



About Town...



The following students will be featured in the Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students - Sports Edition 2003-04: from Eagle Lake: Tia S. Starks; Garwood: Kristen Danklefs; Sheridan: Kris Turner; Cat Springs: Stephanie Loggins; East Bernard: Ki Jones and Lauren Lyon.

Athletes are nominated by coaches, teachers and sports organizations based on athletic achievement and participation in extra curricular activities. Students also compete for \$10,000 in scholarship awards.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Car accident takes the lives of four area teens, and an infant

Closing in observance of Veteran's Day

The following businesses will be closed Thursday Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran's Day: The Colorado County Courthouse, First National Bank, Wallis State Bank, Wintermann Library and the Eagle Lake Post Office.

Raider decals now on sale

The Rice Raider Booster Club is selling window decals. Contact Rice High School, Sheridan or the Garwood School offices or Ramona ray at 234-2493 or 234-3620. The Booster Club is also taking orders for custom athletic decals. Contact Janis Danklefs at 758-3914, Charlotte Smith, 758-3868, Cynthia Boenisch, 758-3587, Becky Lobpriess, 758-3909, Darnell Varley, 234-2426 or Ray at the numbers above.

Gadabouts Veteran's Day celebration

The Nada/Garwood Gadabouts are planning a Veteran's Day celebration for Thursday, Nov. 11 with a lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Garwood Fire Station. All veterans who served in the Korean War up to the present time from the Nada/Garwood area are invited. You may call Anita Meismer at 758-3119 or Catherine Berger at 758-3208 and relay information about your service.

All day walk through is today

Sheridan School is holding an all day walk through for veterans Thursday, Nov. 11, Veteran's Day. All veterans are invited. If you are a veteran and would like to share your service mementos with the students and guests in our hallways, please contact the Sheridan School and ask for Kathy Botard, 234-7334. Your support in continuing our children's education is appreciated and valued greatly.

Booster Club to hold bonfire Friday

The Rice Raider Booster Club will hold a bonfire Friday Nov. 12, at 6 p.m. at the high school. Orders will also be taken for playoff t-shirts. Place your order with any Booster Club member or call the school.

ELPS Book fair going on through Friday

The Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) will hold their Scholastic Book Fair through Nov. 12 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the School library. There will be a special family event Thursday, Nov. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. for those parents who want to come and choose books to buy for their children or as gifts. The Book Fair serves as a fundraiser for the school.

Footlitter annual meeting set for today

The Footlitters and the Litefooters of the Community Theatre of Wharton, Inc. will hold their annual meeting at 7 p.m., Nov. 11 at the Wharton County Historical Museum. Anyone interested in the programs of the theatre group or the repair of the restoration of the Plaza Theatre is welcome, although only members in good standing may vote. Call 979-282-2970 or visit www.whartonplazatheater.org for more information.

Nativity to hold turkey dinner Saturday

The Parish of the Nativity will hold a turkey dinner Saturday, November 13 at Didner Hall from 5 to 8 p.m. for \$7 a plate. Tickets are available for purchase at the Parish Office, 545 S. Austin Road, Tresses, Inc., Marcy's Beauty Salon, and S & W Parts.

Re-tire a tire set for Saturday

Need a place to get rid of old tires? Main Street Eagle Lake is sponsoring a tire disposal day, Saturday, Nov. 13 from 8 a.m. to noon in front of City Hall. Cost for disposal of car/pick up tires is \$2 each; 24"-26" tires (18 wheeler), \$10 each. There is an additional charge for tires on rims. For more information call 979-758-4103.

GUBC bake sale is Nov. 13

Greater Union Baptist Church (GUBC) Pastors Aide Fund will hold a bake sale Saturday, Nov. 13 in front of the Eagle Lake Supermarket. For more information call 979-234-3527 or 234-2137.

Family day at Brazoria NWR is Saturday

A family day will be held at Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Saturday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free!! Come to the grand opening of the Discovery Center at 9 a.m. Activities for the day include mist net and bird banding, fish printing, fish casting, live reptiles, big slough trail walking tour, bug sweeping, junior angler program, track making and youth waterfowl clinic. For more information or directions call 979-849-6062 or visit the website at www.refugefriends.org.

FPC to hold Thanksgiving service and dinner

All members and friends are invited to the First Presbyterian Church (FPC) worship service and our annual Thanksgiving dinner Sunday, Nov. 14. Special music will be provided by Vickie Powers. The service begins at 10:30 a.m. Dinner will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Variety shoot, youth fall festival set Nov. 14

St. Mary's Youth of Nada will hold their annual Variety Shoot and Youth Festival Sunday, Nov. 14 at the Nada Community Center. The variety shoot will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. and include a variety of prizes and rounds for women and children. The festival will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Hamburgers,

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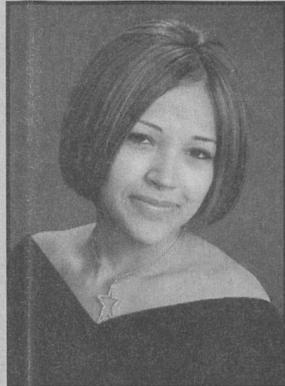
MIGRATORY BIRD REPORT

The following migratory bird hunting report was prepared for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department by Bink Grimes.

Duck numbers are building in the marsh and on the coastal prairie. Gadwalls, wigeons, shovelers, teal and pintails are making up the brunt of the population. Pintails are not legal to harvest in the South Zone until Dec. 11. Lots of water on the coast. Most birds are holding on flooded rice flats or marsh ponds with wigeon grass. The Rockport area has lots of ducks in its freshwater marsh ponds. Diver ducks including redheads and scaup are building along the shoalgrass shorelines. The Nov. 6 goose opener was good, despite light winds and bluebird skies. Rice fields in Eagle Lake produced strong shoots for snows and specklebellies. Collegeport and El Campo fields saw good shooting for dark geese. Expect a new influx of snows to find the coast later this week. Prospects are good.



Robin Aguilar



Yesenia Castillo



Heather Kieborz



Patricia & Jeremiah Ruiz



The teddy bears, flowers and cards are all from those whose lives were torn apart by the loss of a friend or relative riding home that day.

Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas

Frazar receives 50-year pin

Joe Newton Frazar was honored by the Grand Lodge of Texas with the presentation of a gold emblem as its 50-year Service Award.

In recognition of 50 years of Masonic service, the most Worshipful Grand Lodge, of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Texas, presented to Joe Newton Frazar the Texas Grand Lodge Award as a visible token for its fraternal love and gratitude for his years of Masonic service.

Presentation was made on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Texas by PDDGM Hugh Sheridan, assisted by

PDDGM Joe H. McCreary, WM Victor Scott, SW Benny Landrum, and Treasurer, Joe L. McCreary. Presentation was made Aug. 14, 2004 at Garden Terrace in Houston.

Friends and relatives in attendance were Joe's wife, Bunny Frazar; sister, Virginia Fair Wells, Trula Russek, Myra Tener, Jane Crawford and Rev. Steve Whitfield.

Refreshments and visitation was enjoyed by all.

Joe resides at Garden Terrace, 7887 Cambridge Blvd., Houston, TX 77054. Joe would appreciate cards and letters from his friends.



Pictured are in the front row, Joe N. Frazar; back row, Benny Landrum, Victor Scott, Hugh Sheridan, Joe H. McCreary and Joe Lee McCreary.

Photo courtesy of Hugh Sheridan

Local HFH volunteer goes to Nicaragua with Global Village Build

While the rest of us were sitting around in our air conditioned houses this past summer, twiddling our thumbs and eating bon-bons while reading about the latest fad diet, Mr. Phil Willenborg was spending two weeks in Nicaragua, helping local families build their own homes through Habitat For Humanity International (HFHI).

Mr. Willenborg, along with other Habitat volunteers from all over the world including Australia, England and Canada, participated in a HFHI Global Village Build hosted by the town of Jintega, Nicaragua. Along with the Nicaraguan

homeowners, they helped build simple, decent homes of concrete blocks with a metal roof.

These homes were 400 sq. ft. with 3 rooms and outdoor plumbing with water, sewage and electricity.

You can imagine what inadequate housing must be like in this town if these tiny Habitat houses are considered good, standard housing.

The Habitat volunteers learned what it takes to build homes in a remote part of the world.

The cement blocks were made on site with water that had to be carried

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On Friday, November 5 Eagle Lake lost four teens and one infant.

Reports say that 16-year-old Christina Llanos of Eagle Lake was heading east bound on 90A in a 1994 Nissan at the time of the accident. She lost control of her car and skid across the center stripe in front of an 18-wheeler heading west on 90A driven by 52-year-old Dan Tucker of Runge.

Pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Dodie Dungen were Heather Kieborz, 17; Yesenia Castillo, 17; Patricia Ruiz, 17; her son, Jeremiah Ruiz, eight months;

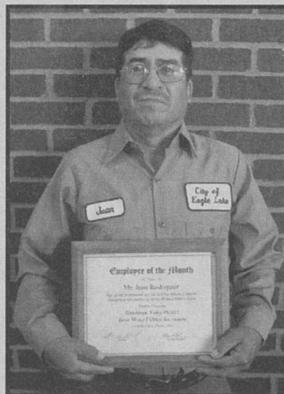
and 16-year-old Robin Aguilar, all of Eagle Lake.

Llanos was treated at released from Rice Medical Center. The truck driver was not seriously injured.

Llanos and Kieborz were wearing seat belts.

Investigating officer was Cpl. Jeff Pickett, DPS Colorado County. He was assisted by Sgt. Gary Chandler, Cpl. Joseph Stegint, Troopers Wayne Henkes, Stephen Pierce, Sergio Villareal and Gary Pflugaupt and Colorado County Sheriff's Department and EMS.

Rodriguez named Employee of the Month



Thursday, evening Oct. 21 the City of Eagle Lake Public Works Department was host to the Guadalupe Val-

ley Water Utilities Association Meeting held at the Community Center.

The membership of the association is made up of members from the public works departments of 11 cities from Eagle Lake to Lockhart. The association meets monthly and is hosted by each of the cities. As part of the program, each city has the opportunity to recognize employees who excel in public works.

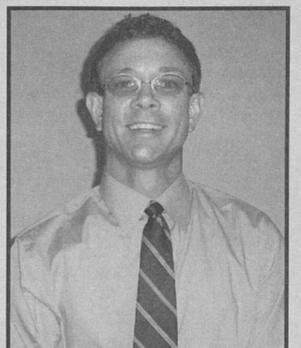
On the recommendation of the Eagle Lake Public Works director and staff of the department, Juan Rodriguez was awarded the Employee of the Month Award. Juan has been employed with the city for 22 years and is a prompt and dedicated employee to the city and the department. Juan's primary responsibility is city grounds and park maintenance. Juan willingly accepts all work assignments and is frequently called on to assist in all areas of the department.

FNB of Eagle Lake announces changes

Bill Harrison Jr., President of First National Bank (FNB) in Eagle Lake announced that Executive Vice President Sam Kana will take over the reins as President and CEO effective January 1. The move was precipitated by the retirement of 88-year old board chairman W. H. Harrison Sr. who informed the board last month of his resignation. Harrison Jr. will become Chairman and continue to be an active member of the bank's officer staff.

Harrison Sr. was already a bank director when he was elected President of the bank in 1963, serving until July 1979 when he retired. He has been a board member for more than 45 years and served 25 of those as Chairman. In recognition of his long tenure, fellow directors elected him Chairman Emeritus.

Kana joined the bank in April as Senior Lending Officer. His 21-year banking career includes associations with banks in Sundown, Edna, Cleburne, and more recently, State Bank in La Grange. He grew up in El Campo and is a graduate of Sam Houston State University. Kana has been an active civic leader in community development and charitable activities. He is well known as a track and field official for high school and college level events. He and his wife, Toni,



Sam Kana

are parents of three teenagers, Kyriac, Kesten, and Kwes. "Sam has the experience and management skills to lead us into our next century of community banking," said Harrison Jr. "As we celebrate our first 100 years next month, we are excited about our bank's future under his leadership."

Harrison also announced the hiring of John Slocumb as manager of the bank's new branch in Columbus. Slocumb graduated Texas A&M in

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