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NEWSBRIEFS

Garden Club to tour Eagle Lake

The Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club Awards Committee will tour Eagle Lake and nearby outlying areas Thursday to select the first, second, and third place winners in the Christmas decorating contest. Be sure to have all of your lights turned on. This is a tough job but someone has to do it.

Registration set for Blinn College Sealy campus

Blinn College admission and advising staff members will be in Sealy on Jan. 5 and 12 to assist students in registering for spring 2005 classes at The WorkSource, Suite 140, at the Sealy Mall from noon to 5 p.m. each day. To register, a first-time student must have a completed application, must have a high school or college transcript and must be advised. Students may also register by Internet through Jan. 2-7, Jan. 9-13 and Jan. 16-20. Registration instructions and a schedule of courses are found at www.blinn.edu <http://www.blinn.edu>. Classes begin on all Blinn campuses on Jan. 18. For more information call (979) 627-7997 or e-mail sealy@blinn.edu.

E.H. Henry School reunion meeting is tonight

The E.H. Henry School Reunion meeting will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. at Tyler Studio at 215 E. Main. All are encouraged to attend.

Barbecue plate sale going on Saturday

The Assembly of God, 403 E. Main St. will be selling barbecue plates with all the trimmings Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plates are \$6 each. Proceeds benefit the church building fund. To order plates call (979) 234-5091.

Benefit fried chicken dinner is Saturday

Greater Rising Star Baptist Church will hold a benefit fried chicken dinner Saturday starting at 11 a.m. Plates are \$6 each. To place an order call Charles Dawson at (979) 232-0151, Donald Simon at (979) 257-9190 or Sidney Francis at 234-3069.

Egypt Plantation holiday tour

The community Theatre of Wharton cordially invites the public to tour historic Egypt Plantation in her holiday finest Saturday and Sunday. Costumed docents will lead you through the old plantation house and adjoining museum between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Tickets are \$5. Proceeds benefit Raise the Roof Fund to repair damage to the roof of Wharton's Plaza Theater. For reservations or tickets, stop by the theatre's box office, 212 N. Richmond, or call (979) 282-2970 or click on www.whartonplazatheater.org.

Pastoral anniversary brings Branson Show to El Campo

The public is invited to celebrate with the Bible Truth Apostolic Church Family, the 20th anniversary of faithful leadership of their pastor and wife, Larry T. Smith and Judy Smith on Sunday. The service starts at 11 a.m. and entertainment at 4 p.m. Come for an evening of singing and comedy with entertainer and born again Christian, Donnie Sneed. The service and entertainment is FREE to the public and open to ALL. For more information contact Bible Truth Apostolic Church, 708 E. 1st St., El Campo, TX 77437 or call (979) 543-2331.

Candlelight Christmas at Lissie UMC is Dec. 22

The congregation of Lissie United Methodist Church would like to invite the community to a Candlelight Christmas service Wednesday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. at Lissie UMC. This is a way to celebrate Christmas with fellow Christians, and still have Christmas Eve and day for your family activities.

E.H. Henry Christmas party to be held Dec. 24

Come one, come all to the E.H. Henry Christmas Party Friday, Dec. 24 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The party will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight. Prizes will be available. DJ Felicia Scott will provide the music.

Nativity Gala is Dec. 31

The Fourth Annual Nativity Gala for New Year's Eve will be held Friday, Dec. 31 at Diner Hall from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. A \$30 ticket will admit someone to all the festivities that will include an open bar, a full banquet meal, music, dancing, silent auction and a money raffle. Nativity Gala tickets may be purchased at the Parish Office at 545 S. Austin Rd. in Eagle Lake 234-2842, Marcy's Beauty Salon, S&W Auto Parts and Tresses Inc. Hair Salon.

Cuarto Anual Gala Natividad del Año Nuevo, 31 de Diciembre, Salon Diner, 7:00 p.m. to 1 a.m. Un boleto de \$30 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 pueden ser comprados en la Oficina Parroquial, (545 S. Austin Rd., 979-234-2842), Marcy's Beauty Salon, S&W Auto Parts, y Tresses Inc. Hair Salon.

First Baptist Church cookbooks are in

The First Baptist Church has compiled a cookbook just in time for Christmas!! They are now available for your Christmas presents. You can pick one up at the First Baptist Church office (entrance on Lake Street) or the Wintermann Library. The cost of the cookbook is \$20. Proceeds go into the church organ fund.

Grand jury returns multiple indictments against 2 people

The Colorado County grand jury returned two indictments against Clifton O'Neal Daniels for assault of a public servant and three indictments against Clinton E. Middleton on three different charges during its Dec. 7 session at the Colorado County Courthouse in Columbus.

Middleton was indicted for burglary of a building, credit card abuse and forgery.

The indictments against Daniels and Middleton were among the 13

returned against 10 individuals during the grand jury's latest session.

The grand jury also returned three drug indictments. Reginal L. Scott was indicted for manufactured delivery of a controlled substance, Amy R. Goodman for possession of a controlled substance and Jesse Rosanna Conrad for possession of marijuana.

Among the other indictments

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Hospice Support Inc. is sponsoring a "Celebration of Life" Christmas Tree fund-raising project with proceeds to benefit the Hospice Program, which provides medical care for terminally ill patients, as well as emotional and spiritual support to the patient and their family. For a donation of \$15 or more, an ornament may be purchased and hung on a "Celebration of Life" Christmas Tree. An ornament may be purchased in memory of a loved one or friend, or in honor of the birth of a child, anniversary, birthday or someone special in your life. Stop by The First National Bank in Eagle Lake to see the tree and also to pick up an ornament form. Promoting the Tree of Life fund-raiser are, from left, Chairwoman Vicki Gold, William Harrison, Executive Director of Hospice in El Campo Claudia Raun and Sandy Bandy. *Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas*

Brother acquitted of assault

A Colorado County Court jury returned a verdict of acquittal on Dec. 9 on a charge of misdemeanor assault involving family violence.

Billy Boyd Mayes, 62, of Rook Island was charged with striking his older brother, Walter Mayes, in the face on the younger brother's property in Colorado County on June 29. Deputy Sheriff Jeff Head investigated the case.

Houston attorney Carl Halla represented Mayes in the misdemeanor assault charge, according to Colorado County Attorney Ken Sparks.



Trafco Industries Inc. recently donated signs to the Neighborhood Integrity Proactive Intervention Team (NIPIT). On hand for the presentation were, from left, Trafco representative Lonny Daley, Eagle Lake City Councilman John Young, Cherry Corman, Trafco representative Lesley Carey and Eagle Lake Police Chief W.E. "Bill" Lattimore. NIPIT was formed earlier in the year to provide Eagle Lake citizens with a way to address concerns in their neighborhoods. Anyone interested in joining NIPIT is urged to contact Lattimore at (979) 234-2727.



Loading artillery shells in launching tubes for Eagle Lake's annual New Year's Eve fireworks display are volunteers, from left, Greg Contreras, Darrell Stanclik, John Young and Jeff Frnka. They are just a few of the volunteers who are preparing the fireworks for the 30-minute production scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Calhoun Road approximately a half mile past the U.S. Highway 90A intersection.

Colorado County jury terminates parental rights of E.L. residents

A Colorado County jury returned a verdict on Dec. 1 terminating the parental rights of Eagle Lake residents Shemika Scott and Edwin Holloway Sr. to their children, ages 5 and 2 years, and 10 months.

Children's Protective Services (CPS), a division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, represented by Assistant County Attorney Carolyn Olson, filed the case.

Allegations against the mother and father were physical neglect and neglectful supervision of the children. The parents had a history of involvement with CPS beginning in 1998 and continuing until this suit was filed in 2003.

The 12-person jury, presided over by 2nd 25th Judicial District Judge Gus Strauss, deliberated 20 minutes following a 2 1/2-day trial before terminating the parental rights of the parents, according to Colorado County Attorney Ken Sparks.

"The foster parent who has cared for the 10-month-old child since she was 16 hours old has expressed the desire to adopt all three children so they can remain together," said Sparks.

The Eagle Lake Headlight will close Dec. 23-24 for Christmas!

Commissioners appoint Cason to fill JP position

The Colorado County Commissioners' Court appointed attorney George Cason of Eagle Lake to fill the Precinct 4 justice of the peace position on an interim basis during its meeting on Monday morning at the Colorado County Courthouse in Columbus.

After an executive session, Precinct 4 Commissioner made the motion to employ Cason until the next general election in 2006. Precinct 3 Commissioner Tommy Hahn voted against the motion.

The Precinct 4 JP position had been vacant since the resignation of Larry Dulany on Nov. 18 after he was indicted by Colorado County grand jury on felony theft charges.

Since Dulany's resignation, local JPs Dodie Dungen and Francis Truchard have covered the Eagle Lake office.

In other business, the court accepted a \$25,000 grant from the Lower Colorado River Authority for the construction of a building to house the fire unit and ambulance, as well as a sleeping quarters, in Eagle Lake.

Commissioners also agreed to hold a public hearing on Jan. 10, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. to establish a yield sign at the intersection of Scates and Stokes roads in Precinct 3.