

Early deadline for Dec. 27 issue

The *Eagle Lake Headlight* will have an early deadline for the issue of Dec. 27, 2001. Since Christmas falls on a Tuesday (normally production day), the deadline has been changed to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21.

The early deadline will allow the staff time to put the paper together before Christmas and still be able to share the holiday with their families; and maybe get a little shopping done.

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NEWSBRIEFS

NAPA collecting 'Toys for Tots'

A&G Auto Parts (NAPA) in Eagle Lake, along with many other NAPA Stores, will be collecting "Toys for Tots" until Dec. 14. If you would like to donate a toy, drop it off at the store and they will get it to Houston to be distributed to needy children. If you wish to wrap the gift, please label for boy, girl or either. Thanks for your participation. Brighten the holidays for some needy children. Merry Christmas!!

Garbage pick-up schedule for holiday season

The City will close for the Christmas holidays, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24 and 25. There will be no garbage collection on these days. Regular service will resume Wednesday, Dec. 26, with the regular Wednesday route.

Reminder 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 Dec. 16 through March 15. Customers are encouraged to fix any water leaks as soon as possible in an effort to keep water consumptions 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.

'Senior Serve' meeting is Monday

A Senior Serve meeting will be held Monday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the commons area of high school. All chairpersons of Senior Serve need to come. Also, if there are ANY questions on Senior Serve please come and ask! Happy Holidays!

CCCAD representative to visit Dec. 19

A representative of the Colorado County Central Appraisal District (CCCAD) will be in Eagle Lake on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at City Hall from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to collect 2001 taxes. For more information, you may call the CCCAD at 979-732-8222.

Rice CISD to close of Christmas

Rice Consolidated ISD will be closed for Christmas break from Dec. 22 through Jan. 4. The office will re-open Monday, Jan. 7, 2002. Students will return to class Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002.

GCA sponsoring yard decorating contest

The Garwood Community Association is sponsoring a Christmas Yard Decorating Contest to be judged Dec. 19. Deadline for entering your yard is Dec. 17. Please call Gay or Laurie at 758-3476 or Alice at 758-3249 to enter. First, second and third prize will be awarded for the best decorations.

Nativity New Year's Gala planned

A \$50 ticket will admit a couple to all the festivities in Didner Hall, 201 Crain St., that will include an open bar, a full banquet meal, music, dancing, silent auction and a money drawing. Tickets may be purchased at the Parish Office at 545 S. Austin Road (please call first 979-234-2842), Marcy's Beauty Salon, S&W Auto Parts and Tresse's Hair Salon.

Miss Christian Teen Pageant is Dec. 15

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church invites you to the First Miss Christian Teen Pageant Saturday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. in the Sealy High School Auditorium. Special guests will be Porter Chapel Anointed Choir of Dobbin, Rev. Douglas Franklin and The Anointed Crusade Choir of Navasota and His Anointed Voices of Houston. The event will also feature Sis. Paula Richardson of Eagle Lake. For more information, call 936-825-6354, 281-342-7557 or 281-438-8618.

Retired teachers meeting is Dec. 17

Attention retired school personnel and teachers of Colorado County! The Dec. meeting has been changed to Monday, Dec. 17, at Schobels' Restaurant at noon. Please bring your volunteer hours. These are very important for the organization. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send your volunteer hours by someone who will attend. Columbus is the host town. For more information, call Betty Wegenhoft at 979-758-3361.

EL Middle School gets Four-Star rating

Congratulations to Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) for being rated Four-Star school by the *Texas Monthly* magazine in its Nov. 2001 issue.

School	Type	Stars	R/M	EcD	Gap
Eagle Lake	Middle	****	69/44	71	-4

What does this rating mean? Five-Star school ranks in the top 20% of its group; a One-Star school ranks in the bottom 20%.

Schools fall into one of four economic groups; those with 0-25% economically disadvantaged students, 25-50%, 50-75% and 75-100%. A

According to the magazine, "Reading and Math: School's proficiency on the TAAS reading and math tests, with reading coming first. The

(See ELMS, Page 6)

Firemen honored at Annual Banquet

The holiday decorated Community Center was the setting for the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Christmas Banquet Saturday, Dec. 8.

Fire Chief Gary Glaiser welcomed firemen and their guests to the event. The department officers for 2001-02 were announced.

Tallon Canaris, son of fireman Peter, and wife, Kari, Canaris, will represent the fire department in 2002 as their mascot. He received a fire department cap and badge. Tallon also served as mascot in 2001.

Chief Glaiser, with the assistance of 2nd Assistant Chief Howard Wilkerson, presented awards to two of the firemen. Charles M. "Chuck" Stephens was presented a plaque for 30 years of dedicated service and leadership to the Eagle Lake Fire Department.

A 20-year certificate was presented to 1st Assistant Chief Michael Rucka.

Ladies Auxiliary President Betsy Glaiser introduced the members of the auxiliary to the guests. She also introduced the reigning Miss Sparkle, Kelsey Janow, daughter of Glen and Charlet Janow and granddaughter of auxiliary member Dorothy Jones and retired fireman Gene Jones.

Miss Sparkle for 2002 will be Cydney Cook, Cydney, the daughter of fireman Billy, and wife, Denise, Cook received an engraved charm.

On behalf of the auxiliary, Betsy presented a check for \$5,000 to Chief Glaiser and the department as their Christmas gift. This gift represents the auxiliary's 2001 fundraising success.

Wilkerson, 2nd Assistant Chief, (See ELVFD, Page 2)



Eagle Lake Fire Chief Gary Glaiser was chosen by the Fire Department as the 2001 Fireman of the Year. Glaiser, at left, was presented his plaque by Mayor Michael Cooper. Photos Courtesy of Betsy Glaiser



Chuck Stephens, at left, was honored for 30 years of service to the department by Chief Glaiser.



A 20-year certificate was presented to 1st Assistant Chief Michael Rucka, at right, by Chief Glaiser.

First Baptist holds Art & Soul Festival

Sunday afternoon, Nov. 4, a large group of local residents gathered at First Baptist Church (FBC) to celebrate the intersection of faith and art at FBC's first ever Art & Soul Festival.

Sixty-four residents exhibited their artwork. Altogether, there were over 170 pieces of art displayed, consisting of painting, sculpture, woodwork, metal art and needlework, just to name a few of the various types of art represented.

Prior to viewing the exhibits, the attendees, who numbered close to 200, were treated to a program of drama and two speakers who highlighted the theme of Christian faith and the creative arts.

FBC Pastor Brent Beasley said, "We never expected this event to garner such an enthusiastic response from the community. I was amazed of the wonderful artwork, which was all produced by local people. Eagle Lake should be proud of itself for being so talented. That's what this festival was

all about... to celebrate the God-given talents and abilities embodied in our community."

For the program, Rice High School students Daniel Posada, Jordan Konesheck and Amanda Kaiser performed an excerpt from a drama they were working on this semester. Their drama teacher is Debra Cummings.

Also, the Prairie Edge Players, under the direction of Vicki Powers, presented an excerpt from this year's melodrama, "He Done Her Wrong or Wedded But No Wife."

The main speaker was Dr. Bill Hendricks of Fort Worth. Dr. Hendricks is a noted authority on the subject of the church and the arts.

He holds numerous advanced degrees, including a Th.D. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

He has taught at several theological seminaries around the world. At

one time, he was Director for the Center of Religion and the Arts at Southern Baptist Seminary.

He recently retired as Director of Baptist Studies and Lecturer in Theology at Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University.

Also speaking at Art & Soul was Morganna Harwood.

Morganna is an artist whose work exemplifies Art & Soul. She taught art for many years in the Corsicana school system and continues to work (See Festival, Page 3)



By Gerri Vandermark

Don't forget American Legion 2001 toy drive

American Legion members in Eagle Lake Post 108 have kicked off their drive for toys and/or cash with which to buy toys for children in needy homes.

Bags full of toys are being prepared for the annual give-away to be held at the Prairie Edge Museum on Saturday, Dec. 22.

Parents or guardians may get toys for the children in needy homes from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Museum on E. Main St. It is not necessary to bring the children.

Registration is required on the day of the toy give-away. Only parents or guardians will be allowed to register the children.

New and usable toys are being collected through Friday, Dec. 21. If you would like to donate toys or cash or checks with which to buy toys, they may be left at A.J. Struss Auto Supply, First National Bank, Wallis State Bank or the Furniture Shoppe.

Legionnaires say, "It will take a lot of toys to fill the 300 or so bags to be given away Saturday, Dec. 22," and they ask the continued cooperation of everyone to help children in needy homes have a happy Christmas again this year.

For more information, contact Fred Frnka at 234-2065 or Vic Scott at 234-2792.



By Lesley Matthews Carey



WEEKLY MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING REPORT

The following report, produced for Texas Parks and Wildlife by Bink Grimes, was updated Dec. 12.

COASTAL PRAIRIES: Duck hunting was average at best over the weekend, even with the reopening of the South Zone.

A cold front blew through early Saturday morning packing 20-plus mph winds and rain. The weather helped hunting in some areas and prompted ducks to sit tight in others.

A notable amount of mallards have been taken over flooded fields in Colorado, Jackson, Wharton and Lavaca Counties.

The region has an abundance of pintails and the recent front deposited new puddle ducks; however, the birds scattered due to the abundance of water from showers and heavy downpours.

Snow goose hunting was good last week under foggy conditions, but tough under north winds unless you were on a fence line under a steady flyway.

Specklebellies are becoming much tougher to decoy. Increased hunting pressure has educated the normally gullible dark goose.

Prospects for ducks and geese are fair to good.