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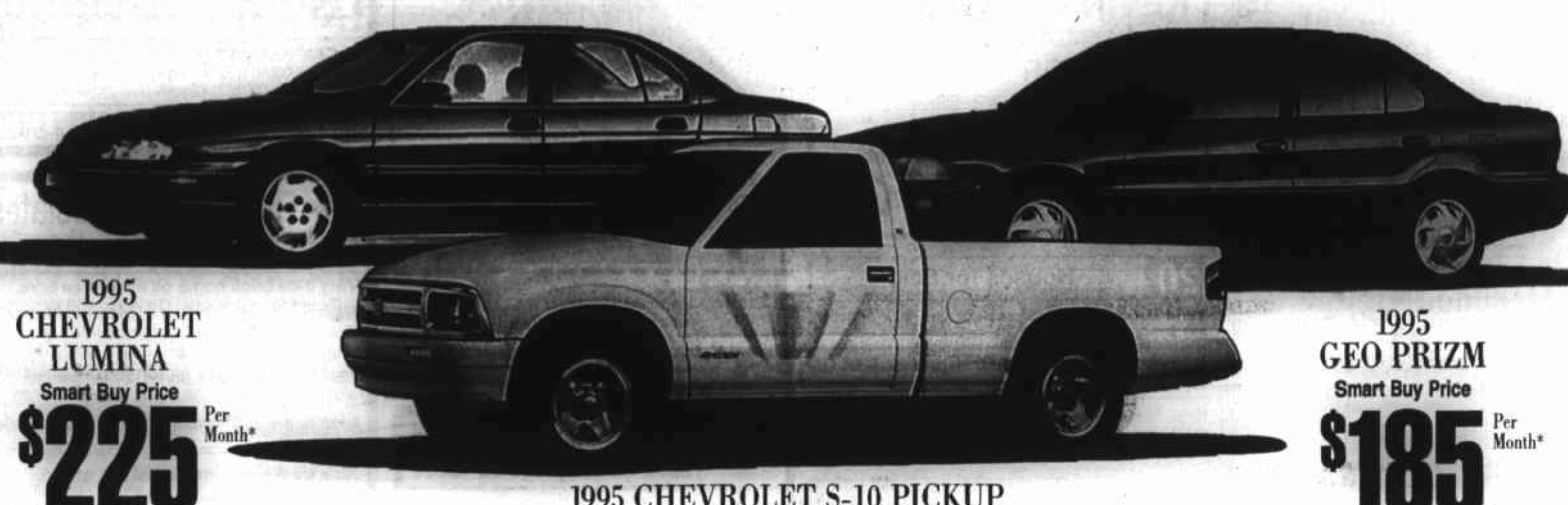

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Globetrotters coming to Eagle Lake!

The world-reknown Globetrotters are scheduled to take on faculty members and various leaders of the community in a basketball game on Saturday, Dec. 9, at Rice High School gym.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. game are $5 in advance or $7 at the door. Team members, along with the Houston Rockets' mascot, Turbo, will come in a week before the game to visit area schools, emphasizing the importance of staying in school. Keep reading *The Headlight* for more details.

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Legion toy drive begins

Eagle Lake American Legion Post #108 will, once again, sponsor the Christmas Toys for Children of needy families this year. Citizens are asked to make donations to the project at three locations.

You may leave new toys or money to buy toys at A.J. Struss Auto Supply, Lake Printing & Trophies or Wilcox Foods IGA; or you may mail checks to Post Adjutant W.L. Bauer at 116 Laughlin Rd., Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

Legionnaires remind you that ONLY new toys are requested and the project is for children of less fortunate families, only!

The toys will be distributed from 10 to 12 in the morning and 2 to 4 in the afternoon on Saturday, Dec. 23, at The Depot (former Santa Fe Railroad Depot) at the corner of E. Main and N. Lake.

Parents or guardians only may request toys at The Depot by appearing in person during the appointed hours. They will be required to register the names and ages of children to receive toys.

There will be no home delivery this year.

Please be generous in contributing to this project so that less fortunate children may also have a Merry Christmas, urge the Legionnaires. Last year, over 500 toys were given to over 150 children in over 50 families in our community.

New detention facility could generate income as...

Commissioners okay housing out-of-county inmates

Colorado County Commissioners authorized a contract and set rates for out-of-county inmates to be housed at the Colorado County Detention Facility during Monday morning's meeting.

The County will seek to house inmates from other Texas counties under a one-year contract at a rate of $35 per day for males and $45 per day for females.

There also was some discussion to consider the incarceration of out-of-state inmates, as well as minimum security federal prisoners and illegal aliens, but Commissioners opted only to take out-of-county inmates at the present time.

"I think we need to take out-of-county inmates before we start taking the out-of-state prisoners," said Precinct 2 Commissioner Johnny Elstner. "We don't know what kind of prisoners we will be getting... we could get their most violent and diseased prisoners. It is my opinion that we need to hold off on out-of-state prisoners at this time."

The Court also agreed to enter into contract with Caldwell County for the detention of juvenile offenders from Colorado County at a cost of $85 per day.

The County currently has contracts with Brazoria, Guadalupe and Victoria Counties, but the addition of Caldwell County will provide a backup and another option for use.

The contract with Caldwell County will run through Sept. 30, 1996.

In other business, the Court:

•Established a purchase order system for the general fund account to go into effect on Jan. 1;

•Approved a contract with Drug Free Consortium of Houston at a cost of $400 per year and an additional $60 per employee, if tested, to conduct the County's commercial driver's license drug testing program and named Diane Matus to oversee the program;

•Approved a bid in the amount of $15,888, with trade-in, from Columbus Ford-Mercury Inc., for a 1996 3/4-ton heavy duty pickup for Precinct 4;

•Approved an interlocal agreement with the City of Columbus to clean a drainage ditch which crosses Montezuma Street just west of Farm-to-Market Road 806;

•Authorized the declaration of all County buildings as being handgun-free;

•Adopted a resolution in support of the City of Eagle Lake's proposal to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the award of a state correctional facility to be constructed in its jurisdictional area; and

•Canceled the special meeting scheduled for Dec. 25.

Christmas Parade entries given line-up

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce 7th Annual Christmas Lighted Parade is this Saturday, Dec. 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Entries and their positions, as of press time, are include:

1A, Eagle Lake Police Chief; 1B, Eagle Lake Police K-9 Force; 2, VFW Color Guard; 3, Parade Marshal, Wm. Harrison Sr.; 4, Harrison Family members; 5, First National Bank; 6, City officials; 7, Eagle Lake Chamber Float; 8, former Miss Eagle Lake's;

Also, 9, Rice High School Band; 10, County Judge Vince Slominski; 11, County Officials; 13, Heritage House; 14, Heritage House; 15, Go Texan Queen; 16, CPL float; 17, Greater Union Drill team; 18, Xi Pi Psi; 19, LCRA; 20, Alpha Delta Phi; 21, Grace Lutheran Church;

Also, 22, Vine of the Lord Church; 23, Thomas Clinic; 24, Sherri's Starlight Twirlers; 25, Hochheim Prairie Insurance; 26, VICA; 27, Country Time; 28, Yoakum Chamber of Commerce; 29, ELPS PTO; 30, Colorado County Fair; 31, Rice District Community Hospital; 32, Hallettsville Chamber of Commerce;

Also, 33, Becky's Super Strutters; 34, Pagel Trucking Co.; 35, Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce; 36, Curly Wied for Sheriff; 37, ELMS Cheerleaders; spaces 38-41 are for late entries; 42, Eagle Lake Volunteer Ambulance Corps; 43, Eagle Lake Fire Department; 44-Santa; and 45, Eagle Lake Police Department.

We hope to see you there! Let's make this parade as big a success as it was last year.

NEWSBRIEFS

Seniors' Christmas dance is Friday

KC Council #4843 announced the 4th Annual Senior Citizen Christmas Dance is Friday, Dec. 1. at the Eagle Lake KC Hall. Music will be provided by The Country Playboys from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. The public is invited at the cost of $5 per person. There will be door prizes and refreshments. Rumor has it that Santa will make an appearance.

Congressional asst. at Courthouse Tuesday

Congressman Greg Laughlin will have a Congressional assistant at the Courthouse from 9:30 to11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5, to help residents with problems they may be having. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call 512-576-1231.

Singles dance is Dec. 15

The Fort Bend Singles are sponsoring a dance on Friday, Dec. 15, at 8 p.m. at the Needville KC Hall. Music will be provided by the Bobby Jones Band from 8 to 11:30 p.m. The public is invited and door prizes will be given. For more information, call 713-232-4782 or 409-793-4573.

St. Mary's variety shoot rescheduled

St. Mary's School Board has rescheduled their benefit variety shoot for Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Nada Community Center from 1 to 4 p.m. They'll have bonus and jackpot rounds; sausage, turkeys, hams, bacon and special prizes. The public is invited to attend.

German Society Christmas party is Dec. 5

The Texas German Society, Colorado County Chapter, will have their Christmas party on Dec. 5 at Mikeska's BBQ, downtown, beginning at 6:30 pm. Turkey and dressing with all the trimmings will be served for $6.25 per person, payable at the door. As a special gift to others, each person is asked to bring a can of food for the Colorado County food pantry. Call Ann Derr at 732-5551 by Nov. 30 to make reservations.

LOAC annual members exhibit Dec.1

The Live Oak Art Center's 1995 Annual Members Exhibit will open with a reception on Friday, Dec. 1, with the public invited. This will be an opportunity to see the talents of local artists. The center, located at 1014 Milam in Columbus, is open Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon. The exhibit will run through Jan. 13.

Footeliters present "The Fourposter"

The Community Theatre of Wharton (the Footeliters) will hold read-from-the-script auditions for Jan de Hartog's three-act drama "The Fourposter" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9, and Sunday, Dec. 10, in the Footeliter meeting room, 124 S. Houston Street (upstairs). For more information, call 409-532-1449.

PJ's selling tickets for cellular phone

Lake Motors has graciously donated a GTE Nokia cellular phone to the Prairie Junior Players (PJs). The youngsters will be selling tickets for $1 each for the chance at the phone which adapts to a car battery or batteries to go anywhere you go. Tickets may also be purchased at Laker Printing; or you can contact Sandy Young at 234-5662. The drawing will be Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Museum still seeking WWII uniform

Prairie Edge Museum continues the search for a WWII uniform (specifically a service hat and blouse) for a man who was a non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Air Corps. If you have one, kindly call Lana at the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Office, 234-2780.

Custom-made decorations still available

The Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club is taking orders for mailbox decorations for the upcoming holidays. They'll come to your home and decorate your mailbox or you may pick up decorations and do it yourself. Order now to beat the Dec. 16 deadline. There is a limited supply! Call Linda Balas at 234-3834 or Sandy Thomson at 234-5179. You may also pick up decorations at Eagle Lake Drugstore.

Free lesson, dance in one stop

P.O.L.K.A. of America members is giving free polka, waltz and line dance lessons at the Eagle Lake KC Hall the first Friday of each month prior to the Senior Citizens Dance. Lessons begin at 6 p.m., then you can stay and try out what you learned. Admission to the dance is $5 per person; the lessons are free.

Taxpayers Association to meet Dec. 5

The Taxpayers Association will hold a meeting at City Hall in Eagle Lake on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to promote and protect the economic interest of the taxpayers of the County. The public is invited and urged to attend.

Tennis pro to be in Sheridan for classes

A tennis pro from Houston will be in Sheridan at the tennis courts Sunday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. through Dec. 10 to give lessons to beginners or anyone interested in improving their skills. For more information, call 234-2639.

EAGLE LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls for the week ending Nov. 28.

Lt. Johnson was dispatched to a two vehicle accident at McCarty and East Main on Nov. 22 at 2:34 p.m. The mishap involved a vehicle driven by Edward John Wesemann of Eagle Lake and Janet Lela Dusek of East Bernard.

Reportedly, Wesemann was parallel parked on N. McCarty Street. As Dusek was turning her vehicle to the right right and onto McCarty, Wesemann drove into the moving lane of traffic, colliding into Dusek's vehicle. There were no injuries from the accident.

On Nov. 23 at 10:54 p.m., Officer Carl Risk received a call of a fight on Third Street. After meeting with the complainant and the suspect, no charges were filed.

Officer Risk received a call concerning criminal mischief on Nov. 24 at 3:43 a.m. After meeting with the complainant, the incident was turned over to the Colorado County Sheriff's Department.

Lt. Clem Johnson was dispatched to check on a suspicious person at Mills and Clark Streets on Nov. 24 at 10:25 a.m. Subject was located and identified; no action was taken.

Lt. Johnson was dispatched to a bank alarm on Nov. 24 at 4:50 p.m., a false alarm.

Sgt. Knox assisted at a civil standby on Nov. 24 at 5:06 p.m., without incident.

Sgt. Knox and Officer Gary Gipson were dispatched to a report of criminal mischief on Nov. 24 at 7:18 p.m. A window was reported broken out at a location on Third Street. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.

Officer Risk was dispatched to meet with a complainant about a runaway on Nov. 25 at 3:30 a.m. A report was taken. At 5:30 a.m. the runaway was located and returned to her home.

On Nov. 25 at 3:26 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to D Street in reference to a bicycle theft. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

Several calls were received in reference to loud music on Gonzales Street. Several warning and citations were issued.

On Nov. 25 at 10:50 p.m., Officer David Wood was dispatched to 303 S. Lake in reference to a possible assault. The suspect, Broderick Stevenson, was arrested for criminal mischief, processed at the police department and transported to the Colorado County Detention Center for confinement on said charges.

Sgt. Jack Knox was dispatched to a report of a vehicle in a ditch on Nov. 25 at 11:15 p.m. Moments after his arrival, Delgado's Wrecker Service arrived and pulled the vehicle from the ditch, with no property damage.

Lt. Johnson was dispatched to a burglar alarm at the Rice Package Store on Nov. 27 at 10:04 a.m. Upon Johnson's arrival, the owner advised him that it was a false alarm.

Sgt. Knox met with a complainant at the police department on Nov. 27 at 4:10 p.m. in reference to a burglary of a motor vehicle at 100 Boothe Drive. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

Also on Nov. 27 at 7:15 p.m., Sgt. Knox met with a complainant at the police department in connection with a past theft. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

Sgt. Knox was dispatched to an alarm at the First National Bank on Nov. 27 at 7:53 p.m. The building was checked and found to be secure. It was believed that an employee working late had accidentally set the alarm off.

Officer Brian Ochoa was dispatched to S. Austin Road to a prowler call. The area was searched but no one was located.

Officer Ochoa assisted a resident on Glen Meadows with a smoke detector on Nov. 27 at 11:56 p.m.

Lt. Johnson was advised of a subject who works in Eagle Lake who was wanted by Fort Bend County. Zacery Lazon Coleman, was located, processed at the police department and held until a Fort Bend County Deputy picked him up on Nov. 28.

Christmas time is coming soon!

With Christmas fast approaching, *The Headlight* staff is gearing up for the annual "Letters to Santa" section. This year, the section will be included in the Dec. 21 issue.

Anyone who would like to look over the new greetings ads should give us a call at 234-5521 or come by 220 E. Main.

Letters to Santa from local school children, along with inspirational messages from local pastors and an occasional recipe will complete the holiday special.

The deadline for this section will be Thursday, Dec. 14.

Make sure your business isn't left out. Let your customers know how much you appreciate their business... tell them with a greeting!

Water, water everywhere!

Monday afternoon, the streets in the 200 block of E. Main looked like a vicious storm had come through our fair city.

No, it wasn't a storm, it was City workers trying to find a leak in the area of the drive-by window at Cafe on Main.

First, though we weren't fast enough to catch him at it, Director of Public Works Graham "Buster" Beisel was seen, looking out the front of *The Headlight* office, "playing" with the hydrant in the old grocery store parking lot.

Then, looking out the back door of our establishment, there was Arnold Cardenas with his arms in water up past his elbows and wet from head to toe. He tried to hide from the camera lens, but wet tennies don't give you much traction.

Leo Cordova, another City worker who was assisting Cardenas, graciously served as chauffeur for the lady who was trying to reach the white vehicle seen in the picture at left, behind all that water.

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