

# Kris Kringle Christmas Cash is Back

Warm your pockets with a little extra cash this holiday season by entering The Eagle Lake Headlight's Kris Kringle Christmas

Cash Giveaway Contest. The contest is underway and each week lucky readers can win \$50 a week for their holiday

shopping. Each week a special Christmas symbol will be placed in advertisements throughout the

newspaper. Simply count the number of times the symbol appears, and send in your answer to the Headlight. Entry form on page 2.

All correct entries, submitted by the deadline, will be eligible for a weekly drawing.

Two entries will be drawn each week and the winners will be awarded a \$25 check or gift certificate made out to the business that has an ad appearing in the edition for which they are entering the contest.

Only one entry per person will be accepted.

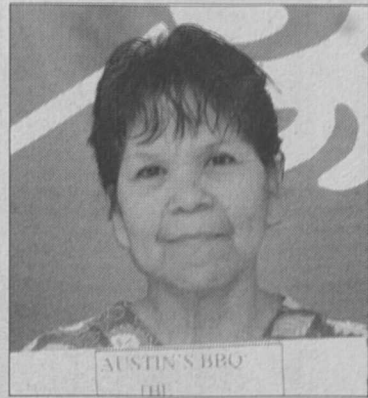
Employees of The Headlight and their immediate families are not eligible.

So join in the fun and let the Headlight help you do some Christmas shopping!

Winners from the first week were Janie Sosa and Aristeia Underwood, both of Eagle Lake. They will both use their winnings at Austin's BBQ.



Aristeia Underwood



Janie Sosa

## TxDOT Gives Holiday Shopping Warning

During the holiday season, Santa may not be the only one watching you.

Car thieves may be watching you and your car, especially if it is filled with holiday gifts and other valuables left in plain sight.

Consumers need to be aware that the holidays are a prime time for thieves to strike.

Every 2 1/2 minutes in Texas, another vehicle is broken into and the contents stolen.

In 2008, thieves committed 259,705 burglary of motor vehicle

offenses, including motor vehicle parts, accounting for an economic loss totaling over \$184,000,000 in Texas.

"The holidays should be filled with happiness, spending time with family and friends and shopping for that perfect gift, not worrying about car thieves," said Charles Caldwell, director of the Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority.

"During the busy holiday shopping season, shoppers may overlook common sense precautions,

especially when dealing with crowded parking lots and rushing from store to store."

This holiday season hundreds of law enforcement task force representatives, funded by the Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA), will be out in their communities, reminding Texans that where they are, car thieves are so they need to take better safety measures to secure their valuables.

"There are a few easy steps that can help make sure your holiday gifts wind up in the right hands," said Caldwell.

"In addition to parking in well lit areas, you need to hide your gifts, lock your car, and take your keys."

## Farm Loan Information

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by Drought, Above Normal Temperatures and Associated Wildfires on Jan. 1, 2009 and continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Bellville, Farm Loan Manager Tim Respondek said on Nov. 18.

Colorado County is one of 69 in Texas recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture, eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and/or physical losses resulting from the Drought, Above Normal Temperatures and Associated Wildfires on Jan. 1 and continuing.

Mr. Respondek said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less.

For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Mr. Respondek said.

Farmers participating in the Federal Crop insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until July 2, 2010, but farmers should apply as soon as possible.

"Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," Mr. Respondek said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living.

Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U. S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U. S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Bellville is open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## EAGLE LAKE WEATHER REPORT

Information Courtesy of Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Experiment Station, Eagle Lake

| Date          | Temp (H/L) | Rainfall(in.) |
|---------------|------------|---------------|
| Mon. 11-16-09 | 61/39      | 0.00          |
| Tue. 11-17-09 | 63/38      | 0.00          |
| Wed. 11-18-09 | 73/41      | 0.00          |
| Thu. 11-19-09 | 76/50      | 0.41          |
| Fri. 11-20-09 | n/o        | 0.00          |
| Sat. 11-21-09 | 64/45      | 0.84          |
| Sun. 11-22-09 | 69/47      | 0.00          |

## Fri, Saturday & Sun December 4-5-6, 2009

23rd Annual

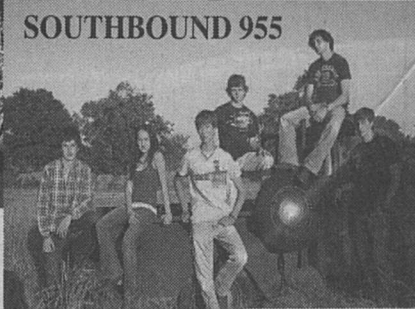
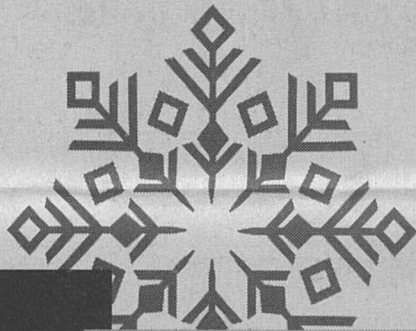


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Countryside Inn 979-885-7407  
Super 8 979-885-2121

Don't miss  
the main events  
on Saturday!

Kid's Fantasy, Lighted Parade, Snowfall, Arts & Crafts Booths, sanctioned BBQ Cook-off, 5K Fun Run, Softball Tournament, and FREE Street Dance Friday night featuring Southbound 955 at B&PW Park  
For a schedule of events, visit:

[www.sealycommunityfoundation.org](http://www.sealycommunityfoundation.org)



## NEWSBRIEFS

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5. Please pick up at any area Nada/Garwood business, or call (979) 758-3791. Deadline to enter is December 1. Any and all entries will be accepted!

### Chamber Christmas mall Dec. 12

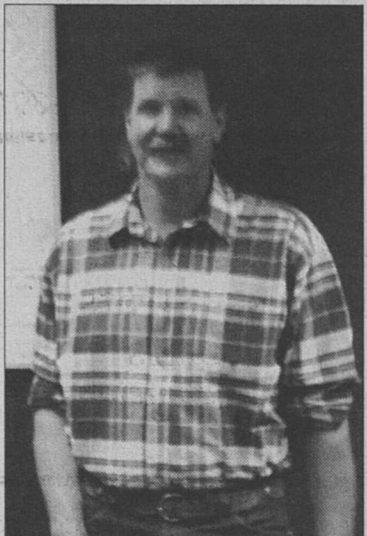
The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce presents Eagle Lake Parade of Lights and Christmas Mall, Sat., Dec. 12. The Christmas Mall will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Chamber building, 303 Main St. Stop by and check out the food, drinks, crafts, jewelry and gifts. Community sing-a-long throughout the day. The parade starts at 6:45 with judging at 5:30 p.m. Entry forms for the parade, mall or sing-a-long may be found by visiting: [www.visiteaglelake.com](http://www.visiteaglelake.com) or by calling 979-234-2780. Entry forms due by Dec. 1.

### Blood drive set for Dec. 12

Start saving your blood...We are having a blood drive! 'Tis the season of giving and Eagle Lake is replenishing the blood bank that has generously given blood to area residents. The drive will be held Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. outside the Chamber Office, 303 Main St. The drive will benefit Steven Meinecke and other area residents that have needed blood this year.

### Class 2010 Reunion plan underway

Plans are underway for our next Eagle Lake High School All Class Reunion in 2010. The scheduled date is October 8-10, 2010. Most events scheduled will be very similar to previous years. All classes are responsible for their respective Friday night get-togethers, parade down Main Street on Saturday morning at 10 a.m., visitation at community center with teachers and friends Saturday, and a dinner and dance on Saturday night. More information will be mailed to class members in the Spring 2010. If anyone has questions or suggestions, please contact Sidney Struss, Class of 1968 at 234-2020.



Daryl Pieprzyca was recently sworn in to the Rice School District Board of Trustees. He was unopposed for election to a place on the board vacated by Betty Schiurring.

### Columbus Livestock Co.

Brad & Tana Hauerland, Owners  
979-732-2622

Sale Every Thursday  
10:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19  
No Sale - Thursday, Nov. 26

Happy Thanksgiving  
CATTLE ON HAND - 2151  
HORSES-0 GOATS-0 DONKEY-0  
# OF SELLERS - 259

#### PACKER COWS

Higher dressing utility & cutter cows 38-48  
Lower dressing utility & cutter cows 30-40  
Thin Cows 22-32

#### PACKER BULLS

Heavyweight bulls 48-58  
Utility cutter bulls 44-48

#### STEERS

|             | #1      | #2     |
|-------------|---------|--------|
| 150-300 lbs | 110-137 | 86-110 |
| 300-400 lbs | 110-135 | 94-109 |
| 400-500 lbs | 102-121 | 88-102 |
| 500-600 lbs | 96-109  | 86-94  |
| 600-700 lbs | 82-93   | 70-80  |
| 700-800 lbs | 74-84   | 64-74  |

#### HEIFERS

|             | #1     | #2     |
|-------------|--------|--------|
| 150-300 lbs | 94-122 | 87-99  |
| 300-400 lbs | 92-122 | 83-103 |
| 400-500 lbs | 90-110 | 85-94  |
| 500-600 lbs | 88-120 | 80-96  |
| 600-700 lbs | 75-88  | 62-79  |
| 700-800 lbs | 68-75  | 58-67  |

#### STOCKER COWS

|                               | Good Stocker Cow/ |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Calf Pairs                    | 800-950           |
| Medium Cow/calf Pairs         | 600-800           |
| Common Cow/calf Pairs         | 500-650           |
| Good Stocker Cows & Heifers   | 600-850           |
| Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers | 400-600           |

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