

## County Winter Rice meeting is Dec. 12

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The annual Colorado County Winter Rice meeting will be held at 8 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Lehrer Interests Building in Garwood.

We will have Dr. Arlen Klosterboer, former professor and extension agronomist—rice, covering weed control with special emphasis on new demonstration and project work which is being conducted.

Also, Dr. M.O. Way, Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and associate professor of entomology, will discuss insect control. He will cover research data and conclusions from this past year's work. Both presenters will talk on varieties.

Two CEUs will be offered for this rice meeting. One (See Rice, Page 4)

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# Eagle Lake Headlight

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Closing for Thanksgiving holiday

The City Offices of Eagle Lake will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no trash collection either day. Regular service will resume Monday, Dec. 2.

### Tea Society to meet Friday

Historic Eagle Lake Ladies Chapeau and Tea Society will resume its monthly meetings now that the high school football season is completed. The next meeting is Friday, Nov. 29 at The Red Rooster Grill in Wallis. Members are encouraged to bring their spouse. Names will be exchanged for the December "Diva Do" Meeting.

### Special activities, worship services at FBC

Special activities and worship services scheduled for Eagle Lake's First Baptist Church (FBC) include: Dec. 1: Open House for the newly remodeled children's building, 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.; Hanging of the Green Service at 6 p.m.; Dec. 15: Children's Christmas Program (with Getsemani Baptist Mission), 6 p.m.; Dec. 22: Christmas Candlelight Service, 6 p.m.; and every Sunday, Bible study for all ages (four classes for children, one class for teens, seven classes for adults); 9:45 a.m. and worship at 10:50 a.m. For more information contact the church office at 234-2571.

### CCRTA meeting is Dec. 2

The Colorado County Retired Teachers Association (CCRTA) will hold the Dec. meeting Monday, Dec. 2 at noon at Schobels' Restaurant in Columbus. All retired school personnel are invited to attend and learn about present Texas RTA concerns. The holiday season will be celebrated, and members are reminded to have volunteer hours available. Columbus will be the acting host city.

### Help the library decorate its Christmas tree

The Eula and David Wintermann Library would like to start a new program this holiday season. They would like to ask your help in decorating their Christmas tree in the library. If you would like to come in and make a donation in memory or in honor of someone, an angel will be placed on the tree with their name attached as well as you the donor. Then following the holiday season when the tree is taken down, you may come in and pick up your angel for your tree next year. The cost for this project to you is any amount you would like to donate but the minimum will be \$2.

### Heritage House to host Open House Dec. 5

The Heritage House at 751 Heritage Lane will host an Open House Thursday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meet the caring staff and join them for refreshments, fun, entertainment and fellowship.

### Senior Citizen's Dance is Dec. 6

The public is invited to a Senior Citizen's Dance, a place to meet old and new friends, Friday, Dec. 6 from 8-11 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Daniel & The Country Boys will provide music. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information call 979-234-3795.

### I-10 Expansion Revival 2002 scheduled

The I-10 Explosion Revival 2002 is set for Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7 at Greater Macedonia Baptist Church, 315 N. East St. in Weimar at 7 p.m. each evening with Evangelist Kevin G. Hall "Texas Tornado". On Saturday, Dec. 7 a men's only conference will be held with a basketball shoot-around at 12:30 p.m. For more information call 979-725-1593 or 725-8349. For transportation call 725-1107. Sr. Pastor is J. Wayne Nelsen.

### MOBC to present program Dec. 7

City Wide Prayer and Mission Ministry presents the Four Gospels at Mt. Olive Baptist Church (MOBC) Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. The public is invited. Rev. T. Kuykendall, pastor.

### WCJC offering winter short courses

Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) is offering Winter Short Courses. Get more course work completed in a shorter period of time! (Dec. 16 through Jan. 13) Study the following American National and State Government: Institutions, Rights, and Public Policies, U.S. History I, U.S. History II, Physical Geology and Fundamentals of Speech. Students should register by Dec. 11. Call 979-532-6303, 281-239-1544 or 281-243-8410 for more information.

### Spirit of Christmas 2002 is Dec. 7

The Eagle Lake 2002 "Spirit of Christmas" Parade sponsored by the City of Eagle Lake will be held Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6:45 p.m. Deadline for entries is Monday, Dec. 2. Contact the Chamber Office for an entry form by calling 979-234-2780. You also should return your entry form to the Chamber Office, 121 N. McCarty or fax it to 979-234-2780.

### RMC fundraiser is underway

The Rice Medical Center Auxiliary (better known as the Pink Ladies) is selling tickets for a remote control truck. The truck has headlights, coil springs, low and high gears, and oversized tires. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held Monday, Dec. 9, just in time for Christmas. Tickets are available in the gift shop at the hospital or call Barbara Pidgeon, 234-2897.

### Legion to distribute Christmas toys

American Legion Post #108 will again distribute toys to needy children in (See Newsbriefs, Page 4)

## Christmas home tours, country store, drawing to benefit Youth & Family Services

Columbus Christian Women, an organization committed to the betterment of the community through Christian service, will be hosting their second tour of decorated homes.

Last year's tour was a tremendous success and enjoyed by all participants. Everyone is excited about the homes and decorations planned for this year's tour.

The 2002 Holiday Homes Tour will be 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1.

There will be a Country Store filled with baked goods, ornaments and homemade gift items along with a Silent Auction.

And, this year, you'll have the opportunity to buy tickets for a drawing for a one-of-a-kind seven-foot decorated Christmas tree, "The Texas Lone Star Tree", on display at Columbus Health & Fitness Center, 1024 Milan.

Tickets for the home tour, country store and the drawing for the Christmas tree may be purchased the day of the event or in advance from members of the Christian Women's Organization and at the following locations: Style Shop and Corner Drug Store in Columbus, Heinsohn's in Frelsburg, The Collection in Weimar, Shultz's in Nev-

Ulm and Creative Expressions in Eagle Lake.

The following area residents have volunteered to open their beautifully decorated homes to the public for this year's tour.

Randy and Jane Brugh, 536 Bonham, Columbus.

Don and Jo Churchill's 1869 home at 904 Live Oak. It will be decorated with several revolving Christmas trees and Jo's Angel Collection.

"Hooves & Horns Holiday" will be the theme at the Ron and Estelle Mostyn home on the hill in Borden, 1199 County Road 117.

All who attend will benefit the Youth and Family Services (Y&FS), based in Columbus on Hwy. 71.

Tickets for the home tour and country store are \$10. Tickets for the "Texas Lone Star Tree" drawing will be \$2 each or six for \$10.

Special thanks to this year's generous sponsors: Lasting Impressions, Wal-Mart and Hill Bank & Trust of Weimar.

To donate items for the country store or to get the meeting schedule for the Christian Women's Organization, call Estelle Mostyn at 979-263-5443.



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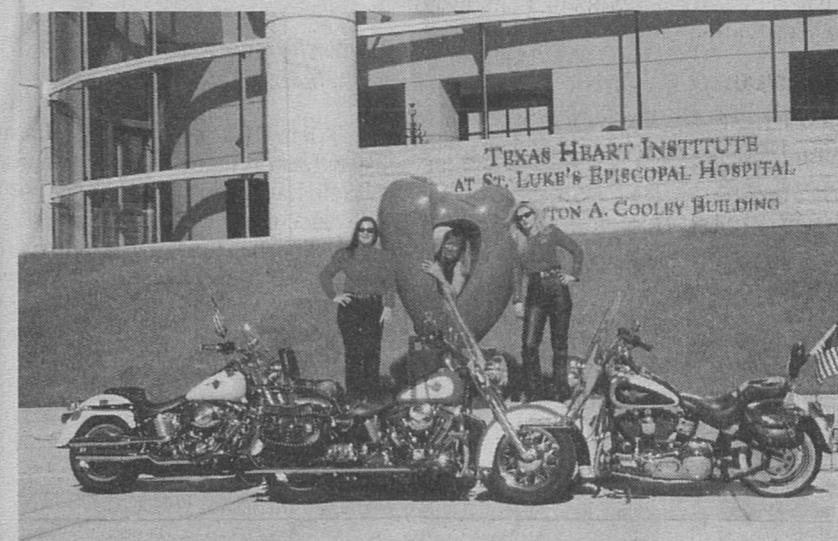
Photos Courtesy of Columbus Christian Women

## Ladies of Harley cruzin' to cure breast cancer

Alice Madary (formerly Matura) daughter of Inez and Daniel Matura of Eagle Lake would like to ask your assistance in a very worthy cause.

Alice "Tornado" belongs to the Ladies of Harley (LOH) motorcycle group from Houston Area #1 Chapter. She has been riding her own Harley Davidson motorcycle since 1999. Although, she enjoys riding her "Ironhorse" just for relaxation and fun, she joined the LOH because they donate their time and efforts to charity events throughout Houston.

The LOH is a program sponsored by the National Harley Owners Group



Alice is included in this picture used for the Feb. calendar.

(HOG) to support women motorcycle enthusiasts (both drivers and passengers). It is not a separate organization from HOG, but it was established to encourage women to become more active in HOG and their local chapters.

This particular LOH group represents Houston Area #1 Chapter and is sponsored by Mancuso Harley-Davidson/Buell of Houston. The LOH Houston Area #1 began in 1999 with 12 members and they now have 78 members.

They're professional women who ride their own Harley Davidson motorcycles with a variety of careers from a research nurse supervisor and director of clinical research, to an investment banker, executive assistant, controller-contractor sales, chemical engineer, spiritual consultant and an executive vice-president.

They actively participate in many of their chapter charity events throughout the year such as the National HOG charity for Muscular Dystrophy, the Toy Run for the Boys and Girls Club, S.I.R.E., the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Survivor Ride, March of Dimes Ride, Make A Wish Foundation and this year, the chapter was honored to be a part of leading the way for the Olympic Torch Run.

The LOH also work as a group for charity events such as the Women's Center, Dress for Success Clothing Drive and making gift bags for the veterans at the Veteran's Hospital.

However, they do have a special charity focus that is the heart and soul of LOH efforts... raising research funds for breast cancer.

There are currently three-breast cancer survivors and one cervical cancer survivor in the LOH group. Unfortunately, at some point in time every one's life is touched by the experience of breast cancer. Women fear breast cancer more than any other disease yet it is 90% curable when caught early.

Therefore, the objective of the LOH charity efforts is to not only raise funds (See LOH, Page 4)

## ELPA planning Victorian Christmas

Members of Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance Inc. will hold a Victorian Christmas in the Norris Building

during Eagle Lake's Annual Christmas Parade Saturday, Dec. 7.

Members will be dressed in Victo-

rian attire while beverages and sweets are offered for sale.

As in years past, a bake sale is being held to raise funds for ELPA's ongoing preservation projects.

You might want to be the first to purchase your holiday sweets, as many festive recipes will be used for the items in the bake sale.

Anyone wearing Victorian attire may stop by for a friendly chat and a free beverage and sweet.

It's just ELPA's way of saying "thanks" and encouraging local folks to think about the past. Even if you aren't dressed in Victorian attire, please stop by for a visit anyway.

Members hope this will inspire everyone to actively participate in area preservation.

ELPA Inc. has monthly meetings on the third Wednesday at the Mc Creary's Auction House.

Members encourage all interested in history and preservation to attend one of ELPA's meeting.

Please call 979-234-6848 for further information.



ELPA members in their Victorian garb are, from left, Robert Stowers, Martin Herman, Marshall Holloway, Patti Holloway, Lois Herman, Sylvia Contreras, Evelyn Stowers, Pat Matula, Len Matula and Eve Lucas.

ELPA Photo

## WEEKLY BIRD REPORT

The following migratory bird hunting report, prepared for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department by Bink Grimes, was last updated Nov. 20.

**COASTAL PRAIRIES:** Snow geese have hit the prairie in force; however, roadside surveys do not indicate a good recruitment of young geese.

Decoying action could suffer without adequate weather. High skies and

bluebird days have done hunters no favor.

Specklebellies are much wiser since regulators doubled the harvest three years ago.

Duck hunting is fair at best. That could change with a bright moon and forecasted north winds.

Flood waters have dried in the area which should begin to concentrate fowl on established ponds and roosts.

Prospects are fair to good.