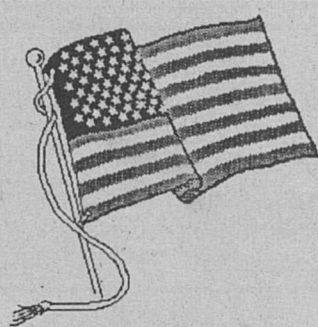




Remember your flag etiquette

When the flag is passing in a parade or in review, all persons present (except those in uniform) should face the flag and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart.

Those in uniform should render the military salute.

When not in uniform, men should

remove their headdress (caps, hats, etc.) with their right hand and hold it at their left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

Aliens should stand at attention.

The salute to the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Public invited to enjoy Christmas music

The Eagle Lake Study Club invites everyone to join them Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. at the Eula & David Wintermann Library to enjoy Christmas music as presented by the St. Anthony Choir. The choir, under the direction of Cynthia Sunderman, will serve as the club's Dec. program.

'Spirit of Christmas' parade is Saturday!

Get into the Christmas spirit at the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Lighted Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 6:45 p.m. Line up is from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., judging from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Late entries will be accepted.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Department will be selling hamburgers. The Eagle Lake Cub Scouts will sell drinks and Rice High School Project Graduation will sell desserts and hot chocolate. Santa and Mrs. Santa will be on the square to hand out goodie bags.

Pick up your entry form from Lynda Appelt, the Chamber Office or the Eagle Lake Headlight. For more information, call 234-5878 before noon or after 4:30 p.m. and on weekends, or the Chamber at 234-2780.

ELMS PTO meeting is Dec. 8

The Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) PTO will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. The program is Powerpoint presentations by students in 5th and 7th grades and gifted and talented program overviews.

Thrift Shop open this Saturday

The Museum Thrift shop will be open this Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring those Christmas shopping lists by and pick up a few goodies.

Little League meeting set for Dec. 9

The Eagle Lake Little League will hold a meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at the LCRA Lake Plant at 7 p.m. They will elect board members and set rules and guidelines for the season. All coaches or anyone who is thinking of coaching should attend.

Candlelight Concert scheduled at WCJC

Wharton County Junior College will hold their 24th Annual Candlelight Christmas Concert Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m., featuring the Concert Choir, Music Faculty and special guests at the First Baptist Church, 509 North Fulton, Wharton. There will also be a fine arts series presentation. The public is invited.

Senior Citizens' Dance is this Friday

The public is invited to a Senior Citizens' Christmas Dance Friday, Dec. 4, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by the Country Playboys. Admission is \$5 per person. Door prizes will be given.

Defensive driving course set for Dec. 9-10

A state approved six hour defensive driving course has been scheduled in Columbus Dec. 9 and 10. The class hours will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Agriculture Building, 316 Spring St. in Columbus. To pre-register call 409-732-2734 or arrive a few minutes early the first evening.

WCJC big band swing dance, Dec. 4

Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) will live the 40's again. Come "jump, jive and wail" to the big band swing dance on Friday, Dec. 4, at the Pioneer Student Center from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$3 for senior citizens and students with I.D.s, \$5 for the general public. Your ticket will include a complimentary beverage and dessert. You may dress casual. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 409-532-6366.

CCCAD may re-appraise your property

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees approved the District's request to the Comptroller of Public Account that will allow the Colorado County Central Appraisal District (CCCAD) to re-appraise the value of flood-damaged properties and lower the taxable values of these properties located in the Rice CISD. The re-appraisal request must be made by the property owner. Pick up re-appraisal request forms at the CCCAD office.

Garden Club meeting set for Dec. 7

The Civic Garden Club of Eagle Lake will hold its next meeting at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 7, the first Monday of Dec. instead of the second. The meeting will be held in the home of Linda Balas. Members, please bring a Christmas ornament or gift item for the silent auction. All are welcome to attend.

ELPS PTO holding 'Penny Drive'

The Eagle Lake Primary School PTO is holding a "Penny Drive". Containers have been placed in each homeroom by the PTO. Pennies will be counted at the end of each six weeks. Prizes will be given for the class collecting the most pennies. Pennies will be used to fulfill the teachers' "want list". These lists contain things teachers would like to have to enhance learning in their room, but don't have finances provided to buy the educational supplies. Containers have also been placed in local business establishments. Anyone wishing to have a container, call Mrs. Rhodes at 234-3587.

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Eagle Lake City Council sets rules, regulations for use of Community Center

By Lynda Appelt, Headlight Staff

Rates and rules for use of the Eagle Lake Community Center were adopted at last week's meeting of the Eagle Lake City Council.

Since the City of Eagle Lake has assumed ownership of the community center, anyone wishing to reserve the facility may do so between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday by contacting the City Office.

The Center may be reserved up to 12 months in advance and confirmation will be contingent upon the receipt of a signed lease and prescribed minimum deposit. Rent will be due and payable at the time the lessee picks up the keys.

The City reserves the right for any of its employees to enter the community center at any time and close it down if the lessee is found to be in violation of any of the rules and/or regulations.

The lessee will be responsible for cleanup. If any extra cleanup is required, the lessee will be billed \$25 per hour.

The electricity cost will be deducted from the deposit.

Security may be required at events held at the Center at the City's discretion. The lessee's lease application will be reviewed by Police Chief Keith Webb to determine if the lessee shall be required to employ certified police officers before approval of the use of the center is granted, particularly if the event will have alcohol on the premises.

Events that have a prior history of building damage or objectionable conduct will be required to employ security.

The right is reserved that allows any certified officer — County, City or State — to walk through and evaluate any function being held at the Center. Any person whose conduct is disorderly or disruptive may be ejected from the premises.

The sale of alcoholic beverages will not be permitted and no profit-making venture shall be allowed unless it is conducted by a non-profit organization.

Daytime rental hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and evening hours are from 6 p.m. to midnight, Sunday through Thursday, and until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

The deposit for most functions will be \$100, but the City reserves the right to increase the deposit or to refuse to lease the facility to anyone who has violated rules or caused damage to the Center during a prior event.

The rate for use is \$200 per day or evening, plus electricity cost; \$300 per day plus electricity cost for both day and evening. Weekly service clubs, WIC and senior citizens will fall under a different rate schedule.

The policy became effective following its approval.

Those lessees who have already booked the center for future use will be notified of the rules and regulations, and given a chance to cancel their agreement if they choose not to adhere to the new policy.

Council conducted a lengthy discussion with Eric Davis, representative of the Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS), discussing possible changes to the employee retirement program.

Currently, the City provides a program that deducts 5% of the gross earnings from the employees' paycheck and then adds to that with a \$1.50 for every \$1 of employee contributions.

A higher match amount is being (See Council, Page 6)

Rice students participate in All-Region Band

Students from the Rice CISD who participated in the ATSSB All Region Band Concert Saturday, Nov. 14, held at Bellville High School were:

Junior high: Reggie Ford, James Phillips, Aimee Bubela, Felipe Rangel, Amanda Kaiser, Kevin York, Andrea Contreras, Alma Tapia, Adrian Axel and Dustin Schlauch.

High school: Dustin Brisco, Betty Gutierrez, Stephanie Sommerlatte, Chris Rodriguez, Abe Diaz, Bernardo Vazquez, Susanna Silva, Angela Phillips, Cecelia Ruiz, Maria Najera and Tiffany Stern.

Congratulations to these students and all the young people who took part in the All-Region competition.

Christmas Parade lineup listed

Entries in the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Lighted Christmas Parade this Saturday are asked to please lineup as directed. Santa, the Ambulance Corps and all marching units will lineup on Beaks Street.

All other entries will be lined up on Church Street and are asked to enter Church from the west end (off N. Lake Avenue) with the entry facing east (toward Beaks).

Lineup is from 4:30 to 5:20 p.m. with judging to begin at 5:30. The

parade will begin moving at 6:45 p.m. Those watching the parade are invited to enjoy food and entertainment on the Square prior to parade time.

The lineup, as of press time Tuesday, Dec. 1, was:

1. Eagle Lake Police Chief; 2. VFW Color Guard; 3. Boy Scouts; 4. Parade Marshal Rev. Obie Rhodes; 5. Juvenile Center Boot Camp Drill Team; 6. Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce float (with mayor and council members); 7. Colorado County Sheriff R.H. "Curly" Wied, Deputy Santa Program; 8. Colorado County Clerk Darlene Hayek; 9-A. State Rep. Robby Cook; 9-B. Dignitaries;

10. Living Hope Church; 11. Girl Scout Troop #879; 12. Rock Island United Methodist Youth Group; 13. Eagle Lake Primary School; 14. Angels of Heritage House;

15. Cub Scout Pack #3078; 16. Yoakum Chamber of Commerce; 17. Texas Special Olympics; 18. Colorado County Go Texan Queen Lora Weishuhn; 19. Xi Pi Psi Sorority;

20. Colorado County Fair Float; 21. W.O.F.F.; 22. Eagle Lake Dental Associates; 23. Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce; 24. Thomas Clinic; 25. Blue Dot Club;

26. Kroyn Royalty Pageant; 27. Juneteenth Celebration; (28-35 left for late entries); 36. Mighty Raider Marching Band; 37. Dreams to Reality Car Club (11 vehicles); 38. Colorado County Emergency Medical Services Unit #803 (Dorothy Flores);

39. Santa Claus; and 40. Eagle Lake Police Department Unit.

NOTE: Late entries will be accepted. Contact the Chamber of Commerce Office at 234-2780 as soon as possible.

POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending Nov. 30.

On Nov. 24, at 10:11 a.m., Officer Stephen Nelson was dispatched to a gas drive-off at 801 S. McCarty St. The complainant later called the police department to inform Nelson that the subject was returning to pay for the gas. Officer Nelson met the subject and she was issued citations for failure to display drivers license on demand and no motor vehicle liability insurance.

On Nov. 25 at 5 p.m., Officer Nelson met with complainants who reported a burglary of a residence on Sixth St. Information was gathered and a report filed.

At 9 p.m., Officer Brian Lasley met with a complainant on A Street in regard to a subject damaging property inside the residence. The subject was issued a written warning for reckless damage.

Sgt. Bill Lattimore was sent to the 500 block of E. Main St. at 11:26 p.m. in reference to a fight in progress. Upon Lattimore's arrival he met with several people who confirmed a fight, but no one could tell who was fighting.

On Nov. 26 at 12:57 p.m., Officer Nelson investigated a two-vehicle accident involving a 1992 Ford four-door driven by Wilbert Erin Thibodeaux and a 1982 Oldsmobile two-door driven by Myron LaShawn Howard, both of Eagle Lake.

Reportedly, Thibodeaux and Howard were west bound in the 500 block of E. Main when Thibodeaux cut into the lane of Howard, causing Howard's vehicle to hit his.

At 3:31 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore and Officer Nelson met with a victim at the police department in reference to her being kidnapped and sexually assaulted.

Investigation led to the arrest of Antonio Casas for aggravated sexual assault, aggravated kidnapping, aggravated robbery and aggravated assault.

Sgt. Lattimore was dispatched to the 600 block of E. Main in reference to a fight in progress. Upon his arrival, the actors had left the scene.

On Nov. 27 at 12:33 a.m., Sgt. Lattimore met with an off-duty Ful-shear police officer on Walnut St. in reference to someone cursing in public. The subject was issued a citation for disorderly conduct-language.

At 1:30 a.m., Officer Lasley met with a complainant on Sixth St. in regard to a disturbance. The subject was issued a written criminal trespass warning.

Officer Michael Krenek was dispatched to Sixth St. in reference to a theft. A report was filed. There is a suspect.

At 9:02 a.m., Officer Krenek was flagged down at First and C Streets in reference to a disturbance involving two persons. Both persons were interviewed, but neither one wanted to file charges. No action was taken.

At 12:07 p.m., a complainant reported the burglary of a habitation on Raezer St. to Officer Krenek. There is a juvenile suspect in this case.

Sgt. Tim Crume was contacted at the police department at 5:24 p.m. in reference to a theft. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

Officer Krenek was dispatched to Waverly St. in reference to a dog biting a child. The dog was located and placed in quarantine by the City animal control officer. The owner was issued a citation for violation of City ordinance-dog at large.

On Nov. 28 at 2:34 a.m., Officer McDougall assisted a county deputy

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following calls and cases for the two weeks ending Thursday, Nov. 19.

Friday, Nov. 6, at 1:19 a.m., Deputy Kellogg responded to a call concerning a vehicle hitting a deer on Hwy. 71 south of Columbus.

At 2:58 p.m., Deputy Schmidt initiated a traffic stop on Hwy. 90A, west of Altair.

The driver, Julie Marie Sherrill, 19, of Eagle Lake, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, possession of drug paraphernalia and not wearing a seat belt.

The passenger, Alwin Christopher Milligan, 19, of Eagle Lake, was instanced for not wearing a seat belt.

Saturday, Nov. 7, at 5:20 a.m., Deputy Edman served a warrant for Polk County on Hwy. 71 north. Paul M. Barrett, 29, of Columbus was arrested for outstanding warrants.

Sunday, Nov. 8, at 12:48 a.m., Deputies Edman, Kellogg and Sgt.

Neisner responded to a call concerning a fight in progress at Frank's Friendly Service. Contact was made with one of the parties and no injuries were noted. The complainants advised they did not wish to file charges.

At 3 p.m., Deputy Rebel met with a complainant at the sheriff's department concerning a theft on Dee Allen Road. The complainant reported that two mail boxes were taken from in front of their residence.

Monday, Nov. 9, at 8 a.m., Deputy Lacourse responded to a call concerning criminal mischief at the Nada Post Office.

The complainant reported suspect(s) had painted the sign in front of the post office and the stop signs, during the weekend.

At 8:50 a.m., Deputy Lacourse responded to a call concerning deadly conduct on County Road 106B. The complainant reported he suspected a possible deer hunter had fired a rifle at

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Drill Team conducts ceremony

The trophy-winning Colorado County Juvenile Boot Camp Facility Drill Team conducted the Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Eagle Lake Primary School Wednesday, Nov. 11.

You will be able to see them perform during this year's Christmas Parade this Saturday. (See related story, Page 8.) Photo by Lynda Appelt