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To The Editor & You

Kudos to Main Street for program

Mucho gratitude and many kudos to Main Street Eagle Lake, the Texas Folklife Resources Program and others for bringing such a class personality and program to our fair city.

It has been a long time since I have seen someone come into our midst and quietly make his presence known in a church worship service, a civic club

meeting, for all ages in our schools, and choir practice and performance with nearly 30 individual sessions including a couple of public concerts.

All the while this young man was tirelessly, selflessly, totally giving himself to anyone, any age, who wanted to hear or learn about his love for the instrument and its history and

the folk music he played and sang for us as he accompanied himself.

We who were fortunate enough to meet, work, sing, laugh, listen, learn, and make music and truly enjoy being around this gentleman, Joel Guzman, will not soon forget the experience.

Sincerely,
Bruce Johnson Sr.

Making mamma proud

Have you ever wondered what has happened to the world lately? It seems that everything including humanity, seems to be going downhill. Well, I have a story and praise for a teenager to tell you about.

We try to teach our children that honesty is the best policy. II Corinthians, 8:21 reads, "Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men."

While getting a jump start on gift buying early Nov. 23, I was confronted with what indeed changed my outlook on at least "some" of mankind.

As I was making my way out to my car in the Wal-Mart parking lot in Columbus, I was approached by a young lady. She seemed to be crying

as she asked me, "Ma'am is this your car?" I said "Yes". She then explained how she had hit my car and wanted to exchange information so I could get mine fixed.

I was touched, not so much by her, But, by how long she had waited for me to come out of the store just to inform me of what had happened.

I told her I didn't see anything wrong but, I would go home, check it out and call her. After getting home, I realized that a while back my car was hit by another car, (that person didn't have the courtesy to tell me what they'd done) and she must have thought that was the damage she did.

I called her mom to tell her I was getting some touch up paint for the scrapes. Then it hit me. I went to visit

her mom and told her I was just gonna let it go. It would take more time for me to try to find the right color and do it than the car was worth.

I told her the main reason I was doing it was because of the honesty her daughter showed, even when people around her were telling her to just walk away, no one would know. Folks, God would know.

Thank God for the values instilled in Kristen by her family. But, most of all, I thank God for her being so honest. We can tell our children over and over what is right, but it is within them to do it.

I'm sure that day, and hopefully many more to follow, Kristen made her mamma proud!

By the way folks, her name is Kristen Fahrenkamp of Columbus. Those who know her, why not tell her what a great kid she is next time you see her?

Carol Nelson

Everyone did a wonderful job!

For the past year and definitely the last several months, Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) and the rest of the schools in our district prepared for an on-site visit from the State of Texas.

The purpose of the visit was to see if our schools were in compliance with state procedures and guidelines. The of the visit was called District Effectiveness and Compliance or DEC.

The teachers and staff of ELMS were very involved in putting together the information for the state team to review.

As principal of this Great School, I'm proud to say ELMS and all the schools in Rice CISD did a wonderful job and should be very proud of their accomplishments.

To the parents and guardians of Rice CISD, we thank you for your support and the privilege to teach and work with your children.

The staff and faculty of ELMS would like to wish everyone a Wonderful and Safe Holiday.

Sincerely,
Ray Beall ELMS Principal

He knows what I'm saying

"While walking through the woods one day, I was surprised to hear a child's voice. I followed the sound, trying in vain to understand the child's words.

When I spotted a boy perched on a rock, I realized why his words had made no sense: he was repeating the alphabet.

"Why are you saying your ABC's

so many times?" I asked him. The child replied, "I'm saying my prayers." I couldn't help but laugh. "Prayers? All I hear is the alphabet."

Patiently the child explained, "Well, I don't know all the words, so I give God the letters. God knows what I'm trying to say."

Submitted by The Evolution Center

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Treatment for an Unusual Skin Disorder

In the skin condition *vittigo* an otherwise uniform skin color is mottled with patches of skin having little color or no skin pigmentation whatsoever. The smooth, whitish patches of skin affected by vitiligo can occur in various parts of the body including those around the mouth, nose and eyes. Hair on affected areas tends to be white due to loss of the skin cells responsible for hair color. Vitiligo may occur following physical trauma such as a head injury. The condition is associated with diseases such as Addison's disease, diabetes, anemia, and certain thyroid disorders.

At this time there is no known cure for vitiligo. Cosmetic cover-ups can be applied to areas of low pigment to help them blend with surrounding highly pigmented skin. It generally is recommended that *sunscreens* be applied and protective clothing worn to protect vitiligo lesions from sun exposure. A combination of exposure to ultraviolet light and use of a class of medicines called *psoralens* currently is the most effective medical treatment available. These compounds include *oxsoralen*, *methoxsalen* and *trioxsalen*. Some psoralens are taken by mouth, and some are applied to affected skin areas.

State Capitol Highlights

By Mike Cox
Texas Press Association

So, if you're still doing your shopping, here are some ideas from TDHCA:

- Water heater jacket. (For your water heater, not Grandpa.) Estimated cost: \$14-\$25.
- Fiberglass pipe wrap. Estimated cost: \$3-\$5.
- Programmable thermostat. Estimated cost: \$26.
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs. Estimated cost: \$8-\$20.
- Finally for that special someone, clear silicone sealant. Estimated cost: \$4-\$6 a tube.

If none of these stocking stuffers appeal, the commission suggests playing Santa and installing energy efficient equipment or weatherizing materials for those on your gift list.

For more energy-saving gift ideas, check the commission's web site at www.tdhca.state.tx.us.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Dec. 15, 1977

The Rice High School basketball team won first place in the Columbus Invitational with a 40-42 win over Sealy. Team members are Dennis Bluntson, Bryan Johnson, Anthony Prihoda, Darryl Axel, Clayton Smith, Lonnie Bluntson, John Grammer and Stephen Spaniel. The team is coached by Jack Grammer; Johnny Joe Hernandez is the manager.

Mr. & Mrs. M.L. Matthews were guests of honor at a retirement dinner Dec. 10 at Jack's Restaurant honoring Mr. Matthews upon his retirement after 36 years of service of interests to the Mose Thomas family...

Mrs. Rose Lindsay Merrill, great aunt of L.W. (Bill) Stiles Jr. of this city, passed away Dec. 10 in Houston...

Double ring nuptial vows were exchanged by Miss Monica Lynn Hoffman and Tommy Edward

Bram on Dec. 3 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada...

Many friends and relatives were greatly saddened to learn of the sudden death of Drew Shell Dec. 8 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. He and his wife, Nelle, had resided in Eagle Lake for the past 30 years...

The Eagle Lake KCs, under the direction of Ray Sykowski, held its second annual Free Throw competition. First place winners were Viola Castillo, Arie Hewitt, Elaine Regins, Eve Thomas, Cedric Pope, Delbert Jones, Kenneth Hemphill and Raymond Guerra.

Dec. 10, 1953

C.H. Matthews was named as one of twelve members of a Federal Farm Credit Board by President Eisenhower...

410 citizens of Eagle Lake took time out for a blood type test during last week...

Mrs. Helen Collins and Mrs. H.L. Parker announced the formal opening Saturday of C.&P. 5-10¢ Store...

Recovery of stolen pistols has led to the solving of three thefts at the S.K. Seymour firm in Columbus...

Raymond Brasher, who was named to the second all-district team, was among the honorees at a banquet in Luling Monday night...

Herder Truck Lines has purchased the trucking franchise of the Red Arrow Freight Lines in this area...

A heavy frost prevailed here Wednesday and Thursday mornings as temperatures skidded to a chilling 35...

The Eagle Lake Eagles lost a 40-38 thriller to the Rock Island Rockets. Larry Moss had 14 points for the Rockets. Cleo Lednicki and Wayne Brasher each had 11 for the Eagles.

Letter to Editor Policy

The Eagle Lake Headlight will accept reasonable length letters for publication in the "Letter to the Editor" column under the following guidelines.

1. Letter should not be more than 1,500 characters.
2. All letters must include the writer's name printed as well as the writer's signature, and include the writer's address and home and work telephone numbers. The Headlight must be able to reach the writer in person before the letter can be published.
3. The writer may request that their name be withheld from publication, but the information mentioned in No. 2 must be included for our files.
4. Letter about political activity will be published but those which mention candidates will be considered advertising and charged at the regular advertising rate.
5. Letters from political candidates espousing a political view, will be considered for publication but the writer's name will not be printed unless the writer pays the retail advertising rate.
6. The newspaper reserves the right to apply fairness standards in withholding any letter from publication, and to edit letters for libel protection.

IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING...

We're extending our very best wishes to you and yours for a holiday filled with good friends and cheer.

We're proud to be a part of this fine community and are grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

Merry Christmas!

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