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Pictured from left is Anna Gertson, reporter of the Garden Club; Sam and Sandy Thomson; and Elle Thomas, president of the Garden Club.

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Letters to the Editor

More on sports consolidation?

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to those who feel we in Eagle Lake are being selfish for not wanting Junior High athletics consolidated.

As a concerned parent, I feel it is my duty and responsibility to seek what is most beneficial to my children's safety and welfare. As a taxpayer and citizen of Rice School District, I also feel it is my duty and responsibility to seek what is most beneficial to the majority of the kids involved. This includes being allowed to know why certain decisions that concern everyone are being made.

Like Mrs. McGaughey, I am very proud of the athletic program at Eagle Lake Middle School. And I know Garwood and Sheridan would benefit by consolidation. But my question is... Would Eagle Lake? Remember, we are trying to do what's best for everyone.

Carolyn Baird
Eagle Lake

A pat on the back to the City

Dear Editor:

We would like to commend Acting-City Manager Lucille Perry, Utilities Director Harry Supak and other city employees for the prompt and efficient job they did to correct a poor drainage problem on our back street.

During the recent heavy rains, much of our back yard was inundated with nearly a foot of water in one week. (It happened numerous other times.) Upon reviewing the situation, Ms. Perry had men working on the drainage in very short time, thereby helping alleviate our problem quickly.

Also, we are very pleased with the mosquito control effort. It's gratifying to see the fogger out several times a week trying to rid our yards of this pesky and potential disease-carrying insect.

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City Council

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more time to do additional research.

Decided against the possibility of contracting City garbage pickup as requested by Bob Whisman.

Learned the City Airport had been upgraded to a Community Service Facility by the Texas Department of Aviation at a meeting held May 21st in Austin. This meeting was attended by Van Nort, Perry and Dan Canaris. It was also suggested by a member of the TDA that the City move the lighting improvement to Phase II and move another improvement of equal monetary cost to Phase I with the reasoning that there was no sense in spending money to improve the lighting if the poles would have to be moved at a later date. Van Nort told Council that Eagle Lake is down for \$402,000 for Phase I and II improvements if TDA receives all the funds they are counting on in the next five years.

A New Arrival

Damian RaShaúd Stevens

Derrick Stevens and Bridgette Smith of Garwood announce the birth of their second child, a boy, born on May 22, 1991 at 7:22 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

The baby was named Damian RaShaúd Stevens and weighed six pounds and nine ounces.

The baby is welcomed home by a sister, Darnesia Ma'Shay Stevens, age one.

Maternal grandparents are Stanley Joe and Jo Ann Smith of Eagle Lake. Paternal grandparents are Rose and Lillian Stevens of Garwood. Great-grandparents are Lucinda Brown of Eagle Lake, and Ullab Johnson of Garwood.

Burglaries

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Other cases investigated by the Sheriff's Department recently were:

A burglary at M.C. Walker's ranch on Weishuhn Road which took place some time between May 18th and 26th. A tool box containing approximately \$1500 worth of tools was taken.

A burglary at Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg reported on May 18th during which approximately \$4500 worth of merchandise and cash were removed. Items missing ranged from blue jeans to guns.

A burglary May 20th at the home of R.R. and Fair Wells on 90-A. Items listed as missing were two televisions, one VCR, a black mink coat, a 22 semi-automatic rifle with scope, a 16 gauge shotgun and a Panasonic video camera.

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Police Report

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City Judge Mary Lou Szymanski had not issued a warrant as of Tuesday evening. Chief Villarreal stated that when the warrant is issued, he will call Benge in and take him before the Judge for bonding then he plans to send the case to grand jury.

Eagle Lake Police Department is currently investigating these cases and many others. If you have any information, or think you might have information on a crime that may have been committed, please call the Police Dept. at 234-2727 or Crimestoppers at 234-5555. You do not have to give your name.

Benge suspended, reinstated

In an unexpected move Friday, May 24th, Rice Superintendent Carolyn McGaughey personally notified Eagle Lake Primary School Principal H. Major Benge he was suspended until further notice as of 4 p.m. that date.

Benge, who has served as principal at ELPS for 26 years, was charged with injury to a child. Charges were filed by the parents of a student who had been disciplined by Benge in the presence of two witnesses. The offense in question reportedly took place on May 22nd.

According to City Judge Mary

Lou Szymanski, a warrant was issued on Wednesday, May 29th. It was received by the Eagle Lake Police Department on the afternoon of May 30th. Benge was contacted by Police Chief Lupé Villarreal Friday, May 31st, at which time Benge (See Benge, Page 12)

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Athletic Director presents modified consolidation program to School Board

By RHANDA LATTIMORE
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The question of consolidation of Rice Consolidated Independent School District's three junior high

schools' athletics was discussed once again by the board of trustees of RCISD with a modified proposal presented to the board by Athletic Director Mark Johnson at May 28's special

meeting.

"Tonight, I am bringing a modified plan to consolidate our football, track and volleyball programs in the middle schools. This plan gives our coaches, communities, athletes and parents an opportunity to evaluate an old program vs. the new one," Johnson told the board.

"The old program consists of the philosophy that one coach is enough to get the job done. The new program insists that the philosophy should be to develop a solid background in athletic skills."

"During the course of the 1991-92

school year, each program will be evaluated by a committee. They will submit their report to the superintendent," said Johnson.

"I feel very strongly that my original program will stand out and provide a means to lift this program to a new level of competition. This new level of competition will allow our communities to exhibit great pride in Rice Consolidated."

The plan presented to the board outlined the football, volleyball and track programs.

During football season, Garwood and Sheridan will continue to con-

solidate their programs. Johnson hopes to continue the plan to produce a team by using more coaches and more time to teach skills. Seventh and eighth graders will be needed to play on the same team due to number of students available.

The third school, Eagle Lake Middle School, will practice as they have in the past, with one coach per team. Their games will be played at Raider Stadium. They could also play one or two games on the track field located between the baseball field and tennis courts.

Garwood and Sheridan volleyball

teams will be combined if needed to produce a team for each grade level. If these schools are consolidated, the teams will practice at Rice High School. The games will also be held at the high school.

Eagle Lake Middle School will have at least one team per grade level. If participation is high, more teams will be developed as no athletes will be turned away.

The spring track season will find complete consolidation within the three junior high schools. Practices (See School Board, Page 12)

NEWSBRIEFS

CCA to distribute surplus food June 13

Combined Community Action, Inc. (CCA) will distribute USDA Surplus Food under the following schedule during June in Colorado County. Commodities must be picked up the day of distribution. There will no longer be distribution after the specified day and time.

Information on eligibility requirements for the Emergency Food Assistance Program may be obtained from local CCA Community Service Center, or the CCA Central Office in Smithville, (512) 237-2321. If you have not recertified for commodities, please do so before the day of distribution.

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.

Thursday, June 13: Weimar City Hall, 8:30-9 a.m.; Columbus Community Center, 903 Preston, 10-11:30 a.m.; Eagle Lake Providence Baptist Church, 1207 East State Street, 12:30-2 p.m.

Community pool now open for summer

The Eagle Lake Community Pool has opened for the summer. The pool will be open Tuesday through Sunday from 1-6 p.m. and admission is \$1.50 per person. Children six and under get in free with a paying, responsible adult. Pre-season passes may be purchased at the pool at the following prices: 1 person for \$30, 2 people for \$55 and 3 or more in the immediate family for \$75. After Wednesday, June 12, \$10 will be added to the total costs.

Anyone interested in renting the pool for parties can contact the pool during business hours or Shannon Pustejovsky at 234-5208. We will also have adult night every Wednesday night from 7-9 p.m. The cost is \$1.50 and you must be 18 years or older to enter.

The pool staff would like to thank all of the volunteers for their hard work in helping prepare for this season.

Wintermann Library's 'Camp Wanna-Read'

Scheduled this coming week at Eagle Lake's Wintermann Library are: Wednesday, June 12, Story Hour, Mrs. Claudine Shorter, Camp Wild and Thursday, June 13, the movies will be The Cricket and the Hen, Cow on the Moon, Goliath II and Let's Give Kitty a Bath. All activities begin at 2:30 p.m.

Christian Workshop, Women's Day

The missionary department of the White Cloud Baptist Church invites you to their Annual Christian Workshop Saturday, June 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The theme is "Standing on The Promises of God". Their Annual Women's Day is Sunday, June 9 at 3 p.m. Rev. G.W. Clark, pastor of Greater Smith Chapel Baptist Church will be the speaker.

Food Service taking baked goods orders

Rice CISD food service will have a variety of baked goods and cookies Thursday, June 6. To place your order call Annie at 234-3200; Earlane, 234-2468; Irene, 234-3531 or 234-3990. Delivery will be available!

Beasley Rummage & Pastry Sale, June 7-8

The Beasley Centennial Fund Raising Committee is sponsoring a Rummage & Pastry Sale on Friday and Saturday, June 7-8 in honor of Beasley's 100th birthday in 1994. Donations are welcomed. For pick up of donated items, call Mary Lea White at 387-2295 or Wanda Evancik at 387-2866.

Garwood UMC service to begin at 9 a.m.

The morning worship service at Lehrer Memorial United Methodist Church in Garwood will start at 9 a.m. beginning June 9 with Sunday School to follow. The new minister will be Rev. Larry Bailey.

Legionnaires meeting June 11

W. Cherry-M. Perry Post 108 of the American Legion will hold a Ladies Night quarterly meeting at Taco Tony's beginning at 6 p.m. next Tuesday, June 11. After the "dutch treat" meal, a business meeting will be held, including the election of 1992 officers and other important business. Following the business meeting, the Legionnaires and spouses will adjourn to the Eagle Lake Community Center to hear Brig. Gen. Joe N. Frazar III speak on "Desert Storm" operations.

Commercial drivers license school

All commercial drivers will be required to pass the new commercial drivers license test by April 1, 1992. The Department of Public Safety has started the testing procedure. A prep school to help drivers pass the required test has been scheduled in Eagle Lake at the Wintermann Library Tuesday and Wednesday, June 11-12. The school starts at 6 p.m. both nights. Two trained certified instructors will present the course. They are Weimar Chief of Police Joey Targac and retired DPS Sergeant Gilbert Kiel. To pre-register call Sergeant Kiel in Columbus at 732-5526 or the Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake.

Juneteenth Celebration coming June 15th

The Juneteenth Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 15th at the Eagle Lake City Park. Booths are available. Call 234-2067.

Columbus Class of '66 Reunion June 15

Columbus ISD Class of 1966 will hold its 25th Class Reunion on June 15 at 6 p.m. at the KC Hall in Columbus. For additional information contact Robyn (Bankson) Adams at 732-2685 or Susan Rogers.

July 4th parade to honor all servicemen

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a parade to honor the servicemen and women who participated in Operation Desert Storm, and all other war veterans on Thursday, July 4th. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. Please notify the servicemen or woman in your family to stay here in time to be here for this occasion. For further information, contact Enola Gervason at the Chamber Office, 234-2780, 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

15th Air Force Reunion Sept. 16-19

The Fifteenth Air Force (all groups) will be holding a reunion on September 16-19 at the Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Help us celebrate our "Desert Victory" as we welcome home our 15th Air Force people from the war in the Gulf. This reunion will be the most heartwarming, patriotic and fun occasion of all our 15th Air Force reunions. Contact 15th A.F. Assn. Box 6325, March Air Force Base, California, 92518 or phone (714) 655-1110, extension 3603.

Class of '91 graduation exercises

Class Motto — "I'm not afraid of tomorrow, I've seen yesterday and I love today!"

Fifty-three graduating seniors of the Rice High School class of '91 participated in the most important event of their life at the High School Gymnasium on Thursday, May 30,

1991. As the seniors waited anxiously and nervously in the commons area outside the gym, parents, and other relatives and friends filled the gymnasium seats with the help of the ushers. They were Vicki Drik, Kori Klein, Bonnie Benge, Shanna Brunner, Amy Leopold, Matt Weller, Joshua Grah-

mann and Ragen Stienke.

Becky Korenek played the processional as the seniors filed in one by one carrying their class flower, the white rose. After they took their seats that were awaiting them in the middle of the gymnasium, the audience stood as the invocation was given by Honor Graduate Hector Tapia.

Salutatorian Noble Anderson approached the podium and gave his speech to the audience and his classmates which was followed by the singing of the class song, "Why Can't This Night Go On Forever" accompanied by Valedictorian Darryl Anderson on piano. The valedictory speech was then given by Darryl Anderson and the certification of the students was announced by Principal Fred F. Graham.

As Superintendent Carolyn McGaughey announced the names of each individual student, they made their way over to John Matthews, president of the School Board, who

(See Graduation, Page 11)

Frazar to present program on 'Desert Storm' June 11



Brigadier General Joe N. Frazar III, son of Brigadier General and Mrs. Joe N. Frazar Jr. of Eagle Lake, will be at the Eagle Lake Community Center to present a program on "Operation Desert Storm" on Tuesday, June 11 beginning at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. He will tell of the time he spent in Saudi Arabia during Desert Shield/Storm. Frazar has been designated by the U.S. Government to travel to different communities speaking on the Persian Gulf War.

Born in Texas in 1941, General Frazar earned a B.S. degree from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1965 and his M.A. degree in history at Kansas State University in 1976. He attended the Armor School, Basic (1966) and Advanced (1969) Courses, the U.S.

Army Command and General Staff College (1976), and the U.S. Army War College (1986).

He has served stateside at Ft.

Knox, Kentucky, Ft. Hood, Texas, Ft. McPherson, Georgia, Ft. Leavenworth (1986).

(See Frazar, Page 12)

Eagle Lake Police Department Weekly Report

Week ending 06-04-91

Tuesday, May 28, Officer Jeff Argo was dispatched to a burglary of a residence on Strickland. Upon arrival, Argo met with the complainant and was informed someone had broken into the back door to enter the house. A large amount of jewelry had been taken. Nothing else was disturbed. Fingerprints were taken, but there is no suspect at this time.

Also Tuesday at 11:50 p.m., Officers Clem Johnson and Argo were dispatched to a burglary in progress on Church Street. After a search of the premises, and no one was found, it was determined the subject may have been scared off by the owner. An outside screen had been removed and a win-

dow opened in an attempt to gain entry to the residence.

Wednesday morning, the 29th, Chief Villarreal was dispatched to an attempted burglary at Lange Trucking Co. on FM 3013. Mrs. Lange advised she was in the office and heard a noise in the shop area. Upon checking, she discovered a black, male juvenile, who had opened a tool cabinet and had his hands full of tools. Mrs. Lange ran the boy off and gave a detailed description of the subject. Sgt. Jones and Juvenile Officer Johnson were unable to locate the subject.

Thursday night at 11:44 p.m., Officer Argo was dispatched to a two-

(See Police Report, Page 12)

Weishuhn to receive Lone Star Farmer Degree

The Rice FFA Chapter will be traveling to El Paso this summer to attend the State FFA Convention. Rachel Weishuhn, a 1991 graduating senior, will be receiving her Lone Star Farmer Degree at the state convention upon receiving approval at the State FFA Degree Check to be held in Austin on June 6-7. If approved, Rachel will be awarded her degree on July 9 in El Paso. She has been an outstanding FFA member and a role model for other members to follow.

Other members to attend the convention will be freshmen Justin Kutzer and Kevin Till and sophomores Louis Mahalic and Jesse George. Advisors Ronel Roberts and David Rose will be accompanying them through the hot West Texas desert!

The new and exciting plans and ideas were discussed by the officers and advisors.



Rachel Weishuhn