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## About Town...

•Apologies to Claudine Brooks Shorter for the mix up in the Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Seems the list printed by the company was incorrect. Mrs. Shorter is a substitute teacher in the Kandelton ISD.

•Congratulations to Courtney Renee Parker of Eagle Lake. She is one of 700 freshmen who has won a scholarship from Texas A&M University and was honored by A&M at its annual Scholarship Convocation on Sept. 1 in College Station. By the way, Courtney won the Aggie Spirit Award, \$4,000 over four years.

•The "Fayetteville Flash" himself, Mr. Leroy Matocha, came in the Headlight last week to visit with the now-retired Polka Queen. Seems Leroy is a "flood buff"; he likes to read about floods. He'd like information on the floods of 1913, 1921 and 1930. If any of you have information or know where he could find it, give us a call.

•Lois Scott, supervisor, Commu-

nications/Life Claims, recently celebrated her 25-year company anniversary. She started her career at American National Life Claims as a clerk typist, moved on to approve, and then to her current position as supervisor, which she has held for the last 14 years. Lois and her husband, Herbert, have one daughter and one grandson. Lois is the daughter of Mrs. Betty Swanner and granddaughter of Mrs. Vetta Hinton, both of Eagle Lake. All the family members are very proud of Lois.

•Congratulations to Steve Balas of Eagle Lake for being appointed to the following committees with the USA Rice Federation: Finance, Administration and Membership, and the Farm Bill Committee.

•Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Swenson and Mr. and Mrs. Alton New spent the weekend in Harrison, Ark., attending the 50th wedding anniversary of Wilbur's brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Marelle, at Mary Mother of God Catholic Church. They report that it was all beautiful.

On the way to Harrison, they went through President Bill Clinton's home town of Hope, Ark. It was very pretty there; the trees were beautiful in color.

•The Colorado-Fayette County Pecan Poster Art Contest will be held Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Ellinger Chamber of Commerce Hall.

All elementary and junior high students in Colorado and Fayette Counties are eligible to enter one poster in one division: kindergarten-second grade, grades 3-5; and grades 6-8. Poster must be 14" x 22" (half a standard size poster board), contain information on or promote pecans. Entries must be at the County Extension Office in Columbus on or before Friday, Nov. 8. Call the office at 409-732-2530 for questions; or come by 316 Spring, Columbus, for more complete rules and regulations.

## Police

Sunday, Oct. 13:

Officer Ochoa was dispatched to the W. Main area in search of a vehicle with loud music; it was not located.

Officer Ochoa investigated an abandoned vehicle in the 100 block of South Austin Road. The vehicle was removed due to being a traffic hazard.

Officer Crume investigated a bicycle theft in the 300 block of Harbert. Sgt. Knox investigated a loud music complaint in the 3600 block of Honeydew. A warning was written.

Officer Ochoa was dispatched to Sportsman's Motel on several occasions during the morning. Roberto L. Hernandez was arrested at the scene for outstanding warrants, burglary of a motor vehicle taken from an occupant, a theft and criminal mischief report were taken from the motel. The three cases are under investigation. Arrests are expected.

Officer Crume arrested Irubiel Pozos of Rosenberg for driving while intoxicated (DWI) in the 1300 block of E. Main.

Officers Ochoa and Crume were dispatched to an unknown location on Shirley Street in reference to gunshots being fired. No suspects or witnesses were located.

Monday, Oct. 14:

Officer Risk assisted the Columbus Police Department in investigating a missing person. The person was later located.

Sgt. Knox investigated a juvenile violating his court-ordered probation. The report was submitted to the Juvenile Probation Department.

Officer Risk was dispatched to a false alarm at Eagle Concrete.

Wednesday, Oct. 16:

Officer Ochoa was dispatched to a residence in the 400 block of Davitt in reference to a prowler. The house and property were searched; no suspects were found.

Officer Ochoa assisted the ambulance in the 200 block of Beard Street.

Officers Risk and Do searched for a suspicious person on a possible stolen bicycle on Mills Street. The suspect was not located.

Officer Gipsen assisted the ambulance in the 700 block of S. McCarty.

Thursday, Oct. 17:

Sgt. Knox investigated an assault in the 1400 block of Seaholm. Charges are pending in the investigation.

Sgt. Knox was dispatched to the 1300 block of E. State Street to speak with a resident about an unknown pro-

blem. Knox arrived and reportedly found the resident too intoxicated to communicate.

Friday, Oct. 18:

Officer Risk was dispatched to the 600 block of Shirley Street in reference to a disturbance. Risk arrived and found the residence secured and no signs of a disturbance.

Sgt. Knox arrested Roy Gutierrez on a criminal mischief warrant after Gutierrez turned himself in at the police department.

Sgt. Knox was dispatched to Eagle Lake Middle School to investigate a stolen jacket. Asst. Principal Johnny Hackett reported the theft and assisted in the investigation.

Saturday, Oct. 19:

Officer Risk was dispatched to the Bautista Church on East B Street in reference to a possible break-in. The church was found secured.

Officer Bilbo investigated a possible run-away from Louisiana. Information was obtained; no further action was taken.

Sgt. Knox and Officer Lange were dispatched to the 100 block of Lake in

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reference to two intoxicated males; neither were located.

Sunday, Oct. 20:

Officers Risk and David Wood were dispatched to the hospital in reference to an intoxicated female fighting with EMS personnel. The female was secured and examined. She was then released to family members.

Officer Brian Baklik was dispatched to a residence in the 300 block of N. Lake twice in regards to possible family violence. No violence was observed or reported. One family member elected to leave voluntarily.

Monday, Oct. 21:

Chief Webb and Sgt. Knox were dispatched to the 800 block of East B St. in reference to an intoxicated male down in the front lawn of a residence. Officers located a male asleep in the yard. He was escorted to his house on the next street where he remained.

Officer Risk was dispatched to the 500 block of East Prairie in regards to a juvenile disturbance. The situation was settled at the scene.

Officer Risk responded to a false alarm located at J&K's.

**Sheridan PTS 50th Annual Halloween Carnival**

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**Saturday, Oct. 26**

**Queen's Contest: 5:30 p.m.**

**Costume Judging: to follow Queen's Contest**

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- 2) I will work to the best of my ability to enact term limits legislation until such legislation is enacted.
- 3) I will seek no more than four terms as representative for the 28th District.

Should any provision of this contract be violated, I will render my resignation to the people of the State of Texas, never to seek elected office again.

*Chip Rayburn*

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Don't forget...

## Halloween curfew enforced

The City of Eagle Lake would like to remind all of you of the curfew which will be in effect Halloween night, Oct. 31.

All street activity must end by 8 p.m., as approved by the City Council during a recent meeting.

If you have any questions, call City Hall at 234-2640.

Otherwise, have a happy and safe Halloween.

# Eagle Lake Headlight

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Thrift Shop open Saturday, Nov. 2

The Prairie Edge Museum's Thrift Shop will be open this Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Be sure to stop by and check out all the great bargains!

### Halloween dance is Saturday

The Eagle Lake Middle School Student Council and cheerleaders are sponsoring a Halloween Dance for all Rice CISD sixth, seventh and eighth graders on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Students are encouraged to dress in costumes and will be allowed in the dance free of charge if they come in costume. Call the school office at 234-3501 for more information.

### RDCH to X-ray Halloween candy

Don't be a pumpkin head! Rice District Community Hospital cares about your family. For Halloween, bring your candy by the Radiology Department to get it x-rayed between 6 and 8 p.m. For more information, call the Radiology Staff at RDCH.

### Garwood Association meeting is Monday

The Garwood Community Association will meet on Monday, Nov. 4, in the Community Building at 7:30 p.m. A reminder that booths are still available for the Christmas Craft Show on Dec. 7.

### Early release day for all Rice Schools

All Rice CISD schools will have an early release day on Friday, Nov. 15, for report card conferences at the end of the second six-weeks. Each campus will be scheduling conferences in a way appropriate to that campus. Report cards will not be mailed or sent home on Nov. 15. Information about scheduling conferences will be sent home with your child. Please call your child's campus for additional information.

### VFW Post #8783 to hold drawing

The VFW Post #8783 of Eagle Lake will be selling tickets for a drawing until Nov. 11 (Veterans Day). Funds will be used for a scholarship for a Rice High School senior and other VFW programs. Please help support this worthy cause.

### Chili supper is Nov. 11

The Knights of Columbus, Council #4843 of Eagle Lake, will be having a chili supper Monday, Nov. 11, serving from 5 to 7 p.m. Plates-to-go only can be picked up at 710 E. Main, Eagle Lake. Ticket price is \$3.50 per plate.

### White Cloud Baptist to hold special service

White Cloud Baptist Church will celebrate their 30th Appreciation Service for Rev. and Mrs. Obie Rhodes on Thursday, Oct. 31, Friday, Nov. 1, and Sunday, Nov. 3. Weekday services start at 7:30; Sunday services at 2 p.m. Sunday's speaker will be Rev. G.B. Trotty from Mission Baptist Church in Houston.

### Graves to be decorated for Veteran's Day

Eagle Lake's American Legion Post 108 will again decorate graves of deceased veterans in observance of Veteran's Day. The flags will be placed on veterans' graves in local cemeteries at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, and will remain in place until 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11. In the event a grave is unintentionally missed, call Post Commander Fred Fink at 234-2065. Members who can assist in this annual project are asked to be at The Depot at 9 a.m. on Nov. 9.

### Seniors dance is Friday

The Senior Citizens dance will be held Friday, Nov. 1, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by The Country Playboys. The public is invited; door prizes will be given.

### Defensive driving set for Nov. 13 & 14

A defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel at the Agriculture Building at 316 Spring, Columbus, Nov. 13 and 14 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. To pre-register, call 409-732-2734. If unable to pre-register, come a few minutes early.

### Bake sale this Saturday

The Parish of the Nativity will hold a bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 2, in front of IGA Foods beginning at 9 a.m. The sale will benefit the Parish treasury.

### Fall Festival planned by My Friend's House

A Fall Festival, sponsored by My Friend's House Day Care and Pre-School, will be held Saturday, Nov. 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the United Methodist Church yard. Come for rides, games, food and fun. The public is invited.

### NPSOT meeting set for Nov. 7

The Columbus Chapter of the Native Plant Society will meet Thursday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. in the Nesbitt Memorial Library, 529 Washington, Columbus. Lisa Wright, owner of Wright Landscaping Co. in Katy and president of the Houston Chapter of the Native Plant Society, will speak on gardening with native plants that attract both resident and migrating butterflies and birds. All interested persons are invited to attend. For more information, please call Ann Lindemann at 357-2772 or Mary Anne Pickens at 732-5058.

### Christmas parade entries needed

It's getting closer! The Lighted Christmas Parade in Eagle Lake is scheduled for Dec. 7. Entries are needed to make this parade as exciting as last year's. Call the Chamber of Commerce office at 234-2780 for more information.

### Mini-camp cheerleaders to participate

On Nov. 8, all youngsters who participated in the mini-camp this past summer are invited to cheer at the Rice-Hallettsville game. Please be at the stadium by 6:15 p.m. to practice. Be sure to wear blue and white clothing.

### Halloween haunted house at Museum

There will be a Haunted House at Prairie Edge Museum on Thursday, Oct. 31, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. All students, grades pre-k through seventh, are invited. Students must be accompanied by an adult. No unsupervised children will be admitted. The haunted house is a project of the R.H.S. Raider Players at a community service to promote theatre. Minimal cost to cover expenses is \$1 at the door; PJs with token. For more information, call 234-7569.

### Mt. Mariah Baptist Church sets homecoming

You're invited to a Homecoming-Family-Friends and Benefit Days on Sunday, Nov. 10, at 2:30 p.m. at Mt. Mariah Baptist Church in Alleyton. The speaker will be Rev. Larry Davis.

### PJs still rehearsing

PJs will hold rehearsals from 3 to 5 p.m. every Sunday through Nov. at the Prairie Edge Museum for "Last Chance High". Production dates will be Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 24 at 3:30.

# VOTE Tuesday!

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## Council grills consultant on 'Home' program problems

By Lynda Appelt

Contributing Writer

The Eagle Lake City Council heard a report at its Oct. 22 meeting on the Housing Rehabilitation Program recently completed, whereby seven homes in Eagle Lake were brought up to minimum building standards through a \$200,000 Home Improvement Program Grant.

Council Members and Mayor David Mann rigidly questioned the city's administrator of the grant funds, Bruce Spitzengel, emphasizing their concerns of "shopping Eagle Lake" during the project.

Council expressed concern about how the contractors for the project were selected.

No Eagle Lake contractors were selected.

Purchases that were made outside the City for building supplies and appliances and comments that were allegedly made about the City administration by workers on the project were also major concerns.

"I think it was a very successful program, but I also think they should have shopped locally. There was pro-

bably less than \$4,000 as far as I can ascertain spent here locally," said Councilman J.W. Shavers.

Spitzengel told Council that le-

gally a clause can't be put into a contractor's contract stating that he must shop locally.

"Our contractors are so exper-

enced and have done so many homes, they are going to go where they can get the best price. I can only encourage them to shop locally," said Spitzengel.

According to Spitzengel, the extermination clean-up and roofing were done by local persons.

"We're very tough on whom we select as contractors," said Spitzengel. According to Spitzengel, the qualifications for contractor selection have become even more stringent since the Eagle Lake project was completed.

Spitzengel told Council that one more house will be done, due to the death of a homeowner originally selected for the program.

According to Spitzengel, when applications were taken in Aug. for the recently completed project, the City had a difficult time getting any applications.

"Today, the fact that we had 27 applicants for that one improvement position tells me that there must not have been too much disgruntlement and the program was successful," Spitzengel said.

Disgruntlement was another of Council's concerns about the project. Housing selection is done on scores according to the economic feasibility of the home. If the home is beyond assistance according to the money that can be invested in each home to bring it up to minimum housing standard, it is not chosen.

Rehabilitation Specialist Bud Love was unable to attend the meeting due to illness, but Spitzengel told Council he would see that a better effort is made to utilize locals, the matter of concern of homeowners to choose specific contractors will be investigated, as well as the "moaning" rumor.

"We never had a meeting like this before and we'll try not to have another one," said Spitzengel.

Council accepted the low bid of the Texas Municipal League for its total insurance coverage. Other bids received were from Eagle Lake Insurance Agency and Baumgart Agencies of Eagle Lake. John Githero and Mary Ann Kaluza were present, representing Baumgart.

Roland Hemphill addressed Council on his "missing sewer tap."

Hemphill paid for a tap 22 years ago that appears to have been disconnected somewhere through the years. The line is now connected to his neighbor's service line.

He began having sewer problems several months ago. In the effort to resolve the problem, Hemphill discovered the rerouting of his line.

According to City Manager Ron Holland, the City was unable to find where a tap had ever been made for Hemphill. Past City records indicate payment for the tap and inspection approval by then City Manager T.J.

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## Plans underway for Christmas toys

W. Cherry-M. Perry Post 108 of the American Legion has started plans for another Christmas Toy for Children of Needy Families to be held at The Depot from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, Dec. 21.

Just like last year, only new toys will be given to the children. You may leave new toys, cash or check donations at A.J. Struss Auto Supply, Wallis State Bank, Laker Printing or IGA Grocery.

Toys will be provided for children, infants through nine years of age. Parents or guardians of eligible children in needy families will be required to fill out an application and apply in person at The Depot (former Santa Fe Depot).

The application forms will be printed in The Headlight Dec. 12 and 19 issues, but you must bring the application to The Depot. The forms will also be available at the distribution site from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Dec. 21. There will be no home deliveries!

In years past, over 160 children have been given appropriate Christmas gifts annually through the work of the Legionnaires and spouses and the generous support of local citizens and businesses.

## County may move agencies out of Courthouse

In an effort to solve the office space crunch at the Colorado County Courthouse, County Commissioners on Monday morning gave the Colorado County Central Appraisal District (CCCAD) 18-months to relocate.

Discussion with the CCCAD left that organization some 18 months to find an alternative.

According to Chief Appraiser Billy Youens, CCCAD has occupied an office in the Courthouse since its formation in 1980 and did not start paying rent at \$1,549 per month until there was a lease agreement signed in 1990.

In 1995, the lease agreement was reviewed and the 18-month notice to vacate was added.

"We want to encourage the County to let us stay here as long as we can," said Youens. "Our board has realized that we need more space, but we need to find a location in the vicinity of the Courthouse."

It has been discussed that the old Colorado County Jail site might be used for additional county offices and Colorado County CAD. The County currently has monies in its 1997 budget for the demolition of that facility.

According to Colorado County Judge Vince Stominski, current estimates for repairing the structure and meet American Disability Act (ADA) guidelines have been astronomical.

The Court also met with representatives of the Colorado Soil & Water Conservation District in regard to their space at the County Ag Building.