

Early deadline for Jan. 2 edition

Due to New Year's day falling on Wednesday, *The Headlight* will be going to press Tuesday, Dec. 31. Therefore, the deadline for the Jan. 2 edition will be 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27. *The Headlight* staff wishes you and yours a Safe and Happy New Year!

Fireworks display is Dec. 31

The annual fireworks display on Calhoun Road (next to Taco Tony's) will be Tuesday, Dec. 31, starting around 6:30 p.m. For those who enjoy the show every year and would like to donate funds to make it bigger and better, stop by the Post Office for more information.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Closings for New Year's holiday

The City of Eagle Lake offices will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's. There will be no trash collection Wednesday. Wednesday's and Thursday's routes will be collected Thursday, Jan. 2.

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, música, 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.

WCBC grand musical is Sunday

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.

Tri-county New Year's celebration slated

A Tri-County New Year's Celebration with E'Vann Walker is scheduled for Jan. 1 and 2 at 7 p.m. each evening at Equippers Outreach Fellowship, 200 N. College St. in Weimar. Bring a covered dish for the meal following the services. For more information, call 979-725-8233.

WCJC spring registration schedule

You may now register for Spring 2003 classes by appointment through Jan. 2. Call the Wharton Campus, El Campo, Bay City, 979-532-6303; Fort Bend Technical Center and Richmond Campus, 281-239-1544; Sugar Land Campus, 281-243-8410. Dates by location are: Wharton Campus, Jan. 6; Fort Bend Technical Center at Richmond, Jan. 7-8; Sugar Land Campus, Jan. 7-8; Bay City, Jan. 9; Palacios. Registration will be done by phone and fax. Both Richmond Campus and Fort Bend Technical Center registration will be held at the Fort Bend Technical Center in Richmond. Spring classes begin Jan. 13.

Senior Citizen's Dance is Jan. 3

The public is invited to a Senior Citizen's Dance, a place to meet old and new friends, Friday, Jan. 3 from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The Lazy Farmers will provide the music. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information call 979-234-3795.

Senior Friends trip is Jan. 7

Senior Friends is going to Delta Downs Tuesday, Jan. 7. Cost is \$10 per person. Call Robin at 979-282-6808 to get your name on the list.

Triglyceride, cholesterol screening is Jan. 8

The monthly triglyceride/cholesterol screenings will be done Wednesday, Jan. 8 from 7-9 a.m. at the Gulf Coast Medical Center Lab. Schedule your appointment by calling the lab at 979-282-6110.

CDA holding quilt drawing

The Catholic Daughters of America's Court Our Lady of the Field's #2465 is holding a quilt drawing Jan. 27. Also in the drawing is a "Last Supper" figurine. You may purchase a ticket for \$1 or a book of six for \$5. You need not be present to win. Check the *Headlight* each week for a photo of a different item in the drawing.

GUBC Love Banquet is Feb. 8

Officers and members of Greater Union Baptist Church will host a Love Banquet Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003 at 7 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Colors will be red and white. Dress formal or semi-formal. The evening will consist of dinner, king and queen crowning, recognition of the oldest and youngest married couple, youth style show (ages 0-17 years), praise dancing, door prizes and much more. Rev. H.L. Snell of Greater Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Victoria, will bring the message. Donations are \$10 for adults; kids 12 and under, \$5, and under 5 get in free. If you have a child who would like (See Newsbriefs, Page 4)

Canaris selected 2002 'Fireman of the Year'

During Saturday night's annual Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department Christmas Banquet, Chief Gary Glaiser presented the "Fireman of the Year" award to Peter Canaris.

The recipient of this honor is chosen each year by the entire membership of the Department.

Other awards presented were a plaque of appreciation to Frank and Annie Broesche for not only catering the meal annually, but for their continued support of the Department.

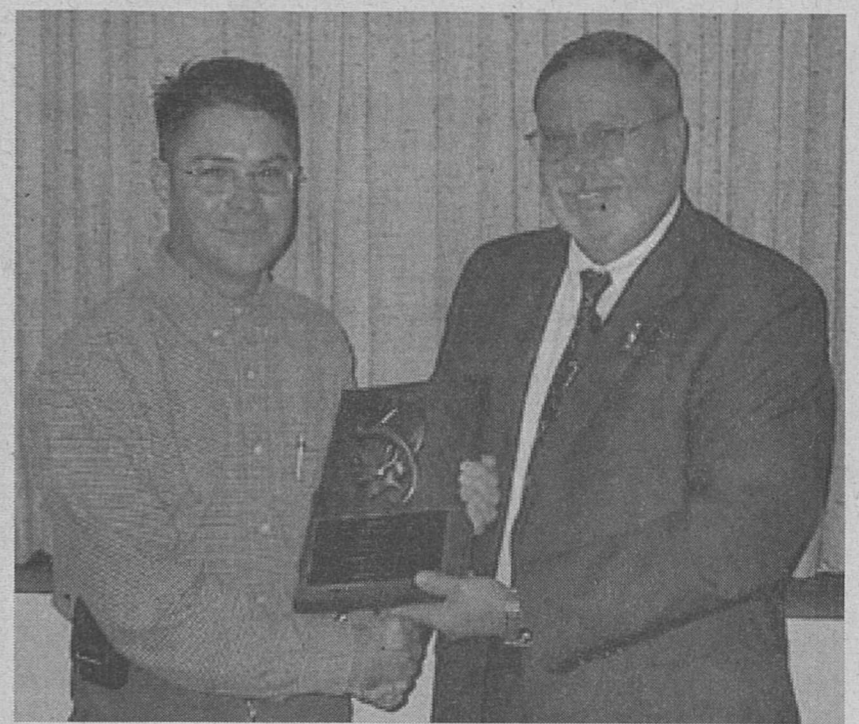
Fireman Clinton "Buddy" Mascheck received a plaque commemorating his 30 years of service.

Trevor Jones, son of Tim and Kim Jones and grandson of Dorothy and Gene Jones of Eagle Lake, was named the 2003 Department Mascot.

Representing the Ladies Auxiliary, Gail Gertson presented the Department with a check for \$5,000 again this year and named her granddaughter, Diamond Cadriel, Miss Sparkle.

Diamond's parents are Kristi and Paul Cadriel and her grandfather is Darrell Gertson.

The banquet, attended by numerous local and county officials, was held at the Community Center last Saturday, Dec. 21.



Peter Canaris, left, receives congratulations from Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. Chief Gary Glaiser for being selected Fireman of the Year for 2002 by his fellow firefighters. The award was announced during the Department's annual Christmas banquet.

Below, Fireman Buddy Mascheck received a plaque for 30 years of service to the Department from Chief Glaiser. *Headlight Photos*



Annie Broesche, left, received a plaque of appreciation from Chief Gary Glaiser for her and Frank's continued support of the Department.



Diamond Cadriel, left, and Trevor Jones, were named Miss Sparkle and 2003 Mascot, respectively, during Saturday night's annual Fire Department Banquet.



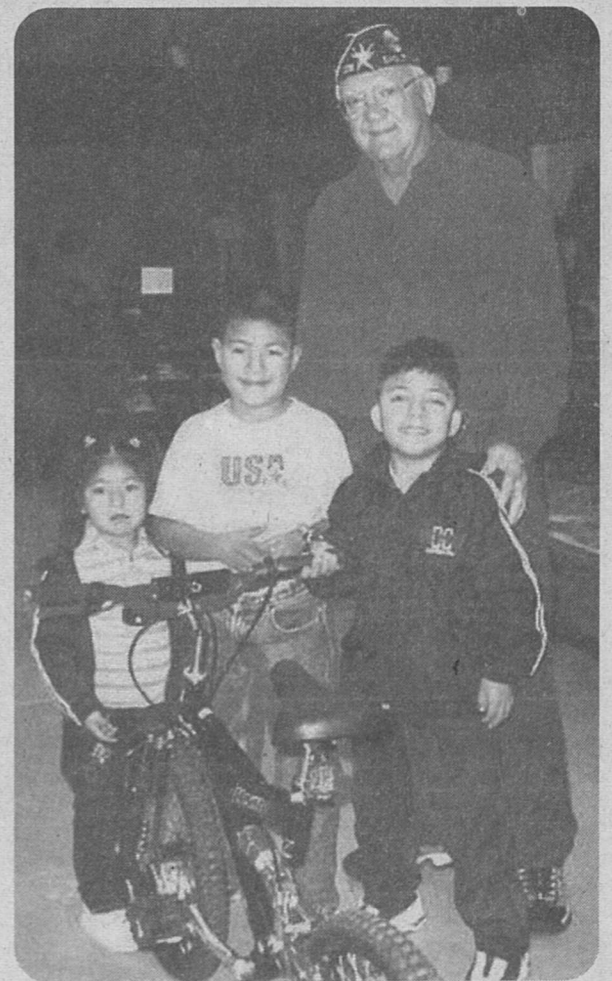
American Legion Christmas toy program is success, once again

Nearly 300 children received bags of toys at the American Legion toy distribution this year. Each bag contained three or four different items geared to the child's age.

Parents or guardians lined up early to sign up for toys for their children. Legionnaires and their wives handled the paper work and made sure each child received a sack of donated items.

Commander Kenneth Craig and all members of Post 108 express their deep gratitude to the generous citizens of Eagle Lake for all donations of not only toys but also money to make this program work.

A sincere thank you is also sent to Prairie Edge Museum, The Furniture Shoppe, Wallis State Bank and Struss Auto for their assistance in collecting and distributing these gifts.



Above, Carlos, Essar and Grisalda happily accept a bicycle from Commander Ken Craig at the American Legion toy distribution Saturday.

At left, 1st Vice Commander Bill Kell presents a giant stuffed toy to a somewhat smaller child at the American Legion toy distribution.

Photos Courtesy of Helen Craig



Gov. volunteer awards deadline approaching

The Texas Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service is seeking nominations of exceptional volunteers in Texas communities to be recognized at the 20th Annual Governor's Volunteer Awards.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others in one of 11 categories, including: youth, adult, senior, family, group, small business, corporate, volunteer manager/administrator, media, national service and a category representing a lifetime of achievement, the Lonestar Achievement Award.

Each recipient will receive a \$1,000 donation to their charity of choice courtesy of H-E-B.

Recipients will be honored at a recognition ceremony in Austin on May 1, 2003 during National Volunteer Week.

During the upcoming holiday season when community, family and giving are important, nominate a person or organization you admire for their service to others.

For more information or to download a nomination form, visit www.txserve.org or call the Governor's Volunteer Awards Hotline at 512-475-4432.

Forms must be received by 5 p.m., Dec. 31, 2002.

Bible Verse of the Week

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." -Luke 2:14

Submitted by Neddy Phillips



Color It Happy!

Whether you paint the town red this New Year's Eve, or spend some quality time with family and friends, we hope your holiday's a genuine masterpiece.

Happy New Year and sincere thanks to all of our patrons.

From the...

Eagle Lake Headlight Staff & Our Families