

# Eagle Lake Headlight

## 1994

### \$1,000 Reward offered

Crime Stoppers of Eagle Lake is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the destruction and fire of a Stieger farm tractor and a small station house located on FM 102 at Ramsey. The incident occurred Dec. 4, 1993, causing an estimated \$75,000 in damage to the tractor and house. Anyone who has information concerning this case may call Crime Stoppers at 234-5555. You need not give your name, only the information. You will be given a number for identification purposes and will remain anonymous.

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## Strunk withdraws from political race

Colorado County Judge H.O. "Butch" Strunk announced that he would not be seeking re-election to the office he now holds. Although his name is on file with County Clerk Darlene Hayek, a statement released Monday, Jan. 3, stated he was withdrawing from the election.

The statement, hand-delivered to at least one of the two newspapers in Columbus, was not made available to this publication.

With the filing deadline of 6 p.m. Jan. 3 past, the following persons have filed to be included in the March 8th primary elections in Colorado County:

District Clerk	D-Harvey Vornsand (incumbent)
County Judge	D-H.O. Strunk (incumbent) D-Buddy Anderson D-Vince Slominski D-Barry White (is J.P., Pct. #1) R-Dwight Dittmar
County Clerk	D-Darlene Hayek (incumbent)
County Treasurer	D-Joyce Stancik (incumbent)
County Surveyor	D-Leonard W. Frank (incumbent)
Commissioner Precinct #2	D-Johnny Elstner (incumbent) D-Frank Kainer
Commissioner Precinct #4	D-L.J. "Sonny" Spanibel (incumbent)
Justice of the Peace (J.P.) Precinct #1	D-Dodie Duncan D-Paulette Kearney Fesler R-Wayne Behlen
J.P. Precinct #2	D-Ed Hanzelka Jr. (incumbent)
J.P. Precinct #3	D-Francis Troughard (incumbent) D-Floyd Weishuhn D-Carolyn Bertsch Easton
J.P. Precinct #4	D-Mary Lou Szymanski (incumbent)
Democratic County Chairman	George Cason (incumbent)
Republican County Chairman	John Loessin, unopposed

## First baby of 1994 born Jan. 2

Although there had been a number of births during the last week of 1993, including a set of twins, the first baby of the new year at Eagle Lake Community Hospital did not make her appearance until early Sunday morning, Jan. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Welch of El Campo are the proud parents of the first baby to be born in Eagle Lake in 1994.

Hailey Louise Welch was born January 2, 1994, at 6:43 a.m. with Dr. Russell Thomas as the attending physician.

Hailey Louise weighed seven pounds at birth and measured 20-1/2 inches in length.

Dr. Thomas congratulated the parents on the birth of their lovely, red-headed daughter.

Welcoming her home is her brother, Randy, age nine.

Her maternal grandparents are Jeane and Antone Hubenak of El Campo.

Her paternal grandparents are Janice Nicewander of Idaca, Mich., and W.D. Welch of Saginaw, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Raycraft are her great grandparents.

The mother of the new year's baby is Peggy Adase Welch.



Hailey Louise Welch sleeps calmly as Dr. Russell Thomas and her mother, Peggy Welch, admire the first baby born in Eagle Lake in 1994. She was born Sunday, Jan. 2. Becky and Craig Welch and Hailey are from El Campo. Headlight Photo by Susie Jackson

## Assault arrests mar beginning of new year

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported handling the following calls during the week ending Jan. 2.

Dec. 27 at approximately 4:30 p.m., Officer Tony Cassaro was dispatched to a residence on S. Austin in reference to an assault. The suspect, Debbie Hodges, later came to the police department voluntarily. She was arrested for assault, processed and transported to county jail for confinement and to see the judge.

At 5 p.m., Officer Cassaro was dispatched to J&K's Corner in reference to a theft of services. Wharton County law enforcement was also notified of the theft. A Wharton County constable stopped the suspects' vehicle and escorted them to the county line where Officer Cassaro met them. He escorted them back to J&K's where they paid their bill.

Dec. 29 at 9:52 p.m., Officer Lance Segler investigated a theft which occurred in the 200 block of E. Main St.

Officer Cassaro is investigating a report of broken lights at the Catholic Church property which occurred Dec. 27.

Dec. 30 at 1:34 a.m., Sgt. Clem Johnson was dispatched to a residence on 4th St. in reference to an assault. Jerome Pratt was arrested for aggravated assault, family violence. He was processed and transported to county jail.

Officer John Dawson was dispatched to a disturbance on W. Davitt St. After meeting with the subjects involved, Officer Dawson was able to help settle the matter and no charges were filed.

At 9:26 p.m., Officer Eric Hart met with a complainant at the police dept. who reported a case of criminal mischief. The case is under investigation.

Dec. 31 at 12:26 a.m., while making a routine traffic stop, Officer Cassaro was advised of an outstanding warrant against the driver. Graylin Carl Lowe was arrested, processed and transported to county jail.

Jan. 1, Sgt. Johnson was dispatched to a report of loud noise on Church St. Johnson talked with the subjects and advised them to keep the noise volume down.

At 3:36 a.m., Sgt. Johnson was dispatched to E. Waverly St. in reference to a burglary of a habitation. The case is under investigation.

Officer Cassaro, while on patrol, observed a subject discharging fireworks within the city limits. He issued a citation and the fireworks were confiscated for evidence.

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At 3:45 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore investigated a case of theft at Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg. The case remains open.

Friday, Dec. 31, Deputy Miller investigated a burglary of a building at 8:30 a.m. on 155 North. The case remains open.

At 9:49 p.m., Deputy Troy Neisner and Sgt. Lattimore investigated an incident of an intoxicated female in the ditch on IH-10 at the eastbound 690 mile marker.

Sunday, Jan. 1, 1994, at 2:24 a.m., Deputies Neisner and Leonard Peters arrested a subject for driving while intoxicated (DWT) at U.S. 90A in Aftair.

At 12:44 p.m., Deputy Miller investigated a burglary at FM 102. The case remains open.

Deputies Neisner and Thaine Bushy investigated an incident of Class A family violence on 2nd St. in Sheridan at 9:07 p.m. A subject was arrested.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Wildflower committee meets

The Wildflower Committee will hold a meeting Monday, Jan. 10, at 6 p.m. in the Prairie Edge Museum. All members and interested citizens are urged to attend.

### ESL classes begin

Las clases de ESL comensaran en Jenero 11, 1994, sera a las misma hora 7-9 p.m. martes y jueves.

The classes for ESL will begin again Jan. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

### Cookbooks for sale

White Cloud Baptist Church members are currently selling "Home Cook'n" Cookbooks. The books are \$7 each and may be purchased by contacting Annie Dancy or Maggie Henderson.

### Young Farmer info available

The Colorado County Extension Service has information on the Young Farmer Endowment Program. Anyone who wants information about the program may contact the office at 409-732-2082.

### Surplus food given out Monday

The Combined Community Action Inc. will distribute surplus food Monday, Jan. 10, in Eagle Lake at Providence Baptist Church, 1207 E. State St., from 11:30 a.m. to noon. Food will be given out at Weimar City Hall from 10 to 10:30 a.m. and at Columbus CCA Community Center, 903 Preston, from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Call the CCA office in Smithville, 512-237-2321, for information on eligibility requirements.

### Cancer support group meets at new time

The cancer support group for cancer patients, former patients, families and friends, has changed its meeting time. They will meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 3 p.m. in Gulf Coast Medical Center Classroom A. On the second and fourth Thursdays they will meet at 7 p.m. in the same place. For additional information call 409-532-6151.

### ELPS plans fund raiser

The PTO of Eagle Lake Primary School is having a ticket drawing to raise money for school field trips. Anyone who would like to buy tickets may call Roberts Johnson at 234-5297. The tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. There are 27 items to be given away Jan. 24 at the next PTO meeting.

### City reminds dog owners

All dog owners in the City of Eagle Lake are reminded of ordinance No. 8901 which requires all dogs to be registered for 1994 before Feb. 1. The 1993 registration expired Dec. 31. Register your dogs at City Hall with a current proof of rabies vaccination. The fees range from \$3 to \$7 per dog. There will be a \$6 penalty for dogs not registered by Feb. 1. Call the City at 234-2640 for any questions.

### Study Club to meet Jan. 12

The Study Club of Eagle Lake will have its monthly meeting Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m. in the Wintermann Library conference room. A short business meeting will precede the program. Mrs. Clarence Gore of Sugar Creek, the former Carol Beth Wells, will give a review of two books by Don Aslett, *Claster's Last Stand* and *No for Fuck Rats Only*. She is the daughter of Fair and Robert Wells Jr.



### First 'Officer of the Month'

Eagle Lake Police Chief A.E. "Buck" Hall presented Officer Lance Segler with a certificate naming Segler Eagle Lake's first "Officer of the Month".

This program, to honor our police officers for their hard work and dedication, was begun by Hall when he came to Eagle Lake the end of 1993. Segler was chosen for Nov. 1993 due to his willingness to extend himself beyond routine duties.

"Officer Segler has shown the initiative to go that extra mile during investigations and daily routines and has volunteered for special assignments," Chief Hall stated.

One officer will be chosen and commended each month. Being chosen during one month will not disqualify an officer from consideration during the following months. According to Hall, an awards banquet will be held at the end of the year where an "Officer of the Year" and "Rookie of the Year" will be named.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

## County sheriff reports quiet start to the year

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following activities for the week ending Jan. 2.

Monday, Dec. 27, at 7:30 p.m., Sgt. Bill Lattimore investigated a case of reckless conduct at Ave. C and West 2nd St. in Sheridan. The case was closed.

Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 6:17 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore investigated the burglary of a habitation at the west end of Crockett St. north of the railroad. The case remains open.

At 8:25 p.m., Deputy Jim Parcell investigated an injury to a child, class A misdemeanor, on County Road 240 in Weimar. A suspect was arrested and transported to county jail.

Deputies Parcell and Richard LaCourse investigated a case of criminal mischief at 11:30 p.m. on County Road 207 a half mile northwest of County Road 161.

Thursday, Dec. 30, at 8:20 a.m., Deputy Robert Miller investigated the burglary of a building at Lakeside Dr. Grain Systems. The case remains open.

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