



First place in the Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club's Annual Christmas Lighting Contest is the home of Bill and Judy Walker at 614 Walnut. More winners on page 7.

## Area Christmas Services Slated

Eagle Lake residents will celebrate Christmas with a variety of family and religious services. A number of churches will be holding special services.

Here are some of the observances planned:

**United Methodist of Eagle Lake:**

Christmas Eve Candlelight services will be held at 5 p.m.

**Lehrer Memorial United Methodist Church of Garwood:**

Christmas Eve Candlelight services will be held at 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 30 will host

the singing group "Telestials" from Nashville, TN. At the 9 a.m. worship service.

**Parish of the Nativity of Eagle Lake:**

Monday, December 24 Christmas Vigil at 6 p.m. Midnight Mass at 12 a.m. Tuesday, December 25, Nativity of the Lord at 9 a.m.

New Year, January 1, Holy day of obligation masses: Monday, December 31, Vigil 6 p.m. Tuesday, January 1, 9 a.m. mass.

**The Vine of the Lord:**

Sunday, December 23 at 2 p.m. Monday, December 31 Midnight

service.

**The Shepherd's Way Church:**

Christmas services will be held Sunday, December 23 at 10 a.m. special music- children's play. New Year's Eve services Monday, December 31 at 10 p.m. Praise and worship and testimonies until midnight.

**Christian City Fellowship:**

Family Christmas Eve light service at Christian City Fellowship Monday, December 24 at 7 p.m. Bring your own flashlight. Much love and many blessings this Christmas season from Pastors Rusty and Anne Griffin!

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Early Ad Deadline Notice

The Eagle Lake Headlight will have an early ad deadline notice for the week of Christmas December 27 issue will be 5 p.m. Friday, December 21 and the week of New Year's January 3 issue at 5 p.m. Friday, December 28. No exceptions.

### Alumni meeting tonight

The E.H. Henry Alumni will hold a meeting Thursday, at 6 p.m. at White Cloud Baptist Church.

### GRSBC fried chicken dinner is Dec. 21

The Greater Rising Star Baptist Church (GRSBC) will hold a fried chicken dinner Friday, December 21. The plates are \$6.50 each and will consist of fried chicken green beans coleslaw or potato salad cake and soda. For orders call 979-234-2423 or 979-232-0013. Delivery is available.

### WCUMC to hold garage sale Dec. 22

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church (WCUMC) will hold a garage sale, Saturday, Dec. 22 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1003 Columbus Street in Altair. The sale will benefit the building fund. There will be a variety of items.

### Old Skool Christmas Party is Saturday

Old Skool Organization will hold their 1st Annual Christmas Party, Saturday December 22, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Pre-sale tickets are \$10. For additional information please contact Russell Williams (979)234-2490 or Karl Hurd (979)234-7709. Or email: us at Oldskool2007@sbcglobal.net. Striving to support and broaden our kids' horizons, one child at a time.

### Closing for Christmas, New Years

Colorado County Courthouse will be closed on December 24 and 25 in observance of Christmas and on January 1st in observance of New Year's Day. The City of Eagle Lake will close Tuesday Dec. 25 for Christmas and there will be no trash collection on Tuesday. Tuesday's route will be collected on Wednesday, Wednesday's route will be collected on Thursday. Both Thursday and Friday's route will be collected on Friday. The First National Bank will close at noon Christmas Eve, closed Christmas. They will also be closed New Year's Day. Wallis State Bank will close at 2 p.m. Christmas Eve, closed Christmas. The Eagle Lake Post Office will only be closed Christmas. Wintermann Library will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

### UMC Garwood to host Telestials

The Lehrer Memorial United Methodist Church in Garwood is hosting "The TELESTIALS" during the 9 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 30. The public is invited to experience the remarkable singing talents of this Christian group.

### Living Hope special service on Dec. 24 and 31

Living Hope Church corner of Church Street and North McCarty in Eagle Lake will be having candlelight service and Lord's Supper observance on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24 at 6 p.m. and New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31 at 9 p.m. through midnight, prayer watch to bring in the New Year. For information call Pastors Joe and Mercy Fling at 979-234-5536.

### Fireworks display to be held Dec. 31

Kick off your New Years Eve celebration at the Eagle Lake Fireworks Display Monday, December 31 at 6:30 p.m. on Calhoun Road. For more information call 979-232-0233.

### Youth basketball registration underway

The Quad-City Girls Baby AAU Youth Basketball team is now holding its first open registration. The team is open to 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls within a 50-mile radius of Weimar. The season runs from mid-Feb. through the summer but will not interfere with track, softball or volleyball. Practices start in Feb. and will be held once a week in Weimar. Six girls have already signed up which leaves seven spots on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams and five spots on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams. For more information or to get a registration form, call 979-966-9905.

## Raiders End Season At 13-2; Most Wins In School History

The Rice Raiders most successful season ever came to an end last Friday on a nasty night in Waco. The game was delayed at one point for about 50 minutes midway through the third quarter due to lightning.

The Raiders lost 46-3 to Elysian Fields in the State Semifinals.

Elysian Fields moves on to face Canadian in the Class 2A State Championship this weekend.

The game was the farthest a Raider team had ever gone in the playoffs and the team set a school record with 13 wins this year. The final record for the Raiders is 13-2.

The Raiders had a rough night in the sloppy, drizzly fog at Waco ISD Stadium.

Senior quarterback Taylor Cook was hurt early in the second quarter after being hit low from behind while playing defense on a two-point conversion attempt by Elysian Fields.

Junior receiver Marquis Toliver was also injured about halfway through the first quarter after landing on his arm following an incomplete pass.

The sloppy, wet conditions combined with injuries translated into turnovers in the form of fumbles for the Raiders. The Raiders lost four fumbles on the night, including two that were returned for touchdowns.

A third was also returned for a touchdown, but an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for an illegal hit by Elysian Fields brought that one back.

The Raiders had a tough time offensively in the game, managing only 116 yards, 55 rushing and 61 passing with 48 yards coming from a pass from backup quarterback J.J. Reggins to Mario Hull at the beginning of the fourth quarter.

That play set the Raiders off for their only score of the game when Luis Samaniego hit a 26-yard field goal.

Elysian Fields, meanwhile, racked-up 354 yards on the ground and completed 4-6 passes for 58 yards.

Officials cleared the field following a lightning flash just after Elysian Fields scored on a 47-yard run to take a 37-0 lead. The game resumed about 50 minutes later with the extra point by Elysian Fields. Officials are required to wait 30 minutes from the last lightning strike recorded on a meter before bringing the teams

back on the field.

Elysian Fields opened the scoring in the game after picking off a Raider pass and returning it to the 12 yard line. They needed only one play for the touchdown.

After a Raider punt, Elysian Fields took the ball 68 yards in just five plays for their next score. Fifty-two of them came in one shot on a run to the Raider five.

Rice was forced to punt again with their next possession and Elysian Fields responded with a 15-play, 76-yards touchdown drive. They ran the ball on every down.

This gave them a 19-0 lead with 7:04 left in the first half.

Elysian Fields got the ball right back after a Raider fumble on the next drive.

Elysian Fields drove to the

Raider 30, but the Raider defense stopped a fourth down try.

The Raiders went three-and-out and had to punt back to Elysian Fields with about two minutes on the clock.

They drove 59 yards and scored on the last play of the half with a pass on fourth and goal from the four. They took a 25-point lead into the half.

The Raiders got the ball to start the second half, but a fumble was returned for a touchdown by Elysian Fields to give them a 31-0 lead and they never looked back.

Elysian Fields scored two more touchdowns before the Raiders broke the shutout with the field goal to make the score 46-3 with about 10 minutes left in

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Mario Hull hauls in a great one-handed catch to set up a Rice field goal in last Friday's semifinal game against Elysian Fields in Waco.



## Fire Department Gets New Brush / Grass Truck

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department recently took delivery of a new grass / brush fire truck from Wildfire Manufacturing. The truck was purchased with monies received through grants. The Wintermann Foundation supplied the majority of the funds needed to purchase this truck. No taxpayer money was used in the acquisition of this new truck. Pictured front row from left to right: Chad Sunderman, Captain; Buddy Mascheck; Chuck Stephens; Alex Ramirez; Howard Wilkerson, Chief; Steve Balas, Wintermann Foundation; Donald Bendy, Wintermann Foundation; Judi Johnson, Wintermann Foundation; Jack Johnson, Wintermann Foundation. Second row from left to right: Greg Contreras, Lieutenant; Garrett Flores; Kurt Sunderman, Captain. Top row from left to right: Billy Cook, Lieutenant; Darrell Stancik, 2nd Asst. Chief.