

Eagle Lake Headlight Gives A Review Of The Past Year

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also noted that there was physical evidence that would help when a suspect was found.

Rice High School has been moved into U.I.L. Class 2A for completion for the next two years. Other teams in District 28 2A will be Weimar, Edna, Hallettsville, Tidehaven, Ganado, Schulenburg and Industrial.

A 23-year old Eagle Lake man, Arturo Macias, was killed in a mobile home fire in Peroni's Mobile Home Park. Two other individuals managed to escape the fire.

The Eagle Lake Police Department seized crack cocaine valued

at about \$3,500 after the search of a house in the 800 Block of "C" Street. Police were acting on a tip they received about drug activity at the location. Homeowner J.T. Black and visitor Michael Arnell were arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Seventeen-year old Curtis Frazier of Eagle Lake was arrested for the Jan. 31 assault of an Eagle Lake woman. DNA evidence singled-out Frazier as the perpetrator. Frazier was arrested on a first-degree felony charge of aggravated sexual assault.

The Parish of the Nativity welcomed Father Robert F. Guerra as their new pastor.

The Rice Board voted to call a bond election in the amount of \$14.7 million dollars for the construction of a new high school. The total project cost is expected to be \$15.7 million and the district will pay \$1 million on its own.

The election is set for May 13. The district's tax rate would increase by about 15 cents, which would translate to about \$130 per year for a \$100,000 home.

March
The city began discussion

about the possibility of incorporating the New Town Water System into the city's system. New Town approached the city asking for help because they were in tight financial situation and were also going to face fines from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality because they did not have an adequately licensed operator for the system. Council expressed interest in working with New Town to find a solution to their problem.

County Judge Al Jamison won re-election after a primary victory on March 7. There was no candidate running in the democratic primary, giving Jamison the automatic victory in the November general election.

Anthony and Marguerite Breda of Eagle Lake won a Ford Pickup in Brookshire Bros. Treasure Hunt Collect and Win game.

City council voted to purchase two new police vehicles. Council opted to purchase sport utility vehicles in hopes that they might last longer than the traditional sedans. The vehicles will cost about \$28,000 each.

The art house at the Light-house was dedicated during a visit by U.S. Congressman Rueben Hinojosa.

April
Eagle Lake Little League held its opening ceremonies.

A new fire truck is ready for service. The \$226,000 truck was paid for by the city and a grant from the Forest Service for \$108,000.

Two former Eagle Lake residents, John Cardenas, Jr. and Carrie Semora, were killed in a car accident in Austin on April 10. Another occupant, Matthew Martinez, of Austin, died in the accident as well.

Barry Shepard took over as the new director of Eagle Lake Funeral Home on April 1.

LCRA announced plans for informational meetings regarding a plan to harvest water from the Colorado River to be stored in a facility or facilities to be built and then piped to San Antonio. Several sites for storage facilities have been targeted in Colorado County and LCRA would be able to use eminent domain to get the necessary land. They said that

they would strongly prefer to have willing sellers and would work with property owners throughout the entire process. There are several other potential sites between Colorado County and Matagorda Bay. LCRA has stressed that the plan is still in a study phase that will not be completed for a few more years. Construction likely would not begin before 2010 if the plan progresses.

May
A \$15.7 million bond election failed by only 36 votes, 398-434, on May 13. Voters in Garwood voted 203 to 46 against the bond election that would have provided funds for a new high school. The existing high school would have been renovated to house a new junior high to serve the entire district. The school wanted to consolidate the junior highs with the high school in order to save some money on costs as well as being able to provide more opportunities for all junior high students.

Vivian Spanihel was re-elected to the school board while newcomers N. Clark Peterson and Wayne Bowen will be new to the board.

Cunneisha Foster won the silver medal in the triple jump at the state track meet. Luke Shimek won a bronze medal in the 110-meter hurdles at the state meet.

Eagle Lake resident Teresa Ann Wornat was killed in a one-vehicle accident on May 17. Her SUV crashed through a fence at the end of the "T" intersection at FM 3013 and FM 1093.

The ceiling in the district courtroom in Columbus collapsed.

No one was in the room when the roof fell in and there was no immediate indication as to what caused the collapse.

A vehicle crashed into the living room of a home in the 900 Block of Burns after failing to stop at the end of Melody Lane where it intersects with Burns. The diver of the vehicle fled the scene, but was located a short time later and after being treated for minor injuries was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor. No one was home at the time the accident occurred.

June
Rice High School held graduation ceremonies on June 1.

Micha Hoelscher was named Most Outstanding Girl Athlete at the annual Rice Sports Banquet. Anthony Johnson and Curtis Williams shared the honor of Best Boy Athlete.

The Eagle Lake Police Department received their new vehicles. The two Ford Explorers can be seen patrolling the streets.

Tax appraisal values have increased about 13 percent county-wide according to the Colorado County Central Appraisal District.

City Council voted to incorporate the New Town Water system into the city's system. New town customers will have to have new meters installed to match the city's system and will also have to pay a \$150 standard deposit.

A group of citizens has formed to officially oppose the LCRA/SAWS water project.

Fireworks Show Dec. 31

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festive music prior to the display," according to organizers, adding, "and we will be doing some practice fireworks shots before the show too. It doesn't cost anything to attend, but folks that arrive early will be treated to a little extra boom for there buck."

All the fireworks are "supposed to go up," according to show officials, adding that viewing is possible from miles away. Those unable to hear the music from the sound system can tune their radios to station 89.9 FM, however, that transmission range is also limited.

The show is open to the public free-of-charge but free-will donations will be accepted. Individuals, businesses and organizations throughout the Eagle Lake com-

munity donate to the project and every penny collected goes directly toward the purchase of the fireworks.

"Everyone involved in the project works on a volunteer basis and always has," organizers insist. "This thing started out as a little family get-together about 10 years ago with less than 50 people attending and two people lighting the fireworks. Now our shows have grown to 40 volunteers and we hear attendance estimates of as many as 1,000 spectators."

Those attending are urged to consider a few suggestions that will help with the overall success of the fireworks show.

"Parking at the event is primarily along a county road and with the recent rains, drivers

should be aware of the possible consequences," show officials warn, adding, "also, there will be lots of kids as well as adults walking or sitting along the roads, so drivers should travel at slow speeds and be very cautious when arriving and leaving the site."

The show starts at 6:30 and will last only 30 minutes, so spectators are strongly urged to remain parked until the show is completely finished to avoid any traffic on the road during the performance. And also, fireworks are strictly prohibited at all times in the parking area.

"Why wait until midnight to celebrate 2007?" organizers ask. "Join us early on Sunday and we'll pretend the clock strikes 12 and give you one of the biggest grand finales this area has ever seen."



Deputy Santa Hands Out Goodies

Pictured with Deputy Santa are Grace and Cody Cardenas. The Deputy Santa Program in Columbus is done every year to help brighten Christmas for children in the community.



Third place in the Garden Club's Christmas Lighting Awards went to the home of Alvin Milligan at 305 Davitt. A full story will follow in next week's Headlight.

Colorado County Deed Records

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, Mary Ann Marik to EBR Properties II LP, 33.3 acres Waco Manufacturing Co. survey, filed

Oct. 12.
Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, Tillie Marik Alford to EBR Properties II LP, 33.3 acres Waco Manufacturing Co. survey, filed Oct. 12.

County Swearing-In Ceremony Scheduled Jan. 3

There will be an official ceremony at the Colorado County Courthouse on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 9 a.m. as the newly elected and re-elected county officials take oaths of office.

Water

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Committee members include:

Vivian Spanihel, Precinct 1; Jim Trickett, Precinct 2; Lonny Daley, Precinct 3; Laura Myres, Precinct 4. David Meisell, city of Columbus; Steve Balas, city of Eagle Lake; James Billeck, city of Weimar.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, Mary Ann Light to EBR Properties II LP, 33.3 acres Waco Manufacturing Co. survey, filed Oct. 12.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, Ju-dith Vecera Rosentreter to EBR Properties II LP, 33.3 acres Waco Manufacturing Co. survey, filed Oct. 12.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, Martha Grierson to EBR Properties II LP, 33.3 acres Waco MFG Co. survey, filed Oct. 12.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, Lil Oppie to EBR Properties II LP, 33.3 acres Waco Manufacturing Co. survey, filed Oct. 12.

Memorandum of Oil and Gas, Ronald Neiman to EBR Properties II LP, var. tracts John H. Standish et al surveys, filed Oct. 12.

Sheridan Collects Ton Of Food

Sheridan Elementary School ended their Holiday Food Drive on Thursday, December 14, breaking last year's record setting amount of 1,898 pounds.

This year the 123 students, members of the faculty, and staff collected 2,329 pounds, over 1 ton, of food.

The Sheridan Student Council also held a Christmas Drawing to raise money to donate to the Colorado County Children's Protective Services. They collected \$172.50. This money will help purchase Christmas presents for the children.

We would like to thank all the business places and the families that helped make our efforts a success.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

From Sheridan Elementary and Jr. High School

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County Extension Office on or before January 10, 2007.

Little Dribblers registration underway

The 2007 Rice Little Dribblers boys and girls Basketball League registration is underway. Registration deadline was set for December 20. Late registration fee is \$15. Fee includes cost of uniform. Eligibility requirements include boys and girls grades 5th through 6th grade. Games will be held on Saturdays, January 20 through February 10 at Rice High School (RHS). Transportation will not be provided. For more information call RHS at 234-3535.



SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

WISHING ALL OF OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND PATRONS EVERY HAPPINESS IN THE YEAR AHEAD. YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND SAFETY MEAN A LOT TO US AND WE URGE YOU TO CELEBRATE WISELY.

PLEASE CELEBRATE RESPONSIBLY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

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