

## Fair Association elects officers

The annual meeting of the Colorado County Fair Association (CCFA) Board of Directors was held Nov. 18 at the County Agricultural Building in Columbus. The primary order of business was the election of officers and three new directors to fill existing vacancies on the board.

The slate of officers for 1999 will be: president, Mack Janak of Weimar; first vice-president, Mark Robinson of Columbus; second vice-president, Wade Gibson of Columbus; secretary, Rita Ruffeno of Columbus; treasurer, Carol Ripper of Eagle Lake and assistant treasurer Sandra Berger of Columbus.

Directors re-elected to three year terms include (See Fair, Page 5)

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## 'Project Graduation' sends update

During the last meeting it was decided one way to let everyone know the update of "Project Graduation" was to put it in the *Headlight*.

Last week, chairpersons of the dinner and talent show were at the high school with a questionnaire. If you were not able to attend, we are printing a paper that is to be filled out by you, the seniors.

The Senior Dinner has been set for Saturday, Feb. 6, 1999. The doors will open at 6 p.m. for a silent auction. Dinner will be served at 7. Seniors will be needed to work as greeters, waiters, parking attendants and perhaps kitchen help.

Fill out the bottom of the form. Check the job you prefer. However, we can't guarantee you will be assigned to the position you request. Many of you will be asked to take on more than one job.

We will train you at 5 p.m. that evening for the positions you must fill.

Students also need to compile an invitation list of people they think will be interested in attending. Think about family members, relatives, neighbors, people you have worked for or people your parents have worked with. You must have complete names and addresses. List your addresses on the back of the form to be found in Mrs. Clipson's room at the high school.

Please fill out and sign the form. Return it to Mrs. Clipson's room by Dec. 11.

Seniors, remember the point system: meetings attended, working, anything you do, earns points.

If you have questions, call Lisa Hoffman after 5:30 p.m. at 758-3933.

## Local clinic's parade entry is 'outstanding'



If you missed Saturday night's parade, you missed seeing three of the community's leading "professionals" garbed as cheerleaders. In photo above, Drs. Raymond Thomas, Leonard Bornstein and Russell Thomas cheered in Christmas at the judges' stand and all along the parade route. The conclusion of their cheering at the stand, a flip of their skirts to expose a "Ho-Ho-Ho", is shown in the photo below.



As in years past, the citizens of Eagle Lake lined the streets around downtown to watch the Annual Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Lighted Christmas Parade held Dec. 5.

The Christmas spirit was spread to all who watched and participated by a total of 47 entries.

The parade kicked off with VFW Post #8783 and Boy Scouts presenting

the colors, followed by the playing of the National Anthem.

Parade Marshal Rev. Obie Rhodes led the parade in a convertible owned by Dan Canaris.

Serving as judges for the parade were Eric Meredith of Radio Station KULM and his wife, Debra, and Bill Carpenter of Garwood.

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Eagle Lake Dental Associates went all out this year to try to take first place in the commercial division away from the Thomas Clinic group who has come out on top for quite some time now. With John Myres dressed in a custom-made mermaid costume and sporting a long, blonde wig and his associates and staff dressed as fishermen, it was a close call.

Headlight Photos by Carol Nelson

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Local post offices set 'Customer Appreciation Day'

The following community post offices will be observing their annual Christmas and Customer Appreciation Day Friday, Dec. 11, for all their box and rural patrons: Nada, Rock Island and Altair: 9 a.m. to noon; and Garwood and Sheridan: 9:30 a.m. to noon.

### Thrift Shop open Saturday for holiday shopping

The Prairie Edge Museum's Thrift Shop will be open for your Christmas shopping convenience this Saturday, Dec. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon. The ladies say they have loads of stuffed animals (great gifts for children) and bargains galore! You'll be surprised what you can find to finish out your Christmas list right down the street at the Thrift Shop. Be sure to stop by.

### 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.

### Pilot Club to hold drawing

The Eagle Lake Pilot Club is holding a Romance Package Drawing. Tickets are \$10 each. The package includes two nights at the Hilton on the Riverwalk in San Antonio, champagne on arrival, riverside bedroom, Saturday breakfast, \$50 meal certificate and a \$20 gas certificate. The drawing will be held Saturday, Jan. 30. For more information or tickets, call Dorothy Kohleffel at 234-2834 or Mary Ann Kaluza at 234-2619.

### Weekend prepared childbirth class scheduled

A weekend prepared childbirth class will be held Dec. 12 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Dec. 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Gulf Coast Medical Center cafeteria in Wharton. Costs is \$35 for both sessions and \$17.50 for one session. Please call 282-6280 to sign up!

### 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.

### 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.

## New supermarket adds to services

The newly opened Eagle Lake Supermarket is now "on line" to accept the Lone Star Card as well as W.I.C., credit cards and ATM debit cards in addition to your personal checks (with proper identification).

With an apology for all the store's short-comings when it first opened, the owners said they are finishing up the details and are working out the "bugs" in the system in order to accept the Texas Lone Star Card along with credit cards from VISA, Mastercard and Discover.

Not only are there the additional payment options, Eagle Lake Supermarket also offers Western Union service, check cashing, key copying and jewelry and gift items.

With a bright new look and added conveniences for its customers, Eagle Lake Supermarket offers area residents a viable shopping alternative.

## EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending Dec. 7.

On Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 2:40 p.m., Officer Stephen Nelson met with a complainant in the 600 block of S. Austin Road in reference to phone threats. A report was filed.

At 7:04 p.m., Officer Brian Lasley met with a complainant who reported someone had broken several windows of his home. A report was filed.

On Dec. 2, at 7:48 a.m., Officer Nelson met with a concerned parent in reference to truant juveniles. The case was turned over to the county resource officer.

At 3 p.m., Officer Nelson met with a complainant in reference to criminal mischief to a street sign on E. State Street. A report was filed.

Sgt. Bill Lattimore met with a subject on B and 2nd Street at 11:50 p.m. in reference to the subject's welfare. The subject was given courtesy transport back to her residence.

On Dec. 3, at 3:19 p.m., the police department was advised of a shoplifter in custody at B&B Foods. Sgt. Lattimore responded to the call.

Patrick Casanova was arrested for theft, processed at the police department and transported to the County Detention Center (CDC) for confinement.

At 4:35 p.m., Officer Nelson met with a complainant on C Street in reference to a theft. The case was investigated and a warrant was issued.

Sheila Bryant was arrested for theft and prostitution, processed at the police department and transported to CDC for confinement.

Another warrant was served on Horace Lee Hodges Sr. for burglary of a habitation. Hodges was processed and transported to CDC for confinement.

Lloyd Middleton III was also arrested on an outstanding warrant for evading arrest. Middleton was processed and transported to CDC for confinement.

Officer Lasley met with a complainant in reference to a subject handling customers in a parking lot.

The subject was located, issued a written criminal trespass warning and advised not to return to the property.

On Dec. 4, at 4:20 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore met with a complainant in reference to forged checks.

Information was gathered and the case is being investigated. There is a

suspect in the case.

At 8:06 p.m., Officer Lasley was flagged down by a complainant in reference to his neighbor having his garbage can. Lasley contacted the subject and the can was returned.

Officer Lasley was dispatched to a gas drive-off at 10:16 p.m. to the 500 block of E. Main.

Information was gathered and a report was filed. It was later learned that the subject did not pump any gas and the matter was cleared.

At 2:30 p.m., Officer Michael Krennek assisted with a funeral escort at Boothe and Main St.

On Dec. 6, at 6:57 a.m., Officer Krennek was dispatched to the 600 block of E. Main in reference to an

aggravated robbery. Information was gathered and a report filed.

A warrant was later issued and Joseph Paul Rodriguez was arrested for aggravated robbery of an elderly and disabled person.

At 2 p.m., Officer Krennek met with a complainant at the police department who reported the theft of five pit bulldogs. The case is being investigated.

Officers Nelson, Krennek and McDougall responded to a report of shots fired in the 1100 block of E. Main, but were unable to locate anything or anybody concerning shots being fired.

On Dec. 7, the police department received a report of the burglary of a

vehicle. Officer Krennek followed up on the call, gathering information and filing a report.

At 10:35, the sheriff's office received a report of a cat in a tree at 200 Church St. and dispatched Officer Krennek to the location.

Krennek and the city utilities director were able to get the cat out of the tree.

At 11:11 a.m., Officer Krennek met with a complainant on Church Street who filed a report of harassment. The case is being investigated.

Officer McDougall met with a complainant at the police department at 7:25 p.m. in reference to a missing person. The person was located and returned home.

## Colorado County Sheriff's Report

Thursday, Nov. 19, at 12 a.m., Deputy Peikert initiated a traffic stop on Hwy. 90 east. The driver, John Roy Wade, 20, of Grand Prairie, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. The passenger, Ernest Wayne Torres, 31, of Eagle Lake was arrested for failure to identify and public intoxication.

Friday, Nov. 20, at 12:56 a.m., Deputy Zermeno initiated a traffic stop on FM 2614 and FM 950. The driver, Randy Lucas Smith, 23, of Wharton, was arrested for failure to identify, expired driver's license and four outstanding warrants.

At 10:50 a.m., Deputy Schmidt responded to the Weimar High School AEP in attempt to execute a warrant. A juvenile was arrested and detained at the Eagle Lake Boot Camp for violation of probation and resisting arrest.

At 1:31 a.m., Sgt. Neisner located a suspicious vehicle at Beason's Park. After further investigation, Bonnie Pearl Alley, 32, of Alleyton, was arrested for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and outstanding warrants. Gina Linn Bishop, 34, of Alleyton, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and outstanding warrants.

At 10:12 p.m., Deputy Zermeno initiated a traffic stop on I-10 west bound at the 688 mile marker. After further investigation, Jose Alberto Duque, 19 of Houston, was arrested for possession of marijuana, driving under the influence, possession of drug paraphernalia and minor in possession.

Saturday, Nov. 21, at 5:56 a.m., Deputy Zermeno initiated a traffic stop on FM 2619 at Strickland Lane. After investigation, Bruce Jerome McClintock, 40, of Eagle Lake, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

At 7 p.m., Deputy Edman responded to a call of aggravated sexual assault of a juvenile in Rock Island. The child was taken to a hospital; no physical evidence was found. The case is pending further investigation by Chief Deputy Schleider.

At 9:11 p.m., Deputies Edman and Kellogg initiated a traffic stop for a traffic violation on Hwy. 71 west of Marek Road. After further investigation, the driver, Roy Guerra, 27 of Bay City, was arrested for driving while license invalid. The passenger, Abel Joe Cantu, 24, of Bay City, was arrested for public intoxication.

Sunday, Nov. 22, at 1:26 a.m., Deputy Kellogg initiated a traffic stop on FM 102. After further investigation, Anjanette Jones Mitchell, 27, of Alleyton, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

At 10:19 a.m., Deputies Benavides and Zermeno responded to a call concerning a family violence in Weimar. Lawrence Edward Flowers, 54 of Weimar, and Lawrence Elwood Flowers Jr., 17 of Weimar, were arrested for family violence, Class C assault.

Monday, Nov. 23, at 11 a.m., Deputy Benavides responded to a call concerning family violence on Pump Road. After further investigation, a warrant was obtained for the suspect

and James Kenneth Jobe, 61 of Eagle Lake, was arrested for criminal attempted murder. Assisting on the case were Chief Deputy Schleider, Sgt. Neisner and Deputies Kellogg, Edman and Schmidt.

At 1 p.m., Deputy Benavides responded to a call concerning criminal mischief on County Road 116. The complainant reported mailbox damage had occurred.

At 4:30 p.m., Deputy Benavides met with a complainant concerning phone harassment. The case is pending further investigation.

At 7:20 p.m., Deputy Kellogg responded to a call concerning criminal mischief on Taylor Street in Alleyton. The complainant reported subject(s) were throwing rocks at her residence.

At 8:37 p.m., Sgt. Neisner spoke with a complainant concerning retaliation. A warrant was obtained and James Kenneth Jobe, 61, of Eagle Lake, was arrested for third degree felony retaliation.

At 8:45 p.m., Deputy Kellogg transported a prisoner from Wharton County and found drug paraphernalia in the prisoner's jacket pocket. Harvey Curtis Spencer, 39, of Hungerford, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 2:44 a.m., Deputy Kellogg responded to a call concerning a theft in New Town. The complainant reported a gas powered weed eater was taken.

At 8:25 a.m., Deputy Schmidt (See Sheriff, Page 8)