

Eagle Lake Pool is open

The Eagle Lake Community Pool was to open for the summer this Wednesday, June 4.

The pool hours will be Tuesday through Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m. Admission fee is \$2.25 per person. Children three years and under get in free with a paying,

responsible adult. The pool will be closed Mondays for cleaning.

Season passes may be purchased at the pool for: one person at \$40; two people, \$65; three or more (family pass for immediate family only), \$85. Season passes purchased at the pool, Page 4)



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City starts 'crack-down' on loose, unregistered dogs

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Eagle Lake City Council made plans to crack down on the growing problem of loose and non-registered dogs in the City at its meeting last

week.

Police Chief Keith Webb had been asked by Councilman Michael Cooper to draft plans for using a police officer as an assistant animal control officer.

He presented the draft to Council for its consideration.

Officer Tim Crume will serve in the position and will attend basic animal control school June 10 and 11.

Webb also presented policy that clearly defines the duties of the officer while acting in two separate capacities — police officer and animal control officer — since each are under separate departments.

The City has ordinances regulating animals within the City limits for the purpose of keeping its citizens free from health and safety problems.

However, a great number of residents have chosen to ignore these ordinances.

It is Council's hope that, with the use of a certified law enforcement officer, it will help reduce the number of stray dogs and step up the enforcement of current ordinances.

The officer has been instructed to issue citations.

The need for an additional assistant animal control person has arisen due to the increasing dog and cat population. A lack of resources and only a small animal control staff, with other duties in the Public Works Department, made it cost-efficient to utilize the officer.

While working as an assistant animal control officer, the police officer will not be considered on-duty with the police department unless the officer responds to an emergency. The position, in no way, limits the police officer's legal arrest powers during his animal control duties.

A resolution exempting the police chief's car from required identification markings, as allowed by the Texas Transportation Code, was adopted. Webb stated that there are times when it is advantageous to have one car without police markings.

Mayor David Mann reported the continuing pursuit of a 1,000-bed private prison. The vendor was scheduled to visit Eagle Lake sometime this week.

"We are, at least on paper, in the running," said Mann. "We want to learn about them and have them learn a whole lot about us."

City Manager Ron Holland said the juvenile boot camp and Eagle Lake Housing Finance Corporation's duplex project are both under way.

In other business, Council:

- Awarded a contract for the construction of water and sewer main lines to the Airline housing site;

- Approved a contract with O'Malley Engineers for the street improvement project;

- Granted a parade permit for the Juneteenth Celebration;

- Authorized the advertisement of bids to trench and install 1,000 feet of electrical conduit across the air protection zone on Cat Spring Road;

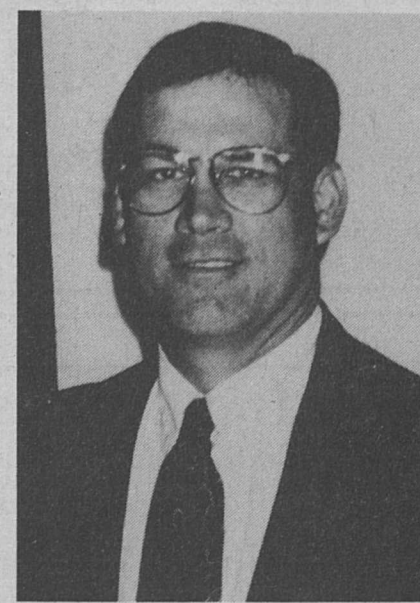
- Accepted ownership of a packaged disaster hospital from the Texas Department of Health that has been stored for a number of years with the City; and

- Elected Councilwoman René Cooper-Scott as mayor pro-tem.

'Freshman Legislator of the Year'

Robby Cook, freshman member of the Texas House of Representatives, was chosen "Freshman Legislator of the Year" by his peers Monday, June 2. When presented the honor, Cook said he did not expect it, but was greatly honored to be chosen.

Elected last year to fill the District 28 slot of long-time representative Robert Saunders, Cook represents Colorado, Bastrop, Fayette and Wharton Counties. He and his family live in Eagle Lake.



NEWSBRIEFS

Seniors Dance is Friday

A Seniors Citizens Dance will be held Friday, June 6, at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Music will be provided by The Country Playboys. Admission is \$5 per person and door prizes will be given. The public is invited to attend.

TWONC plans field trip

The Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club will hold its second out-of-town field trip of the year with an all-day visit to Brazos Bend State Park on Saturday, June 7. Members, guests and other interested persons are to assemble at the Prairie Edge Museum in Eagle Lake at 7:30 a.m. They will car-pool leaving surplus vehicles in the lot. Everyone should pack a picnic lunch, wear field gear and walking shoes, carry field glasses and be expected to pay a modest entry fee. For more information, call Doris Laughlin at 409-732-8875 or Susan Tomchesson at 409-234-5591.

Getsemani Baptist Church to host VBS

Join your friends and partners and be a part of the fun, Bible study, crafts, games, and tasty vittles at the wildwest Vacation Bible School (VBS) you've ever seen. The fun will be at Getsemani Baptist Church, 901 B Street from June 23-27 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. For more information call 409-234-2714.

Head Start accepting enrollment applications

The Head Start program is a pre-school program offering comprehensive services to three and four year-old children and their families at no charge. Cent-Tex Family Services Inc. has selected children who will begin attending Head Start in Sept.; however, there may still be slots available at the Head Start Center in your community. Please contact Andreana Ledesma at 303-7737 ext. 23 or 1-800-484-6634 code 7737 for more information or for an enrollment application to be mailed to your home. If the center in your area is currently full, children applying will be placed on the waiting list until a slot is available.

Cheerleading mini-camp is June 23-26

A cheerleading mini-camp will be held June 23 through 26. Time and place for elementary students are 9 to 10 a.m. at Sheridan, Eagle Lake and Garwood Schools; and Jr. high cheerleaders, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Garwood. The cost is \$10 per person. Come join the fun; everyone's welcome.

New Child Development Center to open

A New Beginnings Child Development Center, a full service child care center, is now accepting pre-enrollment applications for the 1997-98 school year and for full time child care. This center is scheduled to open in Aug. For more information, call Martha M. Flores at 234-2785.

'Dream Machine' is summer reading theme

Imagine! Explore! Invent! And more! All at the Eula and David Wintermann Library. Children ages four through completed fifth grade are invited to sign up for The Incredible Dream Machine 1997 Texas Reading Club. When you join this club, you can read some fantastic books, earn some awesome awards and attend some great activities. Story hour will be Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 and movies will be shown Thursdays, 2:30 to 3:30. This program is sponsored annually by the library and the Texas State Library. Fill your days with fun! Call 234-5411 for more information.

Pre-Juneteenth Gospel Fest is June 14

A Pre-Juneteenth Gospel Fest will be June 14 at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Alleyton from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be games, rides, food and good gospel music. If you are interested in having booth space, call 409-234-7267 or 281-342-7557; the fee is \$25. If you're looking for a good time, organizers guarantee this is the place for you! They say you'll have a Hallelujah time!!!

Class of 1977 planning reunion

Can you believe it's been 20 years since the Rice High School Class of 1977 graduated? Plans are in the works for a class reunion and help is needed! If you can help in any way, the organizers would love to hear from you. Call or write A.S.A.P.: Cynthia Tomchesson Trebybig, 7403 Quiet Glen Drive, Sugar Land, TX 77479, 281-343-1695; or Denise Rucka Thompson, P.O. Box 247 Garwood, TX 77442, 409-758-9027. Messages left at the home Kathy Frenzel Stephens, were not received. Please contact Trebybig or Thompson. Parents and friends... addresses are still needed for some class members. Please call and leave a message, or write, if you have current addresses.

Parish of the Nativity schedules picnic

The Parish of the Nativity, Eagle Lake, will hold its June Picnic Sunday, June 8, at 310 N. Stevenson, Our Lady of Perpetual Help grounds. Serving of the barbecue chicken and sausage dinner will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Adult plates are \$5; kids plates \$3 (curb service available, adult plates only). There will be amusements, games and an auction (at 1 p.m.). A drawing will be held immediately after the auction. Enter the horseshoe pitching and/or volleyball tournaments. For more information, call 409-234-2842.

Juneteenth Celebration slated for June 14

A Juneteenth Celebration is slated for Saturday, June 14. For more information, call 234-5651, 234-2467, 234-5067 or 234-7948.

Forage field day is Friday

The Texas Agriculture Extension Service and the Colorado County Extension Beef and Forage Commission is sponsoring a Forage Field Day on Friday, June 6. The field day will be hosted by Delton Hollmann at his pasture located east of Columbus beginning at 4 p.m. To reach the site, from Columbus, go east on IH-10 to FM 949 exit, take FM 949 exit and continue east on service road for 1.7 miles to pasture on right (south) hand side of road. For more information call 409-732-2082.

Pecan field day set for June 11

The Texas Agriculture Extension Service and the Colorado/Fayette County Extension Horticulture Committees are sponsoring a Pecan Field Day on Wednesday, June 11. The field day will be hosted by Mr. Frank Kolek Jr., beginning at 4 p.m. To reach the Kolek Jr. orchard, on Hwy. 90, nine miles west of Columbus (five miles east of Weimar), go south at the Borden Store on County Road 210 for 1.2 miles to the Kolek orchard on the left.

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following cases and calls for the week ending June 3.

On May 27 at 7:30 p.m., Sgt. Jack Knox was contacted by a complainant in the 100 block of McCarty in reference to criminal mischief. Sgt. Knox followed the complainant to her residence where he took a report. The case is under investigation.

At 8:08 p.m., Sgt. Knox met a complainant at the police department where he took an assault report.

At 8:13 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to E. State Street in reference to a stolen purse. Upon investigation, Sgt. Knox contacted the suspect and the purse was later located, and the complainant signed a non-prosecution waiver in lieu of not wanting to file charges.

On May 28, at 12:26 a.m., Officer Tim Crume was dispatched to A Street in reference to a runaway juvenile. A report was filed and the runaway later returned home.

At 12:50 a.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to Commerce Street in reference to phone harassment, where a report was filed.

At 11:36 p.m., Officer Crume conducted a traffic stop in the 600 block of East Main, which resulted in the driver, Robert Black Sr., being arrested for driving while license suspended. Black was processed at the police department, then transported to the County Detention Center (CDC) for confinement.

On May 29, at 12:52 a.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to Third Street in reference to an unwanted person on the property. Officer Crume contacted the subject, advised him to leave, and no other action was taken.

At 6:40 a.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to 901 East Prairie in reference to a traffic accident. Melissa Hernandez Blair, driving a 96 Honda two door, was traveling east in the 800 block of East Prairie, when she lost control of her vehicle and skidded into the driveway of 901 E. Prairie, colliding with a 1977 Chevrolet pickup, owned by Fernando V. Sosa, which was parked in the driveway. The collision pushed Sosa's vehicle into a flower bed, causing damage to both vehicles and the flower bed.

At 7:30 a.m., Lt. Clem Johnson was advised of two subjects fighting near the railroad tracks on FM 3013. Lt. Johnson located the subjects and transported them to the police department for identification, where the juveniles were cited for disorderly conduct and released to a parent.

At 8:51 a.m., Lt. Johnson met a complainant at the police department in reference to a stolen rifle. A report was filed. Lt. Johnson investigated, the rifle was located and returned to the owner. No charges were filed.

A 8:53 a.m., Chief Keith Webb met with a complainant at the police department and took a report of a stolen tool box. The tool box was later recovered.

At 1:35 p.m., Lt. Johnson received an anonymous call of several subjects fighting in a yard in the 500 block of East State Street. Upon Johnson's arrival, the subjects were gone from the area and no action was taken.

At 3:30 p.m., a complainant came to the police department and reported a forgery case to Chief Webb, and the case is under investigation.

Officer Crume was dispatched to a disturbance at 5:36 p.m., on Seaholm Street. Upon his arrival, the subject was not at the scene, and complainant was advised to call the police department if an officer was needed later.

At 6:12 p.m., Officer Crume received a call in the 900 block of Church Street in reference to a theft. The property was located, and a juvenile report was filed.

On May 30, at 12:17 a.m., Officer Bill Lattimore was dispatched to East C Street in reference to a speeding vehicle. Lattimore patrolled the area, but was unable to locate any vehicle matching the description driving in the area.

At 8:57 a.m., Lt. Johnson was advised of the theft of a three-wheeler from West Main Street. After taking a report, investigation led Lt. Johnson to the Masonic Cemetery, where the three-wheeler was located and recovered and returned to the owner.

At 1:08 p.m., Lt. Johnson was dispatched to the 1100 block of Raezer Street in reference to a burglary of a residence. The only items missing were two tennis balls, which were later located and returned, and a juvenile report was filed.

At 2:36 p.m., the police department was advised of a two-vehicle accident at E. Main near Boothe Dr. Lt. Johnson and Officer Crume responded to the scene to investigate.

Apparently, Minnie Shaw Conner of Garwood, driving a 1995 Chevrolet Blazer was traveling west on E. Main as was a tractor-trailer. Juan Ramirez of Cameron, Texas, was traveling east on E. Main and attempted to make a left turn, turning in front of the tractor-trailer and failong to see the Blazer approaching.

Both vehicles received considerable damage, but there were no injuries to either party.

At 3:38 p.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to Seaholm Street in reference to a traffic accident.

Colorado County Sheriff's Report

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following cases for the past week.

Thursday, May 22, at 9 a.m., Deputy Mike Schleider responded to a call concerning an assault by threat at Rice High School. One juvenile was issued a citation.

At 11:03 a.m., Deputy Ron Holub responded to a call concerning a possible stolen vehicle on Henneke Road. The vehicle was reported stolen out of Bastrop County.

Sunday, May 25, at 1:30 p.m., Deputy Furth responded to a call concerning a burglary on Front Street in Glidden. There are seven suspects at this time. The case is pending further investigation.

At 6:53 p.m., Deputy Gene Rebel, DPS Troopers and constables responded to a call concerning a family violence assault on Boulden Street in Garwood. One arrest was made.

Tuesday, May 27, at 11:46 p.m., Deputies Jason Pavlicek and Troy Neiser responded to a call concerning family violence/assault on County Road 207. One arrest was made.

Thursday, May 29, at 8:30 a.m., Deputy Richard Frederick responded to a call concerning a theft on I-10 at Alleyton Road.

Complainant reported the theft of lumber from a construction site.

Friday, May 30, at 10:40 p.m., Deputies Peterson and Craig Peikert arrested one suspect for possession of a prohibited weapon in the Weimar area.

Saturday, May 31, at 10:25 p.m., Deputies Peterson and Peikert responded to a call concerning family violence on County Road 105A. One arrest was made.

At 11:45 a.m., Deputy Pavlicek responded to a call concerning forgery at Augie's and Hickory Hill Drive Inn. One arrest was made.

Monthly Summary May 1997

The May summary from the Colorado County Sheriff's Office lists 92 criminal and civil complaints; 67 arrests made; 45 civil papers served; 59 civil papers processed; 76 traffic citations issued; 64 traffic warning citations issued; 26,539 miles driven by deputies while transporting and patrolling; six mental patient transports; five juvenile transports to and from (See Sheriff, Page 10)



Class of 1997

Just as the sun was setting last Thursday, May 29, the Rice High School Class of 1997 were ready to "walk". (See Page 7 for more on graduation.) Photo Courtesy of Jay Anderson