

1996

and Jill Satsky, first chair, contra-bass clarinet.

FEBRUARY

•The Rice CISD Western Art Show, held in conjunction with the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, produced two gold medal winners. Alicia Roberts, 5th grade; and Ahlida Garcia, 6th grade; both received gold medals. Both attend Sheridan School. Dustin Meyer, a 6th grader at ELMS, won Best of Show.

•Eagle Lake Police Chief Keith Webb won two first places at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo photography competition.

•Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo photography competition, elementary/jr. high division, selected Cathy Fearing's photo for first place. She is the 11-year-old daughter of Publisher Jeannine Fearing.

•Dr. R. Russell Thomas Jr. of Eagle Lake has been recertified as a Diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice, the certifying entity of the family practice specialty.

•Shea McClanahan, a freshman at Baylor University was named to the Dean's Academic Honor List.

•The City started demolishing and removing over 20 structures.

•Two burglary suspects were arrested, Roberto and Pedro Hernandez, after being held by two out-of-town goose hunters, Robert Lee Wammack Jr. of La Vernia and Kevin B. McDermott of San Antonio, until law enforcement officers could arrive.

•Pauline (Polly) Hendler, MSN, RN, FNP, joined the Eagle Lake Med-

ical Clinic as a nurse practitioner.

•The Texas Corn Producers Board sponsored the 1996 4-H/FFA Photo Contest and Rice High School's Annual Staff Photographer, Dana Leopold, received first place.

•Joan Seaholm, Mrs. Greenville County International 1996, will represent Greenville County in the 1996 Mrs. S. Carolina International Pageant. Joan is the wife of Dr. Gardner "Bud" Seaholm an Eagle Lake native.

•St. Mary's Catholic School announced that the National Catholic Education Assoc. has named Bishop Bernard F. Popp, D.D., a 1995-96 NCEA Catholic Elementary School Distinguished Graduate. He graduated from St. Mary's in 1932.

•Steve Balas of Eagle Lake and Brad Engstrom of Garwood were named to the board of directors of the Texas Rice Council.

•The freshman class of 1996-97 at Rice High School who will graduate in the year 2000 will be required to have 24 credits in lieu of the present 21, was approved by the Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees.

•Gary from Tire USA became a certified Master Service Technician of Briggs & Stratton equipment.

•Video endoscopy, the ability to view the gastrointestinal tract on a television-type screen, has come to Rice District Community Hospital.

•Eula and David Wintermann were honored by Ducks Unlimited and Texas Parks and Wildlife during the dedication of the Wintermann

Wildlife Management area just outside Eagle Lake.

•The Colorado County Go Texan Champion team penners competed against 61 other Go Texan counties and was runner-up with a run of 41 seconds. Team members Monroe "Rip" Ripper, Al Schindler, Stephen Spanihel and alternate Garrett Schindler, all of Eagle Lake.

•Tim Hughes, M.D. joined Rice District Community Hospital to see patients with urological problems.

•Due to drought conditions, Colorado County Commissioners joined two other counties in the area declaring a state of disaster due to the imminent threat of wildfire and prohibition of outdoor burning.

MARCH

•What a great job Rice students did in the Commercial Steer competition. Jenny Hajovsky took first place; Clint Krenk came in fourth; and Amy Obenhaus was "Rookie of the Year".

•David Starks of Eagle Lake was named "Employee of the Month" at Bellville Tube Corp.

•Curtis and Kathryn Eiland of Belton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

•Eagle Lake welcomes Lucy, Jerry and Ann Capps who recently moved here from Houston.

•Eddy Raven entertained Friday, March 22, in conjunction with the Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival.

•The Eagle Lake Columbus Club (Eagle Lake KC Hall) ceased operations as of March 31, 1996.

•Two people were killed and four injured in a head-on collision March 3. Killed in the accident were 36-year-old Olga Mendoza and 73-year-old Timteo Mendoza. Injured in the accident were passengers in the Mendoza car: Timteo Mendoza Jr., 37 years of age; Bret Mendoza, 12; Olga Mendoza, seven; and Herbert Antrich, 51 years of age, driver of the second vehicle. The 12- and seven-year-old were Lifelighted to Hermann Hospital.

•The first Rice High School golf tournament was held March 4 at the Eagle Lake Golf course. Winning first place was the Rice A team with a score of 330. Members of the team were Rossi Lujan, Jonathan Pope, Timothy Powers, Coy Sunderman and Brandon Mathis.

•The Raider track teams traveled to Yoakum March 2 to compete in the Tom-Tom Relays. The JV girls scored 109 points to come in first place.

•Regional powerlifting qualifiers traveled to Corpus Christi to compete in the Region Five Championships on March 9. Lifters were Jared Vawter, Leon Taylor-Davis, Lance Grigar and Horace Hodges. Vawter qualified for the state meet. He received a medal for his second place finish and a plaque for being the outstanding squatter in the 114-165 lb. weight class.

•Laura Mathys, STEP employee at Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake since 1991, was recognized, along with thousands of other Texans who offer employers the experience and wisdom of a lifetime of hard work and dedication.

•Eagle Lake's current mayor, Robert L. "Robby" Cook, came out on top of the three-way race for State Representative, District 28, in the Democratic Primary. He walked away with 64.73% of the 12,522 votes cast in the four-county district.

•Colorado County Commissioners' Court accepted a proposal from Esmor Correctional Inc. to manage, build and operate a regional boot camp/residential postadjudication facility near Eagle Lake.

•The 1996 All-District basketball girls teams for 23-3A included Naketra Johnson from Rice being named to the second team.

•The 1996 Junior Commercial Steer competition was entered by 140 students. Out of the 140, 12 finalists were chosen. Jenny Hajovsky and Clint Krenk, members of Rice FFA, were among the 12 who were then required to complete a second interview. Jenny took the top prize of a new Dodge pickup and \$1,000 in cash. Clint won fourth place and was awarded a computer and \$250 in cash.

•The Eagle Lake Police Department received a grant from LCRA's Community Development Partnership Program in the amount of \$15,184 for a computer program.

•The City lost a well-known lawyer and community leader with the death of Willard Warren "Bill" Shuart. He passed away March 13, 1996, at the age of 54.

•Richard LaCourse, deputy with the Colorado County Sheriff's Department, was selected as "Officer of the Year" by the Colorado County Law Enforcement Agency. Others nominated were Clem Johnson of the Eagle Lake Police Department; Earl Jones, Weimar Police Department; and Danny Jackson, Columbus Police Department.

APRIL

•A new ear-nose-throat doctor will be doing consults in Eagle Lake. Charles Stiemberg, M.D., FACS, began seeing patients in April at the Eagle Lake Medical Clinic.

•Boys named to the 1996 23-3A All-District basketball team from Rice were, James Eaton, second team; Brandon Mathis, honorable mention; and Josh Godley, honorable mention.

•Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Haynes celebrated their 50th anniversary.

•Named to the 1996 All-Academic basketball team were: Brandon Mathis; Willie Cleveland; Byron Black; and Garrett Hagendorf.

•Three miles east of Altair on US 90-A, there was a five-car pile-up on April 1, caused by failure to control speed by two of the drivers. Seven people being taken to the hospital.

•Eagle Lake Implement Co. Inc. and East Bernard Implement Inc. were purchased by Lloyd, Jim and Chris Shoppa, owners of Shoppa's Farm Supply in El Campo and Matagorda Tractor of Bay City.

•Garwood Principal Frank Middleton was named principal of the Eagle Lake Primary School.

•Colorado County Commissioners' Court named Dr. R. Russell Thomas Jr. of Eagle Lake as the County's EMS director.

•Rev. and Mrs. J. Warnken celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 28. Mrs. Warnken is the former Helen Reese of Eagle Lake.

•Charlene Konesheck was named Beta Sigma Phi's Lady of the Year.

•On April 17, the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for the owners of Café on Main, Mike and Sherri Gould.

MAY

•Steve Norwood, M.D., orthopedic surgeon with Hill Country Sports Medicine of San Marcos, began holding clinics at Rice District Community Hospital.

•Kevin Dogins, a graduate of Rice High School, signed as a free agent with the Dallas Cowboys.

•The grand opening of the Dollar General Store (across the street from Dairy Delite) occurred on May 2.

•Samantha Denley, granddaughter of Jennie B. Hemphill of Eagle Lake, won the girls 300-meter low hurdles in the Region III-5A at the U. of H's Robertson Stadium.

•Dr. G.A. "Bud" Seaholm was presented with the "WCJC Distinguished Alumnus Award".

•The 1996 Most Outstanding Senior Boy Athlete was awarded to Brandon Mathis; Most Outstanding Senior Girl Athlete went to Rebecca Burrow.

•Deon Andre Williams, formerly of Eagle Lake, earned his bachelor of science in education, majoring in kinesiology.

•Lee and Debbie Politsch returned to Eagle Lake. Lee to teach freshman English at Rice High School, and Debbie was seeking a position in early childhood development.

•Rebecca Burrow was named valedictorian of the Rice High School class of 1996 and Jill Satsky was designated the Salutatorian.

•A new addition to the staff at Rice District Community Hospital is urologist Ned Stein, M.D., F.A.C.S.

•Named to the 23-3A All-District Academic baseball team were: Tim

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Powers, Brandon Mathis, Michael Wiese, Byron Black, Lance Grigar, Christian Cordova and Kyle Fink.

•Chosen as Outstanding Woman at the 1996 Colorado County Older Texan Fair was Helen Berger. Outstanding Man went to Joe Lee McCrea of Eagle Lake.

•David Mann assumed the position of mayor of Eagle Lake at the May 14 meeting of the Eagle Lake City Council after being administered the oath of office by out-going Mayor Robby Cook.

•Mayor David Mann administered the oath of office to newly-elected Councilmen Bill Kell and Michael Cooper and incumbent Barbara Pidgeon on May 14.

•Councilwoman René Cooper-Scott was appointed Mayor Pro-Tem.

•Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zahradnick of Eagle Lake celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 10.

•Two couples celebrated their 60th wedding anniversaries; both were married on May 24, 1936. Jonie May and Louis Muzny were married in Weimar and Lucille and Henry Kretzchmar were married in Sealy. Both couples live in Eagle Lake and are friends.

JUNE

•Dale Hentzell, son of Denis and Kitty Hentzell of Eagle Lake, was named a U.S. National Award winner in leadership and English by the U.S. Achievement Academy.

•Ludwig and Julia Zbrank celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were wed June 11, 1946.

•Rev. Barry Bauerschlag and his wife, Donna, began their pastorate on June 16 at the United Methodist Church.

•Video Etc. has a new owner, Wanda Rosario, and is now located at 706 S. McCarty.

•The Colorado County Ag Complex Foundation purchased 75 acres for a multi-use Ag Complex and a home for the County Fair.

•Colorado County Habitat for Humanity received its first land; a donation from Revitalize Eagle Lake Inc.

Production

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came from 162,574 oil and 49,572 gas wells.

The number of permits issued in Nov. 1996 (11,618) is up from the 10,325 recorded during Nov. 1995.

Total well completions for year-to-date 1996 is 7,927, up from the 7,775 recorded during the same period in 1995.

Police

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Officers Crume and Wood were dispatched to N. Lake in reference to an assault.

After meeting with the complainant, the suspect, Reyes Martinez, was arrested at the scene for assault family violence and resisting arrest, processed at the police station then transported to CCDC for confinement.

Officer Brian Baklik was dispatched to Milan Street in reference to criminal mischief. A report was filed. The case is under investigation.

Officer Baklik was requested to stand by while a subject got his clothes. No police action was necessary.

About Town...

•Dean Venghaus, Colorado County Farm Bureau President for 1997, attended a President's Orientation at the Texas Farm Bureau office in Waco on Dec. 16.

•Cody Risk and Amber Lancaster enjoyed a nice, long visit from the "Granny", Ruby Dubois from the Huntsville area. Ruby is the grandmother of their dad, Carl Risk.

•Amy and Cathy Fearing and their mom are home after a quick trip for Christmas #2 in Keller (between Ft. Worth and Dallas) over the weekend.

They enjoyed "antiquing" in Granbury before joining their large, extended family at the home of their aunt and uncle, Gerre and Joe Hodges.

The girls were pleasantly surprised to learn their cousin, Troy Hodges, who is currently working in Singapore, was home for the celebration along with his younger brother, Chris.

A total of 18 relatives and one guest gathered for dinner and gift-exchanges at the post-Christmas family get-together.

•Let's hear a cheer for back-to-back state football champs for a division of 4-A, the La Marque High School Cougars! Jeannine's not the only one in town who has ties to that particular school. ELMS teacher Leslie McDowell is also a graduate of LMHS.




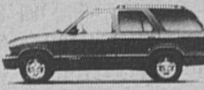
Of course, when Jeannine graduated, the team was the Tigers. Better not mention how long ago that was!

Go, Cougs!

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