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Sophomores: Jessica Briscoe, Jonathan Burrow, Tiffany Castro, Christie Cranek, Jennifer Hajovsky, Timothy Jasek, Karen Kazmir, Valerie Korenek, Lainee Labay, Kelli Matthys, Jonathan Pope, Nenci Rodriguez, Petra Sewell, Delana Smith, Renesha Thibodeaux, Stephanie Thompson, LaToya Timms, Amanda Weishuhn, Tiffany Wilkerson.

Juniors: Joshua Allen, Bridget Baird, Cody Cerny, Willie Cleveland, Carrie Engstrom, Kyle Fink, Sunny Gertson, Shara Glaiser, Juan Gonzales, Lance Grigar, Rachelle Kallina, Jennifer Krenek, Trey Kucherka, Connie Longoria, Andrea Machac, Sara Mann, Timothy Powers, Robyn Rucka, Jaclyn Schmitt, Gina Sides, Lea Spangenberg, Marcie Till.

Seniors: Crystal Atkins, Byron Black, Rebecca Burrow, Travis Buzek, Amy Castleman, Christian Cordova, Laulita DeVille, Nikki Fuller, Juan Galvan, Garett Hagendorf, Wendy Henderson, Leigh Jackson, Clint Krenek, Dana Leopold, Wesley Leopold, Brandon Mathis, Rachel Matthys, Mario Morales, Valerie Moreno, Cortney Parker, Anna Perez, Jill Satsky, Aimie Smith, Michelle Spanihel, Kristien Stienke, Jared Vawter, Kate Weller, Chad Wesselski, Doug Wied, Michael Wiese.

SHERIDAN SCHOOL

First grade: Brent Botard, Victor Brewer, Amber Buegeler, Scott Gundelach, Megan Hinze, Tawana King, Amber Kinney, Jason Laake, Arianna LeVine, Megan Mowery, Dan New, Kayla Robertson, Kimberly Varley.

Second: Chelsea Ray, Ashley Tieken, Jeremy Hill.

Third: Stephanie Botard, Erica Hearn, Cliffton Kazmir, Tyler Kloss, Katie McDaniel, Stuart Ray, Tiffany Varley.

Fourth: Lauren Kasper, Esteyvon King, Zak Kloss, Jennifer Munoz, Marshall Peterson.

Fifth: Krystal Buegeler, Reggie Ford, Hannah Kallina, Jacqui Mahalitc, Patrick Milentz, Travis Pittman, Andrew Varley.

Sixth: Lakeisha Dawson, Kimberly Denley, Johnny Edds, Jonathan Houser, Larry Ross, Tiffany Stern, Shelley Greak.

Seventh: Robyn Alleway, Isam Brisco, Eric Kasper, Kyle Kincheloe.

Eighth: Teresa Pittman.

SHERIDAN 'SMART AWARDS'

These students won a total of 209 Smart Awards for the fifth six-weeks.

Pre-k: Samantha Barker. Kindergarten: Courtney Andrejczak, Randall Brown, Brandon Harden, Kaci Kazmir, Byran Layton, Wesley Leal, Clayton Mahalitc, Julian Moore, Melissa Smith, Amber Tesch.

First: Brent Botard, Victor Brewer, Amber Buegeler, Scott Gundelach, Megan Hinze, Tawana King, Amber Kinney, Jason Laake, Arianna LeVine, Megan Mowery, Daniel New, Kayla Robertson, Kurt Stern, Kimberly Varley.

Second: Jeremy Hill, Jarod Munoz, Ryan New, Chelsea Ray, Jacob Spangenberg, Ashley Tieken, Myekia Williams, Brent Swearingen. **Third:** Brian Avila, Stephanie Botard, Chad Garza, Erica Hearn, Julie Houser, Cliffton Kazmir, Donovan King, Tyler Kloss, Katie McDaniel, Stuart Ray, Tiffany Varley.

Fourth: Paul Brown, Lauren Kasper, Esteyvon King, Zachary Kloss, Steven Moore, Jennifer Munoz, Marshall Peterson, Jared Sainz, Tarrah Stern, Allen Greak.

Fifth: Leila Baggett, Krystal Buegeler, Reggie Ford, Jason Godley, Hannah Kallina, Desi Rea Lowe, Jacqui Mahalitc, Patrick Milentz, Travis Pittman, Andrew Varley.

Sixth: Lakeisha Dawson, Kimberly Denley, Johnny Edds, Jonathan Houser, Larry Ross, Tiffany Stern, Shelley Greak.

Seventh: Robyn Alleway, Isam Brisco, Erica Cole, David Estrada, Robert Estrada, Eric Kasper, Kyle Kincheloe, Chris Machart, Josh Spangenberg.

Eighth: Brandy Banks, Dustin Brisco, Chanda Coxwell, Virginia Edds, Adrian Garcia, Tameka Jones, Brandy Lawson, Teresa Pittman, Cody Thompson.

Alleyton

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continued, "the South has had a long and lucrative tradition of exporting cotton to the mills of Britain. The conflict and the Yankee blockade have raised havoc with this trading arrangement. The eager British are paying top prices for bails delivered across the border in Mexico."

"As you already know," he added, "the military is involved in selling cotton there for funds and supplies with which to conduct its campaigns."

"The point is," emphasized Jason, "the British agents situated in Mexico are not bound to buy only from the Confederate Army."

"With cotton prices high," he stressed, "non-military businessmen are engaged in making fortunes themselves by selling a share of the cotton. They can buy it from, if you will, unpatriotic planters and profit royally by selling it directly to British agents."

"Or," he added, "some cotton factors might go so far as to appropriate Confederate cotton sitting idly in warehouses in either Alleyton or Columbus and awaiting ox-cart transportation to the border."

"In fact," he grinned, "we believe that the quartermaster and his troops at Camp Webb have so much government detail to deal with that I doubt that they know just how much cotton is on hand, let along if any is taken."

Next week: Chapter 21, Seth Confronts Reddick

Luncheon

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and made their way across the world to start a new life.

Jacob and Sara worked tirelessly to build new lives and offer every opportunity to their children.

They were consumed with building the future, and as such took little time out to dwell on the past.

But, even as a very small child, Deborah sensed that something was terribly wrong — that a dreadful, dark secret lurked in her home.

The Holocaust was that dreadful secret, and her parents' struggle and victory over indignity, brutality and death is the subject of Deborah's program for the annual Study Club Luncheon.

An old proverb reminds us "History wouldn't have to repeat itself, so often of the world would listen."

If you do not have a ticket for the Study Club Luncheon on Friday, May 10, at noon, feel free to come for the program which will start at about 12:45 p.m.

Deborah's story of the Nazi Holocaust is one everyone should hear.

Never should the experience of Deborah's parents and millions of others be repeated.

Each of us needs to listen and remember mankind's potential for evil.

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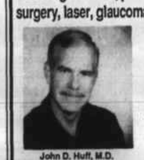

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DOBBINS: 3BR, 1-1/2BA, frame with fireplace.
AUSTIN RD.: 2BR, 1BA frame; 1/2 Acre.
CLARK STREET: 2BR, 2BA, frame with CA/CH; corner lot w/fence.
N. LAKE: 3BR, 2BA, frame w/storage bldg., large corner lot.
NORRIS: 3BR, 2BA, formal living & dining room, den, frame Victorian on large lot w/pole barn. *Priced reduced!*
LAUGHLIN ROAD: 4BR, 2BA, living room/dining room combo, den; brick; corner lot with fence.
W. MAIN: 3BR, 2BA, Sunroom; brick with large lot.
PECAN VALLEY: 3BR, 1BA frame; approx. 3,910 acres!
HARBERT AVE.: 32x68 Mobile home w/redwood siding; 3BR, 2-1/2 BA, living room w/fireplace, den, one car garage & pole barn. 2+ ac. with fence.
E. STATE: 3BR, 2BA, den, dining room, office, fireplace; frame with siding on corner lot.
LAUGHLIN RD.: 3BR, 3BA, den, office. Large house with approx. 2.7 acres.

COMMERCIAL...
E. MAIN STREET: 1.67 Acres commercial frontage
HWY. 90A & FLEN FLORA ROAD: 1.87 Acres commercial frontage.
W. DAVITT: Four one-bedroom apartments with CA/CH; brick.
ICE STREET: Historical Ice House, 47'x 86' bldg. with 0.406 ac.
W. PRAIRIE: West Prairie Apts. (Former Methodist Church); 8 units; approx. 1 acre.
GLEN FLORA ROAD: 1.3 Acres with shop and mobile home.
Alamo Trailer Park: Including 2 rent houses and 2 mobile homes.
E. MAIN ST.: 330 Foot frontage; some improvements.
E. MAIN: Former Santa Fe Depot; renovated into office space and two apts. Owner finance. *Make an offer!*
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LOTS...
DONOVAN ST.: 75'x188'
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LAND...
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'KidFish' returns May 25

The second annual KidFish fishing tournament will be held for youngsters ages five to 15 on Saturday morning, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., once again at Thornton Pond, two miles south of Eagle Lake on FM 102 South (Lakeside Drive).

Lake Motors Inc., Chevy First Team Dealers and Texas Parks and Wildlife will again sponsor the event.

"We had an outstanding turnout last year for KidFish," said Tom Reed, owner of Lake Motors. "This year we want to triple its size.

"There will be free hot dogs and cold drinks for everyone; great gift giveaways for the kids; and this year we've added a new twist. There will be drawings

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1996 RHS Valedictorian Rebecca Burrow and Salutatorian Jill Satsky

Incumbent Wiese calls for recount

A recount of votes to determine who will be seated in Position No. 7 on the Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees was scheduled to be held Wednesday, May 15, at the Administration Building in Altair.

The recount was petitioned by incumbent Jim Wiese last Thursday after the May 4 election ended in a tie vote between himself and challenger Gayle Gertson.

Gertson received 290 votes in Eagle Lake, 99 in Garwood, 14 in Sheridan and five absentee votes for his total 408.

Wiese received 242 votes in Eagle Lake, 104 in Garwood, 57 in Sheridan and five absentee votes.

Becky Anderson was scheduled to serve as election judge and will be assisted by Hortencia Cordova, Jessie Banks and Carmen Jackson.

Each candidate or a representative thereof may be present for the recount.

Board President Melody Grigar was the designated recount supervisor and Secretary Fritz Leopold requested that Assistant Superintendent Fred Grahmann to represent his position at the retabulation.

No other people will be allowed to be in attendance or to be within 30 feet of the door to the recount room.

The only votes counted were to be those previously counted at the polling places on May 4 that resulted in the tie.

No voter list or other election credentials were considered in the recount.

"We will be checking only for mathematical errors," said Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott.

The votes will be canvassed at a special meeting expected to be called for next week.

If a difference was discovered in the vote total, the candidate who the recount favored will be seated on the Board at the special meeting following the canvass.

If the recount tabulation again ends in a tie, the special election scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, will be held.

Thirteen sentenced in district court

Thirteen people were sentenced in District Court in Colorado County last week before District Judge Dwight Peschel.

Felix Garcia was placed on five years probation for a driving while intoxicated (DWI) offense on Nov. 5. He was ordered to perform 240 hours of community service, pay a $1,000 fine and serve 30 days in jail.

Jeremy Ferguson was placed on five years probation for a theft offense on April 21. He was ordered to pay a $1,000 fine and was ordered to a substance abuse treatment facility for a period of from six months to one year.

Charles Alexander was placed on five years probation for a DWI offense on Aug. 22. He was also ordered to pay a $1,000 fine, do 240 hours of community service and serve 30 days in jail.

Jesus Hernandez, Robert Perez and Pedro Hernandez were each given deferred adjudication and placed on probation for five years for a burglary offense which occurred Feb. 2. They were also ordered to perform 240 hours of community service, pay a $1,000 fine and serve 45 days in jail.

Darrell Shropshire was granted deferred adjudication and placed on probation for five years for a burglary of a building on Jan. 2. He was ordered to perform 240 hours of community service, pay a $1,000 fine and serve 45 days in jail.

Lloyd King was granted deferred adjudication and placed on probation for five years for theft of a firearm on Dec. 15. He was ordered to perform 240 hours of community service, pay a $500 fine and serve 30 days in jail.

Jeanette Survocak was granted deferred adjudication and placed on

(See Court, Page 10)

RHS names top grads

Rebecca Burrow has been named Valedictorian of the Rice High School Class of 1996 and Jill Satsky has been designated the Salutatorian.

Honor graduates are Crystal Atkins, Leigh Jackson, Clint Krenek, Dana Leopold, Rachel Matthys, Cortney Parker, Aimie Smith, Kristen Stienke, Kate Weller, Chad Wesselski and Michael Wiese.

Rebecca, the daughter of Randy and Carolyn Burrow of Eagle Lake, has been an active member of the Rice Raider Band, Student Council, NHS, FTA, UIL, Drama Club and the Annual Staff.

She also participated in volleyball, basketball, track, powerlifting and one-act play. Rebecca served as a twirler for the Mighty Raider Band.

Rebecca plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin or Sam Houston State University to become a pharmacist.

Jill is the daughter of Edward and Judith Satsky, also of Eagle Lake. She is a member of NHS, FTA, Student Council, Drama Club, Band Council, Flag Corps and the Rodeo Club.

Her other activities included participating in one-act play, journalism, spelling, accounting, current events and JV tennis.

Jill plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in biology. After receiving her degree, she olans to pursue a career as a research

plans See Honors, Page 10)

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following cases and calls for the week ending May 14.

On May 8, Lt. Clem Johnson was dispatched to a report of a car alarm activated. Upon his arrival, he found a child was playing with the remote.

A report was taken by Officer Carl Risk on the May 8 in reference to a run-away child. The child later returned home.

Officer Risk was dispatched to a reported assault on B Street on May 8. After speaking with both parties, Betty Jean Glover was arrested for public intoxication, processed at the police department, then transported to the Colorado County Detention Center (CCDC) for confinement.

Officer David Fletcher met with a complainant at the police department on May 9 in reference to disorderly conduct. A report was taken, but the complainant did not wish to file charges.

On May 9, Sgt. Jack Knox was dispatched to the City Barn in reference to a vehicle being damaged by a rock thrown from a City-owned lawn tractor. Information was collected from all parties and a report was filed accordingly.

Officer Risk was dispatched on a prowler call on May 9 on East State Street, but no one was located.

Lt. Johnson was dispatched to a residence on Prairie Street on May 10 in reference to a possible burglary. Evidence did not reveal that a burglary had occurred.

Lt. Johnson responded to a disturbance call on S. Lake Ave., but upon investigation, found the matter to be a civil problem.

Sgt. Knox and Officer Keith Bailey made a pedestrian contact on May 10 which resulted in the suspect, Linda Spates, being arrested for littering and resisting arrest. She was processed at the police department then transported to CCDC for confinement.

Officer Risk responded to a report of a prowler on Shirley St. on May 10, checkedthe area and found no one.

Officer Risk and Sgt. Knox arrested Johnny Main Johnson and Michael Lee Hernandez on outstanding theft warrants on May 11; clearing up a recent case involving the theft of

(See Police, Page 10)

New addition to staff of RDCH...

Urologist schedules free screening clinic

Urologist Ned Stein, M.D., F.A.C.S., of Houston, will begin holding a urology clinic in May starting with a FREE prostate cancer screening to include a digital rectal exam, PSA, and consultation on Wednesday, May 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Rice District Community Hospital (RDCH). If possible, please register in advance by calling RDCH at 1-409-234-5571 or 1-800-926-7954.

Practicing in Houston for over 17 years, Dr. Stein is a board certified urologist and surgeon. At his Houston practice, he specializes in lithotripsy, candela, endourology, urodynamics, prosthetics, impotency, incontinence, all lasers, laparoscopy and contigen implants.

Stein graduated from North Carolina's Bowman-Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest in 1973 and received his postgraduate education from Case Western Reserve University. He is a member of numerous professional affiliations including the American Medical Association and American Urological Association.

He is married to Rochelle Stein, M.S.W., A.C.S.W., and they have three children. By way of hobbies, he is a Rockets' fan and enjoys skiing.

The medical staff at RDCH welcomes the addition of this fine specialist.

Dr. Ned Stein

NEWSBRIEFS

Youth rehearsal set for May 18

20th Century District Association Youth Rehearsal will be held Saturday, May 18, at the Tabernacle in Egypt, Texas. All youth in the district who will be singing in the grand musical to be held Monday, June 3, are asked to be present at the rehearsal said Rev. Obie Rhodes, President of Congress and BTU.

ELMS field day is Friday

The Eagle Lake Middle School Field Day will be held Friday, May 17, starting at 8 a.m. Opening ceremonies include a parade procession of all 4th and 5th grade students. The ELMS band, under the direction of Mr. Stan Miller, will play. The PTO will run the concession stand and the community is invited . For more information or to volunteer, call Coaches Karen Rosenbaum or Greg Carerra at 234-3501.

Take part in Juneteenth celebration, parade!

Anyone interested in participating in the Juneteenth Parade and Celebration scheduled for June 15 in Eagle Lake should call one of the following numbers before the May 31 deadline: 409-234-5651, 234-2467, 234-7948 or 234-5067.

Friendship hosts '1996 Gospel Explosion'

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, located at 405 S. Lake, Rev. Earl Shorter Jr., pastor, invite the community to come out and help magnify the Lord. "God's Anointed Voices" featuring Rev. Elvin D. Stewart, pastor of Greater New Grove Baptist Church Houston, will be in concert Friday, May 17, at 8 p.m. Greater New Grove Baptist is the church home of the late Rev. Paul Jones, "I Won't Complain". If you miss it, you'll miss a blessing. We look forward to seeing you there.

Friendship Baptist Church to hold drawing

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will draw tickets for dinner for two at Sportsman's Restaurant as a fund raiser. Ticket prices are $5 and may be obtained from any member. The drawing will be held Friday, May 17, immediately following the gospel concert in the church fellowship hall. Thank you for your support.

'Polkatennial' is Memorial weekend

Polka and party at the Second Annual Stars and Stripes Polkatennial in Needville Memorial Day weekend, May 25 and 26. Two days, two halls and eight bands, with a special performance by the Stars & Stripes Ukulele Band and a guest appearance from "Polka Patty from Peachbottom, PA". Door prizes on the hour, polka Mass on Sunday and food will be available. For more information, call 713-480-3965.

Defensive driving course to be May 25

A Saturday defensive driving course has been slated by Gene Cremeens on May 25 in Eagle Lake at the Wintermann Library from 8 a.m to 3 p.m. To preregister for the course, call 234-5411 or 1-800-285-8297 at any time. Walk-ins are welcome.

County to seek rehab grant

Colorado County Commissioners' Court adopted a resolution to apply for a Community Development Block Grant for rural housing rehabilitation as it breezed through a routine agenda on Monday morning.

The grant, if approved, will be at no cost to the County, according to County Judge Vince Slominski.

"It will assist the elderly and disabled of owner-occupied homes in our rural communities with renovations," said Slominski.

The grant is expected to allow some $20,500 per unit.

The Court also agreed to write a letter of support to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to express its concern over the lack of adequate highway access to the proposed industrial park and ag complex.

(See Commissioners, Page 10)

Jackson submits new athletic policy

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees was presented an Athletic Policy Improvement Plan for the 1996-97 school year and approved a new procedure for salaries for 19 coaching positions at Monday night's meeting.

Athletic Director Dennis Jackson told the Board the new policy will focus on strength and conditioning during the athletic period and the sport after school.

"We must get stronger and in better condition if we are to compete," said Jackson.

A major change in the athletic policy is a change in wording from off-season program to strength and conditioning program.

The preliminary plan was approved that specifically addresses no-pass, no-play, academic requirements, travel to and from athletic contests, contests, attendance, dress code, quiting, disrespect, theft, lettering, injuries, training rules, college recruitment and the consequences for school suspension, alternative school placement unexcused and excused absences from athletic practice and events, and usage of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

Participation in multiple extra-curricular activities is also addressed.

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City's sales tax rebate continues downslide

John Sharp, State Comptroller of Public Accounts, last week delivered a total of $196.8 million in May sales tax rebates to 1,079 cities and 115 counties, 1.4% more than the statewide allocation of one year ago.

The City of Eagle Lake received $11,855.75, 34.69% lower than the $18,153.68 received last May.

"Sales in Texas continue to clock along at a good pace. City rebates were up slightly from last year's, while county payments were down. This apparent reduction really reflects large audit collections that inflated county allocations during this same period last year," Sharp said.

Local sales tax payments to Texas cities totaled $181.3 million, 2.6% above the $176.7 million in May 1995. Rebates to Texas counties were $15.4 million, down 10.5% from last year's rebates of $17.2 million.

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Ribbon cut for Dollar General

The ribbon cutting ceremonies for Dollar General were Thursday, May 2. As you can see by the photo, quite a few folks were on hand to wish them the best of luck. In the front, from left, are Sandy Bendy, Chamber Secretary Lana Dulany, Becky Anderson, Brenda Boesch, Jonna Bowen, Mary Ann Kakuza, Dollar General District Manager Mike Furr, Store Manager Elda Espinoza, CTM Lee Beasley, Chamber President Jerry Retzlaff, City Manager Ron Holland and Don Bendy. In the back are some of the guys who put the store together, Bret Hudman of Remodeling Plus and his crew, and, of course, all the employees at Dollar General.

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