

All-Sports Banquet set for May 14

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Rice Raider Booster Club All-Sports Banquet slated for Thursday, May 14, at the Rice High School Commons. There will be a guest speaker.

Tickets for the banquet, catered by Austin's Catering, are \$6 per person and may be purchased at Johnny's Sport Shop, Nada Grocery & Market, Rice High School Pac Center or Sheridan Lumber Co.

The athletes in the Raider Sports program for the 1997-98 school year will be provided a free ticket, but parents and other Raider fans will be required to purchase a ticket for admission.

During the banquet, all athletes will be recognized and some special awards will be presented. Also, various scholarships will be awarded during the evening.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Polling change for May 2 School Board election

There has been a change in the polling location for Precincts 3 and 17 (Altair and Eagle Lake) in the May 2 Rice CISD trustee election. The new polling place will be the Eagle Lake Primary School, 600 Johnnie D. Hutchins Drive, instead of the Community Center.

Booster Club meeting scheduled

The Rice Raider Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, at the PAC Center at the high school.

Senior Citizens' dance is Friday

The public is invited to a Senior Citizens' dance from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Friday, May 1, at the Eagle Lake Community Center with music provided by Daniel and The Country Boys. Admission is \$5 per person; door prizes will be given.

United Way Fun Day set for May 16

The United Way of Eagle Lake is holding its Second Annual Fun Day of Dominoes and Bridge on May 16 at 11 a.m. The event will be held at the Prairie Edge Museum. The entry fee is \$10 and includes lunch. Domino and Bridge players are urged to attend. The event kicks off the 1998-99 United Way Drive.

Baptist Board meeting is May 6 & 7

Central Missionary Baptist Convention of Texas Inc., Rev. J.P. Hubbard, president will hold a Spring Board Meeting at the White Cloud Baptist Church, 316 Old Altair Road, Rev. O. Rhodes, pastor. The board will meet Wednesday and Thursday, May 6 and 7, at 10 a.m. each morning and night services at 7:30 p.m. The Baptist Convention consists of a large group of ministers from Fort Worth, Houston, Grand Prairie, Beaumont, El Campo, Dallas, Austin, Wharton, Colorado, Austin and Ft. Bend County. The theme of the convention is "Putting the Cause of Christ First" Acts 1:8. Thursday night all officers of 20th Century District Association along with their Moderator Rev. Rhodes will be installed by the Convention Staff. The public is invited to attend all services.

VFD Ladies Auxiliary golf tournament set

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a benefit golf tournament on Sunday, May 17 at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center. Tee-off time is 1:30 p.m. with four person scramble, \$40 per player and includes lunch, drinks and green fees. Pre-sale turkey and dressing meal tickets are available from any auxiliary member for \$5, and curb service will be available. For more information, call 234-5488 or 234-3211.

Safe sitter workshop scheduled for June

Rice Medical Center will hold a Safe Sitter Workshop June 3 and 4 for boys and girls ages 11 to 13. Safe Sitter is a medically accurate program that teaches youth how to handle emergencies when caring for young children. The workshop includes baby-sitting safety, basic first aid, rescue breathing, rescue choking, and more. The cost is \$25, which pays for the students Safe Sitter Manual and materials. Anyone interested in more information or wishing to enroll in the workshop, please call Vicky Pavlu or Stephanie Guthman at 234-5571. Enrollment is limited to the first 10 student who call by May 11.

NPSOT meeting is May 7

Eric Becker, member of the Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) and forester of Festival Hill, will present the May meeting on Thursday, May 7 at 6 p.m. He will lead a tour of Festival Hill's initial landscaping, featuring plantings designed by Lynn Lowery.

Meet NPSOT members at the parking lot of Festival Hill: travel northeast of Round Top on Hwy. 237, turn left (west) on Jasper Road; the entrance will be on the left.

Columbus Annual Spring Arts Festival is Saturday and Sunday May 16 and 17 on the Courthouse square. Start growing native plants for sale to benefit NPOST chapter activities and make plans to volunteer to help in the booth!

Audience admitted to dress rehearsal

Because of many conflicts in schedules during May, those people unable to attend "Dirty Work At the Crossroad" on May 8 and 9 will be able to view the play during dress rehearsal next Thursday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m.

No advance arrangements need to be made. Just check in at the door with Helen Craig, producer for Prairie Edge Players, and you will be allowed into the auditorium for the final rehearsal. Donations will be accepted.

Beasley School reunion set for May 3

As the birds return to their homes, please join classmates and friends in the Homecoming of Beasley School, Sunday, May 3, at 2 p.m. in the school cafeteria. A time of reminiscing will follow a short business meeting and refreshments. Please bring sandwiches or dessert; drinks will be furnished.

Fort Bend County Czech Fest is May 1-3

The Fort Bend County Czech Fest will be held May 1 through 3 at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Rosenberg. Adult admission is \$6, children 12 and under get in free. The Fort Bend County Czech Fest celebrates Czech-American heritage. Czech music, food, arts and crafts, Czech cooking and craft demonstrations, Czech language lessons, Czech dancing and theatre can all be enjoyed over the course of this three day festival.

CCA energy assistance available

Combined Community Action Inc. (CCA) has funds available under CP&L program to households that are customers of CP&L needing energy related assistance. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, CCA will be taking applications at the various CCA satellite locations throughout the county. Please call the Family Services Department 512-237-4824 or 1-800-688-9065 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday to make an appointment. This program is based on household income, size and need for assistance. Eligibility for participation is established according to federal income guidelines.

Study Club President's Luncheon is May 8

The President's Luncheon of the Eagle Lake Study Club will be held May 8 at the Eagle Lake Community Center at 12 noon. Joe Tom Davis, professor of history at Wharton County Junior College, will be the guest speaker. Professor Davis will speak at 12:30 p.m.; his program is "Sam Houston and the Women in His Life". Tickets for the luncheon are on sale at the Eula & David Wintermann Library.

Sheridan Lions Club schedules Health Fair

The Sheridan Lions Club will host a blood drive and health fair Thursday, April 30, at the Sheridan Community Center from 3 to 7 p.m. Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will be on hand. You must provide a photo ID to give blood.

Doctors and nurses will be there to give out information and answer questions. Learn new things at the information booths and receive giveaways as well. A few of the many exhibits and tables with information are: Dietary-

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County to receive \$67K for road repairs

Colorado County Commissioners Court learned that it would receive nearly \$68,000 in road materials from the state to repair roads damaged by legally-permitted overweight truck traffic as it breezed through a relatively routine agenda on Monday morning, April 27.

County Judge Vince Slominski acknowledged that the County had received a letter from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) stating the state had allocated some \$12 million in for the current year and 1999 and another \$6 million each year thereafter on a statewide basis.

The County's share for 1998 was listed at \$67,930.

Following the meeting, Commissioners conducted a workshop with TxDOT officials to determine the quantity and type of material needed to repair County roads.

The Court okayed three items in regard to Splashway, the new Sheridan waterpark. Big Sandy Lease Service of Sheridan was awarded the bid in the amount of \$29,231.75 for the sewer line construction; Robinson Water Well Service of Houston received the bid in the amount of \$29,100 for the water well construction; and a payment of \$8,032.50 was approved for O'Malley Engineers of Brenham.

In a special meeting April 22, the Court had approved a wastewater service agreement with the waterpark.

Commissioners also executed the certificate of substantial completion for the Colorado County Juvenile Fa-

cility in Eagle Lake and authorized a payment in the amount of \$6,903.30 to Harry Golemon Architects Inc. of Houston.

In other business, the Court:

- Awarded a bid in the amount of \$63,180 to BLS Construction Inc. of El Campo for the construction of a new two-lane roadway bridge on

County Road 273 at Sandy Creek in Precinct 2;

- Received word that TxDOT would conduct a traffic study in regard to a flashing traffic beacon at the intersection of FM 949 and Bernardo Road in Bernardo;

- Approved the renewal of a contract with Hidalgo County to house

inmates in the Colorado County Detention Facility at a cost of \$35 per day per inmate;

- Granted the Magnolia Homes Tour permission to use the Courthouse grounds for the annual Springtime Festival May 16 and 17;

- Adopted a resolution to support (See County, Page 8)

VOTE SATURDAY May 2

Eagle Lake Mayor in City Council Chambers
Rice CISD Board of Trustees at Eagle Lake Primary School

Attwater to host youth summer employment program

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge (APCNR) is accepting applications for summer employment in the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program.

Youths must be 15 when the program starts and must be still 18 years of age when the program ends. All applicants must be U.S. citizens and meet the eligibility requirement as set forth on the official YCC application.

No prior work experience is re-

quired. Employment is without regard to social, economic, racial or ethnic background.

The YCC program is a well balanced work-learn program that develops an understanding and appreciation of our environment and heritage.

Some of the projects the enrollees will work on are putting up the APC acclimation pens, fence removal, litter clean-up, exotic plant removal, riparian enhancement, community service, first aid/CPR certification and envi-

ronmental education.

This program offers gainful employment to youth for eight weeks in an outdoor atmosphere.

Enrollees will be paid the minimum wage of \$5.15 for a 40 hour work week. Work will begin June 15 and end July 31, 1998.

Enrollees must furnish their own transportation to and from the refuge daily. Work hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Time off for vacations, ball camps,

etc., is not practical and enrollees need to plan to attend the entire work session.

Applications will be accepted until May 8, at the APCNR, located approximately six miles northeast of Eagle Lake on FM 3013. Mailed applications must be postmarked no later than May 8.

Applications may be obtained from your local high school guidance counselor's office, by calling the APCNR at 409-234-3021 ext. 12, or by writing to P.O. Box 519, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

Selections will be accomplished in a random drawing by an impartial person outside the refuge system to ensure a fair selection.

Equal female and male participation is encouraged.

All individuals selected must have a social security number prior to going to work. It takes about four weeks to receive a social security number after applying to the Federal Social Security Administration. This will only apply to the five individuals selected for this year's program.

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending April 27.

On April 21 at 10:27 a.m., Officer Brian Ochoa was dispatched to Glen Lake in reference to a civil matter which was resolved at the scene.

Officer Ochoa was dispatched to the 800 block of E. Main at 2:49 p.m. in reference to a possible shop lifter. Lt. Clem Johnson responded to assist and they found that no offense had occurred.

Sgt. Jack. Knox was dispatched to the 400 block of Church Street at 5:12 p.m. in reference to a juvenile throwing rocks at a vehicle. Sgt. Knox spoke with relatives of the juvenile and no other action was taken.

At 5:30 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to the 1000 block of Raazer Street in reference to kids throwing rocks at a house. A parent was notified of the situation and no other action was taken.

On April 22 at 8:02 a.m., Officer Ochoa met with a complainant on N. Lake Avenue in reference to a civil matter.

At 8:25 a.m., Officer Ochoa responded to a theft call on FM 3013 west. A vehicle had four tires and four rims stolen from it.

Lt. Johnson investigated the incident which led to the clearing of one related offense and two other unrelated criminal offenses.

The four charges are pending on an 18 year old adult male and a 14 year old juvenile male.

On April 23 at 2:39 a.m., Officer Tim Crume conducted a traffic stop in the 500 block of Westmoreland Street which resulted in the arrest of Maria I. Rodriguez for resisting search and possession of marijuana.

After processing at the police department, Rodriguez was transport-

ed to the County Detention Center (CDC) for confinement.

At 4:23 p.m., Officer Tobin Thomas was dispatched to Laughlin Road to a possible burglary. After meeting with the complainant, all was found to be secure. No burglary had occurred.

At 4:40 p.m., Officer Thomas met with a complainant on E. State Street in reference to a civil matter which was resolved at the scene.

On April 24 at 4:53 p.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to a disturbance on 810 E. Main Street. After meeting with both parties, the matter was resolved. No charges were filed.

At 10:24 p.m., Officer Thomas met with a complainant on Westmoreland Street in reference to a disturbance. One subject left the residence for the night in order to resolve the problem. No other action was required.

On April 25 at 9:45 a.m., Lt. Johnson assisted the County Attorney's Office in warrant executions.

At 5:46 p.m., Officer Thomas was dispatched to S. Austin Road in reference to loud music, but was unable to locate the source of music.

At 11:59 p.m., Officer Carl Risk received a call of a vehicle accident in the 700 block of Sempres Steet, but the vehicle had left the scene.

Officer Risk located the vehicle and the driver. An accident report was involving Areli Pizano Arellano of Eagle Lake, who was driving a 1986 Ford pickup.

Reportedly, as Arellano attempted to back into a driveway and turn around, her foot slipped, depressing the accelerator and causing her to back over a telephone pole, then collide with the front of the residence on Sempres. Neither the driver or her passengers were injured.

Charges are pending on the driver for the hit and run accident.

On April 26 at 1:35 a.m., Officer Thomas assisted a county deputy in reference to suspicious activity. No suspicious activity was located.

At 4:44 p.m., Sgt. Knox received a report of loud music on Norris Street. Sgt. Knox located the music, which was not too loud, but the subject turn-

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COLORADO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following cases through April 26.

Monday, April 13, at 10:30 p.m., Deputy Gene Rebel responded to a call concerning a burglary of a motor vehicle on FM 3013. The complainant reported that a Pioneer Super Tuner three CD player and approximately 22 compact disc were stolen. There are two suspects at this time.

At 10:55 p.m., Deputy Rebel and Sgt. Troy Neisner responded to a call on a family disturbance in Alleyton.

Tuesday, April 14, at 6:18 a.m., Sgt. Richard Lacourse responded to a call for an inquest in New Ulm.

At 7:42 a.m., Sgt. Lacourse responded to a call about suspicious activity on FM 949 and Nelson Lane.

At 12:55 p.m., Sgt. Lacourse responded to a call concerning missing livestock. The complainant reported that a calf may have strayed from his pasture. The complainant advised the heifer weighs about 400 pounds and is tiger striped.

At 8:46 p.m., Deputy Rebel and Sgt. Neisner responded to a call concerning an assault in Sheridan. An affidavit was prepared and a warrant

was issued by Justice of the Peace Precinct I Dodie Dungen. Darryl Tesch, 31, of Sheridan was arrested for Class A assault.

Wednesday, April 15, at 12:45 p.m., Deputy Schmidt responded to a call concerning students disrupting class. Three juveniles were cited for disruption of class.

At 11:43 p.m., Deputies Craig Peikert and Benavides responded to a call concerning a structure fire in Glidden.

Thursday, April 16, at 5:15 p.m., Deputy Peterson responded to a call concerning a runaway juvenile in Sheridan. The juvenile was entered into the state/nationwide computer system as a runaway.

At 6:10 p.m., Deputies Benavides and Peikert responded to a call concerning a burglary of a motor vehicle. The complainant reported that an AM/FM cassette radio was stolen.

At 8:48 p.m. Deputies Benavides and Peikert responded to a call concerning subject (s) cutting trees down on private property.

Friday, April 17, at 8 a.m., Deputy Peterson responded to a call concerning a burglary of a habitation. The (See Sheriff, Page 4)