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Guadalupe Church Picnic this Sunday

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will hold its annual picnic at Andrew Hall, adjoining the church in the Guadalupe Addition, this Sunday, August 8th and the parish council and Father Ray Widacki invite citizens of the area to attend.

The event will open with the serving of a barbecue chicken with all the trimmings dinner begin-

ning at 11:30 a.m. and continuing until 2:30 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are \$3.75 per person. You may dine in the air-conditioned hall or there will be a fast curb service line for plates to go.

Features of the afternoon will include kiddie rides, a beer garden, an auction at 1:30, country store, sweet shop and cake walk, and other recreation

for young and old. Barbecue sandwiches will be available.

At 4 p.m. prizes will be awarded and concluding the event will be a dance from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight at the Eagle Lake Community Center with a \$6.00 per person donation. The crowning of a Picnic Queen will be an event at 9:30 p.m.



Gil Steen, right, appointed Chief of Police last week by the Eagle Lake city council, said he's happy to be in the "only town where the people back law enforcement like they do here." Albert Morton, left, of Wharton, will join the department as patrolman within the next two weeks.

Sheridan announces ambulance benefit

The Sheridan Emergency Aid is directing a fundraising campaign toward the purchase of an ambulance for the Sheridan Community. Sheridan needs an ambulance of its own because of the distance, in either direction, to medical assistance.

What the members of the aid program have in mind is a one-ton van, to be separately equipped with needed supplies. The total monetary amount needed is expected to be \$17,000. A thermometer has been donated by the First Baptist Church of Sheridan, and will be placed near the post office to show the progress made during the campaign.

To begin the campaign, an annual emergency aid

barbecue will be held at the Sheridan Community Center, on Saturday, September 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will consist of a chicken and sausage barbecue with all the trimmings. Tickets will also be sold to go, and are available now from SEA members at \$2.75 for children and \$3.75 for adults. Advance purchase of the tickets is urged to help with planning and success. One may contact Mr. or Mrs. Jean Walker, Traylor or Franklin Walker, Mr. or Mrs. Johnny Jahn, Jr., Mr. or Mrs. Albert Botard, Mrs. Gilbert Hollub, Mrs. Buford Ashley, Jr., or Mrs. David McCloud.

Several businesses have donated door prizes to be

given after the meal. Ticket purchasers will be asked to sign the back of the ticket and drop it into a box at the serving line.

Also, the Sheridan Emergency Aid will begin a community-wide program called the Vial-of-Life, which consists of vials and

stickers showing a person's past medical history and problems, to be used in emergency situations when no one is able to convey the information to medical personnel. Time can be

saved in most instances by knowing what to look for. The Sheridan Emergency Aid asks for everyone's support to help cut this time in half.

New chief expresses gratitude

Eagle Lake's new Chief of Police expressed gratitude at being chosen to the post last week, and said that among his priorities are improving the working relationship with the people in the office and upgrading equipment.

Chief Gil Steen first applied for the position in 1980, and lost in the bid to Earl Winebrenner. Steen remained in Eagle Lake as patrolman and was appointed sergeant eight months ago.

His 14 years of experience in law enforcement include patrolman posts in El Campo, Wharton, Richmond and Rosenberg. He began his career as a

security guard at Texas A&M University, and later, he was security supervisor at the school. His last assignment before coming to Eagle Lake was as identification officer at the Wharton County Sheriff's Department, later becoming captain in charge of deputies and training. He also holds an instructor's certificate from the Texas Law Enforcement Commission, and has taught classes on the subject.

"This is the only town where the people back law enforcement like they do. That is what is most gratifying about being chosen for the position of chief," said Steen. "We are

here to help people, and anyone should feel free to come by. I'm happy to have gotten the job."

Chief Steen said that he plans to hold law enforcement schools in the future.

In order to fill the position left vacant by his ascension in rank, Steen plans to hire Albert Morton as a patrolman. Morton, now arson investigator for the Wharton Fire Department, has ten years law enforcement experience and also holds an instructor's certificate, from the F.B.I. He previously worked for the Wharton Police Department and for the Wharton County Sheriff's Office. He will assume the position in about two weeks.

Golf course closed for greens work

The Eagle Lake Recreation Center Golf course was closed to play last Tuesday, and will remain so during the next two and a half months. During this time, the common bermuda grass now lining the

greens will be replaced with a finer turf variety to enhance playability.

Southern Turf Nurseries of Houston presented the most appealing bid and will do the work needed to completely renovate the

course. The cost will approximate \$15,000, at 41 cents per square foot in an area of 35,821 square feet.

Recreation Center officials circulated a letter last week, explaining to members the scope of the work

to be done. About four inches of new topsoil will be added, and the putting surfaces will be thoroughly mixed to a depth of six inches. The areas will then be fertilized, fumigated, and covered. After 48

hours, the cover will be removed and the ground will be allowed to air for 24 hours.

Once the putting surfaces have been floated to a fine grade, they will be planted with 15 bushels per 1,000 square feet of Tif dwarf bermuda grass. With the addition of a new sprinkler system and a greens mower, purchased earlier, the course should attract more players to tournaments, and according to officials, "We should be able to make \$7,000 to \$9,000 a year from the tournaments alone, which would show that the money that is made from these tournaments could completely pay for this project in two years."

In addition to the overall work, a new green will be built on the par three hole number four, with Duncan Ranch donating the topsoil. Also donating for the main project are Johnny Meitzen, who will donate all of the sand for the rest of the course; and Lone Star Industries, donating the use of a front-end loader to transport the sand to trucks.

Police called to three thefts

Three thefts and one traffic accident were reported by police last week.

Leroy Briggs of Eagle Lake reported a check for \$37 was stolen from his desk drawer last Thursday at 4:04 p.m. The check was later recovered after payment was stopped, at Dan's Minute Stop, according to the report. The check had been signed on the back by a Louis Pantoja. An arrest warrant was issued by Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones' office, for defraud-

ing by forgery. Officer Guadalupe Villarreal was the investigator.

Last Friday, Bob Hudson of Eagle Lake reported to officer Dan Easter that someone had taken money and a key out of his brown and white van, according to reports.

Officer Ronnie Frankum responded to a report from Eagle Trailer Parts. Complainant Fernando Vargas said a subject had taken auto parts without paying for them. The report was

issued last Saturday at 11:05 p.m.

In a traffic accident near the 700 block of South McCarty, a green 1970 Cadillac driven by Melissa Ann Hoffman of Alleyton, struck another vehicle while making a u-turn. Reports indicate Hoffman failed to yield right of way to an oncoming 1980 white Pinto, driven by Helen Scott Perry of Eagle Lake. The accident occurred last Saturday at 7:35 p.m.

New ELMS students to register August 10-11

Students who are new to the Rice School District and who will be attending the Eagle Lake Middle School during the 1982-83 school year should register on either Tuesday, Aug. 10th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or on Wednesday, Aug. 11th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the school office.

New students should

bring their 1981-82 report cards and immunization records with them when they register.

Students who attended the Eagle Lake Primary School last year and who were promoted to the fourth grade have already been registered, noted ELMS Principal Charles Abel.

Cheerleaders to attend camp

The Rice High School Varsity Cheerleaders will attend cheerleading camp at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos from August 2 through the 5th.

During the week-long stay at camp they will be evaluated on ability and enthusiasm. The cheerleaders will also hold a clinic beginning August 9 through 13, from 9 to 11 a.m., at the Eagle Lake Middle School. The fee will be \$8 for ages 5 and up.

The cheerleaders will teach chants, yells and stunts. Participants will be judged, and awarded on the last day with spirit sticks and ribbons.

Cheerleaders for the 1982-83 school year are Becky Benge, Bertie Garcia, Leslie Harrison, Rachelle Hunt, Lisa Parker, and Karen Rucka. They hope Raider fans are as excited about the upcoming season as they are, and that they will come out and support the Mighty Raiders.

The golf course at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center will be closed for two and a half months. A new green will be constructed on the par three hole

four, and new Tif grass will replace the common bermuda now lining the greens.

Raiders open workouts

The Rice High School Raiders will open the 1982 football season on Monday of next week with their first day of two-a-day practices at Rice High School in Altair. The practice sessions are scheduled for 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. each day, Monday through Friday.

All athletes interested in participating on the freshman, junior varsity or varsity level at Rice were to pick up their shoes today, Wednesday, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the high school.

Bus Transportation
Transportation to and from practices prior to the start of school will be available for athletes in each of the school district communities.

Buses will leave from the square in Eagle Lake, the Sheridan School and the Garwood School at 7:15 each morning and at 5:15 each evening.

Head coach Clifton Darden noted that it is extremely important that all prospects report to the workout at 8 a.m. on Monday, August 9.

Scrimmages scheduled

The Raiders will hold two scrimmages prior to opening their regular season schedule.

On Thursday, August 19 the Raiders will travel to Tomball for a scrimmage with the freshman and junior varsity teams scheduled to begin at 4:30 followed by the varsity at approximately 7 p.m.

The Raiders will host Sweeny on Friday, August 27, with sub-varsity games beginning at 4:30 and the varsity scrimmage following at about 7:30 p.m.

Corrections, Clarifications

The Headlight last week incorrectly reported the annual salary for Gil Steen, who was appointed Eagle Lake police chief. The figure of \$17,000 annually should have been \$17,000 monthly, an annual salary of \$20,400.

It was incorrectly reported to The Headlight last week that the rental fee for the Eagle Lake Community Center was increased from \$50 to \$100 per event. The rent already was \$100 per event and remains unchanged.

The \$50 to \$100 increase was for the damage deposit. Additionally, the center's board adopted the policy of denying use of the center to groups when complaints are made about the group during a rental.

Flag Corps tryouts scheduled

A meeting of those interested in trying out for the new Raider Band Flag Corps will be held Thursday, August 5, at 6:30 p.m., in the Band Hall. Any member of the Raider band

Tourney winners

A Fun Tournament took place last Sunday, and it turned out a record crowd, drawing 38 participants in seven teams competing in a Florida scramble. The winning team, posting 9 under par included Frank Sherrer, Mickey Kochwelp, Suzanne Peikert, Jack Harrell and Bob Ashby. The closest to the hole attempt was made by Phil Kaegler, a distance of 14 feet three inches on the par three hole number four.

who is interested in being a part of this group should attend this meeting. Those who cannot attend should contact band director Bill Ashby through the school office.