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NEWSBRIEFS

Do you want to be mayor?

Letters of interest from any person who is interested in being appointed to the office of mayor of the City of Eagle Lake will be received until the voting by Eagle Lake City Council at its Nov. 11 meeting. These letters may be submitted at any time to the City Secretary prior to Council's vote.

According to law, any person who is a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, has not been determined mentally incompetent by judgement of a court, has not been convicted of a felony, has resided continuously in the state for 12 months and a resident of the City of Eagle Lake for 12 months and is a registered voter may be considered.

Lions Club schedules barbecue dinner

The Eagle Lake Lions Club will be serving a chicken barbecue dinner Sunday, Nov. 2, at the golf course. The drive-thru meal is \$5 per plate and tickets may be purchased from any Lions Club member. Serving will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and, if the weather holds, you can enjoy your meal at the picnic tables under the trees.

Hospital will not x-ray candy

Rice Medical Center's radiology department will not be x-raying candy this Halloween, Oct. 31.

KC dinner set for Nov. 11

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Council #4843 will be serving a chicken fried chicken breast dinner on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. The dinner plates will be served at 710 E. Main for \$5 a plate, to-go only. Proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund and local charities. Also, the Rice High School Flag Corps will be selling desserts. They are raising money for Winter Guard Competition. Tickets are available from any KC member or may be purchased in the serving line.

GCA to meet Nov. 3

The Garwood Community Association (GCA) will meet Monday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. at the meeting room. All are invited to come and help make plans for "Huge Christmas in a Tiny Town-Garwood".

Native Plant Society to meet Nov. 6

The Columbus Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) will meet at the Nesbitt Memorial Library, 529 Washington Street, Columbus, on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. Tim Kiphart, who lives in Brenham, where he has a landscape and consulting business, will present a program entitled "Fall Colors and Textures". This will be the last meeting of the year, there is no Dec. meeting. Guests are always welcome. For information, call 409-732-5058.

Senior Citizen's dance is Nov. 7

A Senior Citizen's dance will be held Friday, Nov. 7, at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. with music by the Zetka's. Admission is \$5 per person; door prizes will be given. The public is invited.

Alumni, former students invited to Homecoming

The Rice High School Student Council cordially invites all alumni and former students of the Garwood, Sheridan, Eagle Lake or Rice Consolidated School Districts to attend the Homecoming Celebration this Thursday and Friday evenings, Oct. 30 and 31. Also, be sure to register at the front gate of the football game Friday to be eligible for the door prize to be held during the contest between Hempstead's Bobcats and the Rice Raiders. Come and enjoy the game, win a prize and cheer for your hometown heroes.

Retired teachers to meet Nov. 3

Retired Teachers will meet Monday, Nov. 3, at Schobels' Restaurant at noon. The host are Eagle Lake and Garwood. Make plans to join this group that has worked hard for teachers and school personnel.

PTO having bake sale

The Eagle Lake Primary School PTO is holding a bake sale Saturday, Nov. 1 at these locations: from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.: B&B Food, Eagle Lake Drugstore and J&K's Corner; and from 10 a.m. to noon in front of Austin's BBQ.

Heritage House welcomes trick or treaters

Heritage House welcomes all trick-or-treaters to stop by for treats on Friday, Oct. 31. The residents will once again pass out goodies to all the children who stop to visit.

Rice CISD early release day

Friday, Nov. 14, is an early release day for schools in the Rice CISD. School will be dismissed at 1 p.m. in order to allow parents to pick up report cards and set up conference times with teachers if needed. Call your child's school and teacher to arrange a conference time.

'Christmas in the Park' is Nov. 9

The Schulenburg Family and Community Education Club will have "Christmas in the Park" on Sunday, Nov. 9, at the American Legion Hall in Wolters Park from noon to 5 p.m. There will be craft booths, free food, a drawing which includes a fully decorated Christmas tree with hand made ornaments plus other prizes. Admission is \$1. Plan now to attend. For more information, call Debra Blansitt at 409-561-8226.

Singles dance is this Friday

The Fort Bend Singles will sponsor a public dance on Friday, Oct. 31, at 8 p.m. at the Needville KC Hall. Music will be provided by the Henry Tannenberger Orchestra. Door prizes will be given. Admission is \$5. For more information call 409-793-6557 or 793-4573.

Defensive driving course to be held

A six hour defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel on Nov. 12 and 13 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Agriculture Building in Columbus, located at 316 Spring Street. To pre-register, call 409-732-2734 or arrive a few minutes early the first evening.

Visions of Sugarplums in La Grange

The annual holiday arts and crafts show sponsored by the Fayette County Partners for Parenting Committee will be held Sunday, Nov. 2, at the La Grange KC Community Center. Show hours are 12 noon to 5 p.m. with door prizes given throughout the day. Food and drinks will be available. Admission is free to the public. For more information call 409-968-5831.

Gardiner to visit Middle School

John Reynold Gardiner, author of *Stone Fox*, will be coming to Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria on Thursday, Nov. 6, from 5 to 6 p.m. His presentation will include an easy easy to write stories. All students, parents and siblings are invited to attend this wonderful occasion. We hope that you will join us in giving him a warm welcome to Eagle Lake!

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Study Club raises over \$11K for Library

Even with a smaller crowd than usual, the Eagle Lake Study Club was able to raise over \$11,000 for the Eula & David Wintermann Library at Saturday's auction and stew supper.

The main auction brought in \$9,479 while the silent auction items sold for a total of \$1,287. Baked goods sold by club members added another \$595, giving a total of \$11,361 (as of Oct. 27).

Patrons of the library are reminded that donations are always welcome. They don't have to wait for the annual fundraiser.

Also, any Study Club member who was unable to provide baked goods for the sale are asked to add \$10 each to the amount raised.

Although there weren't as many people in attendance as usual, the crowd enjoyed the antics of local "entertainers" such as John Reed, son of Tom and Deborah Reed, who, apparently, is learning to be an auctioneer. He mimicked every move made by Joe Herbert and Candy McCreary.

Plus, he brushed up on presenting the items to bidders as he followed the young people around the Community Center, intently watching what they did.

Assisting Joe Herbert and Candy as spotters were Louis Schorlemmer, Don Bendy and Lonnie Sommerlatte.

Making the rounds of the Center display each item as the bids came in were Chris McCreary, Gus Seaholm (the young one), Amy Fearing, Russell Hadley and Amanda Henry.

Keeping track of purchasers and their totals were Susan Hadley, Ernie Sommerlatte and Becky Anderson.

Not only did John Reed entertain the crowd, but Gus Seaholm, somehow, rode a tricycle around the room with his knees coming dangerously close to his chin.

Toward the end of the evening, Russell Hadley was showing a vest made and donated by Nellie Frnka which was hanging on a clothes hanger.

But that was stopped by Candy who told him he'd have to put it on so everyone could see how it looked.

Being a good sport, Russell proceeded to travel the room decked out in a denim vest with bow-like flowers all over it and a big grin on his face.

All in all, everyone enjoyed themselves even if they were outbid for the item(s) they wanted.

Auction items are listed below followed by the donor, purchaser and the price paid.

Main Auction

Dog or cat grooming, Lynn Ellis, \$50; decorated crocheted pillow, Jackie Middleton, Betty Wegenhoff, \$30; Christmas Carols scene, Alice Sunderman, Walter Lee Bauer, \$20; mammogram, Rice Medical Center, Joe H. McCreary,

\$20; stuffed tapestry cat, Xi Pi Psi Sorority, Dan Roan, \$25; large dried flower wreath, Margo & Bill Harrison, Dorothy Cassidy, \$110; hunt for 4 or 5 (during the week), Brian Balas, J.R. Thomas, \$300; exam, x-rays & cleaning, John Myres, DDS, Dick Dunham, \$95; rod and reel stand, Delbert Castleman, J.W. Shavers, \$100;

Blue velvet rocker, Furniture Shoppe, Melvin Stancik, Peggy Byrn, \$110; John Deere toy combine, Prairie Rice, Bret Hudman, \$120; Thanksgiving, Christmas & Easter flowers, Lake Crest Flowers, W.L. Bauer, \$100; sheet of 29¢ stamps plus book on stamps, Robert McClelland Jr., Elfe Thomas, \$35; 1922 uncirculated silver dollar, Wallis State Bank, Laker Printing, \$45; silk ficus tree, Ace Rentals, Donna Sedgwick, \$40;

One bag of wildflower seeds, Wildseed Farms Inc., Shelly Myres, \$65; dinner for 4 (during hunting season), Farris Hotel, Phil Ramsey, J.R. Thomas, \$75;

Hand-crafted sleigh, Orson Hess, Betty Wegenhoff, \$125; baby doll with wardrobe, Betty & Bob Wilcox, Dan Gertson, \$325; large crocheted doily, Alpha Delta Phi, Margaret Henry, \$20; 4 Astros tickets for 1998, Mary Lou & Arthur Anderson, Becky & Mark Anderson, Robby Cook, \$100;

Boneless barbecued ham (to be ordered), Austin's Barbecue & Catering, Denise & Ron Janow, Laura Myres, \$120; cut glass, Evangeline & Elbert Whorton, John Matthews, \$120; bridge luncheon for 12, Joan & John Matthews, Tuesday Bridge Club, \$1,000;

Fishing trip for 4 to Port O'Connor, Clifton Tyler, C.T. Gore, \$450; family portrait by Linda Daley, Tráfico, Leslie Matthews & Lonnie Daley, Fair Wells, \$200; Mikasa crystal clock, Pat & Dick Dunham, Robert Wilcox, \$35; 1 year air conditioning check-up, Cannell Air Conditioning, El Campo, Joe Frazar, \$75; 4 front row tickets for 1998 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo donated, Judi & Jack Johnson, Gertson Enterprises, \$200; half-page ad, *Eagle Lake Headlight*, First National Bank of Eagle Lake, \$220; dog or cat grooming, Lynn Ellis, John Gertson, \$50;

4 Astros tickets for 1998, Mary Lou & Arthur Anderson, Becky & Mark Anderson, Harry Anderson, \$130; picnic table, Remodeling Plus, Bret Hudman, J.R. Thomas, \$180; hand-crafted ping-type putter & 12 golf balls, Bunny & Joe Frazar, Harry Anderson, \$60; duck or goose hunt for 4, Jimmy Reel Hunting Club, Bill Appelt, Lonnie Sommerlatte, \$200;

John Deere tricycle, Ethyl & Joe L. McCreary & Shoppa's Farm Supply, Dan Gertson, \$250; certified certificate for Texas flag to be flown over capitol on day of your choice, State



John Reed, son of Deborah and Tom Reed of Eagle Lake, entertained participants in this year's Study Club Auction as he mimicked spotters, auctioneer Joe Herbert McCreary and the young people displaying the bid items.
Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

Representative Robby Cook, Dorothy Cassidy, \$175; divinity, by Liz Waddell, First National Bank, \$220; cock-tails & gourmet dinner for 8 with wines, Elfe & Dr. Raymond Thomas and Robin & Dr. Russell Thomas, J.R. Thomas, \$1,000; 4 tickets to 1998 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, Kim & Howard Singleton, Houston, Bill Wegenhoff, \$150; 15" Mikasa crystal bowl, Pat & Dick Dunham, Virginia Bauer, \$60;

One-hour covered wagon ride and

hamburger supper with all the trimmings by the Abel Pond for 10 people, Kenneth & Jean Abel, Joe Lee McCreary, \$1,100; Nokia 3-watt cellular bag phone, Lake Motors, Tom & Deborah Reed, Laura Myres, \$50; decorated crocheted pillow, Jackie Middleton, Betty Wegenhoff, \$55; large basket of different rice, Eagle Lake Rice Dryer, Tom & Deborah Reed, \$55; king-size quilt (handmade), Connie & Willard Lange, Fair Wells, \$225;

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EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following cases and calls for the week ending Oct. 27.

On Oct. 21 at 6 p.m., Sgt. Jack Knox was called to W. Prairie Street and met with complainants in reference to a juvenile disturbance; a report was filed.

On Oct. 22 at 3:49 a.m., Office Tim Crume was dispatched to Third Street in reference to an unwanted person on the property. Upon Officer Crume's arrival, the subject had left the scene and could not be located.

At 8:47 a.m., Officer Brian Ochoa was advised by an off-duty officer of a wanted subject at 300 W. Post Office. After warrant verification, Ochoa contacted and arrested Clifton Mancias Sr. on a traffic warrant, processed him at the police department, then transported Mancias to the County Detention Center (CDC) for confinement.

On Oct. 23, at 11:05 a.m., Lt. Clem Johnson received information from Brazoria County of a wanted subject in Eagle Lake. Johnson located and arrested Chris Hughes on Brazoria County warrants for kidnapping and assault.

Another subject, Ruben Molano, was also arrested on outstanding warrant. Both subjects were processed at the police department, then transported to CDC for confinement.

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At 4:25, Officer Crume, Lt. Johnson and Chief Keith Webb responded to a two-vehicle accident reported to be on Glen Flora Road. The accident had occurred on FM 3013 at Carter Walker Road., which is in the County. The officer stood by until the arrival of Department of Public Safety Trooper Sam Trammell, then turned the scene over to him.

At 7:22 p.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to East B Street in reference to a disturbance. The suspect was gone at this time, but Officer Crume was called back a short time later, at which time Gilbert Mendoza Jr. was arrested for public intoxication, processed and transported to the county jail for confinement.

On Oct. 24, at 2:21 p.m., Lt. Johnson received a report of theft of a paint sprayer from Airport Blvd. He met with the complainant and filed a report. The case is under investigation.

At 3:24 p.m., Officer Crume was advised of a two-vehicle accident at East Main and FM 3013. Investigation showed a 1996 Chevrolet pickup, driven by Summer Renee Elliott of El Campo, failed to yield the right of way at the intersection and collided with a 1994 Buick four-door driven by Patricia Stephens of Eagle Lake. No injuries.

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Local family escapes critical injuries

Mercy Fling, tries to help her dad, Manuel Alvarado, after an accident which took place Thursday, Oct. 23, on FM 3013 at Carter Walker Road. Fling's two sons were trapped in the car and had to be freed with the Jaws of Life. Both boys received broken legs.

Gilbert Ruiz, driver of the other vehicle, was initially arrested and charged by DPS Trooper Sam Trammell with driving while intoxicated. The passenger in his car received cuts to his forehead.

Alvarado was treated and released from Rice Medical Center with a few stitches on his nose. The Fling's oldest son was treated and released from RMC but then taken the next day to Hermann Hospital in Houston for a special cast. The youngest boy was transported Thursday night by Colorado County Emergency Medical Services Unit 803 to Hermann for injuries to his leg. He is said to be in stable condition.

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Recognized for TAAS scores

Three Rice Consolidated ISD campuses were presented plaques designating each as a Texas Education Agency Recognized Campus for scores attained on TAAS scores from the Spring of 1997. The plaques were donated by the First National Bank of Eagle Lake.

Shown above, from left, accepting the plaques from Bill Harrison Jr., President of FNB, are Principals Frank Middleton, Eagle Lake Primary; Michael Lanier, Garwood School; and Larry Varley, Sheridan School. Varley also received a plaque for Sheridan's 1996 TAAS scores.

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