

RHS student schedules ready Aug. 4

Rice High School students may pick up their class schedules in the principal's office at the school Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 4 and 5, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and noon to 2:30 p.m.

Students new to the district may register Wednesday, Aug. 6, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and noon to 2:30 p.m. A parent or guardian should accompany the student to the school and the following information should be

brought for enrollment:

1. Proof of residence in the Rice CISD;
2. Guardianship papers (if applicable);
3. A report card or transcript from the previous school attended;
4. Immunization record;
5. Copy of birth certificate; and a
6. Copy of social security card.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Rice CISD athletic physicals July 24, 25

Physicals for all boys and girls who plan to participate in athletics at Rice High School and Eagle Lake Middle School during the 1997-98 school year will be given July 24 and 25. The boys will be examined July 24 starting at 4:30 p.m. Girls are scheduled for July 25, also starting at 4:30. Physicals are for all sports during the coming school year. If you are plan to play any sports during any season, you must have a physical.

Cheerleaders holding fund raiser

The Eagle Lake Middle School cheerleaders are holding a barbecue lunch fundraiser Sunday, July 27, to offset the expense of a camp they plan to attend. Tickets are \$5 each for a great Austin's BBQ barbecue beef plate. The plates, to go only, will be served 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Austin's BBQ, 507 E. Main, Eagle Lake. There are still a few tickets available at *The Headlight* office.

KCs schedule fried chicken dinner

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus will be holding a fried chicken dinner Sunday, Aug. 3. Plates to go will be served 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. from 710 E. Main. Tickets for the meal are \$5 each and may be purchased from any KC member.

Time for 1998 Seniors to 'say cheese'

Prestige Portraits will be taking portraits of the 1998 seniors at Rice High School Wednesday, Aug. 6, from noon to 6 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 7, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, Aug. 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You should receive information in the mail regarding your scheduled time.

Band practice starts July 31

Freshman members of the Mighty Raider Band will begin practicing July 31, 8 to 11 a.m. The entire band will practice from Friday, Aug. 1 through Friday, Aug. 8, from 8 to 11 a.m.

E.H. Henry Alumni meeting Monday

The E.H. Henry Alumni have scheduled a meeting for Monday, July 28, at 7 p.m. at the E.H. Henry site. The public, as always, is invited to attend.

Drama club to hold car wash

The Rice High School Drama Club will hold a carwash Saturday, July 26, at the First National Bank drive-thru from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Get your car washed and vacuumed for only \$7. Cokes will also be on sale for 25¢. Please come and help support the RHS Drama Club.

Senior Citizens' dance is Aug. 1

A Senior Citizens Dance will be held Friday, Aug. 1, 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.

St. Mary's sets registration date

Registration for St. Mary's School in Nada will be held Wednesday, Aug. 6, from 7 to 10 a.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. in the school library.

Community Center has new number

The Eagle Lake Community Center has a new phone number: 409-234-7890. Reservations and all bookings remain the same. The office has also been moved. If you have any questions, please call the new number.

RMC offering yoga classes

Rice Medical Center (RMC) is making room for yoga. Research has shown how effective yoga is in the reduction of stress with the crucial aspect of deep relaxation, which is, in essence, a deep form of healing. John Huff, M.D., who has over 35 years experience in yoga, will be holding an inservice on yoga at RMC Aug. 1. Anyone interested in attending call 409-234-5571, ext. 5216.

Ft. Bend Singles dance is Friday

The Fort Bend Singles will sponsor a public dance Friday, July 25, at the Needville KC Hall beginning at 8 p.m. Music will be provided by Country Kast. Door prizes will be given. Admission is \$5. For more information, call 409-793-6557 or 793-4573.

Voelkel family reunion is Aug. 3

The Voelkel family reunion will be held Sunday, Aug. 3, at Harmonie Hall in Shelby. Barbecue will be provided, so each family is asked to bring either a vegetable, salad or dessert. Mealtime will be about 12:30, so come early and allow enough time for visiting. A silent auction will again be held. Baked and canned goods, needlepoint or arts and crafts items which anyone is willing to donate will be greatly appreciated.

ELPS pre-registration is Aug. 4

Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) will hold a final pre-registration date Monday, Aug. 4, from 3 to 6 p.m. Students new to the area, as well as any pre-kindergarten or kindergarten student not already registered, should be registered. School begins Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 8 a.m. for all students in the Rice CISD. This pre-registration will help teachers and staff get ready for your children when they arrive Aug. 12. If you have any questions concerning pre-registration, please call the school office at 234-3587.

Turner-Amos reunion set for Aug. 30

The Turner and Amos Reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 30, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. For more information, contact Jessie Banks, Box 97-A, Garwood, 77442; or Deloris Milligan, 305 Davitt Street, Eagle Lake.

Special choir benefit at FBC this Saturday

Friendship Baptist Church, 405 S. Lake Ave., Eagle Lake, will host a "Special Choir Benefit" Saturday, July 26, at 8 p.m. Special guests will be Rev. L.D. Smith and New Mt. Sinai Fellowship of Houston, as well as with others. Your presence will be appreciated. Bro. N. Shorter, President; Rev. E. Shorter Jr., Pastor.

United Methodist Church to hold VBS

The United Methodist Church will host Community Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 28-Aug. 1, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. VBS is open to all children, ages four through completed 6th grade. Your child is welcome to attend all the activities that make learning about Jesus so much fun. For more information, contact the church, 234-3288; or Tanya Wiese, 234-7469.

55 and over fitness classes offered

Rice Medical Center is providing free 55 and over fitness classes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9 to 9:45 a.m. Anyone interested in joining or, if you would like more information about the classes, call 409-234-5571.

CCA meeting is July 24

Combined Community Action Inc. (CCA) will hold a Board of Directors meeting Thursday, July 24, at 7 p.m. at the CCA Nutrition Center, 275 Ellinger Road, La Grange. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

City gets bad news... then good news

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

Tuesday afternoon, July 15, Warden J.C. Conner with Management & Training Corporation called Eagle Lake City Officials to inform them that the company's decision had been made... "bad news"... Post will be the

site of their 1,000 bed prison facility. Immediately, Eagle Lake Mayor David Mann called consultant Billy Don Everitt with a directive to contact Correctional Services Corporation in Sarasota, Florida, with the news.

CSC, formerly Esmor, the corporation that is building and will operate the juvenile boot camp facility pres-

ently under construction, had earlier expressed interest in building Eagle Lake a prison.

This would give the corporation the benefit of having both its operations in the same town.

At the time CSC expressed their interest, however, the City was already negotiating with MTC and pro-

fessional ethics came into play.

Everitt learned that Mike Garretson, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of CSC, would be in town Thursday, July 17.

Garretson flew in and, at 10:30 a.m., walked into the City offices with a letter of intent... in hand!

Good news! CSC wants to build the same proposed 1,000-bed facility that had been negotiated with MTC.

Garretson toured Eagle Lake and prospective building sites saying, "This is the site we want. Let's do it!"

Eagle Lake's proposal will be presented to the CSC Board of Directors by Garretson Tuesday, Aug. 12.

On Friday, July 18, City Manager Ron Holland received a fax from CSC confirming the details that had been discussed Thursday along with a request that, from that point on, the City of Eagle Lake deal only with CSC concerning prison negotiations.

They, in turn, will not consider any other Texas location for construction of the 1,000-bed prison.

The fax also requested that Eagle Lake be ready to enter into an inter-local agreement with other jurisdictions in order to obtain inmates for the (See Good News, Page 10)

I-10 patrol nets \$86K of marijuana

Last Tuesday, July 15, Colorado County Sheriff's Department Lieutenant Ronald Holub and Weimar Police Department Sgt. Earl Jones, along with other law enforcement officers from around Colorado County, were patrolling Interstate 10.

At approximately 8 p.m., Holub and Jones stopped a beige 1989 Mer-

cury Grand Marquis, being driven by Alonzo Soliz Jr. of Hebbronville, for a minor traffic offense.

During the roadside interview, a consent to search was obtained. Holub located eight plastic-wrapped bundles of marijuana in the vehicle's trunk.

According to Holub, the drugs had an estimated street value of \$86,000.

Soliz was arraigned before Justice of Peace Pct. 1 Dodie Dungen. Bond was set at \$75,000. Soliz remained in jail as of Monday, July 21.

The evening patrol was a joint effort of the Colorado County Sheriff's Department, Weimar Police Department and the 25th Judicial Dist. Narcotics Task Force.



Weimar Police Sgt. Earl Jones, left, and Colorado County Sheriff's Department Lt. Ron Holub confiscated approximately 86 pounds of marijuana during a traffic stop July 15 on I-10. The marijuana was discovered in the trunk of a car being driven by Alonzo Soliz Jr. of Hebbronville. Photo Courtesy of Banner Press Newspaper

Argument leads to attempted murder

Law enforcement officers in Colorado County were advised last Thursday afternoon, July 17, of a warrant on Santiago Gonzalez for attempted murder which was issued by Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 Mary Lou Szymanski.

Earlier Thursday, at about 12:48 p.m., Eagle Lake Police Chief Keith Webb responded to a report of a fight in progress at 204 Glen Flora Road (a diesel repair shop).

When he arrived, Webb found

Humberto Nunez of Eagle Lake with numerous cuts and stab wounds, apparently inflicted by a machete during an argument at the shop.

Webb requested Colorado County Emergency Medical Services Unit 803 be dispatched.

As Lt. Clem Johnson arrived on the scene to assist Webb, the ambulance also arrived.

Nunez was transported to Rice Medical Center (RMC) and was immediately taken to surgery.

Chief Webb contacted Columbus Police Chief Robert Connor and Colorado County Sheriff "Curly" Wied, triggering a county-wide man-hunt for the suspect.

Also, a Lavaca County Deputy assisted a Colorado County Deputy in searching the area around Sublime.

According to an RMC spokesperson, Nunez was released from the hos-

(See Police, Page 10)

Adult swimming lessons offered

Adult Red Cross swimming lessons will be offered at the Eagle Lake Community Pool July 30, Aug. 6, 7 and 8 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Students of all skill levels are invited to participate, especially beginners.

Lessons are free, but, each student will be charged \$10 to cover the pool fee and Red Cross administration fee.

To register, come by or call the pool during afternoon hours at 234-5728.

Hwy. 71 wreck results in one injured, two dead

Two people were killed and another injured in a two-vehicle accident on Hwy. 71, 4.8 miles south of Altair, last Wednesday, July 16, at approximately 5:20 p.m.

Leroy Archy Janda, a 68-year-old male from Columbus, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Dodie Dungen at 6:10.

Ellis August Ilse, a 76-year-old male, also from Columbus, was pronounced dead by Dungen at Rice Medical Center (RMC) at approximately 5:58.

According to the report filed by D.P.S. Trooper Royce Korenek, Janda was not wearing a seat belt and Ilse's

belt had not been used correctly.

Injured in the head-on collision was Bryan Anthony Johnson, a 20-year-old male from Garwood.

He was treated for a broken ankle and facial lacerations at RMC and released, even though he had not been wearing a seat belt at the time of the wreck either.

Korenek's report described the two-vehicle collision in this way:

A 1986 Cadillac, driven by Johnson, was traveling south on Hwy. 71 and attempted to pass an unknown vehicle, striking Janda's 1994 Chevy pickup head-on in the northbound lane.

The weather and road conditions were not contributing factors, according to Korenek.

Korenek was assisted at the scene by the Colorado County Sheriff's Department.

Cook to speak at TACC meeting

The Taxpayers Association of Colorado County (TACC) is pleased to announce that Robert L. (Robby) Cook III, Representative of the 28th Legislative District, has agreed to be the guest speaker for the organization's July 29 meeting.

Cook, a native and life-long resident of Colorado County and Eagle Lake, is involved with his father and brother in operating the Cook family farm, which includes portions of Colorado and Wharton Counties.

He was recently elected Freshman Legislator of the Year by his peers for his efforts during the 75th Session.

Cook has been asked to give his view of State government after completing his initial legislative session and explain which bills he supported

(or opposed) and why.

He has also been asked to highlight what he sees as important issues on the legislative horizon, about which citizens need to be informed.

Following his formal presentation, there will be time for questions.

The TACC's purpose is to serve as an organization through which concerned citizens may receive timely and accurate information about tax issues on all levels, local, state and federal. It is believed that the better informed citizens are, the better able they will be in seeking accountability from their elected officials.

TACC is a non-partisan organization, but it does support and encourage the conservative and efficient use of (See Cook, Page 6)