

Reliant offers tips to maximize efficiency of natural gas appliances

Homeowners across the Reliant Energy Entex service territory are preparing their homes for the heating season in anticipation of colder weather.

Though winter bills should be lower this winter than last due to lower wholesale gas prices nationwide, Reliant Energy Entex reminds customers

there are still things they can do to conserve energy and reduce their natural gas bill.

- Set the thermostat at 70° during the day and 60° when away from home for more than a few hours. This can reduce home heating costs by 12%.
- Caulk around windows and door-frames and make sure doors and win-

dows close tightly.

•Make sure the home is properly insulated. A properly insulated home costs about 1/3 as much to heat as an under insulated one.

•Don't allow dust to accumulate around natural gas appliances and their burners.

•Replace furnace filters regularly. Have natural gas appliances checked by an experienced professional annually to make sure they're operating properly.

•Set the thermostat on your gas heater at medium (about 130°). Choosing a medium rather than a high setting (about 140°) can result in a 10% savings on your water heating costs.

•Sign up for our average Monthly Billing Plan.

If a customer needs more time to pay their bill, they should call their local office immediately.

Reliant Energy Entex is a natural gas distribution company serving more than 300 communities in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

OBITUARY

John Victor Karlson

February 12, 1904 - November 25, 2001

John Victor Karlson, 97, of Bremond, Texas, passed away Sunday, November 25, 2001 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan following a brief illness.

Born February 12, 1904 in Indiana to John E. and Clara Karlson, the family moved to the Eagle Lake area during his childhood. He attended local schools and later earned college degrees from both Centenary of Shreveport, Louisiana, and Oklahoma University.

He resided most of his life in Shreveport and worked for the Ark-La-Tex Gas Company. He had been a resident of Bremond for the past six years.

Karlson was a member of Mitchell Lodge No. 252 A.F. & A. M. of Converse, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Randy Karlson.

Survivors include daughters and son-in-law, Johnette Milam of Shreveport and Bonnie and Mike Murphy of Bremond; son and daughter-in-law, Billy and Florence Karlson of Eagle Lake; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great granddaughter; other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, November 27, from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake with Rev. Clement Richards, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church of Eagle Lake, officiating.

Norman Clark delivered the eulogy; Roger Clark was the soloist and Carol Joyce Ripper, organist.

Masonic Rites and interment followed in Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake under the auspices of Eagle Lake Lodge No. 366, A.F. & A.M.

Dulany Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Greg Clark; Mitchell Karlson; Bo and Steven Burke; Tom Mueller; and Butch Grogan.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Bible Verse of the Week

"With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible."

— Mark 10:17

Submitted by Carol Nelson

LIBRARY LINES

While you hunters are in between hunts, it would be a good time to come into the Wintermann Library and check out some cookbooks.

Just looking at the color photos in the "Meat and Game Cooking" book has made me hungry.

There are recipes for venison, wild boar, buffalo and also game birds.

Included in this cookbook are interesting side dishes to serve such as "Franconia Root Vegetables" which is nearly a meal in itself. Or how about "Toad-In-The-Hole".

For the fisherman, we have a good audio that provides two hours of fishing entertainment.

There are also several cookbooks

offering tasty suggestions on the preparation of many kinds of fish.

Here are two new books at the Wintermann Library Betty Wegen-

hofs has read and given us a synopsis. Few writers catch the voice of the working class like Rick Bragg. In his previous memoir, "All Over But The Shoutin'", Bragg pays tribute to his mother. She goes 18 years without a dress so her sons could have school clothes and picks other people's cotton so her children won't have to live on welfare alone. The result is unforgettable.

Rick Bragg's newest book, "Ava's Man", is about his maternal grandfa-

ther. Bragg writes: "A man like Charles Bundrum doesn't leave much, not title or property, not even letters in the attic. There's just stories, all told second and third hand as long as somebody remembers. The thing to do, if you can, is write them down on new paper."

This is a reminder to the boys and girls in the first through third grade to come in to the library and sign up for the reading contest which started Nov. 12 and will go until Jan. 1, 2002. We will be awarding prizes.

Also, we are still accepting donations for the purchase of special boxes in which to store old copies of *The Headlight*.

Cranek, Rosenbaum win at rodeo finals

The roping saddles were made by Tod Slone Saddles of Cuero.

Cody and Blake roped together all

year as team roping partners and will continue to compete this year in the Youth Rodeo Association.



Blake Rosenbaum, at left, and Cody Cranek were winners in the Run-N-Rope finals held at the San Antonio Rose Palace Oct. 26-28.

Photo Courtesy of Donna Cranek

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WCJC to present holiday concert

Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) Music Department invites you to attend the 27th Annual Candlelight Holy Days Concert Thursday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Wharton. This year's program will include music by the WCJC Concert Choir, a vocal ensemble from Dawson Elementary School, the First United Methodist Church Handbell Choir and vocal and instrumental soloists.

A Victorian Christmas celebration

Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance invites everyone to participate in its Christmas fundraiser, A Victorian Christmas Celebration, Saturday, Dec. 1, at 4:30 p.m. and during the Christmas parade. Members will be serving desserts, hot chocolate and coffee in a Victorian Setting at the Norris Building, 113 E. Main Street.

Crescent Country Jamboree is Dec. 4

The Crescent Country Jamboree, sponsored by the Wharton County Youth Fair (WCYF), will host their monthly live music show Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the WCYF Grounds in Crescent Hall, intersection of FM 960 & FM 961. Boling representatives will be serving grilled hamburgers with all the trimmings as their concession stand special. Other items will also be sold. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m.; the show kicks off at 7:30. Admission is \$6 per person. All proceeds benefit the WCYF building fund.

WCJC holding registration

Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) is holding Spring 2002 registration by appointment now through Nov. 30 and Jan. 7-10. Call or drop by the campus registration office nearest you for a spring registration appointment. Call the following campuses to schedule an appointment: Wharton Campus, El Campo, Bay City, 979-532-6303; Sugar Land, 281-243-8410; or Fort Bend Technical Center, 281-239-1544.



Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist
POSTERIOR TIBIAL TENDINITIS

The posterior tibial tendon extends from the inner ankle bump (medial malleolus), through the instep, to the sole of the foot. It supports the arch and helps turn the foot inward during walking. Over time, wear and tear on this tendon can cause inflammation, or tendinitis, in the area. This process weakens the tendon. Some fibers within the tendon become jumbled, while others break, making the entire tendon more susceptible to rupture. If rupture occurs, an easily recognized flatfoot condition develops. As the inflamed tendon tries to heal itself, scar tissue leads to a thickening of the tendon. Posterior tibial tendinitis causes pain in the instep and swelling along the tendon. Arch supports, anti-inflammatory medications, and rest are often prescribed.

Pain may be one of the first signs of a foot problem, but it doesn't always reveal the cause of the condition. The best way to determine the exact cause, location, and seriousness of foot pain is to have a podiatric evaluation including medical history, examination, and tests. And, at Rice Medical Center, we don't just send you on your way after treatment - complete instructions for follow-up care and prevention are also an integral part of any treatment plan. Call 234-5571 for a Tuesday appointment.

P.S. Surgery may be recommended to removed thickened tissue surrounding a tendon with posterior tibial tendinitis.



ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Kyle Alexander Thornhill

Chance and Deah Thornhill of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, a son, born at 10:44 p.m. November 14, 2001 at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Kyle Alexander weighed seven pounds, five ounces and measured 20 inches at birth.

He was welcomed home by his brother, Brett Anthony, one year, eight months old.

Maternal grandparents are Dan and Lena Hutchison of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparent is Carylton Creodur of Crowley, Louisiana.

Great-grandparents are Helen and Vincent Creodur Crowley, Louisiana, and the late Russ and Edna Kennedy of Meadville, Missouri.

Dominique Renae Zapalac

Bobby and Theresa Zapalac of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth

of their second child, a daughter, born at 3:49 p.m. November 16, 2001 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton.

Dominique Renae weighed six pounds, three ounces and measured 19 inches at birth.

The attending physician was Dr. Fink.

She was welcomed home by brothers, Brian, 21; and Bobby Jr., five.

Maternal grandparents are Ramona Torres of Eagle Lake and the late Bill Torres.

Paternal grandparents are Lawrence and Frances Zapalac of Frydek.

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Rice Basketball Tournney...

Seven were ordered for physicals, including Leon Parma of Eagle Lake, for induction into the armed services...

Miss Bonnie Pearl Kohleffel escaped with minor injuries when her car went out of control and turned over Sunday...

Kveton Play School honors A1 Reading with farewell party at recess time Wednesday...

Pvt. Billy Joe Williams began basic training at Fort Bliss, Texas...

The Christ Episcopal Guild met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. I.V. Duncan with 12 members and one guest present...

The George Causeys of Lissie have purchased the Reading home on Lake Avenue and will reside there in the near future...

Billy Mayes was feted on his 11th birthday with a surprise party at the Altair roadside park Nov. 14th.

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What You Can Do For Varicose Veins

Varicose (enlarged) veins affect up to half of all adult women in the U.S. It is estimated that about 80 million Americans have varicose veins or a related disorder. Unlike spider veins, varicose veins are usually more than a quarter inch in diameter, bulge and/or twist out from the surrounding area, and can be painful. They result when veins lose their elasticity and blood begins pooling on its way back to the heart. The veins bulge and produce the typical varicose appearance. Complications may include swollen ankles or itchy or scaly patches of skin near the affected areas.

Walking regularly and finding several times throughout the day to elevate the legs can help relieve symptoms. Compression hose or stockings that can be found in many pharmacies apply consistent pressure to help push blood upward to the heart. Aspirin or ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin IB) may alleviate occasional pain and inflammation. Finally, evaluation of and or correcting the factors that can lead to varicose veins also may help. These factors include prolonged inactivity; obesity; excessive abdominal straining; birth control pills; and estrogen replacement therapy.

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LIVING HOPE CHURCH: Eagle Lake; Rev. Joe and Mercy Flinn; 234-5536

BEREA CLADIC: 623 Maple Avenue, Eagle Lake; 234-2300

ROCK ISLAND FULL GOSPEL: P.O. Box 232, Rock Island; Nix Williams, Pastor; 234-5520

LATIN-AMERICAN ASSEMBLY OF GOD: Bethlehem of Judea Church; 1000 East E. Eagle Lake; Ruth Overa, Pastor

SEALY ASSEMBLY OF GOD: 1140 Meyer St., Sealy; Warren Richardson, Pastor

THE DAY OF PENTECOST APOSTOLIC REVIVAL RISING STAR: FM 102 S. Matthews; 4 p.m. at Mt. Zion; Rev. R.L. Carter Sr.

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NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP: Hwy. 90A, Sheridan; Del Sanford, Pastor; 234-3276

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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH: East Bernard

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GOSPEL MISSION CHURCH: 570 E. Prairie St., Eagle Lake; Pastors Erik & Crystal Cameron; 234-3225 or 234-2824

GRACE LUTHERAN: 408 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; Services begin at 10 a.m.; Rev. Clements Richard, Pastor; 338

LEHRER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST: Garwood; 9 a.m. worship; Rev. Paul A. Lynn, Pastor

LISSIE UNITED METHODIST: Bill Ramsey, Pastor; 234-2332

ROCK ISLAND METHODIST: Ken Soller Jr., Lay Pastor

UNITED METHODIST: Paul A. Lynn, Pastor; 209 W. Prairie; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:45 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: 106 E. State Street, Eagle Lake; 234-3368

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THE SHEPHERD'S WAY: Interdenominational Christian Fellowship; 9-11 a.m. Sunday morning services; 7 p.m. Youth Service; Wednesday night, 7 p.m.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study 9-11 a.m.; 1255 Eagle Lake Road, Sealy, Frank Lucas, Pastor; 979-885-1225