

St. Mary's to celebrate 100 years

On Aug. 31, all roads will once again lead to Nada for the Annual St. Mary's Festival and Homecoming. This event will also kick-off the parish's celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the building of the first church dedicated under the title Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Holy masses will be celebrated at 7 a.m. and 9:30

a.m. by Rev. Joseph A. Koebel.

A barbecue beef and sausage dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Nada Community Center for \$5.50 per plate which includes tea and dessert. A fast drive-thru lane for plates to go will be open 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Businesses closed for Labor Day

The following businesses have notified this office that they will be closed Sept. 1 for Labor Day: First National Bank of Eagle Lake, Wallis State Bank, Post Office and the City Offices. There will be no garbage pick up for Monday. Monday's garbage route will be picked up Tuesday; Tuesday's on Wednesday; Thursday and Friday will be normal days.

Senior Citizens' dance this Friday

A Senior Citizens dance will be held Friday, Sept. 5, at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 8 to 11:30 p.m. with music by Donnie Wavra. Admission is \$5 per person; door prizes will be given. The public is invited.

CCFB meeting is Sept. 3

The Colorado County Farm Bureau (CCFB) Policy Development meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. Sept. 3 at the CCFB office, 1117 Travis Street, Columbus. All members are encouraged to present their ideas for 1998 policies on the county, state and national levels to the committee at this time.

MMBC to host gospel explosion

The Mount Moriah Baptist Church (MMBC) in Alleyton presents a Labor Day Weekend Gospel Explosion! Saturday, Aug. 30, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Artist Samuel Myles and Unlimited Praise of San Antonio; Steve Dixon and Praise of Houston; and MMBC Youth Choir will all perform. On Sunday, Aug. 31 at 3 p.m. many area gospel artists will perform. Many door prizes will also be given. For more information, call 281-342-1557 or 409-733-0055. Let Everything that has breath praise the Lord!!!

Quilting classes start Sept. 8

Have you ever wanted to learn to quilt? A quilting class will begin Sept. 8 with five sessions on consecutive Mondays from 2 to 4 p.m. or 7 to 9 p.m. Register for either afternoon or evening workshop by calling the Colorado County Extension Office at 409-732-2530. You'll receive a supply list when you register. There's no charge for the workshop and everyone is welcome. No sewing experience is necessary. We request that anyone with a disability, advise of the auxiliary aid or service needed when you're registering.

Booster Club meeting Sept. 10

The Rice Raider Booster Club will hold a meeting Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. the PAC Center at the high school. All members are urged to attend.

Oct. TAAS/TEAMS test registration set

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and wish to register to retake the annual TAAS test, and all individuals who wish to take the TEAMS test, may pick up a registration packet at any high school campus, district central office or education service center. The test registration form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and received in Iowa City, Iowa no later than 5 p.m. Sept. 26, 1997.

Cub Scout registration is Sept. 9

Cub Scout registration will be held on Sept. 9 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Youth Center on Prairie Street. Boys in grades first through fifth are welcome to join. For further information, contact Mark Rotter at 234-3039 or Andrew Magnin at 234-7601.

Singles dance this Friday

The Fort Bend Singles will sponsor a public dance at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, at the Needville KC Hall. Music will be provided by Ray Krenek Texan Sounds. Door prizes will be given. Admission is \$5. For more information, call 409-793-6557 or 409-793-4573.

Study Club to meet Sept. 10

The members of the Eagle Lake Study Club are very excited about this year's 1997-98 programs. The theme is "Texas". The first meeting will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at the Eula and David Wintermann Library. The speaker will be Joe Tom Davis of Wharton County Junior College. Mr. Davis will give a program on "Colorful Characters in Early Texas History". You may buy some of his books if you desire. Everyone is invited. Members are reminded to pick up their new booklets.

VFW begins work on fundraiser

The Eagle Lake VFW Post #8783 has begun work on a fundraising drawing to be held later in the year. Anyone wishing to donate an item to be included in the drawing should contact Earl Rodgers or any VFW member as soon as possible. The drawing is tentatively set for Nov. 11.

Attention all civic clubs!

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, in order to discuss the feasibility of continuing the annual Attwater's Prairie Chicken festival, would like to invite you, or a representative of your organization, to lunch, hosted by the Chamber, at noon Tuesday, Sept. 2, at Taco Tony's Restaurant.

Your organization is an important part of our community and the Chamber urges you to attend this significant roundtable discussion on the festival's future in Eagle Lake. Your ideas, opinions and support at this luncheon would be greatly appreciated.

Please RSVP to the Chamber (234-2780) no later than Friday, Aug. 29.

Library offers amnesty period

The Eula and David Wintermann Library is offering an amnesty period during the month of Aug. This means you can return overdue books, videos, magazines and audio books without paying a fine! Please locate library materials you may have overlooked and return them, as the library is in need of them. Remember, you cannot check-out anything until all overdue items are returned.

Raider football tickets on sale

Season tickets for Rice Raider home football games are on sale at the Rice CISD Business Office for those who have not held season tickets on a first-come first-serve basis 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.

Community buyers need your help

It's almost Fair time again and anyone interested in donating to the Eagle Lake Community Buyers may do so by calling 409-234-7432. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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 graduates, such as addresses, may contact Denise Austin Janow, 409-234-2418; or Carolyn Bowen Baird, 234-5864.

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Eagle Lake teen critically injured by train

At 8:23 p.m. last Saturday, Aug. 24, Sgt. Jack Knox and Officer Bill Lattimore were at the Eagle Lake Police Station taking statements from a previous assault incident when the conductor of a Union Pacific Railroad train came to the station and stated that his train had struck a pedestrian.

Sgt. Knox immediately left the building with the conductor to search for the possible injured pedestrian.

Knox located a 16 year old male

lying along side the railroad tracks, approximately 1100' east of N. Lake Street (approximately behind LW's). The train had been traveling west.

The juvenile was taken to Rice Medical Center then life-flighted to Hermann Hospital in Houston.

Witnesses stated that the juvenile had been running along side the tracks when the train struck him from the rear causing head and back injuries.

As of Monday evening, the juve-

nile was listed in critical but stable condition.

According to a member of the young man's family who sent word to the Headlight office, the young man does have a broken neck as well as head injuries.

At this time, he is paralyzed from the waist down.

He does respond to his mother and squeezes her hand. During an examination, he pulled his leg back when

one of the doctors pulled on it.

More surgery, this time to work on the neck fracture, will be done Thursday.

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following additional calls and cases for the week ending Aug. 25.

On Aug. 19, at 6:50 p.m., Officer Brian Ochoa was dispatched to D Street in reference to a disturbance. After discussing the problem with all concerned, Kathy Ford was issued a citation for a Class C assault on Muriel Fuller. Both are from Eagle Lake.

On Aug. 20 at 1:21 a.m., Officers Tim Crume and Ochoa were patrolling in the 1100 block of Seaholm Street. After contacting two subjects, one subject (a juvenile) was arrested for possession of a controlled substance (believed to be cocaine) and turned over to the juvenile probation department.

At 10:36 a.m., a complainant came by the police department and reported to Lt. Clem Johnson that his truck, which had been parked on Prairie Street, had been burglarized. Information was gathered and a report filed.

At 11:40 a.m. another complainant came to the police department to report the burglary of his vehicle parked on Strickland. Lt. Johnson obtained information and filed a report.

On Aug. 21 at 1:29 a.m., Officers Crume and Ochoa were on a traffic stop when they observed a subject carrying a piece of lumber (which they believed to have been taken from the Union Pacific Railroad yard depot) over his shoulder.

The officers followed the subject to a location behind Tire USA, where he dropped the lumber in a pile of other possible stolen lumber.

Officers approached the subject, Manuel Stephen Ebarra, and attempted to place him under arrest. Ebarra fought with the officers, bit Officer Crume on the arm during the arrest and caused both officers to damage their uniforms.

Crume and Ochoa called for assistance from the county; two deputies arrived and assisted in the arrest.

Ebarra was charged with assault on a peace officer, theft of the railroad property and was also arrested on an outstanding burglary of a building warrant out of Eagle Lake (involving the burglary of Lake Crest Flower Shop) and a warrant out of DeWitt County.

At 8:15 a.m., Lt. Johnson observed a subject on Boothe Drive known to him to have an outstanding warrant.

Johnson and Chief Keith Webb had been investigating an offense involving a rental vehicle from the Lake Motors Chevrolet dealership in which the odometer had been "rolled back".

The subject, Tammy Franek, was arrested for "tampering with an odometer". She was processed at the police department then transported to the County Detention Center (CDC) for

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Rice CISD, Hospital District Boards follow suit, drop vehicle tax

The Rice CISD Board of Trustees held a special meeting Monday night, Aug. 25, to consider the removal of personal vehicles from the tax rolls.

As other entities in Colorado County have voted over the past few weeks, the Rice CISD Board will not collect tax on personal vehicles.

Rice Hospital District Board of Managers convened Thursday, Aug. 21, for a special-called meeting to co-

nsider removing non-revenue producing motor vehicles from its tax roll.

With the motion by Board Member Bill Harrison Sr. and second by Betty Wegenhoft, the Board voted unanimously to eliminate the tax.

According to Board Chairperson Joan Matthews, the Board met with Billy Youens, Chief Appraiser, Colorado County, weeks earlier to discuss the vehicle tax.

It was clear from that earlier meet-

ing what the intent of the Board was — to remove the tax and reduce the burden on tax payers.

In other items of business, David Keith, Administrator, mentioned several upcoming activities at the hospital including: Rice Medical Center Golf Tournament scheduled Sept. 27; Community Health Fair, Oct. 2 at the Eagle Lake Community Center; and the Harvest Ball, Oct. 4, also at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

Good news continues

According to Eagle Lake City Manager Ron Holland, the City's \$500,000 grant application to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department was to go before their board Tuesday night, Aug. 28, with the staff recommending it be funded.

Holland stated the board's approval would more than likely, as in the past, follow the recommendations of the TP&W staff.

Other cities applying to TP&W have already received rejection letters, Holland said.

With the \$200,000 being "kicked in" by Lower Colorado River Authority, the City will be able to fund a park project of approximately \$750,000.

American Legion to dispose of flags, the right way

Eagle Lake's American Legion Post #108 will hold a ceremony Tuesday, Sept. 16, to appropriately dispose of old, tattered, faded or torn United States flags.

The ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. on the concrete slab of the former White House Hotel next to the Farris Antique Shop on E. Main Street.

Legionnaires will meet briefly for a quarterly business meeting at the same site, beginning at 6:30.

Persons who have flags to be disposed of are asked to leave them at Struss Auto Supply or Laker Printing. Or you may call Fred Frnka, Commander, at 234-2065; Adjutant Walter Lee Bauer, 234-2478; and the flags will be picked up.

The disposal ceremony is impressive and young and old alike are invited to be present, with special emphasis on youth groups.

County to collect part of filing fees on civil cases

Colorado County Commissioners adopted an order authorizing the County Court system to recoup 5% of the filing fees in civil cases during Monday morning's meeting, Aug. 25.

A new state law that goes into effect Sept. 1 requires a filing fee in all civil cases in district, county and justice of the peace courts.

The fee is \$10 in district court, \$5 in county court and \$2 in JP court. The order allows Colorado County to recoup 5% of that fee to cover the cost of the necessary paperwork.

In other business, the Court:

- Adopted a proclamation declaring the week of Sept. 8-14 as Colorado County Fair Week and authorized precinct workers to assist at the fairgrounds before and after the fair;

- Authorized up to \$4,000 for rest room improvements at the Colorado County Opportunity Center;

- Extended its lease agreement another five years with Columbus Professional Buildings Inc. for office space for the Texas Department of Health at a cost of \$1,072.50 a month. The state agreed to cover the increase from the current \$955 per month;

- Adopted an order to regulate restrictive dangerous wild animals in the County;

- Adopted an interlocal agreement for property/casualty fund insurance with the Texas Association of Counties (TAC), and voted to remain with TAC for Blue Cross and Blue Shield

of Texas Inc. coverage and open enrollment for dental insurance;

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Entries sought for County Fair

The Colorado County Fair, Sept. 11-14, wants your Home Economics Department entries: needlework, handicrafts, clothing, canned products, baked goods, decorated baked goods, floriculture, farm produce, favorite recipe contest, Texana and collective hobbies.

Anyone who submits 16 or more entries will receive a free season pass.

A special youth awards division is offered to encourage young participants. First, second and third place high point awards will be given to youths in each age division: primary, junior and senior. The awards consists of a trophy and cash prize. To compete, you must enter at least 10 items.

Each person entering items in the Home Economics Department must complete an entry card, which, along with fair catalogs with complete rules, are available from the County Extension Office and Potter's Western Store in Columbus; First National Bank, Eagle Lake; City Hall in Weimar; Heinsohn's Store, Frelsburg; Nada Grocery; Sandy Creek Drive-In, Sheridan; Bernardo Farm & Ranch Supply; Larry's Super Service, Garwood; and Schulz General Store, New Ulm.

Deadline for entry cards and fees in Home Economics is Friday, Sept. 5.

For information, call the County Extension Office, 409-732-2530; or Home Economics Department Chairman Patsy Warschak, 732-3823.



Beautiful, new facility

Saturday, Aug. 23, the official opening and ribbon cutting was held for New Beginnings Day Care and Development Center located on Schley in Eagle Lake. With joint financing from Cen-Tex Development Corporation and The First National Bank of Eagle Lake, Martha Flores has designed an efficient, clean, workable center in what appears to be a surprisingly small space.

Joining Flores Saturday for the official ribbon cutting were Rosa Rios-Valdez, executive director of Cen-Tex; Ron Holland, Eagle Lake City Manager and member of Cen-Tex; Sam Thomson, vice president, The First National Bank; Betsy Glaizer and Mary Ann Kaluza representing the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce; Flores' husband, Rudy; staff, friends, well-wishers along with several little ones.

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