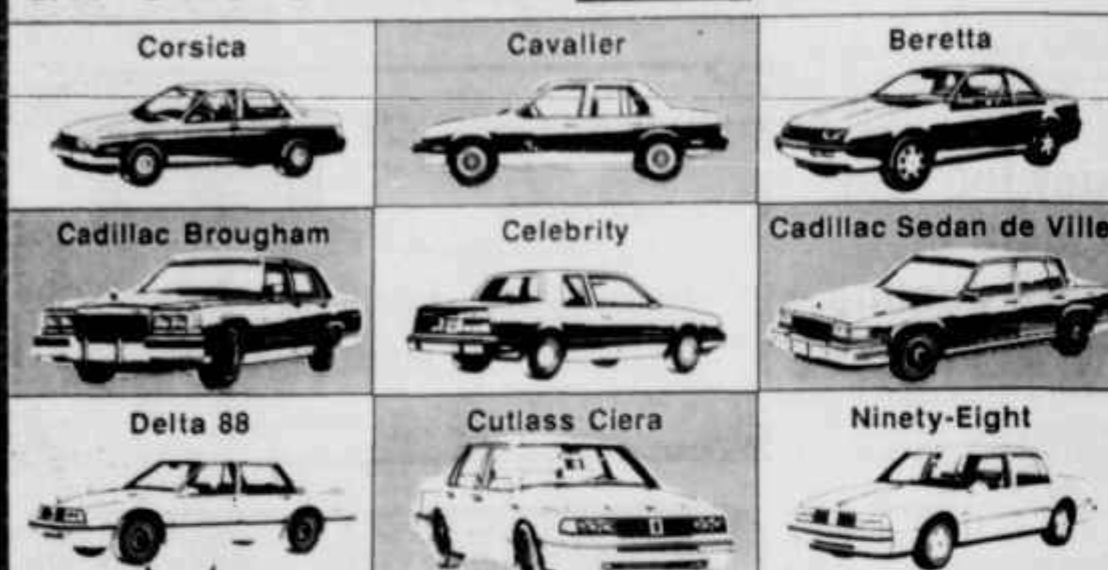


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Tri-county Babe Ruth all-stars lose state play off bid

The Tri-county 16-year-old Babe Ruth all-stars lost their bid for a state playoff berth July 30. The Tri-county team included players from Colorado, Fayette and Lavaca Counties.

Cash Coble, a Rice varsity baseball player, was the starting short stop for the team. Coble delivered several key hits and batted in the number two position. The team, coached by Arthur Delgado of Weimar, lost to the Flax Babe Ruth all-stars in the best of two out three series. Both games were lost by one run. This moves Flax on as one of the final four teams to the San Antonio tournament.

Cash played for the Columbus Babe Ruth team along with Chris Archuleta of Columbus and the team was undefeated in regular season.

Channel converters Cable TV offering more channels

Eagle Lake Cable TV is pleased to announce their plans for a major expansion of their programming services. The basic service will be expanded from its present 12 channels to 17 channels, and Home Box Office and the Disney Channel will be added as premium services, effective September 1.

"As additions to the basic cable service, subscribers will receive the Nashville Network, Weather Channel, WGN-Chicago, SUN-Spanish Television and Cable News Network," Domingo Puente Jr., manager, said. "We will turn on all the channels except the Weather Channel on August 17. On August 31, the Weather Channel will be added and KTXH will be moved."

In order to receive the expanded channel lineup, subscribers will be issued a channel converter. In anticipation of heavy traffic in this distribution of converters, a temporary "converter store" will be set up at the Wintemann Library, 101 N. Walnut in Eagle Lake which will have convenient hours and extra employees to handle the workload. "Our subscribers will be receiving a letter further informing them of the new channels and setting up a schedule for picking up converters," according to Puente.

Eagle Lake Cable TV will continue to offer Showtime and will also add Home Box Office and the Disney Channel as premium level services. Home Box Office shows top rated movies, comedy and concert specials and family programming. The Disney Channel offers excellent family oriented programming including series, specials and movies. All of the premium services are commercial free and are 24 hours a day.

"The restructuring of our channels and launch of our new basic cable and premium services are being done in response to subscriber requests for a greater selection of viewing options," noted Puente. "Contributing to the actual channels to be carried were our responses to a recent survey sent to a random selection of cable subscribers."

Merchants in downtown Eagle Lake will have their wares displayed from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the sidewalks in front of their stores. Each participating store will be designated by blue and white balloons floating in front of each establishment. So get ready to stroll up and down the sidewalks of Eagle Lake and take advantage of some great savings.

In addition to the sidewalk displays, the chamber will have a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate. Anyone may register for the gift certificate at any of the participating stores. The drawing will be held at the square at 4:30 p.m. The winner may use all or any portion of this gift certificate at any member store.

A complete list of participating merchants will be in next week's Headlight. Don't miss this opportunity to support Eagle Lake.

Raider Back to School Sidewalk Sale planned

Get Ready! The sidewalks of Eagle Lake will not be rolled up August 21. The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce is having their annual sidewalk sale with the theme of Raider Back to School!

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Music Fest '87 to benefit handicapped

Sixteen hours of non-stop music will fill the air on Saturday, August 22 with popular area bands performing many styles and variations of music for thousands of people at the Crescent fairgrounds in Wharton for Music Fest '87. Beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday morning, the festival will conclude at 2 a.m. Sunday.

Sponsored by the El Campo Jaycees and co-sponsored by Mid-Cost Budweiser and El Campo Coca-Cola, the event is designed to raise funds for a water therapy program to benefit multi-handicapped children at Meadow Lane School in El Campo. Tickets will also be sold at the gate for \$7.50.

Drug arrest

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The police department has filed suit in district court seeking possession of a 1977 Buick which was seized during a drug arrest in Eagle Lake last month.

Dress code guidelines established at Rice CISD school board meeting

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees held its monthly meeting on Monday, August 10 in the Administration Building at Altair. Reggie Brisco, president, called the meeting to order. With four trustees present, a quorum was established. Those present included Brisco, John Matthews, John Thomas, Natalie Dupe and late arrival, Wayne Corman.

The agenda included business items concerning changes in Rice CISD Discipline Management Plan, a petition to reduce for free and reduced price meals; recommendations concerning eligibility criteria for band front and cheerleader positions; and the superintendent's report on the dyslexia program and student transfers.

The board approved changes in the Discipline Management Plan to comply with state law and state school board rulings. One of the changes concerned parent training workshops. They are no longer required, but will be held on the basis of interest of parents in the community. Other changes were only minor terminology changes of the plan. No other major changes were made.

Superintendent Harold King asked the board to provide some guidelines for the dress code for the district. He stated that the administration was asked to come to the board when adopting this code. The item in question was the length of skirts and pants. The board decided that mini skirts could be worn, but no shorter than four inches above the middle of the knee. Length on maxi skirts could be no longer than ankle length. "Jams" may only be worn in grades Pre-K through 2nd.

Income eligibility guidelines for the 1987-88 school year for free and reduced price meals was adopted unanimously by the board. Yearly incomes range from \$10,175 for a family of one to \$34,780 for a family of eight. With each additional family member, the annual income cannot exceed \$3,515. Each student will receive a copy of the guidelines at the beginning of school.

John Matthews reported to the board recommendations developed for changes in the criteria for eligibility of band front and cheerleaders as well as the Outriders. After lengthy discussion on this item, the following changes were adopted for twirlers, drum major, flag corp and cheerleader eligibility requirements.

"Preface: These positions are considered to be leadership positions and eligibility standards are higher than those of most groups. These students have many responsibilities. They must work on their own, share equally in tasks, must have initiative and creativity to develop routines and practice hard. They need to be reliable, responsible, industrious, creative, dedicated and be self-starters."

Item A will stay in effect with the following addition: "A student may not receive more than one unsatisfactory conduct grade in any reporting period during the year, but must maintain a 2.0 overall grade point average."

Item B (1) will be changed to read "A student may not receive more than one unsatisfactory conduct grade in any reporting period during the year."

Item B (2) will read "A candidate must have a good disciplinary record, exceed \$3,515. Each student will be declared ineligible if he/she has committed a serious offense during the year in which application is being made. (Serious offenses are listed in Student Code of Conduct.)"

a. A candidate will be declared ineligible if he/she has been the recipient of major disciplinary action during the year in which application is being made. Major disciplinary actions include but are not necessarily restricted to expulsion, in-school suspension (ASP, SAC), out-of-school suspension (long or short term), alternate instructional assignment, corporal punishment, or disciplinary actions substituted for one of the above."

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Major Bengie talks about new year at Primary School

The Eagle Lake Primary School is the introduction to classes for many students in the Rice school district, and as such, offers the first-time student an opportunity to succeed at an early age.

Such success, according to a school pamphlet, is utmost in importance now because it provides a path for success in later grades.

According to Major Bengie, primary school principal for the past 22 years, test scores for last year's first graders show that almost all students are learning to succeed.

That is only one item Bengie talked about last week as The Headlight was preparing its annual Back-to-School edition.

Benge also noted that enrollment probably will be slightly lower than last year, and that a Dyslexia program will begin.

The school also will work on its accreditation by forming a central library, and will continue administering the district's management discipline plan.

As for the test scores, Eagle Lake Primary School first graders scored 65 points better than the average of the 234,000 first graders all across Texas.

"That not only reflects the first grade teachers' work, but also the work of our kindergarten teachers because they taught them a whole year before they were tested," Bengie said last week.

To compare, the average of the first graders in local classes is compared to the state average. For instance, there are 21 categories measured to check a student's "mastery" skills. The average for ELPS in one of the 21 categories was 94 percent mastery, while the statewide average was 92 percent.

The principal praised others on the school staff too. "The success of our students is a specific result of our instructional program and quality staff at the Primary School," Bengie said. "There is nothing else it could be. They really work hard in teaching and getting the message across."

In starting his 23rd year as principal there, Bengie said he still looks forward to coming to work each day, because of the school staff and their willingness to excel.

There are two new members of the staff this year, both in the second grade. They are Mrs. Deborah Lankin who has seven years teaching experience, coming from the Rockport area. The other is Becky Coffin who recently graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma University.

One of them takes the place of Mrs. Paula Neuman. The other will be filling a new position created to comply with the state requirement limiting classes in the second grade to 22 students.

Last year the school finished the term with 359 students. So far, it looks like enrollment in the first and second grade is holding steady, while pre-kindergarten and kindergarten enrollment may be slightly lower.

Class assignments for all students are included in this issue. If you have a student planning to attend one of those classes at the Eagle Lake Primary School, and the student's name is not on the list, you should call or visit the school as soon as possible.

The first day of school at ELMS: Paperwork, paperwork, and more paperwork; Eight new teachers to greet students

The first day of classes at Eagle Lake Middle School includes a student assembly, principal Charles Abel said last week. It is needed to hand out several items students need to begin the year.

Students will be given a copy of the student handbook, which Abel calls "very important. I want to encourage the parent to read it. In fact, each parent is supposed to read it, and return a slip in the book that tells the school just that."

State law requires the school to include some sections in the handbook such as the discipline management plan. The school includes others items to students and parents will have access to the rules and be able to understand them. Other items concern the dress code and the student code of conduct which the parents need to understand. The application for the free/reduced price lunch program is sent home that day too.

However, long before that date, first day of school, a lot of advanced paper work has to be done. In recent years, Abel said, (Continued on Page 2)

Sept. 1 is first day of classes in Rice district Don't Forget our Calendar Pull-Out in this issue

Once again The Headlight has included in this section a school calendar on the center two pages. It is easily removed so you can tack it to your wall or bulletin board.

The calendar lists school days, student holidays, and special teacher in-service and workdays, as well as each six-week grading period.

— John Fearring