

## Notice to sewer customers

In order to calculate residential sewer rates for the upcoming year, the City of Eagle Lake will be considering water consumptions of each customer from approximately Dec. 15, 2000 through March 15, 2001. Customers are encouraged to fix any water leaks as soon as possible in an effort to keep water consumption at a minimum during this time. Each residential sewer rate is based on the actual water consumed at that particular location. If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 234-2640.

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### VFW honors vets

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8783 laid a wreath at the Veterans Memorial on the city square Veteran's Day.

Present for the service were VFW member Frank Seals, Commander Len Matula, Chaplain Harry Supak, Jr. Vice-Commander Ervin Hurd, Adjutant Melvin Stancik, Sr. Vice-Commander Isidoro Ramirez and Service Officer V.J. (Jiggs) Kana.

The VFW would like to thank all who attended the Memorial Service. *VFW Photo*

## Raiders named to All-District football, volleyball teams

The District 24-3A football all-district selection meeting was held last Wednesday night in Sweeny. Head coaches and coordinators from each school district were on hand to nominate and vote for all-district selections for the 2000 football season.

District 24-3A is comprised of Rice, Wharton, Sealy, Sweeny, Hitchcock, Needville and Stafford. All seven teams had representatives on the all-district teams, either first or second team.

The Rice Raiders had as many first and second team selections on the elite team as any team in the district.

Sweeny, the district champ, also had several members on the squad, as did Wharton and Sealy.

Junior defensive back Gerald Williams finished second in the balloting for 24-3A defensive player of the year. Williams led the district in tackles.

Junior running back/linebacker Jerry Cleveland was also given accolades for being the only Rice player to be recognized for both sides of the ball.

Several coaches at the meeting felt that if there was an all-round district MVP, Cleveland would fit that position.

Coach Russell Roark felt Cleveland was slighted by not being named to the first team, but said Cleveland has another year to prove his doubters wrong.

Roark also noted that defensive end Quentin Whitfield was the only player in the entire district to be named first team unanimously on defense.

Offensively, guard John Rucka and fullback Conrad Diggs were

both selected unanimously to the first team offense.

Diggs led the district with 1,623 yards rushing.

24-3A Offensive MVP went to senior Stafford quarterback Mario Martinez.

Defensive MVP honors were handed out to senior defensive back Courtenay Sanders of Sweeny.

Representing the Rice Raiders on the 1st Team All-District team are:

#87, Quentin Whitfield\*, defensive line, junior, 6'4", 218 lbs.; #4 Jermal Wright, inside linebacker, junior, 5'11", 203 lbs.; #25, Danté Fuller, outside linebacker, junior, 5'10", 196 lbs.; #22, Gerald Williams, defensive back, junior, 5'10", 170 lbs.; Jacob Little, offensive center, senior, 5'7", 190 lbs.; #77, John Rucka\*, offensive line, senior, 5'8", 200 lbs.; #78, Norris Powell, offensive line, junior, 6'3", 318 lbs.; #12, Conrad Diggs\*, running back, junior, 5'10", 203 lbs.

\*Denotes unanimous All-District selection.

## All-District volleyball

By Kayce Wilkerson  
Raider Review Staff

The Rice Lady Raider volleyball players had an outstanding season.

Congratulations to those named to the All-District teams.

They include senior Stacy Schneider, named to first team; sophomore Erin Gold, named to second team;

juniors Shelley Boenisch and Crystal Alcalar, honorable mention.

The athletes who received Academic All-District are Boenisch, Amanda Burrow, Gold, Janna Janish, Patricia Najera, Schneider, Jessica Spanihel and Lauren Spanihel.

Congratulations, Lady Raiders, on a job well done!



Chosen for the All-District Volleyball teams were Crystal Alcalar, Erin Gold, Shelley Boenisch and Stacy Schneider. *Raider Review Photo*

## NEWSBRIEFS

### RMC health screens set for Dec. 12

The Rice Medical Center (RMC) is offering Health Screens at reduced prices Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Lipid profiles, PSAs and thyroid screens will be drawn. Call ahead for an appointment. For more information, call RMC at 979-234-5571.

### Chili & Go-Texan BBQ cook-offs are Dec. 16-17

The Weimar chili cook-off and Go-Texan barbecue cook-off will be held Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 16 and 17. A cooks' party will be held Friday at 7 p.m. A pot luck dinner will be held Saturday (bring covered dish). For more information, call Jean Barkley at 979-263-5851.

### Defensive driving course set for Dec. 11-12

A defensive driving course has been set by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel for 6:30-9:30 p.m. Dec. 11 and 12 at the Wintermann Library. To pre-register, call 979-234-5411 or arrive a few minutes early the first evening for registration.

### Full Gospel services set for Dec. 10

Everyone is welcome to attend the Full Gospel church services at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Wintermann Library. The speaker, Rev. J.V. Hamman, holds a Bachelor in Ministry. For more information, call 979-732-9170.

### ELMS PTO needs donations!

The Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) PTO is in need of a refrigerator and microwave oven. If you have one of these or would like to give a monetary donation, call the ELMS office at 234-3501. New or used, we'll be grateful.

### PTO necesita donaciones!

La escuela de Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) PTO esta en la necesidad de un refrigerador y horno de microondas. Si usted tiene uno de estos articulos o gustaria dar una donacion monetaria, llame a la escuela ELMS @ 234-3501. Nuevo o usado, nosotros agradeceremos algo.

### Rock Island VFD to hold drawing

The Rock Island Volunteer Fire Department (RIVFD) is selling tickets for a 32-inch JVC color television. The tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. The drawing will be held Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. at the Fire Station (need not be present to win). Proceeds will benefit the purchase of a much needed "Jaws of Life" equipment. The equipment will not only serve Rock Island but surrounding communities. Contact Keith Nance at 234-2936 or Bob Anderson at 234-3962 for tickets or purchase then at Eagle Lake Drugstore or from any member of the RIVFD. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### Christmas pageant scheduled for Dec. 9

Reserve your space to attend the First Baptist Church of Houston Christmas Pageant Dec. 9, matinee performance. Cost is \$16. Space is limited! Please call Carol at 979-282-6090 to reserve your ticket.

### 'Season of Giving' food drive is Dec. 13

The holidays and "Season of Giving" are right around the corner. Texana MHMR Center is sponsoring a food drive through Dec. 13. Please help make this holiday season a joyous one for those who are less fortunate by donating any non-perishable food items. These items may be taken to any Texana location. For more information, call 281-344-0892 ext. 400.

### Sr. Friends Christmas social set for Dec. 14

The Senior Friends Christmas Social will be held Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Wharton Civic Center from 3 to 4:30 p.m. It is a come and go event. Please bring 3-4 canned food items for our donation to S.H.A.R.E. Please RSVP for this event by calling Carol Wootton at 979-282-6090.

### Garwood-Nada Assoc. holding lighting contest

The Garwood-Nada Community Association is sponsoring a lighting contest. The contest will be held Dec. 7; winners will be announced Dec. 8. Members of GCA will view all the lights in the area, but if you live more than a mile out and want to be judged, please call 758-3249 and leave your name.

### Parents needed for ELMS PTO

The Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) is in need of parents. Parents who care enough about their children's education to get involved. There have been a total of three PTO meetings this year. The attendance has been very poor. The next PTO meetings will be held Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. We want all parents who can, to come out and be a supporter. Your children will take their education a little more seriously if they see you are involved. So let's do it!

### Padres necesitados para ELMS PTO!

La escuela esta en la necesidad de padres. Padres que se preocupan bastante de su educacion de los ninios a involucrarse. Ha habido un total de tres reuniones de PTO este ano. La asistencia ha sido muy pobre. El proximo PTO encontrandose se sostendran el 12 de diciembre a 6:30 p.m. en la cafeteria. Nosotros queremos a todos los padres que pueden, salir y ser un partidario. Sus ninios tomarn su educacion un poco mas serio que si ellos ven que usted esta envuelto. ¡Asi que hagamoslo!

### Attention all children!

Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance invites you to have your photo taken with Santa in a Victorian setting Saturday, Dec. 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Norris Building, 113 E. Main St. There will be a small fee. (See Newsbriefs, Page 8)

## Annual Christmas parade deemed a success

Even the cold wind didn't keep the crowds from lining the streets of Eagle Lake for the Annual Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Lighted Christmas Parade held Saturday, Dec. 2.

Over 30 entries helped spread the Christmas spirit to all who watched and participated.

Serving as judges for the parade were Vivian Metzger, Susan Gilthoro and Jennifer Olson.

The parade kicked off with the local VFW presenting the colors followed by the playing of the National Anthem.

The Parade Marshal was Fred R. Frnka, who has been a lifelong resident of Eagle Lake for 77 years.

He served in the Navy during World War II and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart.

Fred has been a devoted husband for over 54 years, devoted father of three children and devoted grandfather of five grandchildren.

Editor and publisher of *The Headlight* for 35 years, Frnka coined the phrase "Goose Hunting Capital of the World".

Frnka is a faithful member of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and the Eagle Lake Rotary Club for over 40 years (retired 1994), president of the club, 1955-56; three times "Rotarian of the Year", received the Paul Harris Fellow award in 1982 for distinguished service to the citizens of the Eagle Lake community and "for fur-

therance of better understanding and friendly relations between people of the world". He also helped establish the Rotary's Chuck Wagon Supper in 1954.

Frnka has also served as the Eagle Lake Little League president, coach, umpire, announcer and other duties (at one time or another) for over 15 years from the mid-50s to 1970.

He has been a Chamber of Commerce volunteer for numerous years, serving as secretary and "head chef" for the benefit barbecues.

He produced the Eagle Lake Historical City Tours for the Rotary Club during the Wildflower Festival...

...serving as researcher, guide, and narrator... and later for the Prairie Chicken Festival. Fred revised the audio tour for the Eagle Lake Reunion 2000 held in Oct. and has also produced a video tour of Eagle Lake. All in all he has devoted over one thousand hours to these projects.

Frnka also served on the Eagle Lake City Council for one term.

He's spent numerous evenings for several years as Santa Claus in his front yard... greeting kids of all ages from his self-made sleigh... sometimes, despite very cold weather.

Frnka is an ambassador for Eagle Lake, always proudly spreading the many wonders that our community has to offer, to strangers he has met during his travels across the U.S. and abroad.

He has served as Commander of W. Cherry - M. Perry Post 108 of the

American Legion. As commander in 1948, the post dedicated the new swimming pool which still exists today. He, along with Melvin Campbell, spent countless hours working on the project.

As commander for the past decade (plus), membership has grown from 11 to over 30; he started the "Toys for Needy Children" Christmas project; began the annual "Flag Disposal Ceremony"; and honored deceased vets with flags on their graves on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day with over 330 flags being placed.

Fred is also an author of an autobiography, "Standing By My Side"; "The Good(er) Life"... other life stories and Eagle Lake historical facts; "50 Years of Wedded Bliss"... his marriage; and "Leave With A Friend"... bits of humor and homespun philosophy.

After retirement, Fred opened a travel agency, served as a rural route carrier, was officer manager of Laker Printing; and is currently employed at Eagle Lake Fitness Center.

Top finishers in this year's parade were:

First place, service division: fire truck transporting Santa and Mrs. Claus; second, Boy Scout Troop #334; and third, Eagle Lake Little League Pee-Wee All Stars, 2000 District 13 Champions.

In the chamber of commerce division, first place went to Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce and second to

Ellinger.

Winning first place commercial was Rice Medical Center with the "Theme from Toy Story". They also won the Best of Parade. Second went to Nava Photography, "Happy Holidays," and third to Eagle Lake Dental Clinic, "A Fairy Merry Christmas".

In the individual/family/community division, Crown Royalty Pageant took first place honors.

Marching division winners were Eagle Lake City Wide Drill Team, first; Mighty Raider High School Marching Band, second; and Juvenile Center Boot Camp Drill Team, third.

In the school division, the Eagle Lake Middle School Student Council won first; and the Rice High School Varsity football team Bi-District Champions and the Varsity Cheerleaders took second.

Living Hope Church marching, twirling unit took first place honors; United Methodist members of Rock Island took second; and Christ Episcopal Church Kids Club placed third.

In the decorated autos division, first place went to The Blue Dot Club; Beta Sigma Phi Sorority Xi Psi Sweetheart, Wanda Gott and Apha Delta Phi Sweetheart Debra Reed garnered second; and Darlene Hayek, Colorado County Clerk, placed third.

We hope next year's parade will be even bigger and better.

Thanks to all who participated and made the parade such a success.

## Eula Goss Wintermann

June 15, 1912 - November 29, 2000

Eula Goss Wintermann, born in Houston June 15, 1912, passed away, Wednesday, November 29, 2000.

Eula's parents were Mary Louise Ford Goss and Dr. Jesse M. Goss.

She was a graduate of The Kinkaid School and Rice University.

In 1935, she married David Wintermann of Eagle Lake, where she made her home until her death.

Mrs. Wintermann was a member of the Junior League of Houston, Houston Country Club and the Eagle Lake Study Club; and was a Lifetime Sponsor of Ducks Unlimited.

She and her husband, David, were devoted to their community and involved in many philanthropic endeavors. Together, they played an important role in acquiring the land

for the Eagle Lake Community Center Golf Course, the land used as a baseball park on the east side of their city, deeding the land used for Eagle Lake Airport to the City and building of the Eagle Lake Community Center and the Eula and David Wintermann Library. They were also large supporters of the Rice District Community Hospital.

Their philanthropic efforts led them to be benefactors of the Houston Museum of Fine Arts, the Shepherd School of Music and the Fondren Library at Rice University, as well as various other educational institutions.

They were both very involved with conservation of land and natural resources and the preservation of wildlife. They created the Winter-

mann Water Fowl Management Area for Conservation. For this effort, in 1996, they received the highest award conveyed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Agency, The Perry R. Bass Award.

Through their lifetime, they received many awards and plaquidts. One of the more notable was their receiving the Paul Harris Fellows Award from Rotary International.

Mrs. Wintermann is survived by her sister, Mary Louise Goss Townes, and niece, Mary Louise Townes Lee, of Houston; nephew, Goss Townes of Dripping Springs, and another niece, Judi Shuart Johnson and her husband, Jack, of Eagle Lake; five great nieces, Karen Lee Aidman and her husband, Barry, of Austin; Alison Lee Ravenna

and her husband, Harold, of Palm Bay, Florida; Robin Lee Green and her husband, Jerry, of Fort Worth; Lisa Townes Russell and her husband, Steve, of Arlington; and Laurie Townes Lawrence and her husband, Dana, of Fort Worth; one great nephew, John Morgan Johnson III and his wife, Deborah, of Katy; as well as a host of great-grand nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, December 1, from the Christ Episcopal Church, 304 Stockbridge, Eagle Lake.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests your support of The Eula and David Wintermann Library, 101 N. Walnut, Eagle Lake, TX 77434; (See Wintermann, Page 4)