

Chamber approves 2002 holidays

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce has approved the following dates as official holidays:

President's Day Monday, Feb. 18
Good Friday Friday, March 29
Memorial Day Monday, May 27
Independence Day Thursday, July 4

Labor Day Monday, Sept. 2
Columbus Day Monday, Oct. 14
Veteran's Day Monday, Nov. 11
Thanksgiving Day Thursday, Nov. 28
Christmas Day Wednesday, Dec. 25
New Year's Day Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003

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NEWSBRIEFS

Mt. Olive hosting 'Four Seasons Tea'

Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church is hosting a "Four Seasons Tea" Sunday, Jan. 27, beginning at 5 p.m. The Mission Department, serving as hosts, invite everyone to attend. Rev. T. Kuykendall, pastor.

Umpire Clinic in planning stages

An Umpire Clinic will be held for the upcoming Little League season. Anyone interested in attending and umpiring for Little League can contact Klay Korenek at 979-758-3334 or John Young at 234-3393.

Need your Xi Pi Psi calendar?

Anyone who has not received their Xi Pi Psi Community Calendar, please contact Connie Lange at 234-7302.

Deadline for paying 2001 taxes is Jan. 31

The deadline for paying 2001 taxes is Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002. If an individual is unable to come to the Colorado County Appraisal District (CAD) Office in Columbus, payment by mail which has a postmark of Jan. 31st or prior will have no penalty. Late payments made in Feb. will receive a 7% penalty and interest. The CAD office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dodge FFA scholarships available

Dodge will award \$30,000 in scholarships nationwide to students who are members of the FFA and Farm Bureau. Applications may be picked up at the Colorado County Farm Bureau Office, 1117 Travis St., Columbus; call 979-732-2383. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 15, 2002.

RHS Junior Class fundraiser is Jan. 29

The Rice High School Junior Class will hold a fundraiser Tuesday, Jan. 29. The dinner includes beef fajitas, rice, beans and pico de gallo for \$6 per plate, catered by Oakridge Smokehouse. Your choice of pick-up locations is RHS cafeteria, Eagle Lake Middle School, Garwood School and Sheridan School from 5 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact any junior class member or Andrea Contreras at 234-3239.

Study Club planning museum tour

The Eagle Lake Study Club is sponsoring a bus trip to Austin Wednesday, April 10, to tour the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. A group of at least 40 persons is needed to charter a bus for transportation. The charge for bus transportation and museum tickets will be \$27 per person. Eating facilities are available at the museum. Anyone interested in making this tour with the Study Club is invited to call Fair Wells at 979-234-3105 or Betty Wilcox at 234-3554.

CCA meeting is tonight

Combined Community Action Inc. (CCA) will hold its board of directors meeting Thursday, Jan. 24, at 6:30 p.m. in La Grange at the La Grange Senior Center, 275 S. Ellinger Road. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Family strengthening workshop starts Jan. 28

Colorado County Youth & Family Services will present a Family Strengthening Workshop for parents Monday, Jan. 28, through Monday, March 4. Classes will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 1336 Fannin in Columbus and cover topics such as communication skills needed for family growth, ways to express yourself positively, developmental stages for children and how to see your children's point of views. During the group sessions, a light snack will be provided. No childcare will be provided, so please make other arrangements. For more information or to register for the classes, call 979-732-8355 or 1-800-256-7321.

GED classes are underway

GED classes are being held at the Eagle Lake Middle School Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the library. For more information, call 234-3501.

ELPS PTO meeting is Jan. 29

The Eagle Lake Primary School will hold its PTO meeting Tuesday, Jan. 29, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This "Family Fun Night" will include a talent show, refreshments and a door prize give-away. All parents and their children are urged to attend.

Class of 1992 reunion slated

The Rice High School Class of 1992 is currently gathering information for their 10 year reunion to be held this summer. An e-mail address has been set up for former classmates to send their current e-mail and mailing addresses so they may be contacted when the date draws near.

Alumni and friends of alumni are also urged to give this e-mail address to any 1992 classmates they have contact with and urge them to send in their information. The address is riceclassof92@yahoo.com. Ideas for locations and themes are also welcome.

Mid-winter camp meeting is Feb. 4-10

Rock Island Full Gospel Church will hold their winter camp meeting Feb. 4-10. Service times are 8 a.m., prayer & teaching; 10 a.m., preaching & singing; 2:30 p.m., preaching & singing; 7:30 p.m., preaching & singing. Special singers are welcome. All meals will be served, RV hook-ups are available. For more information, call Nick Williams, 979-234-5289; Butch Meyer, 979-732- (See Newsbriefs, Page 2)



WEEKLY MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING REPORT

The following report, produced for Texas Parks and Wildlife by Bink Grimes, was updated Jan. 16.

COASTAL PRAIRIE: Duck hunting is spotty. Most hunters are pleased at this point in the season with half-limits. Many have had success bagging their limit of pintails. Most drakes are beginning to grow a noticeable pin feather.

Though gadwalls, widgeons, teal and shovellers are abundant on the flats and ponds near Garwood, Eagle Lake and El Campo, daytime movement has been slow. Many hunters are getting at least a shot at a mallard per hunt.

Goose hunting has improved during the week. Snow geese are beginning to feed on green forbs and rye grass fields. Some are using fallow hay fields, choosing to stock up on protein in anticipation of their migration back to the breeding grounds.

Specklebellies remain wary of calling and decoy spreads, though many hunters are taking one apiece.

Duck, dark goose and sandhill crane season closed at sunset Jan. 20. The Special Light Goose Conservation Season began Jan. 21. Electronic callers, unplugged shotguns and no bag limit are legal hunting means. Prospects are fair to good for geese.

Visible changes

Many moons ago, the Eagle Lake Volunteer Medical Services moved its ambulances out of the police department/ambulance hall building on the corner of Commerce and Post Office in order for the police to expand their tiny area downstairs to include the area previously taken by the ambulance bays.

There has been a little work done, but recently, the changes were much more visible when walls made up of really nice looking panels were installed (with what is made to look like old-fashioned windows at the top).

Hopefully, it won't be too much longer before the guys and gals will have more room to work and store records.

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Joiner to speak at Chamber Banquet Jan. 28

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual banquet Monday, Jan. 28, in the Eagle Lake Community Center at 7 p.m. This event will include a dynamic speaker, wonderful musical entertainment, and a catered meal.

The speaker, Patricia Knudson Joiner, CEO of Knudson and Associates, has over 20 years professional

planning experience.

Prior to founding Knudson and Associates, she served as the Assistant Director and Director of Planning and Development for the City of Houston.

Her program for the evening, "Building Better Cities," will focus on building better neighborhoods, better communities and better cities. She will offer advice to the citizens

of Eagle Lake to help accomplish developmental goals while meeting regulatory requirements.

Her expertise in real estate development and governmental planning has benefited the cities of Houston, League City, Missouri City, Mont Belvieu, Orange, Pearland and Sugar Land and others.

Pastime, a quartet composed of four women, will provide the entertainment for the evening.

The women are all members of the Houston Horizon chapter of Sweet Adelines and Sweet Adelines International, the world's premier educational organization for teaching women the barbershop style of music.

The group has been together for two years and performed for various senior's groups, organizations and holidays.

Eagle Lake's own Austin's BBQ & Catering will prepare and serve the meal of rib-eye steaks, trimmings and dessert.

This banquet is a great way to start the New Year with fresh ideas and

enthusiasm for all the good things that are to come to Eagle Lake in 2002. With your support, anything is possible!

Banquet tickets are available at the Chamber Office, First National Bank and the Baumgart Agencies. For more information, please call the Chamber at 979-234-2780.

RHS holds art show

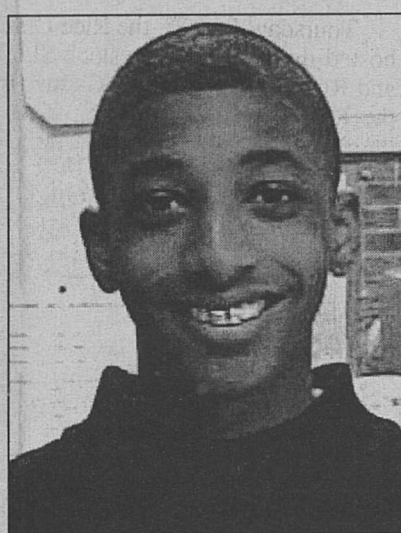
Thursday, Jan. 17, the Rice CISD hosted the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLS&R) Art Contest in the Rice High School (RHS) Commons with over 250 entries district-wide.

The judging took place Thursday afternoon and the winners were: Acey Banks, Best of Show, RHS; Clayton Bowen, Best of Show, Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS); Juan Martinez, Best of Show, ELMS Elementary Division; Gold Medal Winners, Kenneth Johnson and Yaztlin Mendoza, ELMS.

These winners will each receive an award and be recognized at the HLS&R Arts Presentation Feb. 16 in Houston.

Their work will be on display in the Hayloft Gallery at the Astro Arena.

There were three high school seniors who received Gold Star Finalist: Erika Ellenbogen, Jason Ishee and Heather Munoz. These seniors will be



Acey Banks

eligible to apply for one of the Gold Star College Scholarships.

The students did an outstanding job on their work this year! Thanks to all the students and teachers who helped make this show possible.

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo announces line-up for 2002

While 2002 will be the last hoorah for the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo™ (HLS&R) in the Reliant Astrodome, the Show will not be saying goodbye quietly.

From Tuesday, Feb. 12, through Sunday, March 3, the music industry's hottest superstars and some of the greatest musical legends still performing will grace the Show's rotating stage for the 2002 RODEOHOU- STON.

The 33 stars making their way to the Reliant Astrodome for the 20-day event include winners of multiple Grammy, American Music, Academy of Country Music and Country Music Association awards. These same entertainers will be watching to see how their 28 Grammy nominations turn out in 2002.

The slate of music industry star currently scheduled to perform at the 70th HLS&R includes:

Tuesday, Feb. 12, Dixie Chicks, sponsored by Ford; Wednesday, Feb. 13, Neil Diamond; Thursday, Feb. 14, Alan Jackson; Friday, Feb. 15, Clay Walker; Saturday, Feb. 16, Pat Green; Sunday, Feb. 17, Kumbia Kings and Juanes; Monday, Feb. 18, Lyle Lovett and Martina McBride; Tuesday, Feb.

19, Brooks & Dunn; Wednesday, Feb. 20, Bob Dylan; Thursday, Feb. 21, ZZ Top; Friday, Feb. 22, Brian McKnight and Mary J. Blige;

Saturday, Feb. 23, Emmylou Harris, Alison Krauss, Patty Loveless and Nickel Creek; Sunday, Feb. 24, Los Tigres del Norte and Ramon Ayala y Sus Bravos del Norte; Monday, Feb. 25, REO Speedwagon and Styx; Tuesday, Feb. 26, Willie Nelson and Lee Ann Womack;

Wednesday, Feb. 27, Kenny Chesney; Thursday, Feb. 28, Clint Black and Lisa Hartman Black; Friday, March 1, Destiny's Child; Saturday, March 2, "Legends of RODEOHOU- STON in Concert" with Mac Davis,

Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers, Naomi Judd and Charley Pride; Sunday, March 3, George Strait.

All weekday performances begin at 7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday performances begin at 3:45 p.m.

Each performance showcases the entertainer at the end of the rodeo. The sold-out Sunday, March 3, performance is a concert-only finale that will begin at 7 p.m.

Ford and Reliant Energy are joining the Show this year as Heritage Partners, helping the organization continue its commitment to education and entertainment.

Because of the nature of the event, (See Rodeo, Page 4)

Rotary teams up with Chronicle to raise funds

Save up to \$60 with the New and Renewal *Houston Chronicle* Subscription Share Program and donate to the Eagle Lake Rotary Club at the same time.

Through the Rotary's partnership with the *Houston Chronicle*, they will receive a donation of up to \$30 for every new subscription or renewal/extension received.

These funds will help support local charities and sponsorships.

The *Houston Chronicle* provides a wide variety of sections to meet everyone's interest. Research indicates newspapers in homes improve reading skills, overall knowledge and TAAS preparation. Research also indicates the *Houston Chronicle* is an effective tool for learning English as a second language.

ThisWeek section gives you the latest on what's happening in your neighborhood. With complete "Best Buy" advertising and coupons, you save more than the amount of your subscription.

Please start or extend your *Chronicle* subscription with this special offer.

The Eagle Lake Rotary Club appreciates your support!

Look for flyers with the information in local businesses or check the ad on Page 3 for more information.



Habitat receives financial gifts from churches

Colorado County Habitat For Humanity (CCHFH) would like to thank the United Methodist Church (UMC) of Weimar and the Weimar Calvary Baptist Church for supporting the upcoming Weimar build.

The Weimar UMC has been a longtime partner of CCHFH, donating money annually through the Weimar UMC Foundation. This money has, in

fact, provided the startup for this home, which will be located on County Road. This year, the Foundation again generously donated \$2,000, bringing the total donated so far to \$9,000.

A new partner with Habitat is the Calvary Baptist Church, which has been participating in Habitat's "Buy A Square Foot" program.

Over the past several months, members of this small congregation have been "buying" a part of this Habitat house. At \$36 a square foot, they have been able to financially sponsor 10 square feet of this 1,000 square foot, 3-bedroom home.

They have also volunteered to be involved in the actual construction (See Habitat, Page 6)