

## The build is on!!

Those of you who drive by the corner of S. Austin and Hubbard Ferry in Eagle Lake have probably noticed some major construction activity... like a safety fence going up and a foundation going down!

Colorado County Habitat for Humanity construction supervisor Chuck Coy has been overseeing the site preparation and working along with professional subcontractors in anticipation of the build.

CCHFH would specifically like to thank these dedicated and generous professionals for their partnership with Habitat as we work toward eliminating substandard housing - one family at a time: Charles Tallierne, Industry, electric; Class Concrete, Eagle Lake; and Williams Plumbing, Eagle Lake.

If you would like to volunteer, or would like more information about Habitat, please call 1-800-243-5369.

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## Ministerial Alliance needs blankets, coats

The Ministerial Alliance of Eagle Lake will be holding a blanket and coat drive over the next months.

Please bring any blankets, coats, jackets and/or sweaters to the Food Pantry housed at the First Baptist Church on the corner of Prairie and N. Lake Ave. any Monday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The items may be new or in good used condition. There is always a special need for warm children's clothing.

Also, please be mindful that the Food Pantry will be closed Dec. 27 and Jan. 3.

## Chamber says 'thanks'

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the businesses in Eagle Lake who helped by making donations for the 1999 Santa Bags.

Contributors were: Austin's Grocery, Canaris Nursery, Dairy Delite, Dan's Minute Stop, Eagle Lake Drugstore, Eagle Lake Insurance Associ-

ates, Eagle Lake Supermarket, Eagle Stop, Furniture Shoppe, J&K's Corner, Laker Printing, LW's Food Mart and Wallis State Bank.

Thank you to our Santa and Mrs. Claus, who will remain "anonymous". Acting as Santa's helpers were Donna Coldewey, Debbie and Melvin Schmitt, Beverly Mason and Theresa Zapalac.

## Annual Christmas Parade honors Shavers

History repeated itself as the citizens of Eagle Lake lined up to see the Annual Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Lighted Christmas Parade held Saturday, Dec. 4.

Over 40 entries helped spread the Christmas spirit to all who watched and participated.

Serving as judges for the parade were Susan Rodgers, Gloria Isle and Melanie Appelt.

The parade kicked off with the Juvenile Boot Camp Drill team presenting the colors followed by the playing of the National Anthem.

Parade Marshal absentia was J.W. Shavers. His daughter, Robin, represented the family by riding in the vehicle in memory of her dad.

A plaque was presented to Robin by Lynda Evans for all the help her father gave to the different civic organizations.

As she past, the following was read by Evans:

"J.W. Shavers was a member and good friend to the community of Eagle Lake. We hope to honor him and his devotion to Eagle Lake by dedicating this year's Christmas Parade to our friend, J.W. Shavers.

"He was always here helping to line up the parade, getting the council organized in the parade and ready to do whatever he was called on to do.

"J.W. was born March 5, 1933 in Silsbee, Texas and left on Jan. 20, 1999. He, his wife, Gayle, and daughter Robin came to Eagle Lake in 1988. J.W. became an active and dedicated member of our community.

"J.W. was serving his second term as Councilman and took his responsi-

bilities very seriously. He was always asking questions, and double checking to make sure that work for the City was being done correctly.

"He was a member and past president of the Lion's Club. For a few years we thought the Lion's Club rides were attached to him as he seemed to haul them everywhere.

"He was involved with the Colorado County Fair... one of the first

Eagle Lake citizens to sell tickets with Chairman Vic Corman at the livestock gate.

"J.W. was part of the Cow Camp Cooker. He always laughed when he said his job was mainly concerning the pots-stirring the pots and cleaning the pots. He also kept everyone in a good mood with all of his Jeff Foxworthy jokes!

"The organization that was closet

to his heart was Masonary. At the time of his death, he was Worshipful Master of the E.L. Lodge #366.

"He worked tirelessly to carry out the duties of the lodge, and as he worked, he got others involved in the process. One of the beliefs of Masonary is that of helping your fellow man. J.W. scored high in that area because he was always there in time of need.

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Xi Psi Sorority was awarded first place in the service organization category as well as Best Overall in last Saturday's Lighted Christmas parade. The float, pictured above and designed by Dick Weatherly, depicted a Christmas tree with Sorority members as ornaments.

At left, Mistress of Ceremonies Lynda Evans presented a plaque to Robin Shavers who rode as the family representative of J.W. Shavers, honored posthumously as parade marshal. (See Page 3 for additional photos.)

Headlight Photos by Jeannine Fearing

## NEWSBRIEFS

### 2000 Raider yearbooks on sale

Subscriptions for the 2000 Raider Yearbook are currently on sale. Cost of the book is \$30. A minimum of \$15 is required as a deposit to reserve a copy. Sales are made only by advance orders. No extra copies will be ordered. Delivery is expected in early Aug. Contact Melody Grigar at 234-3535 for further information or questions.

### 'The Old Ship Zion' set for Dec. 19

Greater Union Baptist Church (GUBC) and some of their fellow sisters and brothers in Christ will be putting on "The Old Ship Zion" Sunday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. at the GUBC. Please come out and see this exciting rendition of "The Old Ship Zion". Rev. Lawrence C. Robertson, pastor.

### Romeo & Juliet performance is Dec. 10

The Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) sixth grade will present a modern version of Romeo & Juliet at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, in the ELMS cafeteria. Admission is \$2 per person. You may buy your tickets in advance from any sixth grader or at the door. For more information, call Ms. Lewis at 234-3501. Concessions will be sold!

### Finish your shopping with Parents Night Out!

Child care services will be provided at New Beginnings Child Development Center Friday, Dec. 17, from 7 p.m. to midnight for a parents night out. A hot dog, chips and drink will be provided at 8 p.m. This is a one-evening event to give parents who haven't finished shopping a stress-free evening to do so. Please call 409-234-2785 for more information. Space is limited.

### Faith County performance is Dec. 11

Don't forget about "Faith County", being performed by the Rice High School (RHS) Drama Club at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, in the RHS commons. Dinner and show tickets are \$10 each; show only tickets are \$5. For reservations, call Debra Cummings at 234-3535 or Deborah Reed at 234-2601. Come along for a wonderful evening of entertainment.

### CCAD in Eagle Lake Dec. 17

A representative from the Colorado County Appraisal District (CCAD) will be at Eagle Lake City Hall Friday, Dec. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to collect 1999 taxes. Collections will be made for Colorado County, Rice CISD, Eagle Lake City, Rice Hospital District, Colorado County Water Control and Improvement.

### Senior Friends Christmas party is Dec. 14

Tuesday, Dec. 14, the Senior Friends Annual Christmas Party will be held at the Wharton Civic Center O'Quinn Room from 3 to 5 p.m. Bring 2-4 canned food items for admittance (Food drive for SHARE). You must RSVP before Friday, Dec. 10, by calling 409-282-6808.

### Thrift Shop is open Saturday

The Prairie Edge Museum Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, Dec. 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. With a great selection of Christmas gifts and toys you're sure to get that Christmas list taken care of quickly.

You never know what you'll find at the Thrift Shop!

### Check out the ICE House

If you're concerned about the well being of our youth, our community, spiritual and moral values, then take a minute out of your busy schedule and visit the ICE House. Come and see the future in progress. If you want to make a difference we ask that you make a pledge of \$10 a month if you can, or ask 10 people to make a pledge. Our goal is to help each man, woman and child to become what God intended when He made them. For more information call 409-234-7990 and ask for Troy.

### Defensive driving course set for Dec. 14, 15

A six hour defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel in Eagle Lake at Wintermann Library Dec. 14 and 15 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. To pre-register for the course, call 409-234-5411 or arrive a few minutes early the first evening for registration.

### Census jobs available

Temporary Census jobs are available in this area. You could earn extra money by working full or part time. Census takers earn \$10.75 and hour and Crew Leaders earn 12.75 an hour and each are paid 31¢ a mile. Apply now by calling 1-888-325-7733 to find out how and where to apply. The Bureau of the Census is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Testing will take place in Eagle Lake at the Community Center on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 15, 22 and 29, at 2 p.m. Testing in Columbus will take place at the Mansfield Building Wednesday, Dec. 8, 15, 22, and 29, at 10 a.m.

## EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending Dec. 6

On Nov. 30, at 6:27 p.m., Officer Brian Lasley was flagged down in regard to an auto accident in the 400 block of E. Main St.

Robert Castillo of Houston, driving a 1995 Chevrolet pickup, and Sharon Kay Till, of Garwood, were both traveling east bound and had stopped at the signal light. When the light changed, Castillo proceeded before the Till vehicle, striking the rear of the Till Vehicle. Castillo was cited for following too closely.

At 7:37 p.m., Sgt. Tim Crume was dispatched to North Lake Ave. in reference to a residential alarm. It was learned the alarm had been set off accidentally.

Officer Michael Krenek and Sgt. Crume responded to a weapons disturbance at 8:57 p.m. in the 600 block of E. Main St. Information was gathered and the case is under investigation.

On Dec. 2, at 11:29 p.m., officers

were dispatched to a disturbance on W. Davitt St. No assault occurred and one subject left the property without incident.

At 10:20 p.m., Officer Krenek was dispatched to Scott St. in reference to two females in the yard arguing. A criminal trespass warning was issued to one of the females.

On Dec. 3, at 2:32 a.m., Officer Krenek was dispatched to an activated alarm on FM 3013. The keyholder arrived on the scene and the interior and exterior of the building was checked and found to be secure.

Officer Krenek was dispatched to 200 S. McCarty at 5:09 a.m. in reference to a broken window. Information was gathered and a report filed.

At 8 a.m. Officer Lasley met with a complainant at the police department in regard to a verbal dispute. The subject was asked to leave the residence and he complied. No further action was taken.

Officer LaWanda Alley was dispatched to suspicious activity on Mills

St. at 9:18 p.m. No traffic was found.

At 9:52 p.m., Officer Alley responded to suspicious activity on Scott St. She found nothing unusual in the area.

On Dec. 4, at 12:10 a.m., Officer Alley was dispatched to Maple St. with reference to complainant hearing things in the back yard. Officer Alley and Sgt. Bill Lattimore checked the area and found nothing unusual.

At 1:10 a.m., Officer Alley was called to First St. in reference to loud music. Subjects were advised to turn the music down and they complied.

At 8:55 p.m., Officer Alley was called to McCreary St. in reference to an unwanted subject on the premises. The subject was issued a criminal trespass warning and left the premises.

On Dec. 5, at 11 a.m., Officer Stephen Nelson was advised of a suspicious person in the area of First St. Officer Nelson checked the area, but was unable to locate the subject.

At 12:20 p.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to a disturbance on Raezer St. As a result of the investigation, Juan Robles was arrested for public intoxication and his brother, Guadalupe Robles, was arrested for public intoxication and assault.

After processing at the police department, the brothers were transported to the County Detention Center for confinement.

On Dec. 6, at 12 a.m., Officer Alley was flagged down by a complainant on Lakeside Drive who re-

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## State Hay Show set for Dec. 9-10 in Hallettsville

The 1999 State Hay Show and education program will be hosted in Hallettsville Dec. 9-10 at the KC Hall. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9.

A tour will follow at 1:30 p.m. and will include stops at the Alton Hermes Farm where several forage result demonstrations are being conducted.

From there, participants will tour wildlife demonstrations on the Hoffer Ranch.

A stew supper will be served at the

Hoffer Ranch.

Private applicators will receive three CEU's by participating in the tour.

Registration for Friday's program will begin at 8 a.m. at the KC Hall.

Presentations will include "Economics of Hay Production" by Dr. Larry Falconer, Extension Ag Economist; "Rotation Grazing and its Fringe Benefits" by R.L. Dalrymple, Nobel Foundation in Okla.; "Designing a

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### CP&L donates computer

Central Power and Light recently donated a computer to the ICE House. On hand to show it off were, standing, from left, Pastor Paul Lynn, United Methodist Church; Susan Wilkerson, CP&L representative; Rhonda Bridges; Mary Mims; and Father Steve Whitfield, Christ Episcopal Church. Seated are Anacaren, Yessica and Marco Rivera and Barbara Cooper.

The company also recently informed Lesley Matthews with the Eagle Lake Main Street Program that the group may use the office space in the building owned by CP&L on N. McCarty. CP&L also presented Main Street with \$2,000 and a computer which will give the program a jumpstart as those involved work to restore and preserve the downtown area.

Headlight Photo by Carol Nelson

## Child safety seat checkup set for Dec. 11

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAES) of Colorado County and the Family and Consumer Sciences Advisory Committee are planning a Child Safety Seat Checkup event Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Columbus Wal-Mart parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The checkup program will allow families to drive up to the event site to have their child car seats inspected and correctly installed in their vehicles by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration trained and certified child passenger safety technicians.

The technician will also work with

each family to teach parents how to install the seat properly.

The checkup is free and open to the public.

The following businesses and organizations are cooperating with the TAES to sponsor the event: Coca-Cola, Colorado County Sheriff's Department, Columbus Pizza Hut, Columbus Police Department, Columbus Wal-Mart, Eagle Lake Police Department, Gulf Coast Medical Foundation, McDonald's of Columbus, Ozarka Spring Water, Texas Department of Transportation, Weimar Police Department and Whataburger of Columbus.