

# Eagle Lake Headlight

## 1996

### Western art entries to be displayed locally

Art students of the Rice Consolidated Independent School District will display their entries in the Art Show at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for public viewing and reception on Saturday, Jan. 13, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Prairie Edge Museum. Entries from all five schools in the district will be represented. Everyone is encouraged to attend and appreciate

our local budding artists. Parents of art students and PTO members are needed to help serve as hosts/hostesses and/or supply cookies and goodies for the judge's table. Judging will take place that afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m. (See Art, Page 8)

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## Two local businesses, one house hit by burglars

Eagle Lake Police Chief Keith Webb is investigating a burglary of a habitation on Hubbard Ferry Road reported Dec. 31 at 12:44 p.m. Evidence was gathered at the scene and the case remains under investigation. Texas Fried Chicken, located at 514 E. Main in Eagle Lake was reported to have been burglarized on Jan. 1. Officer Brian Ochoa took a report and is investigating the burglary. Ochoa was also dispatched to a burglary at Johnny's Sport Shop, 101 Boothe Drive, on Jan. 2 at 4:39 a.m. Chief Webb is assisting Ochoa with this investigation.

The Eagle Lake Police Department also reported the following cases for the week ending Jan. 1, 1996. On Dec. 27 at 7:17 p.m., Officer Carl Risk was dispatched to a report of a disturbance on S. Lake Avenue. Upon arrival, Risk spoke with the complainant and suspect. The disturbance was settled at the scene and no other action was taken.

Officer Randy Davenport was dispatched to N. Lake Ave. on Dec. 28 in reference to a burglary. A report was taken and the case is under investigation. A report of a suspicious subject walking in the 400 block of Prairie was received by the police department on Dec. 28 at 10:53 a.m. Officer Davenport located the subject, who turned out to be a realtor. No other action was taken.

Officer Ochoa was dispatched to Pendleton Street on Jan. 1 in reference to firecrackers being discharged. Ochoa observed subjects run from the area as he arrived. He met with the homeowner and advised them they could not pop firecrackers in the City limits. Officer Risk received a call of discharging fireworks on Norris Street on Jan. 1. A warning citation was issued (See Police, Page 8)

## NEWSBRIEFS

### APC Festival meeting tonight

An open meeting of the Atwater Prairie Chicken Festival will be held Thursday, Jan. 4, at 5:30 p.m. at the Prairie Edge Museum. The attendance at this meeting will determine if there will even be a festival this year.

### CCLEA calendars now on sale

Colorado County Law Enforcement Agency is now selling its Crime Prevention calendars. The calendar has pictures of all the County law officers, tips on how to prevent burglaries and emergency phone numbers. Proceeds will go toward buying needed equipment for the various departments. Call Shirley Kearby at 409-732-5061; Patsy Stavinska, 732-2237; Vicki Fredericks, 732-3465; or the Eagle Lake Police Department, 234-2727.

### GED classes start Jan. 9

GED classes will get underway at the Eagle Lake Middle School next Tuesday, Jan. 9. Classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call the school at 234-3501, and ask for Lois Raabe.

### Booster club meeting Jan. 10

The Athletic Booster Club will hold a meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the PAC at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Screening scheduled for Jan. 10

A cholesterol/triglyceride screening will be held Wednesday, Jan. 10, from 7 to 9 a.m. at the Gulf Coast Medical Center Lab in Wharton at the cost of \$8. You must pre-register by calling 409-532-2500, ext. 1300.

### Senior dance this Friday

KC Council #4843 has announced the first Seniors Dance for 1996 to be held Friday, Jan. 5, at the Eagle Lake K.C. Hall. Music will be provided by Donnie Wavra from 7:30 to 10:30. The public is invited at a cost of \$4 per person. There will be door prizes and refreshments.

### ELMS PTO meeting Jan. 9

The Eagle Lake Middle School Parent Teacher Organization will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, Jan. 9, in the school library. Parent participation is needed and all parents are invited to attend.

### Native Plant society to meet tonight

The Columbus Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas will hold a meeting on Thursday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. at the Colorado County Agriculture Extension office, 316 Spring Street. Helga Parks will present a slide show and program. Guest are welcome to attend. For more information, call 409-732-5058.

### WCJC spring registration to begin

Wharton County Junior College will begin regular registration for 1996 Spring classes on Jan. 8, by appointment, in Wharton. Appointments may be made by calling the Registrar's office, 409-532-6303. WCJC's Spring 1996 classes are from Jan. 16 through May 17.

### EMT class starts Jan. 9

A new EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) class will begin Jan. 9. The class will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Eagle Lake Ambulance Hall from 6 to 10 p.m., a total of 120 hours classroom hours. The cost of the course is \$180 with terms available (the cost will be reimbursed after 90 days membership in Corps). Contact any Corps member or Marc Jordan, Colorado County EMS Director, at 409-732-9635 during the day.

### Girl Scout cookie sale starts Saturday

The Girl Scouts troop of Eagle Lake will begin their cookie sale on Saturday, Jan. 6. Please contact Margaret Henry, Suzanne Sykowski or Olivia Maxie for more information.

### College information offered toll-free

A toll-free College Information Hotline will be available to Texas residents on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 13 and 14, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Anyone in the state of Texas may call 1-800-829-4599 and receive free information about college selection, admission, testing and financial aid. The hotline is staffed by professionals. Spanish speaking counselors will be available.

### ELMS basketball tournament

The Eagle Lake Middle School will hold its annual basketball tournament Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 11-Jan. 13. Parent volunteers are needed to help in the concession stand. Proceeds from the concessions are used for educational/enrichment materials for the upcoming year. If you're able to help, please call Rebecca Buckner at 234-3802.

### Support group schedules meeting

A Life after Loss Support Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 312 Depot, in El Campo. The meeting will be about adjusting to life after loss. The public is invited. For more information, call the Hospice office at 409-543-9487.

### Defensive driving course scheduled

A defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel at the Agriculture Building at 316 Spring Street, Columbus, Jan. 27 and 28 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. To pre-register for the course, call 409-732-2734. If unable to pre-register, just arrive a few minutes early.

Other action was taken. Lt. Clem Johnson was contacted on Dec. 28 at 3:16 p.m. in reference to a welfare check on North Street. Johnson, accompanied by Sgt. Jack Knox, discovered the death of Julius Richardson. Justice of the Peace Mary Lou Szymanski was called to the scene, where she ruled the death was due to natural causes.

## Candidates listed for upcoming elections

Listed below are the official candidates for offices in Colorado County as well as District races as of Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Colorado County Commissioners, Precinct 1: Richard Seifert I, D; Precinct 2: Lonnie Hinze, D; Precinct 3: Tommy Hahn, R, and Glenn Weisshuh, D. Colorado County Constable, Precinct 3: Ivan Menke, I, D; Precinct 4: Wilfred Lueddecke, I, D. County Attorney, John Julian Moore, I, D.

KEY: D = filed for Democratic Primary, R = filed for Republican Primary, I = incumbent.

Colorado County Sheriff, Robert E. Connor Jr., D; R.H. "Carly" Wied, D; Tom Fleming, R; Earl Jones, R; Ed Michalke, D; and Charles H. "Chuck" Ulbrich, D.

Colorado County Party Chairman: George Cason, D; Jean Ellis, R.

Precinct Chairman: Pct. 1, Gilbert Kiel D; Pct. 3, Virginia Wells, R; Pct. 5, Norbert Meisner, D; Pct. 9, Molly Raabe, D; Pct. 10, Ed Maynard, R; Pct. 13, Jim Sewell, R; Pct. 15, Pam Moore, R; Pct. 17, Steven Meinecke, R, and Tom Reed, D.

Judge, 2nd 25th Judicial District: Gus Strauss, I, D.

Judge, 25th Judicial District: Dwight E. Peschel, I, R.

District Attorney, 25th Judicial District: W.C. "Bud" Kirkendall, I, R.

State Representative, District 28: Kurt Johnson, D; Don Loucks, R; Chip Rayburn, R.

U.S. Representative, District 14: Charles "Lefty" Morris, D; Greg Laughlin, I, R; Ted Bozarth, R; Ron Paul, R.

The deadline for filing was Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 5 p.m. Any last-minute changes or additions will be reported next week.

Two Texas rice growers were selected for the Rice Leadership Development Program: Andy Anderson and Shelley Meneff.

Go Texan Team Penners Al Schindler, Stephen Spanihel and Monroe "Rip" Ripper took third place in the 1995 Go Texan activities at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Frances Mirkwa of Eagle Lake and Chad Fack of Garwood were winners in the 1995 San Antonio Stock Show in the calf scramble event.

Michelle Spanihel won a \$1,000 certificate for her professionalism in the judges' contest.

Brandon Shanks was awarded a \$1,000 purchase certificate for being picked as the hard luck winner by the calf scramble committee.

On March 11, a drug bust in Columbus netted 10.25 pounds of marijuana with a street value of \$9,100. The drug transaction was set up by the (See Review, Page 8)

Carl Risk and Anthony Silva were okayed by the City Council to serve as auxiliary police officers.

David Wintermann was honored by the Texas Parks & Wildlife and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Departments for "commitment to the conservation of Texas natural resources including the Atwater Prairie Chicken Refuge".

## Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers 'Crime of Week'

The Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1000 cash reward for any information leading to the arrest and indictment of any person or persons involved in the burglary of Johnny's Sport Shop at 101 Boothe Drive during the early morning hours of Jan. 2, 1996.

## Review of 1995 continues

FEBRUARY... Continued "Six students from the Eagle Lake Primary School were awarded the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Gold Seal Award of Excellence at the Rice Consolidated Western Art Show held in Feb. at the high school.

## Garwood man sentenced to 16 year prison term

Jolious Jerome Pratt was sentenced to 16 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (IDTDCJ) on Dec. 21 in connection with the March 12, 1995, death of Marvin Johnson. A Colorado County grand jury indicted Pratt, 31, of Garwood on murder charges on April 13. He pled guilty to a lesser charge of manslaughter on Nov. 27 after a jury was picked. After entering his plea, the sentencing date was set for Dec. 21 when he appeared before 25th Judicial District Judge Dwight E. Peschel.

## EMT course begins Tuesday

An EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) course will begin Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the Eagle Lake Ambulance Hall, according to Colorado County EMS Director Marc Jordan. Anyone interested in not only learning, but helping their fellow man, should contact Jordan at 409-732-9635 during the day. If you're not sure about taking the entire course, stop by next Tuesday at 6 p.m. The Ambulance Hall is located above the Eagle Lake Police Department at 203 E. Post Office.

## City loses long-time, well-known resident

Gardner Cameron Duncan, 88, of Eagle Lake passed away December 23, 1995. He was born in Palestine on July 30, 1907, the son of Isaac Vance and Annie Joe Gardner Duncan. He was the grandson of Green Cameron Duncan and Mamie Bowie Duncan and Judge Benjamin Howard Gardner and Carolina Calhoun Bonner Gardner. He married Ann Elizabeth Wells of Columbus on February 16, 1946, at Christ Episcopal Church in Eagle Lake. His family moved to Eagle Lake from the Duncan family home in Egypt in 1910. He attended the Calhoun one room school before going to Eagle Lake High School where he graduated in 1925. After a year at Virginia Military Institute, he entered the University of Texas and received his BBA in 1931. While at the university, he was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, the Texas Cowboys and was on the football team. After working for the Gulf States Life Insurance Company for two years, he returned to Eagle Lake to go into partnership with his father in the ranching and farming business. He later continued the partnership with his son and daughter. Duncan served as director of the University of Texas Dad's Association and was a lifetime vice president of that organization. He was a director of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the First National Bank of Eagle Lake. He had also served on the Calhoun and Eagle Lake School Boards. He was a president of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club. He had been on the Vestry and served as Treasurer and Senior Warden of Christ Episcopal Church, where he remained a devoted communicant until his death. He enjoyed playing polo and was a two goal player on the Houston and San Antonio teams. He was also an avid pilot and outdoor sportsman and a member of the Eagle Lake Rod and Gun Club. Duncan was a local historian and had entertained the Rotary Club as well as friends and family with his reminiscences on such diverse topics as the early days of the cattle business, Duncan Ranch Rodeos, Calhoun school days, and the Eagle Lake Little (See Duncan, Page 4)



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