

Truckers take the show



The Chrome Shop of Houston held their annual truck show Oct. 30-31. The show had the famous chicken drop and lots of prizes. They had a great barbecue dinner along with delicious boucan links. A live band provided a variety of music.

John Wesley Perry "Sleepyhead" of Eagle Lake and Victor Garza "Casper" of Houston were participants and competitors for the third time this year. They previously competed in the Dallas Truck Show and the Fort Worth Truck Show.



But in Houston...They Took The Show By Storm!!

They each placed in all the top categories. Between the both of them, they brought home 10 trophies. Their trucks were awesome!

After the awards ceremony Steve Martinez, who sang his version of "Call Me By My Name" originally sung by David Allen Coe, serenaded the

winners. He gave the country song a new trucker style meaning. It became a big hit instantly.

Perry recently began competing this year. He has shown to have a notable start and a remarkable viewer response.

Perry, who works through Eagle Cordell Concrete Products, took only one day off to prepare for the show. One day paid off well! He had wonderful support from everyone and a terrific work crew.

Perry's awards included the People's Choice trophy; first place, Model 1999-2001; first place, best interior; runner-up, best exterior; runner-up, best light display.

Garza won Best of Show trophy; first place, Model 1995-1998; first place, best exterior; first place, best light display; runner-up, best interior.

Perry and Garza hope to compete again at the Dallas Truck Show in Aug. 2005.

UHV Spring registration approaching

Telephone and online regular registration for the 2005 Spring semester at the University of Houston-Victoria will be conducted from 8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23 until noon on Jan. 14. Students can register online by going to www.UHV.edu and clicking on Current Students and then Register, Check Grades and More. Students can also register by phone by calling 361-573-0000.

Late registration for the spring semester will be held from 8 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24. The first day of class is Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Senior citizens (ages 65 and older) who meet admission requirements may register tuition-free for up to six semester hours, subject to space availability in the classes.

Senior citizens may register for spring semester classes in the UHV Office of Admissions and Records, Room 104, UHV West building on Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Students who have not made the required payment on their institutional charges will be disenrolled at noon on Friday, January 14 for the spring semester.

Students who are disenrolled for nonpayment may register again and pay during the late registration period.

Online course listings for spring 2005 are currently available to students.

The listing can be accessed from several areas on the UHV website:

- "Spring 2005 Schedule" link on Homepage - "Course Listings"

- Prospective & Current Students - "Course and Schedule Information" - "Course Listings"
- Prospective & Current Students - "Register, Check Grades & More" - "Course Listings" link at the top of the page.

In addition to registering via the Internet, there are a number of online services available for students.

Students can click onto UHV's website to see if classes have been filled and can also calculate tuition fees.

Payments can be made using a credit card both online and over the phone.

For students who do not have computers at home, access is available at the UHV computer labs located on the second floor of the University Center building, 3007 N. Ben Wilson.

For help accessing the online spring course schedules or to ask questions regarding the telephone and online registration processes, please contact the Office of Admissions and Records at 361-570-4110.

News from Tx DOT

The following is a letter written to Chief Lattimore from the Texas Department of Transportation in reference to a traffic signal at US 90A and FM 3013:

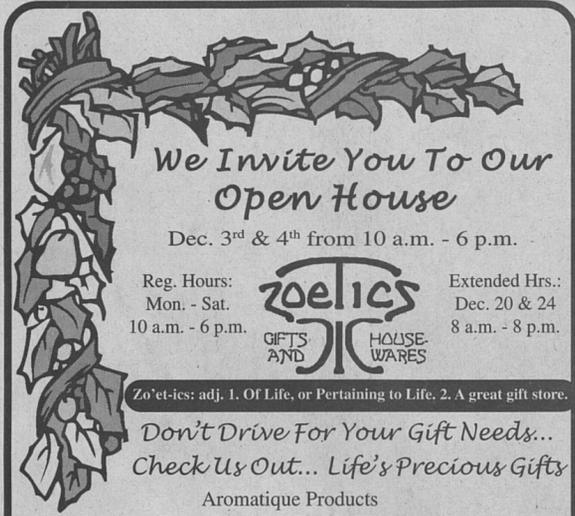
Dear Chief Lattimore:
This is in reference to your request for a traffic signal at the intersection of US 90A and FM 3013 east of Eagle Lake.

Please be advised that we have conducted a traffic study for this intersection. At this time, we cannot install a traffic signal at this location. The traffic volumes are below what is required to legally install a traffic signal. Our records show 18 reported accidents from 1996 to 2001.

The new distribution center located on FM 3013 may increase the traffic through this intersection. Once that facility is in operation, we can perform another study to see if a signal is warranted.

We appreciate your concern for traffic safety. Please call me at 361-293-4356 if you would like to discuss these issues.

Sincerely,
Marla Jasek, P.E.
Director of Transportation Operations



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News from the Lighthouse

By Pastor Ken Jones

Eagle Lakes after school program for young people between the ages of 10 & 17, on Tuesdays-Thursdays, is undergoing a major transformation.

Recently the men of the Lissie Flying Service cleared the overgrown lot behind the main building. They also installed a fence to keep the children from running into the street while playing football, and a chain gate to stop through traffic from endangering the children during play time. It is

hoped that a donor in Eagle Lake might be willing to pay for the fence material, which cost \$595. The Boettcher-Hlavinka Co. of East Bernard has agreed to provide the steel rebar needed for the basketball court construction. Still needed are two large truckloads of dirt to provide the base of the court. Class Concrete has agreed to donate some of the concrete needed for the court, and the Lighthouse needs a \$750 donation to pay for the remainder of the court construction cost.

This would provide an outdoor all weather basketball surface for the large number of young people who come to play each day. The current court is broken concrete and dirt, and is below ground level and often is just a mud pit, when it rains. The Gertson Farm partnership provided a backhoe, and workers to level two old buildings to expand the outdoor play areas. Still needed is a group with a concrete saw, and electrical skills to help convert the old water tank, into a computer lab for 40 computers. Also needed will be tables for the computers, when the lab is built.

Can you help? A Sunday School class from the Methodist Church in East Bernard is bringing a mission team to Eagle Lake to pitch in and start cleaning up the old holding tank. What can you do? Call Lyle Anderson if you have building supplies, labor, or funds at 979-234-2248. They are also looking for a good quality portable building that can be converted into a classroom.

Thank You, and God Bless You.

The Eagle Lake Christmas "Parade of Lights"

Saturday, December 11, 2004
Sponsored by the E.L. Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture.

The 2004 theme is:

Feliz Navidad

Entry Form

Important Dates and Times to Remember:

- 1) Please submit your entry by: **Wednesday, December 1, 2004**
- 2) Lineup and Judging: **6:00 P.M. - Parade Start: 6:45 P.M.**

Contact Person: _____

Name of Organization/Business/School, etc.: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Riders or Group: _____

(Use back or separate sheet if more space needed. Indicate if riders are dignitaries, community leaders, etc.)

Sound? Yes No Description to be read during Parade: _____

Rules: Entry must have lights & own power source. Throwing Candy IS NOT permitted. E.L. Chamber of Commerce will provide the only live Santa Claus. No other live Santa will be permitted. Line-up will be at Wintermann Warehouse, Prairie Street @ Beaks Street.

Please return entries to:
The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce
210 Golf Course Road
Eagle Lake, Tx 77434
E-mail: chamber@elc.net
979-234-2780 for more info...
Fax: 979-234-6998
By: December 1, 2004.



Main Street Eagle Lake receives National Award

The Main Street Program in Eagle Lake was received notice on November 15, that the program has been awarded National Recognition by The Texas Historical Commission (THC) and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

This is the third consecutive year the program has been named among the National Main Street Cities in Texas. Cities chosen as National Main Street Cities must show above average performance in 10 categories. The selection criteria focus on planning, staff and volunteers, preservation ethic, training and program assessment. "Our National Main Street Cities have worked really hard to achieve this distinctive honor. Establishing and maintaining an active and successful Main Street Program is a great accomplishment and we are proud of the cit-

ies that achieved national recognition," said Kim McKnight, state coordinator of the Texas Main Street Program.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas. The THC's Texas Main Street Program is a revitalization program for historic downtown and neighborhood commercial districts. It is based on a four-point approach: organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring, all within the context of historic preservation. Implemented in 1981, the program has assisted more than 140 communities throughout the state.

Eagle Lake and 55 other Texas Main Street cities were honored at the recent Texas Downtown Association/ Bryan Main Street Conference in Bryan/College Station. The National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Main Street Center will honor these cities at the 2005 National Main Streets Conference to be held May 8-11 in Baltimore.

"The Main Street program in Eagle Lake is very honored to receive this recognition," says Rhonda Bridges, Main Street Manager. "This program has a lot of dedicated volunteers who have committed countless hours to improving our community. Although the change hasn't happened overnight, these volunteers have accomplished a lot with limited resources."

Having a Main Street program, especially a program that receives the National Recognition designation regularly, indicates to visitors across Texas as well as across the nation that Eagle Lake is a city with above average vision and commitment to improvement. It shows an awareness of value of historic properties. It shows a community that has undertaken the task to identify and capitalize on its unique characteristics. It is pleasing to see that the state agency that evaluates our program considers it to be successful. The Main Street Advisory Board Members and the committee members are the ones who make this happen."

If you would like more information or would like to become involved with the Main Street-Eagle Lake program, contact Rhonda Bridges at 979-758-4103 or email at mainst1eltx@yahoo.com.



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In general, third degree burns and burns in children under age 2, should always be seen by a physician. Also, burns to the hands, feet, face, genitals or any burn that does not cause pain should be treated immediately. Generally, most of the other types of burns can be treated at home. Cocoa butter, glycerin, and petroleum jelly applied to the burn area can act as a skin protectant. If the skin is broken, applying an antibacterial ointment will usually prevent infection. Burns that fail to improve in 5 to 7 days should also be seen by a physician.