

Rice CISD announces meal prices

The Rice CISD cafeterias along with St. Mary's School in Nada will begin serving meals Tuesday, Aug. 12. Meal prices listed will remain the same but are subject to change at a later date.

Pre-k through 8th grade: \$1.25 for lunch; 75¢ for breakfast.

Grades 9 through 12: \$1.50 lunch; 75¢ breakfast.

Adults: breakfast, \$1; lunch, \$2.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture have income eligibility guidelines for determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals for the 1997-98 school year. If you have any questions concerning the school lunch program, call the Rice CISD Administration office at 409-234-3531.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Important City Council meeting Tuesday, Aug. 12

The Aug. 12 agenda of the Eagle Lake City Council will include action upon the removal of motor vehicles from the appraisal roll. There will be no public hearing. In lieu of a hearing, the Council is asking citizens to attend the meeting to express their opinion on the subject.

4-H Council sponsoring dance Aug. 8

The Colorado County 4-H Council is sponsoring a Back-To-School Dance for members and their guests on Friday, Aug. 8, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Veteran's Community Center, Columbus. The dance will have a Hawaiian theme and a prize will be awarded for the best costume. 4-H members may bring one guest; admission is \$3 per person. 4-H'ers are asked to bring a snack item for the refreshment table. The concession stand will be open to sell sodas. Door prizes will be given. For more information, call 409-732-2530.

Raider football tickets on sale

Season tickets for Rice Raider home football games will go on sale at the Rice CISD Business Office on Monday, Aug. 11 and will continue on sale through Friday, Aug. 22. After that time, those who have not held season tickets may purchase them on a first-come first-serve basis. These will be on sale until Friday, Sept. 5. The cost of the season tickets for all home games is \$20 per set. There will be no reserved seats sold for individual games. Call Jennifer Korenek at 234-3531 for additional information.

Gospel Mission to celebrate homecoming

The Eagle Lake Gospel Mission located at 510 East Prairie will celebrate its 60 year Homecoming Aug. 8 through 11 with services each night at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 409-234-3225.

WCBC to celebrate annual conference

White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) of Eagle Lake will be celebrating Ministers, Deacons and Wives Annual Conference on Sunday, Aug. 10, at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Sylvester Duckens, Pastor of Heavenly Star Baptist Church in Houston. The public is invited. Rev. Obie Rhodes is host pastor.

Ministerio de milagros

La Iglesia La Vina del Senor, 1300 East State Street, Eagle Lake invita al publico que vengan a recibir sus milagros. Los Hermanos Jose y Sylvia Barrera estaran con nosotros Agosto 10, at las 2 p.m. Los Hermanos Barrera ministrando en la palabra, ministerio musical y platificacion de dentadura.

Ministry in miracles

The Vine of the Lord Church, 1300 E. State Street in Eagle Lake, invites the public to come and receive your miracle. Jose and Sylvia Barrera will join us Sunday, Aug. 10, at 2 p.m. They minister through the word of God and through music. Come receive your miracle.

Revival services set at White Cloud

Community revival services will be held at White Cloud Baptist Church from Aug. 11 through 15 at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Guest speaker will be Rev. C.L. Wallace from Mother Zion Baptist Church in Wharton. Sponsors for the program are White Cloud, and Greater Rising Star Baptist Church Rev. O. Rhodes and Rev. J. Mosley, Pastors. The public is invited.

Cholesterol/triglyceride screening is Aug. 13

A cholesterol/triglyceride screening will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 13, from 7 to 9 a.m. at Columbia Gulf Coast Medical Center Lab in Wharton. The cost is \$8 (Senior Friends \$5). You must pre-register by calling 409-532-2500, ext 1300.

Food safety training available

Local food establishments have a chance to show their customers that they really do come first by attending a food safety training seminar Sept. 17, 18 and 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 316 Spring Street in Columbus. Training materials for the course are provided by the SERVSAFE Program from the Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association. The cost of the training is \$99 and deadline for registering is Aug. 15. For more information on the program, call the county extension office at 409-732-2530.

Defensive driving course is Aug. 20, 21

A six-hour defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel for Aug. 20 and 21 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Eagle Lake at the Wintermann Library. To pre-register for the class, call 409-234-5411 or show up a few minutes early.

WCBC to hold yard sale

A yard sale will be held Saturday, Aug. 9, at 510 East C Street in Eagle Lake to benefit the White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) Building Fund. For more information, call 409-234-2819.

Class of 1976 plans reunion

Rice High School Class of 1976 is planning a reunion for Sept. 27 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Anyone with information on '76 graduates, such as addresses, may contact Denise Austin Janow, 409-234-2418; or Carolyn Bowen Baird, 234-5864.

VA office has new hours

Effective Aug. 4, business hours for the Department of Veterans Affairs Houston Regional Office will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, for personal and telephone interviews. All other VA offices will remain open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Regional Office is located at 6900 Alameda Rd., Houston, Texas 77030; 1-800-827-1000. Assistance is provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week, via the Internet at <http://www.hic.net/houstonva>.

Fourth grade orientation is Aug. 11

An orientation for fourth grade students will be held Monday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria. Topics to be discussed will be bus routes, schedules, dress code, etc. You will also be able to meet the teachers and see the classrooms.

Time for 1998 Seniors to 'say cheese'

Prestige Portraits are 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.

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.

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Amendment's goal is school tax relief

Voters statewide are being asked to vote for or against the following proposed amendment to the Texas Constitution:

"The constitutional amendment providing school property tax relief by increasing the residence homestead exemption by \$10,000 and providing for the transfer of the tax limitation to another qualified homestead for persons over 65 and a reduction in taxes on homesteads subject to the limitations."

The League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund provides the following explanation of the proposed amendment:

Although school districts raise

revenue by taxing property, the Texas Constitution includes a residential homestead exemption which reduces taxes for this purpose.

The proposed amendment would increase this exemption from \$5,000 (See Amendment, Page 8)

VOTE SATURDAY

Another one bites the dust

On July 31, Colorado County Sheriff's Department Lt. Ron Holub and Weimar Police Department Sgt. Earl Jones stopped a 1981 Oldsmobile two-door for a minor traffic violation while the pair were patrolling I-10.

Holub and Jones stopped the Old-

smobile at the 682 mile marker in the east-bound lane.

During the roadside interview, the officers obtained a consent to search and found the gas tank appeared to have been tampered with.

The car was taken to the Weimar Exxon and seven and one-half pounds of marijuana were found in the gas tank.

Estimated street value of the marijuana was between \$800 and \$1,000 a pound.

Arrested were Eagle Pass resi-

dents Edwardo Ernesto Canales, 20 years of age, and Hector Balderas, 31.

Bond was set at \$25,000 for each man by Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Dodie Dungen.

The Oldsmobile had also been stopped in Fayette County for a traffic violation.

When Canales appeared to be ill, a Fayette County deputy called the EMS to take him to the local hospital.

Balderas was released and later stopped in Colorado County.

It's time again...

Contestants sought for 1997 County Fair queens

Contestants are being sought for the 1997 Colorado County Fair Queen and Junior Queen Contests to be held Saturday, Sept. 6.

There will be two divisions: girls between the ages of 10 and 13 are eligible to enter the Junior Queen Co-

ntest; and girls 14 to 21 years may enter the Fair Queen Contest.

All contestants must be single and residents of Colorado County or attend school within the county.

Junior contestants must sell \$200 in season passes to the Fair to qualify for the event.

The older girls must sell \$500 in season passes to qualify.

Two queens will be named from among the older group of contestants.

The contestant selling the most passes in advance will be named Membership Queen. She will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and life membership in the Fair Association.

The Fair Queen will be chosen by out-of-town judges scoring for appearance, personality and poise.

The Fair Queen will receive the \$500 Leslie Schmidt Heard Memorial Scholarship.

Entry forms and a complete set of rules may be obtained by calling one of the members of the Queens Contest Committee: Pamela Potter, 409-732-2705, Deborah Hayward, 409-725-8325, Lynda Appelt, 409-234-5878; and Jana Birmingham, 409-758-3040.

The deadline to enter both contests is 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22.

The new Fair Queens will reign over the 19th Annual Colorado County Fair to be held in Columbus Sept. 11-14.

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending Aug. 4.

On July 30, at 10:15 a.m., Officer Brian Ochoa received a call concerning a theft on Stockbridge Street. A report was filed.

On July 31 at 12:35 p.m., Lt. Clem Johnson was dispatched to the 500 block of E. Main Street in reference to a shoplifter.

Information was obtained and a search of the city was made, but Johnson was unable to locate the suspect.

At 9:05 p.m., Officer Tim Crume was dispatched to Davitt Street in reference to a possible disturbance. The subject had left the premises, but later returned, at which time he was arrested for public intoxication.

After processing, Kenneth Jay Myers of Columbus was transported to the County Detention Center (CDC) for confinement.

On Aug. 1 at 8:59 a.m., Lt. Johnson was dispatched to the Eagle Lake

Middle School in reference to criminal mischief where a pane of glass had been broken out of a door. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

At 2:12 p.m., two subjects came to the police department to file charges against each other for fighting.

Erma Lee Williams and Patty Woods were both issued citations by Lt. Johnson for disorderly conduct-fighting in public.

At 8:08 p.m., Officer Crume responded to a non-responsive person call on Keith Street.

After assessing the situation, Officer Crume began CPR on the subject until the EMS arrived and transported the subject to the hospital.

On Aug. 2 at 7:28 p.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to 601 E. Main Street in reference to a family disturbance. While taking statements at the police department, the suspect walked in, at which time Verna Charles Johnson was arrested on an outstanding

warrant, processed and transported to CDC for confinement.

At 8 p.m. Sgt. Jack Knox conducted a traffic stop in the 700 block of S. McCarty which resulted in the driver, Kevin Lee Koenig of Louise, being arrested for driving while intoxicated.

After processing at the police department, Koenig was transported to CDC for confinement.

At 10:16 p.m., Officer Carl Risk located a subject in the 100 block of Commerce Street known to have outstanding warrants.

Risk arrested Edward Demont Holloway, processed him at the police department, then transported him to CDC for confinement.

At 10:48 p.m., Officer Risk was contacted by a complainant who re-

(See Police, Page 6)

Local juveniles given an inside look at prison

Pat Leidner, program director at the Stevenson Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, recently greeted nine at-risk juveniles who are currently on probation in Colorado County.

"All right, you juvenile delinquents, hit the pavement. You're on my time now, echoed across the parking lot as Leidner greeted the group.

These juveniles had the opportunity to view prison life from the inside as they spent several hours behind prison walls participating in the Operation Outreach Program.

For four hours, these youngsters were considered inmates at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Once inside the prison, they were surrounded by inmates who began to whistle, scream and insult them.

The inmates presented skits and personal stories designed to make the young people realize that they could be headed for a life behind bars.

They continuously stressed that

the choices they made now can effect their adult lives and, at any moment, they can trade their freedom for a prison cell.

At one point, the juveniles were escorted to a field where they performed 45 minutes of hard labor in the summer sun.

Many returned with blisters from the "aggies" (the hoes that they were made to use while weeding the fields).

Before leaving the facility, the juveniles were given the opportunity to view an actual cell block.

This program is important because it opens the eyes of the kids that need a little extra help.

Most kids react similarly to the program by stating that they didn't know what prison was really like and they don't want to end up in a place such as that.

It also offers inmates a chance to give something back to the community by helping deter youths from a life of crime.



Breaking ground for new dental facility

Dr. John B. Myres, D.D.S., lends a helping hand to his daughter, Shelly, who is turning the first shovel of soil for the official groundbreaking of Myres' new dental office. Looking on are Myres' wife, Laura, and their builder, Doug Wade from Fulshear. The new office will be located in the triangle of land formed by Hwy. 90-A and Laughlin Road.

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