

Living Hope Church schedules Christmas services

Living Hope Church has a full month of Christmas activities on the calendar for the rest of Dec. and you are invited.

This Sunday evening, Dec. 15, at 6:30 p.m., the 12th

annual Christmas Pageant will be held. The evening will be highlighted by the young people's Nativity play which will feature Josiah Fling and Alissa Catlett as Mary and

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NEWSBRIEFS

Return migrant surveys to ELMS

This is a reminder to parents to return the migrant surveys to Eagle Lake Middle School. They want to ensure students are properly identified and served. Thanks to the parents who have already responded.

Teen Christian Pageant set for Saturday

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church of Alleyton cordially invites the public to attend their 2nd Annual Miss Christian Teen Pageant Saturday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. at the Sealy High School Auditorium. Special guests are Sons of God Mime Ministry of Killeen; Bradby Girls of Houston; Mildred Cain Praise Dancer of Houston; and Min. Douglas Franklin and Community Choir of Navasota. For more information call Marlowe Reggins at 936-825-6354.

2nd Annual Nativity Gala is New Year's Eve

The Second Annual Nativity Gala for New Year's Eve will be held Dec. 31, at Didner Hall from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. A \$25 ticket will admit someone to all the festivities that include an open bar, a full banquet meal, music, dancing, a silent auction and a money drawing. Nativity Gala tickets and nativity scene drawing tickets may be purchased at the Parish Office, 545 S. Austin Rd., 979-234-2842; Marcy's Beauty Salon; S&W Parts; and Tresse's Hair Salon.

Segunda Celebración Anual del Nacimiento del Año Nuevo, 31 de Diciembre, 2002, Salon Didner, 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Un boleto de \$25 por persona será para todas las festividades que incluyen refrescos en la barra, un banquete, musica, baile, subasta en silencio, y rifa de dinero. Boleto para la celebración y para la rifa de un nacimiento, pueden ser comprados en la Oficina Parroquial, (545 S. Austin Rd., 979-234-2842), Marcy's Beauty Salon, S&W Parts y Tresse's Hair Salon.

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.

Sheridan 'Small Town Christmas' is Sunday

The Sheridan Community Choir, and Children's Choir will present its annual "Small Town Christmas" program at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Sheridan Elementary School gym. Refreshments will follow. Admission is free.

Special activities, worship services at FBC

Special activities and worship services scheduled for Eagle Lake's First Baptist Church (FBC) include: 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.

WCBC Christmas program is Dec. 18

You are invited to a Christmas Program at the White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC), Wednesday, Dec. 18. The event is sponsored by the Youth Department of WCBC, Rev. Dave Curry, sponsor; and Rev. O. Rhodes, pastor.

Attention Class of 2003 and parents!

The invitation list for Senior Serve has been made and several seniors have not turned in their guest list. If you have not turned in a list of addresses for Senior Serve, PLEASE attend the meeting. If you can't attend the meeting, you may call Diane Spanihel at 234-3941 or Abby Hammermiller, 234-5219. The Project Graduation meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school commons. **Reminder:** Everyone who attends the meetings will receive points toward Project Graduation.

Legion to distribute Christmas toys

American Legion Post #108 will again distribute toys to needy children in Eagle Lake. Parents or guardians may come to the Prairie Edge Museum from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Saturday, Dec. 21, to receive toys for their children. Donations of toys and money are needed by the Legion. New or very gently used toys and monetary donations may be left at Struss Auto Supply, Wallis State Bank or the Furniture Shoppe.

'Then Came Jesus!' is Dec. 22

Little David Ministries presents... "Then Came Jesus!" Please join them for a live performance of a Christmas play Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Community Center. Refreshments will be served.

WCBC grand musical is Dec. 29

White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) invites you to come and participate in a Grand Musical to be held at WCBC Sunday, Dec. 29 at 3 p.m. Rev. Obie Rhodes, pastor.

20th CDA drama is Dec. 21

The 20th Century District Association (CDA) of Texas Ministers and Deacon Wives invites you to a drama "The Bride Groom Cometh" to be held at

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WEEKLY BIRD REPORT

The following migratory bird hunting report, prepared for the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department by Bink Grimes, was updated Dec. 4.

COASTAL PRAIRIES: Duck hunting was poor to fair for the first split of the South Zone duck season. Habitat conditions are good; however, strong concentrations of ducks never arrived on the prairies.

The South Zone duck season resumes Dec. 7. Pintails will become legal Dec. 12.

Snow geese continue to build near

El Campo, Wharton, Winnie, Brookshire, Katy, Eagle Lake, Devers and Garwood.

Good hunts were posted last week with a low ceiling and strong north winds. Geese headed to plowed ground, recently, after the strong front.

Plenty of rice remains on the prairie and low hunting pressure should continue to stack geese in prime feeding fields.

Specklebellies are good over white spreads. More Canada geese have reached the coast as well.

Prospects are fair to good.

Mark your calendars for an ol' fashion hoedown!

Howdy, partners!
The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce is hostin' its annual banquet Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Come join in on all the fun, frolickin' and food!

Two steppin' music will be provided by D.J. Darrell Appelt and the Aggie Wranglers Jitterbug Dance Team will be comin' to show their stuff.
There will be BBQ vittles from

Austin's and a rootin' tootin' raffle with some real good stuff for prizes!
Now ya'll come on ov'r and join 'n the fun, ya hear!
Banquet tickets will be available real soon... at the Chamber of Com-

merce Office, First National Bank, the Baumgart Agency, Wiese Crop Insurance and the Eagle Lake Golf Course!
For more information, please call the Chamber of Commerce at 979-234-2780.

Lighted Christmas Parade a great success

By Carol Cardenas
The 30 plus entries in this year's 2002 Lighted Christmas Parade helped spread the spirit down Main Street Saturday, Dec. 7.

Serving as emcee this year was Linda Balas.

The parade kicked off with Grand Marshal Joe Duncan, followed by the Wharton High School Air Force Junior ROTC displaying the flags.

Top finishers in the parade were: Best overall and first place business went to New Beginnings Child Development Center. The float was loaded with children who attend the center, parents and staff.

Keller Academy of Performing Arts from East Bernard took second in this division. Third place also went to Keller Academy for their float depicting "The Nutcracker".

First place in Chamber of Commerce was the Eagle Lake Chamber float which carried Miss Eagle Lake Jessica Almond, Eagle Lake Ambassador Morgan Perry, Jr. Miss Eagle Lake Courtney Andrejzack, Eagle Lake Prince and Princess Joseph Rutledge and Alyssa Young, Little Miss and Mr. Eagle Lake Ashley Cook and Dalen Rutledge and Eagle Lake's Ticket Sweetheart Samantha Navarro.

Individual first place honors went to Taylor and Madison Cline who were accompanied by their pet goat and baby calf. Second place went to Victor Brewer who tuned up his dirt bike and put new spark plugs in for this year's Christmas parade.

The Colorado County Juvenile

Facility squad took first place in the marching and twirling division. They were under the direction of Denis King.

Second place went to Sherry's Starlight Twirlers who performed to "Frosty the Snowman".

The Wharton High School Air Force Junior ROTC, under the leadership of Major George Gray and Master Sgt. Zissa, took third place.

In the car division, first place went to Rice Package Store pulling a trailer with a 1930 Model Ford Coup.

David and Misty McCloud, in a 2001 Roadster with their pets, took second; while third place went to Dylan Ryder (aka) Brenda Argo and her dad, Verlin Argo, in a 1892 Puegot, which was one of the earliest cars to race in a competition.

The Rice FFA took first place in the school division. The Eagle Lake Middle School Student Council garnered second and third went to the Rice Cross Country Team.

The Eagle Lake Gator Swim Team members took first place in the organization division.

Rice Medical Associates, reenacting the nativity scene (which is pretty tame for them), placed second and the Columbus Volunteer Fire Department took third.

Rock Island United Methodist Church was awarded the first place rosette for their manger scene and moments in Jesus' life.

Second place went to First United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake. Members of the church occupied the

float. Thanks to all who came to watch the parade and those who took the time to participate.



With the buildings on McCarty showing off their outline of lights (courtesy of Main Street Eagle Lake), Linda Balas kept everyone at the parade informed about the entries, who was riding and if they had won recognition. This was Linda's first year to serve as emcee. *Headlight Photo*

The holidays are here...

By Candy McCreary, Contributing Writer

Council started by hearing from O'Malley Engineers recommending the City award its contract for repaint-

ing the water tower to Trojan Industrial Coatings Inc. Main Street was on the agenda

again to state their reasons why the City should enter them into the graduate program at the cost of \$18,000.

Jean Wiese said Main Street has accomplished a lot in Eagle Lake and plans to accomplish even more in the future.

Councilman John Young asked if Main Street could help with the \$18,000. Leslie Lerner said all the monies from Friends of Main Street go back into the City.

Councilman Len Matula asked if the City could afford it. City Manager Ron Holland said it's in the budget already, but could the City use the monies elsewhere - yes.

Councilman Eric Nethery said Main Street is a good program and, since the money was already budgeted, Council wouldn't be "robbing

Peter to pay Paul". He moved they fund Main Street until 2003 and then look at the options again.

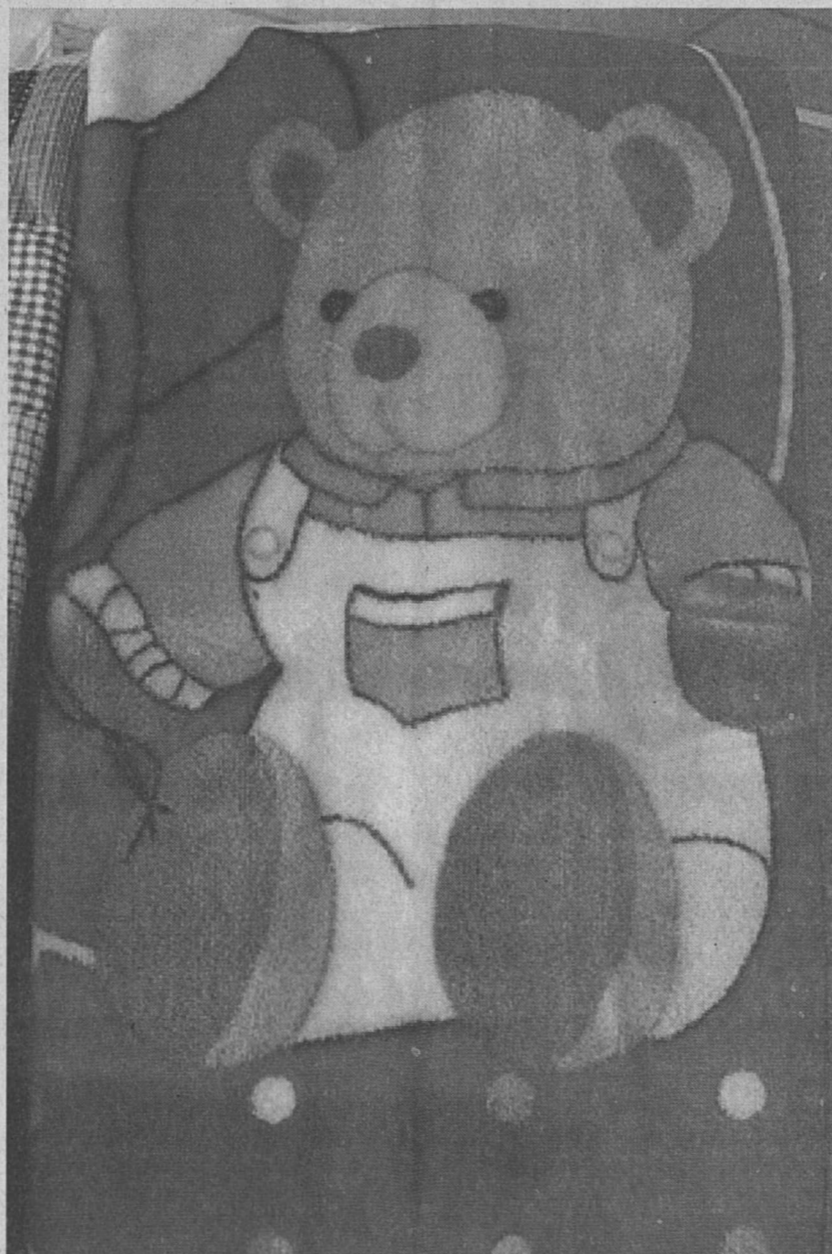
The motion passed with a second from Councilman Larry Contreras.

Congratulations to Main Street for being honored as a National Main Street City.

Council heard from Mr. Schindler and Mr. Canaris concerning zoning. They would both like their properties to be zoned for B-2 for business.

Council has already adopted the zoning ordinance. If you are considering putting in a mobile home somewhere in Eagle Lake, you need to go by the City office because there are places where they will no longer be allowed.

Council considered and acted upon (See Council, Page 3)



CDA holding drawing

The Catholic Daughters of America's Court Our Lady of the Field's #2465 is holding a quilt drawing to be held Jan. 27. You may purchase a ticket for \$1 or a book of six for \$5. You need not be present to win. Above is a soft children's teddy bear blanket which is one of the quilts. Check the *Headlight* each week for a different photo of the quilts and figurine included in the drawing.

Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas



Stancik sworn in

Darrell Stancik was sworn in as Constable for Precinct 4 by Colorado County Judge Al Jamison in the Colorado County Courtroom Monday, Nov. 25. Stancik won the General Election held Nov. 5 as a write-in candidate to fill the unexpired term.