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The Eagle Lake Junior High sixth graders perform during the annual Christmas Band Concert held at the Junior High Tuesday, December 18.

## Fireworks Slated To Ring In New Year

The thundering roar and the dazzling flashes of color will once again fill the skies over Eagle Lake at the New Year's Eve Fireworks Display to be held this Monday, Dec. 31 starting at 6:30 p.m.

The annual celebration is open to the public at no cost and will be held at the traditional location on Calhoun Road just outside the city limits. Spectators can get to the show by taking Hwy. 90A to the west side of Eagle Lake and turning south on Calhoun Road near the Brookshire Brothers grocery store. Parking will be available along both sides of the road.

The fireworks will be visible

from just about any location in the area and music will also accompany the display, weather permitting. Spectators unable to hear the sound system can tune their car radios to 89.9 FM.

The show will last 32 minutes and everyone is encouraged to arrive early to avoid any distractions when the action gets started. The fireworks display is scheduled to begin with a big bang and end with a spectacular grand finale so make your plans now to "Ring in the New Year" with a blast this Monday night in Eagle Lake. For more information call 979-232-0233.

## New Year's Church Services Listed

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

Here are some of the observances planned:

Lehrer Memorial United Methodist Church of Garwood: 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: 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: Monday, December 31 Mid-night service.

The Shepherd's Way Church: New Year's Eve services Monday, December 31 at 10 p.m. praise and worship and testimonies until midnight.

## Headlight Reviews The Top Stories Of 2007

### January

A special planning committee exploring the possibility of proposing an election for a groundwater district in Colorado County will hold public meetings in Eagle Lake and Weimar to get input.

With a change in congressional district boundaries Eagle Lake welcomed Lloyd Doggett as its new congressional delegate.

"While I may be new to some in Colorado County, I am no stranger to public service. I have served as a Texas State Senator, a Texas Supreme Court Justice, and since 1994, as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives," said Doggett.

Plans by the American Pure-Tex Water Corp. for a bottled water plant in Colorado County

north of Eagle Lake appear to be on hold for the time being.

In the fall, company officials said that they planned to break ground on the 440,000 square foot facility in January.

A wrong turn ended up with a Colorado County man and his wife stranded in a pasture near Rock Island for more than 12 hours before they were finally rescued Friday, Jan. 12.

The strange incident happened about 11 p.m. Thursday when Roman Ortiz and his wife Rebecca, who live south of Rock Island, were returning home.

Ortiz took a wrong turn and his pickup truck got bogged down in a pasture near County Road 118 and U.S. 90A.

Colorado County commis-

sioners, meeting Monday, unanimously approved a resolution in support of creation of a proposed groundwater conservation district.

The action came after the board received a report recommending a district from a special committee the commissioners had appointed in December.

### February

The Eagle Lake city council

voted to condemn 24 properties following a public hearing on Jan. 23.

The action came after hearing from several property owners.

Several individuals expressed the desire to fix up their properties and asked if this was possible.

City Manager Ron Holland said that the city preferred that owners repair their properties

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Early Ad Deadline Notice

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

### Raiders to host basketball tournament

The Rice Raider boys and girls basketball teams will host a basketball tournament on Dec. 28 and 29. The public is invited to come out and watch some great basketball action. See page 7 for the schedule of games to be played.

### Closing for Christmas, New Years

Colorado County Courthouse will be closed on January 1st in observance of New Year's Day. The City of Eagle Lake will close Tuesday Jan. 1 for New Year's 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 be closed New Year's Day. Wallis State Bank will close at 2 p.m. New Year's Eve.

### 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. 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 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 Year's 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.

### Senior citizen's dance is Jan. 4

The first Senior Citizen's Dance of 2008 will be held Jan. 4 at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The Rabbs Creek Band will provide the music.

### 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.

### Study Club to have meeting January 9

The Eagle Lake Study Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 9 at 2 p.m. at the Eula and David Wintermann Library. Mary Agnes Grissom will be the guest speaker.



## Fire Department Receives LCRA Grant

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department recently received a \$25,000 Community Development Partnership grant from the Lower Colorado River Authority to help pay for a new grass and brush fire truck. Combined with a grant from the Wintermann Foundation, the truck comes at no cost to the taxpayers of Eagle Lake. Pictured above, from left, are: ELVFD Capt. Chad Sunder-

mann, Marion Balke, Public Affairs for LCRA; Firefighter Alex Ramirez, Steve Balas, LCRA Board Member Colorado County; ELVFD Lt. Greg Contreras, ELVFD Capt. Tim Jones, ELVFD Lt. Sam Castro. The firefighters in the picture are also LCRA Employees.



Pictured above is an upturned car that flipped on FM 102 about a mile south of the intersection with CR 950 on Friday afternoon around 5:00 p.m. Initial indications were that the vehicle left the roadway into the ditch and jumped a culvert before flipping. The driver was airlifted to Houston by helicopter, but was reportedly alert and communicating.