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To THE EDITOR & YOU

Thanks to students, faculty of ELMS

We would like to personally thank you, the students and their families, along with the faculty for the support and contributions all of you gave during the holidays to our Student Council Canned Food Drive and Toys for Tots.

Over 400 cans were donated be-

fore Thanksgiving and over 30 toys and \$80 was collected for Toys for Tots.

Again, thank you for caring about your community during the holiday season.

ELMS Student Council

Motorcide

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wearing seat belts.

Last year's final fatality count for the 32-hour New Year's holiday was 20. Of the 19 fatal accidents, 52.6% involved alcohol or speeding.

Of the 20 fatalities, 17 were occupants of vehicles, one motorcycle operator and two were pedestrians. Of the 17 vehicle occupants, 64.7% were not wearing seat belts.

The DPS will have all available Troopers on Texas highways to help ensure traffic safety.

Troopers will be especially on the lookout for drivers exceeding the speed limit (or driving too fast for current conditions); drivers who may be under the influence of alcohol, and drivers and occupants who are not

worthy before traveling.

In addition, the DPS recommends that motorists be aware of weather conditions along their entire routes and allow extra time to accommodate heavy traffic and/or weather delays.

Make sure your vehicle is roadworthy before traveling. Drive with your headlights on during daylight hours to help pedestrians and other motorists see your vehicle.

Make sure the driver of the vehicle is well rested and takes frequent breaks.

Motorists who find themselves stranded because of vehicle problems can call the DPS at 1-800-525-5555 to have a Trooper or other law enforcement officer come to their aid. The number can also be used to report traffic accidents or unsafe drivers, as can calling 9-1-1 in most areas of Texas.

Have a safe holiday season,
Trooper Gary D. Pflughaupt
Pierce, Texas

Bible Verse of the Week

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." — Luke 2:14

Submitted by Neddy Phillips

Texas Lottery looking at 'instant-ticket' game

The Texas Lottery has proposed "Texas Million", a new instant-ticket electronic game lottery commission-ers believe will remedy slow sales. The game could debut next spring.

Players would choose four numbers from zero to 99. A correct guess would win the \$1 million top prize. Odds of winning would be 1 in 3.9 million.

Lottery ticket sales in Nov. and Dec. remained lower than expected. The lottery is running \$60 million short of what it was supposed to take in during the current Biennium, which ends Aug. 31, 1999.

"It's not going to make up for what

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
and Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

we've lost. It's going to help," said Linda Cloud, who was named executive director of the lottery last week.

Cloud, who has been on the Texas Lottery staff since 1992, is the third executive director of the agency. She follows Nora Linares and Lawrence Littwin, who was fired in Oct. Cloud

will be paid a salary of \$100,000.

Faulkner Is New UT Chief

Larry Faulkner, the No. 2 official at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, last week was named president of the University of Texas.

Faulkner, 53, succeeds Robert Berdahl, who served as president for five years before accepting the top post at the University of California at Berkeley.

Faulkner earned a Ph.D. in 1969 from UT. He has conducted award-winning research in electrochemistry. He taught chemistry at UT during 1983 and 1984.

"This is a real jewel of a university, and my priority as president will be to keep it that way and help the people of Texas understand what they have in this marvelous place," Faulkner was quoted in the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Literacy Plate Unveiled

State Rep. Helen Giddings and Texas' First Lady Laura Bush unveiled the "Read to Succeed" license plate last week at the Capitol.

Giddings, D-Dallas, authored the law that allows the plate. Proceeds from sales of the plate go to a statewide reading initiative targeting children in grades kindergarten through three who are not reading at grade level.

Honored at the unveiling was Melody Maas of Terrell, a 14-year-old eighth grade student, whose winning design for the plate was chosen from nearly 12,000 entries submitted in Sept. by Texas students, kindergarten through grade 12, from 238 cities.

Other students whose designs were chosen as finalists were recognized at the ceremony: Brent Baldridge of West Columbia; Lindsay Barlow of Highland Village; Stephanie Bryan of Plano; Autumn Cornish of Mason; Leslie Dickerson of Red Oak; Ron Golden of Midlothian; Lauren Hanson of Spring; Travis Matthews of Pasadena; Keenan Morrow of Terrell; and Jennifer Weiler of Austin.

Other Capital Highlights

In a year-end analysis of Texas' welfare reform efforts, State Comptroller John Sharp said 770,000 people have left the food stamp rolls over the past three years - with 13% of the decline due to the state's new Lone Star card. Sharp said the electronic benefits delivery system is saving taxpayers an average of \$85.5 million a year.

On Dec. 12, Comptroller Sharp delivered his final sales tax rebates for 1997, a total of \$164.7 million in payments to 1,087 Texas cities and 118 counties. "Total city and county tax rebates for calendar year 1997 topped \$2.1 billion and were 6.8% higher than total rebates for 1996, as the growth outlook for the Texas economy continues to outshine that for the nation as a whole," Sharp said.

Texas upland cotton production for 1997 is expected to total 5.3 million bales, according to figures released by Texas Agriculture Statistics Service. This estimate is 2% less than the Nov. 1 forecast. Statewide harvested acreage is estimated at 5.3 million acres, 29% more than last year.

The University Staff Association (See Highlights, Page 3)

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Feb. 8, 1973

The beautiful new Heritage House nursing and convalescent center facility in Eagle Lake will accept its first residents this Saturday, Feb. 10, reports Administrator W.A. (Bill) Roam...

Friends in the community will regret to learn that Mr. & Mrs. R.L. Drake will be moving this weekend to Uvalde where he has been assigned to duties as manager to Alamo Lumber Co. facilities in that city. Mr. Drake has been manager of the Alamo Lumber Co. here for the past 10 years...

"Catfish" Smith, executive vice president of the Baylor University Alumni Club, was the speaker for the Rice Raiders football banquet Mon-

day night. He was welcomed by Rice head coach Bill Appelt. Tommy Pilkington served as master of ceremonies...

Mrs. Bill (Lynda) Appelt was named the 1973 Alpha Delta Phi Valentine Sweetheart at the organization's Western Dance held at the Eagle Lake Community Center last Saturday evening...

Senior Debra Frenzel was elected president for the Rice Band Council, Friday, Jan. 26. Other officers elected were Carol Wick, vice president; and Joe Frybert, secretary-treasurer. Band members elected as class representatives for each grade level are senior Case Hollub, junior Lucy Mascheck, sophomore Denise Hag-

endorf, and freshman D'Ann Davis-on...

The nieces and nephews of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Pustejovsky will honor their aunt and uncle with a reception for their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 25...

The First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake was the scene for a pretty ceremony uniting in marriage Miss Julia Sue Mathis and Philip Dan Canaris at 7:30 in the evening on Jan. 6...

Jerrol Higgins was named "Cager of the Week" for the Rice High School Raiders, announced Coach Jack Grammer...

The marriage of Debbie Ann Roch and Alan Ray Kloss was solemnized Saturday evening, Jan. 20, at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Hallettsville...

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 5, for Lewis Thomas Euers of Austin, father of Lester Euers of this city.

Nov. 4, 1949

Mrs. Jess Adams' Plymouth and a Ford driven by a young man with the Del Rey Petroleum Co. who recently came to Eagle Lake, collided Tuesday night at the Ramsey Hotel corner...

Another improvement in Eagle Lake's traffic situation can be seen around town this week with the placing of stop signs on posts at several intersections and the removal of the metal "button" markers from the street surface...

Mrs. Kate Armstrong, who has been teaching the overflow students from the 6th and 8th grades, has resigned and is moving back to San Antonio. Mrs. Helen Embry, Rice Institute graduate, whose husband G.H. Embry is associated with Shell Oil here, is replacing her...

The Eagle Lake Eagles will play host to the Columbus Cardinals from just across the river in their final game of the 1949 football season here tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Barbara Hudson Lehrer, 24, wife of W.N. Lehrer of El Campo, died in Hagedcroft Clinic in Houston Tuesday, a victim of polio...

E.H. Shirley, president of the School Board, has accepted the invitation of the Parent-Teachers Association to give a brief outline of the Board's plans for possible improvements of the Eagle Lake schools at the P.T.A. meeting Thursday evening...

Mr. & Mrs. Julius Cloot of Eagle Lake spent Tuesday night with her brother and family, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Schmidt of Calhoun...

For a change, Texas was commended instead of condemned for bragging. "If every American would boost America like Texans boost Texas, there would be no room for one communist in the United States," said Ed Wimmer of New York, Vice President of the National Federation of Small Business, in a speech in San Antonio last week...

Miss Grace Miculka, bride-elect of James D. Boswell, was complimented with a miscellaneous shower Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Ben Brasher, given by Mrs. Brasher, Mrs. Mallie Young and Mrs. William Brune...

Relatives of Eagle Lake attending the wedding of Miss Madeline German, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Aaron German of Borden, to Charlie Hatterman Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Hatterman Sr. also of Borden, last Saturday were Mr. & Mrs. H.H. German, Mrs. Hans German Jr., Mrs. Arthur Franke, and Mrs. James Mathis and daughter, Beverly...

Mr. & Mrs. Dick Ney of Houston spent the weekend here with his mother, Mrs. Kate Ney...

Miss Betty Ruth Gertson of Lissie has been elected reporter of Alpha (See 24 & 48, Page 7)



Who's got the sauce?

Wow! What a catch! The bad thing is that James Wright (yes, that's correct) who caught the monster, doesn't like to eat fish. She caught the 36-pound blue cat at the LCRA Pumping Plant Dec. 9 using regular shade bait. She also pulled in three others weighing 20 pounds or more.

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Warning: Don't Be Fooled By Appearances!

The fact is, even one drink of alcohol can significantly alter your good judgement. That means even if you or a friend appears to be okay, reaction time could be slowed enough to make a critical difference should a split-second decision need to be made.

This holiday season, don't take unnecessary chances. Use



the designated driver system, public transportation, call a taxi or stay overnight. Or be a trendsetter by hosting an alcohol-free New Year's party in your home.

Whatever you do, **DON'T** drink and drive. We want to see you again next year.

This Urgent Message Is Brought To You By These Concerned Individuals and Businesses:

Lynda Appelt

Graham "Buster" Beisel
Director of Public Works
Eagle Lake

Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers

Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce

Eagle Lake Rice Dryer

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Colorado County Clerk

Ron Holland
City Manager
Eagle Lake

...A last minute reminder...
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Precinct #4

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Colorado County Judge

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Have A Happy And Safe 1998

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