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To The Editor & You

Thank you, Eagle Lake

And the rain came and stayed except for 40 minutes while ELHS had their Reunion 2000 parade... thank you, Lord!

Thank you Eagle Lake for all the work, time and planning that made the Reunion 2000 possible. You did a great job. You shared your homes,

hearts and hugs with all of us.

It was a fabulous weekend, so special, but then Eagle Lake is so special.

Also, thank you to the folks at Sportsman's Restaurant who let us linger for hours over our coffee and dinner while we visited and laughed

with our friends and relatives.

We really had a wonderful weekend. Everything was perfect.

More hugs,
Lois Beane Alexander
Class of '45

A wonderful weekend

To Those Who Planned and Worked on ELHS Reunion 2000:

I want to express my appreciation and thanks to everyone who had a part in the planning of a wonderful reunion weekend! Thanks to Ernie Sommerlatte, Grace Dell Sinclair Cooper and Sidney Struss for getting the word out because I feel that's one reason we had such a good turnout, in spite of the weather. Well, that and the opportunity to revisit the good people and town of Eagle Lake.

Thanks to all who hosted Friday night and Saturday get-togethers, for all your extra work. I had a pleasant visit with my former classmates at the Friday night dinner at Andrew Hall. It was especially nice to see some whom I never expected to see again because they did not actually graduate with my class.

Saturday's parade was such a bright spot that I didn't notice the damp, dreary day. It was an exciting treat for me to see so many former ELHS students and teachers in the parade.

The evening memorial service was very touching and tastefully conducted. Thanks for not letting us brush away memories of those who have passed away.

Many of us marveled at the orderly way so many people were fed in such a short span of time! Austin's BBQ,

the food was delicious, also!

The DJ, Sidney Struss, did a terrific job of playing timely hits and he and his group really got "into" the event. I can truthfully say that I heard nothing but praise for him and also for the entire Reunion 2000.

More thanks for Reuion 2000

What a wonderful time we had at the reunion. I would like to express my appreciation to Ernie Sommerlatte, Grace Cooper, Sidney Struss and Bob Wilcox for all the hours they worked to make the weekend a success.

I saw schoolmates I had not seen since I graduated in 1954.

Oh, what a fun time to reminisce

In summing it all up, I, along with many others, say that we ought to have another ELHS reunion soon. ELHS was "the best!"

Sincerely,
Susan Davidson Allen

Extraordinary success!

Simply put - Eagle Lake's Class Reunion 2000 was an extraordinary success.

The number of cars in town was a delight to see and, as I heard it put, there was "wiggles room only" at the Community Center Saturday night.

Someone else said that it looked like Halloween had arrived early because of all the black and orange everyone was seen wearing. It was a weekend for memories to be recalled and old friendships to be rekindled.

Many people took part in making the Class Reunion 2000 a successful and fun filled weekend. Letters were written, telephone calls made and e-mails sent. Web pages were prepared, a slide show and video were generated, old yearbooks were gathered, addresses tracked down and arrangements for meals finalized.

Class gatherings were organized, decorations brought, entertainment hired, rooms reserved, travel plans confirmed and floats decorated.

Gun lock supplier finds possible defect

The supplier of gun safety locks that Texas began distributing last month to parents has halted distribution because of a possible defect that could cause the locks to spring open.

Gov. George W. Bush's Criminal Justice Division, which oversees the Project ChildSafe gun safety program, contacted the nonprofit agency supplying the locks after reports that locks it provided in Tennessee came open when hit or dropped at a certain angle.

"We hadn't received any complaints from any of the communities but we thought it prudent to take precautions," Bush spokesman Michael Jones said.

The agency, the National Sports



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By Pauline Word
Texas Press Association

Shooting Foundation, last week ceased distribution of the locks and called on the manufacturer to stop production until the potential problem can be identified and corrected. The cable locks can only be used on unloaded guns and are threaded through the weapon's firing mechanism to prevent it from discharging.

Last month San Antonio police agencies made the initial distribution

of 10,000 locks to local parents. A police spokeswoman said the public had been informed to discard the locks, return them to a police officer or bring them back to a local police station.

New locks will be distributed once the supplier has completed its investigation and provided new shipments, Jones said.

The state already has distributed 21,000 local locks to 14 law enforcement agencies, however, most have not given them to the public yet. The agencies cover the cities of Addison, Baytown, Converse, Killeen, Marble Falls, Mercedes, Paris, Plano and Temple and the counties of Bexar, Borden, El Paso, Navasota, Nueces and Zapata.

Project ChildSafe is a five-year \$5 million program to provide 5 million free child safety locks and firearm safety to Texas parents.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Oct. 21, 1976

Nina Zbraneck was named Fairest of the Fair at the Garwood Lion's Club Fair last Saturday evening. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Zbraneck of Garwood. First runner up was Julia Thomas, daughter of Dr. &

Mrs. Raymond Thomas of Eagle Lake; second runner up was Mary Ann Miller, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arlin Miller of Garwood. Other finalists included Sandy Baumgart of Columbus; and Debbie Brune and Elisa Keeter of Eagle Lake...

A large gathering of members and friends assembled at the site of the new United Methodist Church Sunday morning for a Cornerstone laying service conducted by pastor, the Rev. David Edgar...

These Sheridan girls helped lead the yells for the Garwood-Sheridan football team. They were Bridgett Beyette, Reane Kutzer, Jennifer Quinney, Vickie Ashley and Betty Garza...

Former resident Maynard I. Land passed away Oct. 10 at the age of 78 in Greenwich, Connecticut...

Big winners in the 1976 Colorado County Hay Show were Billy Youens and Nick Kneblak, both of Columbus...

Sherlyn Lockett was elected as
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Venetta Seals
Main Street Eagle Lake

Abortion pill requires notification

Texas' parental notification law extends to the drug mifepristone, the so-called "abortion pill," and doctors must notify a minor girl's parents before prescribing the drug as a method of terminating a pregnancy.

Spokeswoman Heather Brown said Attorney General John Cornyn made a statement to the Associated Press about the drug but had not issued a formal opinion. She said Texas Family Code states that parents must be notified before any minor child could receive prescription drugs so the pill would fall under the same guidelines.

The parental notification law requires physicians to contact at least one parent 48 hours before performing a surgical abortion or administering the pill to a girl 17 or younger.

On Sept. 28, the Food and Drug Administration approved the use of the pill, known by the trade name Mifeprex or commonly referred to as RU-486, in the United States for the termination of pregnancies of 49 days or less.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF COLORADO COUNTY

My name is Keith Riehs and I want to be your Sheriff. I know that many of you feel that changes need to be made to make our County an even better place to raise our family. I sincerely feel that I am just the person to make this happen. Here are just a few of my ideas:

Open Door Policy

If one word could sum up the way I feel about the sheriff's position, it would be ACCESSIBILITY. I do promise to make myself available to the citizens at all times. Whether you have a complaint or a suggestion, I want to hear it. You will be more than welcome to call me or stop by my office and speak with me personally. *I will be there for you!*

Community Oriented Policing:

Just as you have seen me knocking on your doors in recent weeks asking for your vote, you will continue to see me and my deputies interacting with citizens on a day to day basis. I strongly believe in providing a style of policing that reflects a collaborative effort between the community and the Sheriff's Department.

Organize Crime Watch Programs

Crime watch is exactly what it sounds like, citizens watching for criminal activity. Citizens in a neighborhood get together to form a crime watch group. The main mission of this group is to be the ears and eyes of the deputies. The group and deputies then get together to discuss any problems they may be having and work together to solve them. *I intend to make the SAFETY of Colorado County Citizens a TOP PRIORITY.*

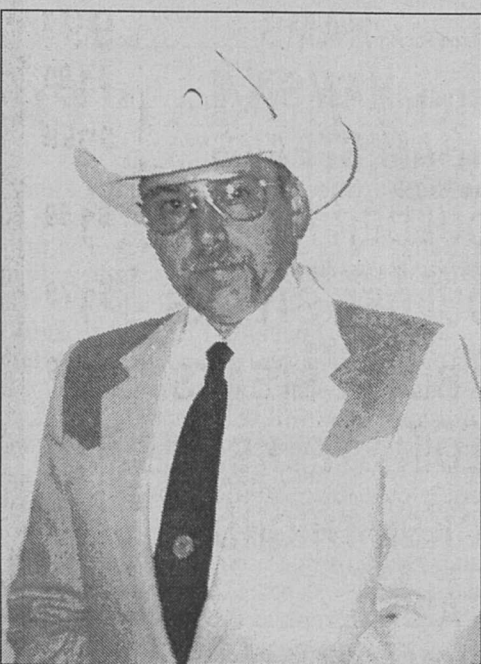
Implementing A Citizens Police Academy

The Citizens Police Academy is a program designed to open the lines of communication between the Sheriff's Department and the Community. The classes are intended to provide a comprehensive overview of the operational procedures of the Colorado County Sheriff's Department and the critical role citizens play in our community crime control efforts. These classes will show citizens how each division of the Sheriff's Department handles their daily duties. I believe that policing by partnership, the union of efforts, is essential for effective law enforcement.

Educate Our Youth

As a father myself, I feel it is crucial that we educate our children on Drug Awareness. As I take a NO-TOLERANCE stand on drug activity, I intend to have my deputies involved with the schools and communities in forming programs that will teach our children to "just say no" to drugs.

Some people say that a candidate for public office should not make too many promises because he might be called on to live up to them. I want to be elected as your sheriff, and I want to be called on to live up to every one of my promises. By electing Keith Riehs to the office of Colorado County Sheriff, you will be saying there is a better way and *"IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE."*



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**KEITH
RIEHS**
for
Colorado County
SHERIFF

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Robby
COOK
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

LEADERSHIP FOR RURAL TEXAS

Proudly serving Bastrop, Colorado, Fayette, and
Wharton Counties in the Texas Legislature.

NATIVE OF OUR AREA

- *Born and raised in Eagle Lake, Colorado County
- *Graduate of Rice Consolidated High School
- *Attended Southwest Texas State University
- *Fourth-generation farmer in Colorado and Wharton Counties

PUBLIC SERVANT

- *Former Mayor of Eagle Lake and city councilman
- *Chairman-Eagle Lake Municipal Park Board
- *Former Board Member-Texas Rice Council
- *Your State Representative for House District 28 since 1997
- *Named "Freshman Legislator of the Year" by his colleagues in the Texas House of Representatives
- *Member of the House Natural Resources Committee and the House Local & Consent Calendars Committee
- *Vice-Chair of the House Recreational Resources Committee and the Rural Caucus
- *Secretary of the House Sportsmen's Caucus
- *Appointed to the important Joint Interim Committee on Water Resources Development and Management

FAMILY MAN

- *Married to the former Mary Kay Dornak of El Campo. They have two children: Jenna, 13, and Taylor, 11
- *The Cook family are members of the Parish of the Nativity Catholic Church in Eagle Lake

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