

Parish Fall Fiesta is Saturday

The Parish of the Nativity will hold their Fall Fiesta on Saturday, Nov. 20, at Didner Hall, Crain and Stevenson Streets in Eagle Lake.

Enjoy a delicious homemade Mexican dinner featuring enchiladas, rice and beans. You may eat at the hall or take it to go. Serving is from 4 to 7 p.m. at \$5 per plate. Tickets are available at the door.

After the meal, stop by the silent auction which has lots of wonderful items on which to bid. A drawing will also be held for a \$1,000 gift certificate.

Entertainment will feature DJ Tejano Sounds with a variety of country western, tejano, salsa and pop music from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Come join the fun, food and fellowship!

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Christmas Toy time once again!

Veterans in Eagle Lake American Legion Post 108 are collecting new toys and stuffed animals and dolls in good condition to be given to children in less fortunate families at Christmas-time.

The toys will be distributed to children, ages infant through nine years. The distribution will be Thursday, Dec. 23, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Prairie Edge Museum's auditorium. Only parents or guardians may apply at the distribution site.

Last year, toys were given to over 250 children and plans are being made to make this Christmas a merrier and happier time again this year.

You may leave toys at Struss Auto Supply, Wallis State Bank or the Furniture Shoppe.

If you would rather, you may send money with which to purchase toys to Commander Fred Frnka, 618 Melody Lane, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434; or to Adjutant Walter Lee Bauer, 116 Laughlin Road; or to any of the three collection sites aforementioned.

All contributions will be gratefully accepted. In the event you have a contribution and want someone to pick it up, call Frnka at 234-2065.

Community Thanksgiving Service is Nov. 21

The Annual Ministerial Alliance of Eagle Lake Community Thanksgiving Service is planned for Sunday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, located at the corner of Prairie and N. Lake.

Ministers from area churches will participate in the service. Paul Lynn, pastor of Eagle Lake United Methodist Church, will deliver the sermon message.

Everyone in the area is invited to join together as brothers and sisters in thanking God for all the goodness we receive daily in our lives.

The event also is to show thanksgiving for the oneness of the community shown during times of need, in helping maintain the Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry and donating to special fundraising activities to help those in need.

A monetary collection for the Ministerial Alliance Help Ministries will be taken at the service.

For additional information, contact Brent Beasley, pastor of the First Baptist Church, at 234-2571.

Servicio de Acción de Gracias Comunitario

El anual Servicio de Acción de Gracias de la Alianza Ministerial Comunitaria de Eagle Lake esta planeando para la noche del domingo, noviembre 21, a las 7 p.m. en la First Baptist Church, esquina de las calles Prairie y North Lake.

Ministros representando a las iglesias del área participarán en el servicio. Paul Lynn, pastor de Eagle Lake United Methodist Church, pronunciará el mensaje del sermón.

Todos en el área son invitados a reunirse como hermanos y hermanas en acción de gracias a Dios por sus bondades que recibimos diariamente en nuestras vidas. El evento también es la manifestación de agradecimientos a quienes de la comunidad han

contribuido durante tiempos de necesidad, ayudando a mantener la Alianza Ministerial Despensa de Comida donando y recaudando fondos mediante actividades que ayuden a los que necesitan. Una colecta monetaria para apoyo a los ministerios de Alianza Ministerial se llevará a cabo en el

Servicio.

Para información adicional en español, ponerse en contacto con Maria de la Paz Núñez, Ministro pastoral, Parroquia Católica de la Natividad, 234-2842; y en inglés, Brent Beasley, pastor, de First Baptist Church, 234-2571.

Changes in attitudes, changes in latitudes

By Dr. Russell Thomas, D.O.

When I moved back to Eagle Lake over 16 years ago, my original plan was to spend a few years refining my skills and then, perhaps, going on to other places.

I have been told over and over that a physician should never go to his hometown and he should never practice with a member of his family. I figured I could get away with it for a few more years because Eagle Lake was a special place, and I was right!

For the past years I have had the absolute joy of taking care of my friend and neighbors. I have had the privilege of welcoming new lives into the family and, sometimes, shared the sadness at the bedside as someone I have known departs this life.

I have watched this town survive many ups and downs and keep going. I've even had the pleasure of seeing the local football team return to a winning way (finally).

Through all of this, life has been great and I forgot about those plans to move on after a while. I believed, and still do, that this was the best place in the world to be.

Several weeks ago, I was approached by the Central Texas Medical Foundation and interviewed for the Residency Director's position. I was offered the job and, after much soul searching and anxiety, have decided to accept it. The opportunity to teach and, in fact, be in charge of a training program is something I just cannot turn down.

Before the inevitable rumors start though, I want to say that I'm not leaving for money (the pay is actually less) and I'm not mad, frustrated or in some way at odds with the hospital. The people there are the best I have ever had the honor to work with, and that includes everyone there!

The opportunity comes at a time when we will be getting two new physicians in the community, both of whom I have helped train, so continuity should not be comprised.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Youth Fall Festival is Nov. 21

Everyone is invited to St. Mary's Youth Fall Festival Sunday, Nov. 21, at the Nada Community Center. The afternoon begins with a variety shoot from 1 to 4 p.m. including women's and children's rounds. From 4 to 8 p.m., hamburgers, chili, pastries and other refreshments will be available to purchase. Festival booths will include cake walk, Christmas crafts and a silent auction. There will be games for kids and dominoes for adults.

The evening will conclude with a drawing for 23 prizes. Tickets can be purchased from Kim Gold or by calling 409-758-3928.

Proceeds will benefit continued Christian Education and youth activities.

Thrift Shop is open this Saturday

Get a jump start on your Christmas shopping by checking out the Prairie Edge Museum Thrift Shop this Saturday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They have lots of Christmas decorations, a brass twin headboard, suitcases and lots of clothes.

GRSBC to hold bake sale Saturday

Greater Rising Star Baptist Church (GRSBC) will hold a bake sale Saturday, Nov. 20, at the church, 580 Old Altair Road, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please contact Eddie Mae Williams at 234-2186 or Mae Scott at 758-3745 for more information. Proceeds benefit the Pastor's Aid.

Washington trip still has seats available

Washington 2000, the trip sponsored by Ray Sykowski to Washington, D.C., is set to tour our nation's capital May 31 through June 3, 2000. If a student or parent is interested in the trip, please call 409-234-3447. A very limited number of seats are still available.

Rice Invitational Tournament is Saturday

The Rice Invitational Basketball Tournament will be held Saturday, Nov. 20, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Freshmen boys will play at 9:40 a.m. and the JV boys will play at noon. Be sure to come out and support the Raiders. The Booster Club will have a concession for this event.

Scouts to hold bake sale this Saturday

Eagle Lake Cub Scout Pack 3078 will have a bake sale Saturday, Nov. 20, in front of the Eagle Lake Supermarket on S. McCarty. Proceeds will be used for the advancement of awards. Your support is appreciated.

Closings for Thanksgiving holiday

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday Thursday, Nov. 25, the following businesses will be closed: First National Bank, Wintermann Library and the Colorado County Courthouse. The City Office will be closed Thursday and Friday. There will be no garbage pickup either day. Normal garbage pickup will resume Monday, Nov. 29.

Ushers workshop set for Saturday

Come join the Ushers at Greater Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. R. Kiser, pastor, for a powerful day in the Word on Sunday, Nov. 21, at 3 p.m. The guest speaker for the occasion is Rev. A.J. Jones, pastor of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Wharton. An usher workshop is scheduled for Saturday morning, Nov. 20, at 8:30 a.m.

Singles dance is Friday

The Ft. Bend County Singles Club will sponsor a dance Friday, Nov. 19, beginning at 8 p.m. at the Needville KC Hall. Music will be provided by Donnie Wavra. Admission is \$5 per person and the public is welcome. Door prizes will be given.

ELC Community Thanksgiving service set

The First Baptist Church will host the Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance Community (ELC) Thanksgiving Service Sunday evening, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m. in its sanctuary on the corner of Prairie and N. Lake.

La First Baptist Church de Eagle Lake será la anfitriona del Servicio Comunitario de Acción de Gracias de la Alianza Ministerial de Eagle Lake el domingo por la noche, noviembre 21, 1999, a las 7 p.m. en este templo esquina de las calles Prairie y North Lake.

Gospel Showcase is Nov. 20

Prairie View University will present a Pre-Thanksgiving Gospel Showcase Saturday, Nov. 20, at 6 pm. The Mt. Moriah Youth Choir will be part of that service. All community churches are invited.

Ten Star all-star basketball camp

Applications are now being evaluated by the Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 7-19 may apply. Players are selected by invitation only. Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan and Grant Hill. Camp locations include Commerce, Texas; Riverside, Calif.; Lake Wales, Florida; Atlanta, Georgia; Champaign, Ill.; Fort Wayne, Ind.; Atchison, Kan.; Georgetown, Ken.; Northfield, Minn.; Raleigh, N.C.; Boiling Springs, N.C.; Rochester, N.Y.; North Canton, Ohio; and Farmville, Virg. College basketball scholarships are possible for the most advanced players. For an evaluation form, call 704-372-8610 anytime.

The first Thanksgiving: the good old days

When the first Europeans settled in North America, their farming enterprises were disappointing as their fledgling crops failed to bear. Happily for them, the neighborhood Native Americans shared the fruits of their harvest in 1621: turkey and other wild game, squash, berries, corn, pumpkin and maple syrup.

Now, modern medicine is discovering that the old ways were probably the best ways when it comes to getting the most nutrition.

"The early settlers ate what was available back then, but nutrition spe-

cialists nowadays know that fresh fruits and vegetables, picked ripe and in season, offer the maximum in flavor and nutrition," said Dr. John Joseph, family practice physician at the Scott & White Clinic, Killeen, and assistant professor with the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center College of Medicine.

One of the nation's largest medical centers, with more than 500 physicians and 18 regional clinics, Scott & White Memorial Hospital and Clinic is committed to delivering personalized, comprehensive, high-quality (See Thanksgiving, Page 3)

Eagle Lake Police Report

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending Nov. 15.

On Nov. 9, at 3:58 a.m., Officer Michael Krenek assisted a sheriff's department deputy with a welfare concern on Beard St. Officer Krenek gave courtesy transport to the subject back to their residence in Eagle Lake.

Officer Brian Lasley was dispatched to the intersection of FM 102-S and E. Main St. in reference to an 18-wheeler striking a light pole at 2 p.m. Information was gathered and a report was filed.

At 5:28 p.m., Sgt. Bill Lattimore met with a complainant and victim on Dobbins St. in reference to a dog bite. The victim was treated at Rice Medical Center (RMC). The dog was impounded by the City for quarantine.

Sgt. Lattimore met with a complainant at 7:45 p.m. on Glen Flora Road in reference to a burglary. Information was gathered and a report was filed.

On Nov. 10, at 1:07 p.m., Officer Stephen Nelson met with a complainant on McCreary St. and took a report of criminal mischief to a residence.

At 3:18 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore, Chief Keith Webb, Lt. Clem Johnson, Sgt. Tim Crume and Officers Nelson and Randy Schlauch assisted the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department with a fire on Seaholm St.

Sgt. Lattimore met with a complainant on D Street. After hearing the complaint, advised the complainant it was a civil matter and referred her to the judge.

At 8:24 p.m., Officer LaWanda Alley, Sgt. Lattimore and Sgt. Edmund responded to a call of cattle out on Connor Ave. and put the cattle back in the pasture.

On Nov. 11, at 12:22 p.m., Officers Schlauch and Nelson and Lt. Johnson were dispatched to a disturbance at the Juvenile Boot Camp. Officers stood by until Deputy Schmidt arrived and turned the matter

over to him.

Sgt. Lattimore responded to a loud music call on W. Main St. at 7:55 p.m. A subject was issued a written warning for loud music.

Officer Alley and Sgt. Lattimore were dispatched to the RMC in reference to an unruly detox patient at 11:21 p.m. No police action was taken.

On Nov. 12 at 12:58 a.m., Officer Alley and Sgt. Lattimore received a report of a runaway juvenile. Later the same day, officers were advised the child had returned home.

At 4:27 p.m., a confidential informant came to the police department and advised of subjects smoking marijuana on A Street. Sgt. Lattimore and Officers Nelson and Schlauch found two smoked marijuana cigarettes at the location.

At 4:38 p.m., while on patrol, Sgt. Lattimore discovered some downed power lines at the intersection of FM 102 south and Hwy. 90A. Central Power and Light Co. was dispatched to the scene.

Sgt. Lattimore and Officer Alley were dispatched to an activated alarm at 10:32 p.m. in the 200 block of E. Main St. The building was secure at ground level and the keyholder was contacted.

On Nov. 13, at 1:46 a.m., Officer Alley and Sgt. Lattimore were dispatched to a disturbance on First St. Upon their arrival, they learned there was only a verbal dispute. The subjects left the area without incident.

At 6:42 p.m., a complainant came to the police department and advised Sgt. Lattimore of suspicious persons on Union St. Two subjects were located and identified. No other action was taken.

On Nov. 14 at 12 a.m. Officer Alley was patrolling on E. Main St. when she observed three subjects in the parking lot at 600 E. Main St. who appeared to be fighting. One subject was released to a family member and no further action was necessary.

At 2:45 a.m., complainants came to the police department and reported to Officer Alley there was a subject in their home without their permission.

Calvin Wayne Tillman was arrested for indecency with a child, possession of marijuana and burglary of a

habitation with other intent.

After processing at the police department, Tillman was transported to the County Detention Center (CDC) for confinement.

At 11:40 a.m., Officer Lasley was dispatched to a two-car accident at Lakeside and Schley Streets, involving a 1993 Chevrolet pickup, driven by Dustin Ray Guthman of Lissie, and a 1999 GMC pickup, driven by Jose Angel Ybarra of Columbus.

Reportedly, Ybarra was making a left turn onto Schley St. when Guthman attempted to pass in a no passing zone, striking the front right passenger side of Ybarra's vehicle. As a result of the investigation, Ybarra was arrested for driving while license suspended and was transported the CDC for confinement.

At 2:25, a complainant called the police department in reference to criminal trespass. Officer Lasley responded to the call and filed a report.

On Nov. 15, at 12:58 a.m., Officer Krenek, while doing a building check in the 1700 block of E. Main St., located an open door. Assisted by Sgt. Crume and Deputy Toppel, the entire building was checked. The keyholder notified and resecured the building.

At 10:41 a.m., LaTanya Black walked into the police department and turned herself in on an outstanding warrant for assault. After processing, Black was transported the CDC for confinement.

At 10:45 a.m., a complainant met with Officer Lasley at the police department in reference to harassing phone calls. The complainant did not want to file charges.

At 7:38 p.m., Officer Krenek was dispatched to a welfare concern on Murphy St. The subject was located and advised to call the complainant.

Oct. 1999 Summary

The Department's monthly summary lists 233 calls including 130 miscellaneous, 50 disturbances, 18 thefts, 11 assaults, 10 accidents, nine criminal mischiefs, and five burglaries.

There were 51 criminal cases with 46 cases being cleared. Officers made 19 arrests; 13 misdemeanor and six felony.

They issued 27 citations and 104 warnings and handled three juveniles.

'Deputy Santa' program underway

Colorado County Sheriff R.H. "Curly" Wied announced that the "Deputy Santa Program" is getting underway at the Colorado County Sheriff's Department.

Contacts are currently being made to collect information concerning needy children throughout Colorado County.

Last year's "Deputy Santa" was an overwhelming success. Over 400 presents were delivered to the less fortunate children in the County.

You, the citizens of Colorado County, along with many local businesses, donated toys for all ages which were distributed to needy children who, without your help, would have a less cheerful holiday season.

Sheriff Wied is aiming to make Christmas 1999 an even better year than last year's "1998 Deputy Santa Program," by making more contacts and starting earlier, thus allowing plenty of time for the citizens to drop off their toys and get familiar with the "Deputy Santa Program." The program will be limiting the age group to 12 and under.

Anyone wishing to donate items to "Deputy Santa" may drop off your toys at the Colorado County Detention Center located 949 Hwy. 90 west in Columbus, or at Wal-Mart in Columbus where a drop box has been placed, for your convenience.

Sheriff Wied's office will be accepting toys through Dec. 10. The toys will be wrapped and deliveries made by Dec. 25.

Should you have any questions concerning the "Deputy Santa Program" or contributions, please feel free to contact Karen at Wied's office, 409-732-2388.

Thanks for all of your support.