

Hlavinka To Buy Ellison Motors

Hlavinka Equipment Company has agreed to purchase the assets of Ellison Motors in East Bernard. Hlavinka, with main offices in East Bernard, currently operates seven farm and construction equipment dealerships throughout Southeast Texas and the Texas Gulf Coast.

This Chevrolet dealership will augment the company's offerings for current customers and expand its presence in the rapidly growing consumer market. Chevrolet is the number one retailer of autos and trucks in the United States.

For Hlavinka, this acquisition complements its other leading brands, which include Case-IH, Terex, and Kubota. The Hlavinka family has previous experience in the motor vehicle business dating back to 1939 with its International Harvester heritage.

As recently as the 1990's, the company participated as an investor in this same Chevrolet dealership. "At that time, we were simply interested in preserving

the dealership for the sake of the community and this premise still applies," according to Terry Hlavinka, vice president of the company. "We believe now, however, that this acquisition meets our strategic plans of becoming more fully integrated. Our present business structure and distribution model provide synergies that offer competitive advantages in this challenging industry."

The new company will be operated as a subsidiary of Hlavinka Equipment Co. Dusty Leopold, a lifetime resident of Colorado County, has been appointed General Manager.

He has been recently involved in many aspects of sales and management with the Lawrence Marshall group of dealerships in Hempstead. Hlavinka family members and other key personnel will also be active in daily operations.

"We all recognize the financial difficulties facing local consumers," said Dusty Leopold. "We

will maintain an efficient business and pass these savings to our customers. Ellison Motors has been committed to providing outstanding customer service and this effort can never be compromised. We will encourage more customers to share this experience with our new and aggressive approach for pricing autos, parts, and service."

Kringle Cash Winners Announced For Week 2

Two people have won prizes of \$25 gift certificates for the holiday season this week's "Kris Kringle Cash Giveaway."

The lucky winners were Kimberly Garner of Eagle Lake and Jonny Kempf of Austin. Garner chose to use her winnings at Eagle Lake Nails and Kempf will use his at Austin's BBQ.

Their names were drawn from a number of entries that listed the correct number of Christmas

This transaction is subject to final acceptance by General Motors. Pending such approval, Hlavinka will assume total management of the business and expects to finalize these agreements in 1Q09.

For more information, contact Terry Hlavinka at 979-335-7528 or terry.hlavinka@hlavinka.com (www.hlavinka.com).

symbols (16) appearing in the Headlight last week.

A different Christmas symbol will appear each week for the next three weeks through Dec. 18 in advertisements throughout the Headlight.

This week's entry form is printed on Page 2.

Simply count the number of symbols appearing in advertisements in the entire paper for the week, fill out the form and submit it by the deadline.

Deadline for the week is 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 8.

Every entry that has the correct number of symbols counted will be entered in the drawing.

Two entries will be drawn each week, and the winners will be awarded a \$25 check or certificate made out to the business specified on their form.

Contestants may only specify a business that has an ad appearing in the edition for which they are entering the contest.

Only one entry per person will be accepted.

Employees of the Headlight and their immediate families are not eligible.

Dec. 13 Parade Plans Underway

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Hunting Expo where we greeted potential visitors of Eagle Lake and handed out literature from our members. Also our members' information appeared as a full two page ad in the Colorado County Fair Guide this year. A \$500.00 scholarship was given to graduating senior Victoria Alvarado this year. The Chamber office is open Tuesday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please feel free to stop by and say hello. The night of the parade we will have the Chamber office open for a bake sale and hot chocolate. Please stop by to warm up with some of our goodies.

The children of Eagle Lake will be making decorations that usually adorn our tree on the square. This year they will be placed in our Chamber office, safe from the weather, for everyone to view.

Thank you to all the children for their hard work on these beautiful ornaments.

This year's parade will be held Saturday, December 13 and is going to be bigger and better than ever.

Individuals, businesses, schools, service organizations, a group of friends, etc. can have a float, walk or march in the parade. This can be fun for all!

Entry forms must be returned to the Chamber of Commerce, 303 East Main, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434 or faxed to 234-2780 by Wednesday, December 10. Placement in the parade is on a first-come, first serve basis. A parade route map, the line-up and all other pertinent information will be forwarded to participants soon after the December 10. Don't miss

out! Brighten your holiday season by being a part of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Traditional Parade of Lights.

Please do not try to enter Beaks Avenue from Hwy 90 (Main St) as this street will be closed to oncoming traffic.

Parade entry and vendor forms may be downloaded from our website at www.VisitEagleLake.com or they may be picked up at the Chamber office. You can also give us a call and we can mail, fax or email to you.

Thank You.
Barbara Class
President
Eagle Lake Chamber
of Commerce

Dr. Thomas

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Dr. Raymond Russell Thomas, Jr. is currently serving as chairman of board of directors for the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). The ACCME's mission is the identification, development, and promotion of standards for quality continuing medical education utilized by physicians in their maintenance of competence and incorporation of new knowledge to improve quality medical care for patients and their communities. The ACCME fulfills its mission through a voluntary self-regulated system for accrediting CME providers and a peer-review process responsive to changes in medical education and the health care delivery system.

Dr. Thomas' practice includes sports medicine, obstetrics, and family medicine at Rice Medical Associates - Eagle Lake. Congratulations Dr. Thomas!



Kimberly Garner

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ORAL PIERCING

The American Dental Association recognizes that body piercing is a widely accepted form of self-expression, and that includes piercings in the mouth. The potential problems are numerous and include pain, swelling, infection, drooling, taste loss, speech difficulty, scarring, chipped teeth, and tooth loss, none of which are particularly pleasant. Tongue piercings can also cause excessive bleeding. Most dentists discourage oral piercing because of these risks.

Regulations vary in each state, so be careful if you decide to get any kind of piercing. To avoid serious infections such as HIV or Hepatitis, make sure new needles are used in the piercing procedure. Instruments should be sterilized in an autoclave, which uses extreme heat to sanitize instruments. If the person performing the piercing is not prepared to answer your questions in a clear, professional manner, go somewhere else.

If you're thinking of having some sort of piercing in or around your mouth, talk to your dentist first. He just might convince you that a healthy smile is what might impress your friends the most.

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NEWSBRIEFS

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Life" blood drive Thursday, December 11 from 2-7 p.m. The donor coach will be located on the hospital visitor's parking lot. During the holiday season, there is usually a short supply of blood. Let's all get out and do our good deed for 2008 by donating a unit of blood. Someday you may be in the need for blood and it would be reassuring to know that someone else has taken time to donate blood. For an appointment call Barbara Pidgeon at 979-234-5571, ext. 5236. Walk-ins welcome. May each of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Festival of Carols Dec. 7 and 14

Columbus Community Choir presents Festival of Carols. Three performances Sunday, December 7 at 4 p.m. St. Mary's Church in Nada and Sunday December 14 at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Columbus.

Chamber "Parade of Lights" is Dec. 13

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual traditional Christmas "Parade of Lights" parade on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 6:45 p.m. Lineup starts at 5 p.m.; judging from 6-6:30. Submit your entry form by Wednesday, Dec. 10. Refreshments will be sold. For more information or to have an entry form mailed, faxed or emailed to you call the chamber at 979-234-2780 (8:30-noon) or email: chamber@elc.net.

The Eagle Lake Christmas

"Traditional Christmas Parade of Lights"

Sponsored by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, Inc.
Visitor's Bureau and Office of Economic Development

Saturday, December 13, 2008

Please submit your entry by: **Wednesday, December 10, 2008**

Lineup: 5:00 pm-6:00pm Judging: 6:00pm- 6:30 pm Parade Starts: 6:45 pm

The Chamber Office will open at 5:00pm to sell baked goods, hot coco & light-up necklaces!

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 of entry to be read at parade. (please use separate sheet if necessary).

(There is not an entry fee, but donations to offset parade expenses are graciously accepted.)

The Line will begin on State Street at the corner of Beaks Street.
Please use State Street to arrive at Wintermann Warehouse and proceed immediately to the check-in point for your line-up packet.
Please do not enter or park on Beaks Street.

Rules:

- Entry must have lights & own power source.
- Throwing Candy IS NOT permitted.
- The E.L. Chamber of Commerce will provide Santa Claus.
- No other live Santa will be permitted.
- No honking of horns and/or sirens during parade

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Best Overall
Best Theme
Best Usage of Lights
Best Commercial
Best Non-Profit
Best Religious
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Eagle Lake, Texas 77434

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