

Fire Dept. holding drawing

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department is selling tickets for a drawing to be held this Saturday, Dec. 16, at 9 a.m. at the Fire Station.

The first ticket drawn will win a \$250 gift certificate. Every 10th ticket drawn will win a \$25 gift certificate.

The 299th ticket gets a \$100 gift certificate while

the 599th ticket wins a gift certificate for \$400.

The 600th and last ticket drawn will receive the grand prize of \$2,500!

Contact any member of the Eagle Lake VFD to purchase your tickets.

Proceeds from the drawing will go to the Department's equipment fund.

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Legion Toy Drive nearing end

Members of Eagle Lake American Legion Post 108 are nearing the final stages of their annual "Toys for Children in Needy Homes" Project.

The toys will be given to children (infants through nine years of age) from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, Dec. 23, in the auditorium of the Prairie Edge Museum.

Only parents or guardians will be allowed to register their children. It is not necessary that children accom-

pany their parent or guardian.

The Legionnaires are still accepting new toys and/or cash with which to buy toys. Please leave gifts for this project at: Wallis Bank on McCarty Ave. or Struss Auto Supply and Furniture Shoppe on E. Main Street in the downtown area. You may also call 234-2065 (Fred Frnka) and someone will pick up your contribution. (See Toys, Page 8)

Dulany sworn in as Pct. 4 JP

Newly-elected Justice of the Peace for Colorado County Precinct 4, Larry Dulany, was sworn into office by Colorado County Judge Al Jamison at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 11.

Dulany recently returned from Austin after having attended the Justice of the Peace 4-day Orientation Seminar Nov. 28-Dec. 1. The seminar, sponsored by the Texas Justice Court

Training Center, covered subjects such as Role of the Judge, Court Structure of Texas, Liability, Ethics, Trial Procedure, Due Process, Legal Terminology and Code Construction.

Dec. 3-5, Dulany returned to Austin for the 46th Annual Texas Department of Health Vital Statistics Conference. Among the lectures and classroom work covered during this session were: the Local Registrar, Birth and Death Registration Laws, Social Security Fraud, Child Fatality Review, the Medical Examiner, Marriage License Issuance, Reviewing Vital Records and Proposed Revisions to the Texas Administrative Code.

Dulany will be making another trip to Austin for additional basic court training in Jan. 2001.



NEWSBRIEFS

Notice to Eagle Lake water/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.

Christmas Eve service in Garwood

The Lehrer Memorial United Methodist Church of Garwood extends an invitation to the Garwood-Nada communities to attend the Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome and will receive a blessing from this special service, led by Rev. Paul Lynn, minister at Garwood and Eagle Lake.

La Lehrer Memorial Iglesia Unida Metodista de Garwood extiende una invitación a la comunidad de Garwood-Nada, a un servicio Navideno el 24 de diciembre a las 5:30 p.m. en el santuario. Todos están bienvenidos y recibirán una bendición de este servicio especial, dirigido por el Rev. Paul Lynn, ministro de Garwood y Eagle Lake.

Full Gospel services set for Dec.

Everyone is welcome to attend Full Gospel church services at 10:45 a.m. on the following Sundays, Dec. 17, 24 and 31, at the Wintermann Library. The speaker, Rev. J.V. Hamman, holds a Bachelor in Ministry. For more information, call 979-732-9170.

4-H Sportsfishing schedule Dec. meeting

The 4-H Sportsfishing project will meet Sunday, Dec. 17, at 3 p.m. at the County Ag. Building, 316 Spring St. in Columbus. The group will be having a Christmas party at this meeting, with 4-Hers bringing a \$5 fishing-related gift for the gift exchange. Each family is asked to bring a snack to share. All current members and those wishing to be a part of this 4-H project are invited to attend with their family. For more information, call James Ross at 979-732-6982.

E.H. Henry Christmas Party is Dec. 22

The Annual E.H. Henry Christmas Party will be held Friday, Dec. 22, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Bon Ton Mickey and The Zydeco Hot Steppers will provide the music. Pre-sales tickets are \$6.50, \$8 at the door. For tickets or more information, call 979-234-7461.

Senior Friends meeting set for Jan. 4

Jan. 4, 2001 is the monthly Senior Friends meeting and covered dish luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in the Gulf Coast Medical Center classrooms. Come and see what 2001 has in store for Senior Friends. Call Carol at 979-282-6090 to RSVP.

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.

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 está en la necesidad de un refrigerador y horno de microondas. Si usted tiene uno de estos artículos o gustaría dar una donación 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.

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.

Evolution Center open

The Evolution Center, "the place of second chances and new beginnings", is open six days a week from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. If you are sick and tired of being sick and tired, give us a call at 979-234-3508.

Appraisal District reps to travel County

A representative of the Colorado County Appraisal District will be at Weimar City Hall Monday, Dec. 18, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and in Eagle Lake Thursday, Dec. 21, at City Hall from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to collect 2000 taxes for the appropriate taxing entities. They will also collect for Weimar ISD property located in Fayette and Lavaca Counties.

Methodist Church sets service

A Christmas Eve Service, scheduled at the United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Sunday evening, Dec. 24, is open to the community. The Rev. Paul Lynn and his congregation extend a warm welcome to everyone.

El domingo 24 de diciembre a las 7 de la tarde, La Iglesia United Methodist tendrá su servicio Navideno. El servicio será abierto para la comunidad. El Rev. Paul Lynn y la congregación le extiende una invitación a la comunidad.



Fireman of the Year

Howard Wilkerson, at left, was named the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department's Fireman of the Year during the organization's annual Christmas banquet last Saturday night. The honor was presented by Fire Chief Gary Glaiser, right.

Wilkerson, a 13-year member of the Department, currently serves as Captain of Company #2. In 2001, he will serve as the Second Asst. Chief.

Photos Courtesy of Carolyn Baird



2001 Mascot, Miss Sparkle

Talón Canaris, son of Kari and Peter Canaris, will serve as the Eagle Lake Fire Department's Mascot for 2001.

The Auxiliary's Miss Sparkle will be Kelsey Janow, daughter of Glenn and Charlet Janow.



2000 Mascot, Miss Sparkle

Relinquishing their positions to the 2001 Mascot and Miss Sparkle during last Saturday's Fire Dept. banquet were the 2000 representatives: Miss Sparkle Kelsey Perez, daughter of Joe Lee and Shannon Perez; and Mascot Tre Cadriel, son of Kristi and Paul Cadriel and grandson of Gail and Darrell Gertson.

County Grand Jury issues 24 indictments

The Colorado County Grand Jury issued indictments for the following individuals during its Wednesday, Dec. 6, session:

Dorothy Elizabeth Farmer, injury to a child.
Derral Keith Edds, burglary of a habitation.
Preston Jay Jenkins, burglary of a habitation.
Stevan Wayne Torres, burglary of a habitation.
Benjamin Alex Castillo, burglary of a habitation.
Amado Martinez, unlawful use of criminal instrument.
Amado Martinez, possession of marijuana (PoM).
Maria Guadalupe Lopez, PoM.
Zachery Lamont Daniels, aggravated assault.
Leatrice Nanette Johnson, aggravated assault.
James Ernest Eaton, aggravated assault.
Terence Orlando Carter, aggravated assault.
Chandra Katrease Johnson, aggravated assault.
Curtis Jermaine Glenn, aggravated assault.
Lakeisha Jackson, burglary of a habitation.
Lakeisha Jackson, burglary of a habitation.
Jimmie Bluntson Jr., forgery.
Shirley Jean Pettit, forgery.
Jamel Latik Weems, burglary of a habitation.
Jorge Alberto Garcia, tampering with a government record.

Four indictments remained sealed as of press time.

Gadabouts call Bubela 'Woman of the Year'

The Garwood-Nada Gadabouts think Lorine Bubela is a special, caring lady and would like to tell you a little about her.

Lorine was born in Nada on Sept. 17, 1921 to Bertha (Swoboda) and Charles Schneider. She has four brothers and two sisters.

She married Charles Bubela in Nov. of 1940 and they lived in Hungerford for a few years. They moved back to Nada in 1946. Their union was blessed with nine children: Barbara Svatek, Charles Bubela, Elaine Westfahl, Ronald Bubela, Bertha Genzer, Marcia Krasucky, Judy Pavlicek, Monica Stock and Gregory Bubela.

In 1961, Charles died, leaving Lorine with nine children, ages 20 to a year and nine months, to care for on her own and nine dollars in the bank. Her daughter, Barbara, said, "If mother was the treasurer of the United States, we wouldn't be in the shape we are in."

The family had to pull together, working and caring for one another. The whole family would go out chopping and picking cotton for local farmers and the older boys worked in the rice fields. Little Gregory would ride on his mother's pick sack.

Lorine remembers always having a big garden, a couple of cows, sometimes hogs and raising chickens. She taught her children the value of hard work, how to make it on their own, have faith in God, to give to others and to work for the church and the betterment of the community. They have learned their lessons well as they are all a value to their communities.

Lorine and her family also did a lot to help her aging parents and took them to church, doctors and wherever they need to go.

When her youngest, Gregory, went to school, Lorine went to work at St. Mary's School cafeteria for about 10 years.

She worked at Garden Villa Nursing Home as a housekeeper from 1978



to 1985. She quit when she turned 65 and was offered a job at the Garwood School cafeteria. She told them she needed at least a week off between jobs. She worked there from 1986 to 1995.

The school children thought of her as an extra caring grandmother who always took an interest in them and had a kind word and a smile for them.

When she worked in the nursing home, she would always visit with the patients, inquiring how they were doing, and was a lifeline to home for the patients from Nada and Garwood, bringing messages back and forth to family members.

Lorine has been an active member for many years in the PTC, Catholic Daughters, Christian Mothers, Council of Catholic Women and Texas Extension Education Association.

Her faith in God has always been important to her and many times the only comfort she had.

She is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Living Rosary Association, Blue Army, St. Mary's Cenacle and has been a weekly Eucharistic adorer for almost 14 years.

She truly believes in the power of prayer and has passed that on to her family. Her daughter, Barbara, said, "Mother is always praying for some- (See Bubela, Page 8)