

Have An Enjoyable and Safe Easter Weekend!



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NEWSBRIEFS

Eagle Lake Community Sunrise Service set

Community sunrise service, sponsored by the Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance, will be held Sunday, April 12, at 7 a.m. at the home of Mr. & Mrs. William Harrison Sr., 122 Laughlin Road.

A light breakfast will follow the service as the sun rises over Eagle Lake. The public is invited.

Eagle Lake KCs plan dinner

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Council #4843 will be serving a chicken fried chicken breast dinner Sunday, April 19, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 710 E. Main. Tickets for the to-go only plates are \$5 each and may be purchased from any KC member or in the serving line. The KC wives will be selling desserts. Proceeds will benefit the organization's charity and scholarship funds.

35th Annual combined Easter service scheduled

The 35th Annual Combined Easter Sunrise services will be held Sunday, April 12, at 5:30 a.m. Churches in charge are Providence Baptist Church, Rev. Coby Shorter Jr., pastor. Wright Grove Baptist Church, Rev. T.J. Cunningham, pastor. Host: Providence Baptist Church, 1207 Seaholm St., Rev. Coby Shorter Jr., pastor.

Birthday, calendar tea set for April 25

White Cloud Baptist Church is sponsoring a Birthday and Calendar Tea on Saturday, April 25, at the Eagle Lake Community Center, starting at 7:30 p.m. with special guest "The New Soul Invaders" from Industry.

Senior Citizens Day scheduled

Senior Friends is again a co-sponsor of this year's Senior Citizens Day at the Wharton County Youth Fair, Thursday, April 23. Put on your bandana and join all of us for a day of bingo, prizes, entertainment and a wonderful lunch.

I-Ten Central sets membership meeting

The I-Ten Central Economic Development Council will hold its Annual Membership Meeting in Weimar at Veteran's Hall Thursday, April 30, with Meet & Greet at 7 p.m.; dinner, 7:30. Tickets are \$10 per person or a Corporate Table for 8 at \$100. To reserve your ticket, call 1-800-221-4161 or 409-865-3171 or 409-732-8774. The guest speaker for the evening is Texas Senator Ken Armbrister. Colorado County Judge Vince Slominski will act as MC.

Defensive driving course April 22, 23

A state approved six hour defensive driving course is scheduled in Columbus for April 22 and 23 at the Agriculture Building, 316 Spring St., from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and will be instructed by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel. To pre-register, call 409-732-2734 or arrive a few minutes early the first evening.

NPSOT meeting set for April 19

Betsy Arriola, owner of Country Petals in New Ulm, will host the Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) Columbus Chapter meeting Sunday, April 19, at 3:30 p.m. Betsy's show-and-tell session will feature her home grown native plants, wildflowers, annuals and perennials which she grows for commercial and personal use. Her display gardens flourish on amended soils worth, as she says "a bloody fortune". Learn some of her secrets for growing, drying, arranging and displaying fresh flowers. Why is her garden prettier and flowers harder than our? Let's ask! Country Petals is located on the east edge of New Ulm off FM 1094 on the north side of Houston St. Mark your calendars for this fun day.

Booster Club schedules meeting

The Rice Raider Booster Club will hold a meeting on Wednesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. at the PAC Center. Important issues will be discussed. Be there!

Rice schedules first 'Project Graduation'

The First Annual Rice High School Project Graduation is underway. There are only a few short weeks to raise enough money for this memorable event. A bake sale will be held on Good Friday, April 10, at B&B Grocery in Eagle Lake. Drawing tickets are being sold for \$1 each for a large computer system with printer to be given away. Ask any senior for tickets. Donations are also being accepted from the community and its patrons. Mail your donations to Rice Project Graduation, P.O. Box 383, Garwood, TX 77442. For more information call Sarah Perry a 758-9040 or Susan Wilkerson at 409-543-8059.

Booster Club schedules BBQ, golf tournament

The Rice Raider Booster Club will be sponsoring a golf tournament and BBQ chicken dinner Saturday, May 16, serving 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center. The club is seeking contributions to the event. There will be a Blue Sponsor for \$25 and Silver Sponsor for \$50. The money raised will go toward scholarships and various projects. If you would like to buy a dinner ticket (presale only), they are \$5 each. For information on the golf tournament, call 234-6343 (work) or 234-2235 (home); spaces are limited. Call 758-3933 after 6 p.m. If you have any questions about contributions, volunteering, or meal tickets. This is going to a good cause... our Rice Raider Athletes.

Lissie Methodist schedules sunrise service

The Lissie United Methodist Church will host its Annual Sunrise Service Sunday, April 12, at 6 a.m. at the home of Mark and Becky Anderson, 701 Lakeside Drive, Eagle Lake. Everyone is invited to attend.

CCA first annual crawfish boil to be held

The Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) of Texas, Sealy Prairie Chapter, hosted a banquet planning meeting Feb. 26. A state representative of CCA, along with out-of-state representatives, were present to help plan the banquet. The CCA, Prairie Chapter, is hosting its 1st Annual Crawfish Boil at the K.C. Hall in Sealy, Thursday, April 16, beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and \$5 for children 12 and under.

Festivities will include free beer and crawfish, silent auction, live auction, and drawings. Drawing items include: 18 ft. Kenner boat w/90 hp motor on a McClain trailer, Alaska fishing trip, sporting artwork, fishing tackle and many more prizes and prizes. There will only be 600 boat tickets available. Funds raised will benefit all coastal conservation projects as well as future projects.

For tickets and information, call Mike Grigar at Johnny's Sport Shop, 409-234-3516; or Dan Firkus, 409-885-6222 (leave message).

East Bernard EMS to host blood drive

East Bernard EMS will host a Spring Blood Drive on Sunday, April 26, at the high school cafeteria from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Whole blood, plasma and platelet donations will be accepted. To be a blood donor, you must meet these simple requirements: be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, be in good physical health, and present positive identification at the time of the donation.

For more information, call Fate Breedlove at 409-335-6174. To locate a facility or blood drive near you, please call Betty Webb at 1-888-GV-BLOOD, ext. 234; or visit The Blood Center web-page at www.giveblood.org.

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Don't Forget the Runoff Election... Polls at Eagle Lake Community Center...

VOTE Tuesday!

Colorado County EMS schedules ECA course here

In an effort to plug the gaps in ambulance staffing, Colorado County EMS is planning an Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) Course in Eagle Lake, if there is enough interest to

fill it.

A minimum of 10 students is required for scheduling.

The course will total 64 hours and will not require hospital or ambulance

rotations.

"This will be a very basic course," stated EMS Director Marc Jordan.

"That's why it can be taught in less than half the time of an EMT course,

but will still meet Texas Department of Health criteria for ambulance staffing."

The course would be scheduled to begin May 4 and conclude on June 24.

Classes will meet twice weekly on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Ambulance Hall above the Police Station.

Those interested are urged to apply as soon as possible since the time to get TDH course approval is short.

While Colorado County is the focus of this course, it will be open to the public and anyone from surrounding areas.

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County Grand Jury indicts 15

The Colorado County Grand Jury returned indictments on 15 individuals Friday, April 3.

Cases were presented by First Assistant County Attorney Joe Fling. Indicted were:

•Brian Orientian Glenn, theft, •Rafael Jose Gonzales, burglary of a habitation;

•Gilbert Alfonso Mendoza Jr., unlawfully carrying a weapon on licensed property;

•Shamica LaShon Moore, aggravated assault;

•Betty Jean Perrino, forgery; •Juan Faustino Hernandez, sexual assault;

•Don Steven Williams, possession of a controlled substance;

•Anthony Michael Barrios, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver;

•Shawn Elliot Hurd, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver;

•Ryan Allen Torres, aggravated assault;

•Charles Lewis Kincheloe III, assault aggravated assault;

•John Dustin Henry, aggravated assault;

assault

•Three indictments were sealed as of press time.

Appraisal District reminds taxpayers

Colorado County Central Appraisal District Chief Appraiser, Billy Youens, would like to remind all taxpayers of the April 15 rendition deadline.

"It is important for new owners to ensure that homestead and age values are in place. It is also important for homestead owners who have recently become 65 years of age to file a new exemption. If nothing has changed for an owner's account and exemptions were previously filed, a phone call to confirm name, address and ownership is all that is necessary," Youens explained.

According to Youens, in the past, homeowners had to wait until the following year after turning 65 for their additional exemption. But, due to recent legislation, a homeowner will benefit immediately on their birthday.

But, he reminds, the CAD office must be notified and this additional exemption filed.

Runoff election at Community Center

Contrary to what you may have heard, the polls for the runoff election are at the Community Center, not the Primary School, according to Election Judge Becky Anderson and Janet Schorlemmer who handles the schedule for the Center.

The May Rice CISD Board election will be held at ELPS.

Polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to allow voters to cast their ballots.

There may not be a lengthy ballot, but voting is important, no matter how many items there are.

If you don't vote, don't complain about who ends up in office!

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending April 7.

On April 1 at 12:08 p.m., Officer Brian Ochoa, as well as the fire department, were dispatched to a fire call at Eagle Lake Primary School. A ballast was found to be the cause of the smoke. No damage occurred.

At 4:57 p.m., Sgt. Jack. Knox was dispatched to Lakeside in reference to a child throwing rocks. The matter was settled at the scene.

Sgt. Knox was contacted at 5:14 p.m. in reference to a welfare concern. Sgt. Knox checked on the person and residence. All was found to be okay.

At 8:40 p.m., Sgt. Knox met a complainant on W. Main in reference to the burglary of a vehicle. The offense was investigated and a report was filed.

At 10:23 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to A Street in reference to an unwanted person at a residence. Upon Knox's arrival, the suspect had left the residence. No other action was taken.

Officer Tim Crume was dispatched to B Street at 11:27 p.m. in reference to a suspicious person.

Crume searched the area, but was unable to locate the suspect.

Officer Crume was dispatched to Raezer Street at 11:34 p.m. in reference to an unwanted person on the property. The suspect was asked to leave. No other action was taken.

On April 2 at 8:08 p.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to S. Lake Avenue in reference to a civil matter. The matter was settled at the scene.

At 9:14 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore received a report of a possible burglary of a residence on Stephens Street.

Upon investigation, Mitch Allen Evans was arrested on charges of violation of a protective order, processed at the police department, then transported to the County Detention Center (CDC) for confinement.

On April 3 at 12:42 a.m., Officer Carl Risk received a call of loud noise on Campbell Street. He was unable to locate any noise in the area.

At 1 p.m., Chief Keith Webb arrested Carolyn Faye Shorter at her

residence in Columbus on outstanding warrants. Assisted by a Columbus officer, Shorter was transported to CDC for confinement.

At 1:56 p.m., Lt. Clem Johnson was dispatched to the airport in reference to children riding bikes on the runway. The children were located and the parent was cited, according to the parental responsibility ordinance.

At 5:31 p.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to a two-vehicle accident. Rogelio Rayna Aguilera, driving a

1983 Ford four-door, backed out of a drive way at 909 E Street and backed into a 1993 Geo Storm parked on the north side of the street. Aguilera left the scene before Officer Crume's arrival.

Aguilera was later located and issued a citation for no driver's license and failure to comply with striking an unattended vehicle.

On April 4 at 4:55 a.m., Officer Risk located a suspicious vehicle which was found to belong to a local

subject.

At 12:10 p.m., Chief Webb met with two subjects at the police department in reference to a disturbance, which was settled at that time.

At 11:12 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore was advised of suspicious activity on Walnut Street. The area was checked, but no one could be found in the area.

On April 5 at 2:33 p.m., Officers Ochoa and Brian Baklik were dispatched to FM 3013 at FM 1093 in reference to one-vehicle roll over.

Joe Edwin Banneyer of Houston, driving a 1995 Jeep four-door, apparently fell asleep and ran off the side of the road. A passenger grabbed the wheel in an attempt to control the vehicle, startling the driver who over corrected the vehicle, causing the Jeep to roll over. The three occupants appeared to have only minor injuries.

At 3:30 p.m., Sgt. Knox was called to Rice Medical Center in reference to an assault. Investigation revealed that

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Grigar places 4th in State Powerlifting Meet

Once again, Rice High School junior Lori Grigar returned from the Women's State Powerlifting Meet with a fourth place finish overall and a new state record in bench press to her credit.

The state meet was held March 27 at Ft. Hood in Killeen.

Grigar's total lift equalled her season best of 605 pounds. She muscled up to 235 lbs. in squat, 235 lbs. deadlift, and benched 135 lbs.

Her bench broke the old state record by five pounds.

Lori finished third among 3-lifters in the 105 lb. class.

Senior Adriana Rodriguez represented Rice well with a squat of 185 lbs., bench of 105 lbs. and deadlift of 230 lbs.

Her total lift of 520 lbs. placed her among the top half of the 33 lifters in the 105 lb. class.

Congratulations to both of these athletes for an outstanding season.



Prairie Edge Players to present melodrama

For their 1998 production, the Prairie Edge Players have chosen a typical "gay nineties" melodrama, "Dirty Work At The Crossroads; or Tempted, Tried And True", by Bill Johnson, produced by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc.

This 14th production by the acting group will be performed Friday, May 8, and again Saturday, May 9, at 8 p.m. in the auditorium at Prairie Edge Museum.

The play includes all the elements of melodrama: poor widow, beautiful daughter, valuable land, evil villain, humble and honest hero, plus some extras sure to delight all ages.

Directed by Dr. Raymond Thomas and produced by Helen Craig, the drama features your favorite actors including Sherri Gould, Vicki Powers, Debbie Politsch, Marsha Priesmeier, Darlene Argo, Janet Dupré and Lee Politsch. Cast newcomers, Rodney Flud and Jacqueline Thomas, join returning actor Jeff Frnka to round out the excellent cast.

Tickets are now on sale by members of the Board of Trustees of Prairie Edge Museum and cast members; they're also available at the Museum. Reserved seat tickets may be obtained from Liz Waddell at Gifts of Distinction. Cost is \$8 for reserved seats; \$5 for general admission.

For further information, call Helen Craig at 234-2807.