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Little League pictures are in

The Eagle Lake Little League pictures are in! Curtis Wilson, photographer, said pictures may be picked up during the ball all-star game that will be played this Thursday, July 2, at the Little League field.

K of C hold golf tourney

Knights of Columbus Council #4843 of Eagle Lake held its third annual golf tournament on June 7. Forty-one teams participated in the two-man scramble.

The winners in the Championship flight were: Vernon McDonald and Jim Bob Jackson of San Marcos, 67, first place; Larry Dalay of Eagle Lake and Brock Ashby of Katy, 68, second; and Frank Krumrey and Allan Crawford of Bellville, 69, third.

First Flight: Jack Poskey and Carol Allen of El Campo, 67, first; J. P. Janda and V. B. Janda of Rosenberg, 69, second; and Gilbert Kiseel and J. Mumore, 69, third.

Second Flight: Richard Allen and Faye Poskey of El Campo, 69, first; Bill Elliott and Dan Conner of El Campo, 69, second; and Rusty Spalinger and Kent Turner of Houston, 70, third.

Third Flight: B. Boyd and B. McIntyre, 71, first; "Beams" Frank of Richmond and Ernie Frank of Rock Island, 72, second; and Bob Cook and Wayne Corman of Eagle Lake, 73, third.

Fourth Flight: J. Wyczyk and R. Fortenberry of Old Ocean, 76, first; D. Dequeant and L. Krancher of Richmond, 78, second; and R. Kuhn and A. Powell of Houston, 83, third.

Closest to the hole on #4 was Faye Poskey and closest to the hole on #5 was Jim Wood.

The tournament and the fried chicken dinner again turned out great. The tournament committee would like to thank all the golfers and volunteer help.



Church picnic

In the picture above many people are viewing items displayed for the auction that is about to begin. Pictured at left, the horseshoe pitching tournament is getting set up and pitchers are practicing before the tournament starts. Amy Kucharka, pictured below, is getting a football painted on her cheek from one of several ladies working in the face painting booth.



Catholic Church picnic successful

An auction and a horseshoe pitching tournament were some of the main attractions for the annual Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church picnic held Sunday, June 28 at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

A delicious meal consisting of barbecue beef, chicken and sausage with all the trimmings was served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to approximately 875 people who enjoyed the meal in the air conditioned hall or drove through the take-home line.

Activities for the day included a cake/animal walk, country store and bingo which took place inside, while booths containing a duck pond, face painting, plant walk, and other games were held under the pavilion. At 1 p.m., items such as plants, stuffed animals, quilts and many other items were auctioned off with George Hagan and Joe H. McCreary serving as auctioneers. Food and drink booths were also available throughout the day.

The horseshoe pitching tournament was held in the lot next to the Community Center with pitchers entering from East Bernard, Eagle Lake, Katy, Wharton, Hungerford, New Ulm and Brenham. Winners were: Daniel Macha of East Bernard and Janie Faithauer of Brenham, first place; Robbie Cook of Eagle Lake and Anthony Faithauer of Brenham, second; Ronnie Cook of Eagle Lake and

Jayson Zahradnik of Hungerford, third; Doug Macha of East Bernard and Jerome Zahradnik of Hungerford, fourth; and Gene Bartosh of East Bernard and Betty Zahradnik, fifth.

The drawing for prizes was held with the following winners: Gilbert Sosa, \$500 cash donated by Knights of Columbus Council #4843; Bob Eaton, quilt donated by Altar Society; Susan Wilkerson of Ottine, \$100 cash donated by Mrs. Miles Theuman; Irene Jodiska, \$100 cash donated by JoAnn and Kenneth Mahallie; Dr. Ray Thomas, \$100 merchandise donated by Miller's Grocery; Linda Anguiano, \$50 savings bond donated by Mr. and Mrs. V.J. Kana; Marilyn Hollas, \$50 savings bond donated by the Chuck Stephens family; Kristi Kado Powell and Charles Garrett will be the coaching the boys' all-stars.

Chosen for the girls' all-stars were Leslie Center, Lynette Powers, Dawn Piccolini and Rhonda Salsky, from the Fillies; Joy Johnson, Kimberly Powers, Alicia Woolridge, Kathy Johnson and J'Amey McClanahan, from the Red Sox; and Rebecca Marsalia, Yvonne Marshall, Nelissa Tillman and Evelyn Washington, from the Honey Bees.

All-stars for the boys' include Christopher Burrow, Stephen Polach, Travis Polach and Ryan Thomas, from the Cubs; Michael Cerdia, Scott Garrett, Everett Ramirez, Ernest Sims and Richard Thomas, from the Pirates; Andres Cruz and Chad Sunderman, from the Yanks; Marcus Dogins, George Hernandez, Cam Muzny, Brandon Wiene and Jason Brunner, from the Dodgers.

T-ball all-star teams were also picked with games scheduled for Thursday, July 2. Names of the t-ball all-stars were not known at press time.

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Broussard Case

Fact or Fiction?
Prosecution or Politics?
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Eagle Lake Headlight

Former sheriff's deputy Miekow indicted for lying during Broussard grand jury probe

Dwight Douglas Miekow, who resigned May 12 as a Colorado County sheriff's deputy, was indicted by the county grand jury last week for aggravated perjury.

The indictment accuses Miekow of telling another grand jury on January 26, during that jury's probe of sheriff Jim Broussard, that he had received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army. The indictment issued last week says that is not true.

Miekow resigned as a deputy and on May 21 signed a "waiver of revocation" concerning his state license to be a law officer. An attorney with the Texas Commission on Law Officer Standards and Education, said that because Miekow received less than an honorable discharge from the Army, it was not legal for him to hold his license. The attorney, David Boatright, said the commission gave Miekow the option to sign the revocation waiver in

a letter it sent to him on May 13. There was some public discussion in May about Miekow's status as a deputy, and one explanation given was that he was on vacation. Payroll records at the courthouse show that Miekow was paid for the entire month of May, and also was paid for several sick days that he did not use. The records show that after May 12, Miekow did not work on May 13 or 14, May 18 or 19, nor May 27 or 28. They

do show he was paid for six vacation days (on May 15, 16, 17, May 20, 21, 22) and seven sick days (May 23 through 26, and May 29 through 31). With the hours he worked the first part of the month, that means he was paid his regular monthly salary of \$1,410. But the records also show he was paid for seven additional sick days at \$47 per day for an additional \$329.

Reports from the Colorado County Commissioner's Court meeting in

early June indicate Miekow resigned to pursue work outside of law enforcement. The indictment issued last week reads: "...the defendant herein named had been less than honorably discharged by the United States Army, and such false sworn statement was then and there material and made during an official proceeding, namely testimony by defendant before the Grand Jury of Colorado County con-

cerning the relationship between the defendant and Jim Broussard, Sheriff of Colorado County, Texas, in that it could have affected the course and outcome of the official proceeding."

The foreman of the grand jury is James Heeger of Weimar. There is no regularly scheduled meeting for the grand jury, although it could be recalled. A new grand jury is expected to be seated Sept. 6.

newsbriefs

Sign up for adult swim lessons today

Adult Red Cross swimming lessons have been set for July 13-14, 16-17 and 21-23 at the Eagle Lake Community Pool. Classes offered are beginners from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. and advanced beginners and intermediates from 7:15 to 8 p.m. A \$5 pool fee per person will be payable at registration or on the first day of class. To register, come by the pool on Thursday, July 9 from 7 to 7:45 p.m. or call the pool (234-5822) during this time.

Don't forget blood drive next Wednesday

The Blood Center's donor coach will be in the parking lot of Eagle Lake Community Hospital next Wednesday, July 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those donors with type O blood (positive or negative) are especially needed after the holiday weekend. Call Barbara Pidgeon at 234-5571, ext. 236, to make an appointment. All members of the community are urged to donate.

Broussard pre-trial hearing delayed

The pre-trial hearing for sheriff Jim Broussard was postponed again this week. It has been cancelled several times. As of press time, Judge Thomas Blackwell has set the hearing for 10 a.m. next Wednesday, July 15.

The earlier schedule may give the court time to handle the many motions before the court, including whether to move the scheduled trial.

Methodist senior youth fish fry Saturday

The United Methodist Church senior youth group is sponsoring a fish fry this Saturday, July 11 at 5 p.m., at the Methodist Fellowship Hall. Tickets, \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12, are available from any United Methodist Church youth or call 234-3288.

Dollar Day at swimming pool on Mondays

The Eagle Lake Community Pool is sponsoring a Dollar Day at the swimming pool every Monday from 1 to 6 p.m.

Also, call 234-5822 or 234-3492 to book your swimming parties.

Surplus food to be distributed July 16

Combined Community Action (CCA) will distribute USDA surplus food in Eagle Lake on Thursday, July 16 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Providence Baptist Church, 1207 East State Street in Eagle Lake. They also will be at the CCA Community Center, 903 Preston in Columbus on July 16 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

On Wednesday, July 22 CCA will distribute surplus food in Weimar at Weimar City Hall from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Information on eligibility requirements for the Emergency Food Assistance program may be obtained from the CCA office in Columbus or the central office in Smithville, (512) 237-2434. Rules for participation in the program are the same for everyone without regard to age, race, marital status, color, religion, sex, handicap, national origin or political belief.

White Cloud selling dinners Saturday

The White Cloud Baptist Church will sell dinners this Saturday, July 11 at the home of Mrs. Earlen Upson, 222 Beard Street beginning at 11 a.m. Trip or fish dinners, with the trimmings, will be sold for \$3.50 per plate and hot dogs, \$1 each. For more information or to order plates, call 234-3015.

Also, the public is invited to a grand musical on Saturday, July 18 beginning at 8 p.m. Rev. O. Rhodes is pastor of White Cloud Baptist Church.

Defensive driving course set July 15-16

A defensive driving course has been scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, July 15 and 16 at the Colorado County Farm Bureau office, 1117 Travis in Columbus. The eight-hour course was set up for four hours each night being held from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. For more information call 732-2383.

Get your 1987 livestock catalogs now

The 1987 Colorado County Fair livestock catalogs are available at the County Extension Office located at 316 Spring in Columbus. Pick up a copy today.

Grand jury indictments include four brought by police here

Here are the indictments issued last week by the Colorado County grand jury. Included are four persons named in cases brought by the Eagle Lake Police Department. Those were William Michael Green, two counts of burglary of a habitation, one owned by Len Matula and the other owned by Johnny Baros; Michael Edward Haeffelf, possession of a controlled substance (less than 28 grams of marijuana); and Christopher Wade Coleman, burglary of a building owned by Danny Yelveton, and aggravated robbery with a handgun of Arlene Saucedo who was the clerk on

the night D&S Grocery was robbed. The other indictments issued named: Dwight Douglas Miekow, aggravated perjury; Johnnie Lee Brewster, unlawful carrying of a weapon on a licensed premises (Pooey's Lounge); Mark Edward Piercy, burglary of a habitation owned by Joseph Martinez; Theresa Mayagay, burglary of a habitation owned by Joseph Martinez; and Christopher Wade Coleman, burglary of a building owned by Carolyn Brisco; Timothy Lee Deldotto, two indictments for burglary of a habitation, one

owned by John Webb and the other owned by Charles Hruzik; Jerome Francis Bane, two indictments for burglary of a habitation, one owned by John Webb and the other owned by Charles Hruzik; Bobbie Bordovsky, two indictments for burglary of a habitation, one owned by John Webb and the other owned by Charles Hruzik; Michael Wayne Boetcher, burglary of a building owned by Robert Brown; Phillip D. Wayne Davis, burglary of a building owned by Billy Wayne Davis; James Earl Darby, two counts of robbery; Willie Speed, aka Eddie

Houston, forgery by passing; Kevin Ray Johnson, burglary of a building owned by Wayne Wise; Darrell Craig McMillian, burglary of a building owned by Wayne Wise; Robin Williams Jr., burglary of a building owned by Vernon Von Bieberstein; Daniel Blackburn, burglary of a building owned by Marvin Gilbreath; Lawrence Edward King, forgery by passing and burglary of a habitation; John S. Ciolek, a 10-count indictment charging theft; Fred Cartwright, theft from Cheryl Till; Nina M. Rodgers, theft from Raymond Garza.

Police arrest county jail escapee

The arrest by Eagle Lake police of an escaped prisoner from the Colorado County Jail is among the items keeping police busy here. Monday, officer Lupe Villarreal recognized Mario Vargas as he was walking downtown. In September, 1986, police said sheriff Jim Broussard issued a warrant for Vargas for escaping from the county lockup. Vargas was arrested at the post office here by police chief Ben Johnson.

On Tuesday, June 30 Villarreal investigated an accident at 12:55 p.m. at the 700 block of Main Street. His report said Joe Castillo Salinas, 48, of Eagle Lake, driving a 1982 red and white Ford pickup, pulled out of Allen Street and struck a 1987 cream Pontiac Grand Am being driven east on Main Street by Cheryl Denise Palmer, 24, of Houston. Evelyn Lemons of Eagle Lake was a passenger in Palmer's car.

Palmer and Lemons were taken to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital by the Eagle Lake Volunteer Ambulance unit and were treated for cuts and abrasions. Salinas, who was not injured, was charged with failure to yield right of way.

Police also handled three stabbings in the past several weeks. On Tuesday, June 23, officer Villarreal was called to 800 East D Street where Horace Hodges had been stabbed in the chest. Villarreal's report said there was an argument between Hodges and Emily Hayes Shroepshire. Officer Villarreal took Hodges to the Eagle Lake Community

Immunization clinic July 9

An immunization clinic will be held this Thursday, July 9 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Ugarie's Clinic located at 706 S. McCarty in Eagle Lake. The clinic is sponsored by the Texas Department of Health on the second Thursday of each month.

VFW sponsors breakfast July 4

The Rice Area Memorial Post #783 Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW hosted a "continental breakfast" at 7:30 Saturday morning, July 4 in Diller Hall.

After the opening song, "America", approximately 50 people enjoyed a delicious breakfast consisting of sausage, sweet rolls, scrambled eggs, homemade bread, monkey bread, orange juice and coffee.

There was no charge for the meal, however, voluntary donations were accepted in response to a request for donations to defray costs of erecting National Korean and Vietnam War memorials.

Following the breakfast, Father Jesse Eureski, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Guadalupe Catholic Churches, opened a short eucharistic prayer service. Those in attendance enjoyed singing "America the Beautiful" and "The National Anthem". A Bible reading and other verses were recited during the program.

Immigration law forum planned July 16

The Colorado County Farm Bureau will host an immigration law forum on Thursday, July 16 at the Colorado County Agricultural Building, 316 Spring Street in Columbus at 7:30 p.m.

Mike Mackman, from the immigration office in Houston, will inform the farmers and ranchers on the immigration laws. If anyone is interested in getting the facts... please attend.

Texas rice industry outlook improving

Despite low world rice prices and drastic reductions in U.S. export markets, the outlook for the Texas rice industry is improving, says a Texas Agricultural Extension Service economist.

Dr. Art Gerlow notes that while poor prices and low exports have the rice industry in a quagmire of indecision, the situation is not as bad as it might seem.

"For the U.S. rice industry to regain its economic vitality, two things must happen," contends Gerlow. "One, carryover stocks must be reduced to manageable levels; two, there must be some downward adjustment in dollar exchange rates.

He points out that one thing is already working in favor of reducing carryover stocks. The export prices for exports from these countries, the economic means for buying rice are severely limited. A decline in the dollar exchange rate would help this situation."

Gerlow says that farmers and others need to have a good understanding of the international and domestic marketing factors to get a better picture of what is currently happening in the rice industry.

"World rice stocks increased sharply in 1984, and many felt that this would lead to an unmanageable surplus of other grains. For rice, however, the world supply de-

mand situation works somewhat differently," he points out. The increase in world stocks from 1984 to 1986 resulted mainly from reduced consumption, notes the economist. Yet, annual world consumption increased an average of 8 million tons for the 10 years prior to 1983 and an average of 10 million tons between 1979 and 1983. Therefore, Gerlow believes that estimates of world consumption increasing an average of only 4.5 million tons from 1984 to 1986 are an underestimation of consumption and an overestimation of world stocks.

"Regardless of whether or not world stocks are overestimated, it is obvious from indicated levels that the world is not awash in a sea of surplus rice," says Gerlow.

With U.S. rice exports down more than 40 percent from a high of 3 million tons in 1980-81, many producers believe there has been a general decline in international rice trading, notes the economist.

"Actually, the opposite has been true," Gerlow emphasizes, "with the world rice trade increasing by a sizeable amount each decade. While fluctuations have occurred from one year to the next, world rice exports averaged 7.5 million tons a year during the '60s and 9.55 million tons in the '70s. For the '80s exports are averaging

more than 12 million tons a year." A shift has occurred in the traditional market shares between the U.S. and Thailand, the economist says. In the '70s both countries shared equally about 40 percent of the world rice exports; that share increased to 50 percent during the early '80s as China reduced its exports. At that time U.S. rice prices were \$160 per ton above Thai mill rice prices because high interest rates and huge deficits in the U.S. resulted in high dollar exchange rates.

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