campaign.  
\*The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department received their new fire truck, a Class A pumper.  
\*The City of Eagle Lake accepted a donation from Crime Stoppers to provide the police officers with 9 mm standardized weapons after much study and discussion.

**SEPTEMBER**  
\*Sept. is National Rice Month. (See Restrospect, Page 10)

## Emergency Medical Technician course has begun in Eagle Lake

An Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course for state certification will be held in Eagle Lake beginning Jan. 5 at the Ambulance Hall (above the police station). Classes begin at 7 p.m. and are open to all interested people. The class limit is 30, however. Due to the lateness of this notification, students will be accepted through Jan. 14, but will be expected to catch up on reading assignments. The cost of the course is \$150 which includes the book. Students must be covered by liability insurance for the ambulance rotations and clinical hours in the hospital. All members of Colorado County Volunteer Emergency Corps are already covered. For others, insurance will be available at a nominal fee. To sign up or for further information call coordinator Jane Mahalic at 409-234-2678 in Eagle Lake.