

Registration set for Red Cross lessons

Registration for American Red Cross swimming lessons will be held on two dates: Wednesday, May 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. and Monday, June 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. Both registrations will be at the Eagle Lake Pool. Lessons will be offered for Level 1-5 and Community Water Safety. There will be nine class days scheduled to run from Tuesday, June 2, to Friday, June 5, and

Monday, June 8, to Friday, June 12.

The pool fee for lessons is \$13 per child. Children must be at least six years of age to register.

Direct any questions about lessons and/or registration to Shannan Perez or Judy Pustejovsky, in person or by phone at the pool, 234-5728, on the above dates and times only.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Closings for Memorial Day

The following businesses will be closed Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day: The Colorado County Courthouse, Eagle Lake Post Office, Laker Printing, Wallis State Bank and the First National Bank of Eagle Lake. The City of Eagle Lake will be closed as well. Monday's garbage pickup in the City will be picked up Tuesday; Tuesday's will be gathered on Wednesday. The *Eagle Lake Headlight* will be open for business.

CCA meeting is tonight, Thursday

Combined Community Action, Inc. will hold its Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, May 21, at 7 p.m. at the CCA Nutrition Center on 275 Ellinger Road in La Grange. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

LUMC Ice Cream Social is June 7

On Sunday, June 7, Lissie United Methodist Church (LUMC) will host its annual Ice Cream Social and Sing Along starting at 5 p.m. Come eat ice cream and sing your favorite hymns.

Jr. High Drama Camp set for June 1

Monday, June 1, at the Prairie Edge Museum, students interested in drama will be treated to an all-day drama camp put on by the Rice High School Drama Club. Any student, sixth through eighth grades, may register by calling Robbin Clipson at 234-7569. There is a small fee. For more information, see the article on the *Raider Review* page and the ad on Page 10 of this issue.

Retired teachers to meet June 1

The Retired Teachers will meet on Monday, June 1, at Schobels' Restaurant in Columbus at 12 noon. Teachers and school personnel should try to make this final meeting of the '97-'98 year. This organization works hard to improve the retirement of the group. Garwood-Eagle Lake are the host towns.

E.H. Henry Alumni meeting is May 21

The E.H. Henry Alumni will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the E.H. Henry site.

Sacred Heart Festival set for May 24

Mark your calendar now for Sunday, May 24 and don't miss all the family fun for everyone at the Sacred Heart Parish Spring Festival at the KC Hall in Hallettsville. The activities begin at 10:30 a.m. with an all you can eat country fried chicken and stew dinner along with homemade dressing. An auction begins at 1 p.m. Free music featuring Tony Janak's Orchestra and the Red Ravens will be held in the beergarten. Other entertainment at 6 p.m. features Texas Unlimited Band and Rhythm of the Road. For more information call 512-798-5888.

Legion to decorate graves

Members of Eagle Lake American Legion Post 108 will be placing flags at 9 a.m. Friday, May 29, on graves of deceased veterans in local cemeteries in observance of the traditional Memorial Day, May 30. The flags will be picked up at 6 p.m. Monday, June 1.

In the event a grave of a veteran is unintentionally missed, contact Commander Fred R. Frnka at 234-2065 or Adjutant W.L. Bauer at 234-2478.

NPSOT meeting is June 4

Riana and Al Jamison will host the Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) Columbus Chapter meeting on Thursday, June 4, at the Jamison Farm west of Frelsburg at 6 p.m. Will Fleming will take us through the gardens he designed and installed for the Jamison's recently constructed home.

Take FM 109 to Frelsburg. At the stop sign, turn left onto FM 1291. Take the first road to the left (Ellinger Road). Go about 1/2 mile; turn to the left at the pine trees... this is the Jamison Farm.

Come to the country and enjoy a few hours in the fresh air.

Rock Island annual homecoming

The Annual Homecoming and Memorial Day Service of the Myrtle Cemetery Association will be held at the air-conditioned former Rock Island School gym, Sunday, May 24. A beef and sausage barbecue dinner, with all the trimmings (dessert and iced tea or coffee included), will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost per plate: adult, \$6; children, \$3.50. The Memorial Service and Program will commence at 1 p.m.

Sealy Outlet Center hosting pageant

Sealy Outlet Center (SOC) will be hosting a Little Miss and Mr. 4th of July Beauty Pageant. All contestants must have a current photo and proof of age. For more information call Judi at 409-885-1231. Ages are 2 years- 10 years as of July 4. Age groups are ages 2-4, Little Miss & Mr. Petite Fire Cracker, ages 5-7 Little Miss & Mr. Jr. Fire Cracker, ages 8-10, Little Miss & Mr. Fire Cracker.

CCHFH to host dinner theater

Colorado County Habitat for Humanity (CCHFH) will host a dinner theater featuring The Prairie Edge Players in *Dirty Work at the Crossroads*; or *Tempted Tried and True*, a hilarious 'nineties melodrama' by Bill Johnson. The event will take place May 30 at Stafford Opera House in Columbus. Cocktails start at 6 p.m. dinner at 6:30 and the show at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$20 for dinner and the show and \$10 for the show only. Tables for 8 are available on request by reservation only by calling 1-800-243-5369. Proceeds benefitting CCHFH and the Prairie Edge Museum.

Laux, Munke family reunion is June 7

The Margaretha Laux/Christian Munke annual family reunion will be held on Sunday, June 7, at the Ammannsville KJT Hall beginning about 10:30 a.m. A covered dish lunch will be served at noon, with beverages, flatware and bread provided. Family and friends are invited to attend. For more information call 409-247-4555.

Donate to scholarship fund

Sheridan Elementary & Junior High Student Council would like to thank all the people who have donated to the Sheridan scholarship fund. This scholarship is available to any senior who has graduated from Sheridan Elementary and goes on to graduate from Rice High School (RHS). In the past our school has been able to give scholarships to deserving RHS seniors. This year we would again appreciate any donations to this fund so we may carry on this fine tradition. Anyone desiring to make donations may contact the office at Sheridan Elementary School at 234-7334. Any and all help will be appreciated.

'Gala for Renee' tickets on sale

You may purchase tickets for "Gala for Renee" at Eagle Lake Drugstore. Tickets are \$100 a couple; \$500 for a table which seats 10; \$750 to be a Silver Sponsor; or \$1,000 for a Gold Sponsor. The price includes dinner, dancing and (See Newsbriefs, Page 10)

Norris benefit is May 30

There will be a benefit dance, barbecue and drawing to give away a television at the Eagle Lake Community Center Saturday, May 30.

This benefit is to help with medical expenses for Marsha "Pooh" Norris. The dinners will be sold from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$5 each.

The dance will begin at 8:30 and will cost \$5 per person.

Tickets for the television to be given away that night are available for \$1 each.

All of Eagle Lake knows "Pooh" because of his athletic abilities while in junior high and high school.

The public is encouraged to help. Other fundraisers are forthcoming.

The dance is sponsored by Cadillac Productions; the television sponsor is Ophelia Lyons; and the dinner is sponsored by his family and friends.

For more information, call 409-234-3076.

Ministerial Alliance to host 1998 Baccalaureate

The Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance will be hosting its annual Baccalaureate Service for the Rice High School senior class on Sunday evening, May 24, at 7 p.m. at Lehner Memorial United Methodist Church in Garwood.

The Baccalaureate is a time of prayer, spiritual refreshing and blessing for the seniors as they complete their high school education.

This is a time of celebration and honor for those who are graduating.

End of school awards and scholarship banquets abound. For many students, it is appropriate to pause at this time to give honor to God for bringing

them to this place and to receive the blessing of the ministry as they commence into the next phase of life.

Rev. Barry Bauerschlag of the Garwood and Eagle Lake Methodist churches has been working for several weeks with senior class members who will be participating in the service.

Members of the class will participate with song, scripture reading and prayer. All members of the Class of 1998 are being extended a personal invitation to attend.

Revs. Joe and Mercy Fling, Pastors of Living Hope Church will deliver the sermon message and charge (See Baccalaureate, Page 10)

TCI gives written commitment

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

Eagle Lake Mayor Michael Cooper recently met with TCI Cable Regional Manager Dan Hebert.

At the conclusion of that meeting, Cooper requested a letter outlining what was verbally committed to during the meeting.

As Cooper told Hebert, "We don't want the Taj Mahal. Just get us some indoor plumbing."

Hebert was reminded that there are disparities between cable service in Eagle Lake and Columbus. "We're kind of like the stepchild. Bring us an equivalent package," Cooper told Hebert.

Cooper also reminded Hebert that no one will be interested in going with TCI when it comes time to negotiate the franchise if nothing is happening.

The City gave every indication that it would look elsewhere when the franchise expires in July 2002 unless service is improved tremendously.

The City has played the scenario, "promises, promises, promises", with TCI for several years, but it now has something written.

The result of the discussion is contained in a letter dated May 8, 1998:

The Honorable Mayor
Michael Cooper

Dear Mayor Cooper:

It was a pleasure making your acquaintance the other evening. The economic investment coming soon to Eagle Lake will certainly be a huge one.

In summary of our discussion, our

company will act on three concerns as follows:

1. We will build the extension of service to the duplex development adjacent to the airport within 60 days, barring any unforeseen "force majeure."

2. We will add two new satellite programming alternatives by July 1, 1998. And if possible, we will replace KXAN with a third possible satellite channel.

3. We will conduct immediately a headend signal audit for all channels incoming and sweep the system to the last amplifier. This will ensure picture quality throughout the system.

In addition, our engineer will begin an engineering analysis, whereby we will investigate the merits of upgrading the system compatible to the programming found in our Columbus system. The outcome of that analysis will allow us to possibly begin negotiating a new franchise or extension to our current contract.

I believe this summarizes our discussion. I look forward to showing you and the Council our good faith and intentions on conducting our business in Eagle Lake.

Sincerely,
Dan Hebert, Regional Manager
TCI of Texas

Attention parents of eighth grade students!

Graduation party planned for May 29

An eighth grade graduation party is in the works for all graduating eighth graders in the Rice CISD (including St. Mary's in Nada).

The party, to be held at the Eagle Lake Community Center, will feature the sounds of DJ Sidney Struss from KOOL 99 in Austin.

The planners are in dire need of additional hosts and/or hostesses to help organize and defer the cost of the party.

Students attending will be charged \$5 at the door if their parent(s) are not hosting.

For more information, or to add your name to the list of hosts/hostesses: Garwood students call Margaret Henry, 234-5918; St. Mary's students call Lisa Hoffman, 234-5551 or 758-3933; Sheridan students call Kathy Stern, 234-3281; and Eagle Lake students call Sherry Thomas, 234-3251.

The parents involved in planning this party want their children to celebrate the move to Rice High School in a safe yet fun way. Join them and make the occasion even bigger and better!

City backs RMC's assisted living facility, changes truck ordinance

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

David Keith, Rice Medical Center administrator, presented plans for the development of a \$3 million assisted living facility to the Eagle Lake City Council during its May 12 meeting.

The facility, covering 32,000 square feet, will include 50 units.

The project has been given "marching orders to build", according to Keith. He added that a \$150,000 anonymous donation will be used as seed money to kick off the project.

A 501 3C hospital entity corporation has been formed to plan, develop and operate the facility.

Keith requested any help the City could give him for a traffic study on Johnnie D. Hutchins Drive, the street that leads to Eagle Lake Primary School.

"The only feasible entrance to our facility is a left turn off Johnnie D. Hutchins. The Rice CISD has given the project its support, but asked for a traffic study showing any adverse effect the turn might have on school

traffic," said Keith.

"We thought the City might have some expertise in-house or someone who can help us with the study."

He added that employees and service vendors would not be using the street.

"The employees and vendors will be using hospital parking so the only traffic will be visitors to see their loved ones and those who want to hold luncheon meetings or eat at the facility, a part of the facility's program," Keith said.

Council pledged any support and information that it could obtain.

City Manager Ron Holland suggested Keith also contact the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) concerning a traffic study that is already in place stemming from the construction of Johnnie D. Hutchins.

"The entire project hinges on the left turn off Johnnie D. Hutchins. The left turn is in no way close to where children are dropped off so the children are not endangered," Keith said.

The facility will face the golf course and school for aesthetic purposes.

"We want the residents to feel the hospital is in their backyard... not (See Council, Page 10)

Museum claims to be 'prettiest' in town!

The Prairie Edge Museum, boosters claim, is by far the best-looking building in Eagle Lake.

Its flashy southwestern appeal is the result of paints selected by lady members of the Museum's Board of Directors.

This "face-lifting" results from an expenditure of funds obtained from major grantor LCRA and minor grantor the City of Eagle Lake, the latter through its apportionment of hotel/motel taxes.

Mike Morales and Morales Con-

struction deserve plaudits for a fine job of not only the painting itself, but the repair and replacement of exposed age-ravaged wooden surfaces as well, says the Museum's Project Supervisory team of R. Baker, W. Harrison and V. Scott.

Beauty is often only skin-deep, asserts President of the Board Obie Rhodes, but not in the case of Prairie Edge Museum. Inside it houses an array of in-depth exhibits - both educational and entertaining - relating to area natural and cultural history.

The Rice CISD announced the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program June 5, 1998 through July 16, 1998, with meals to be provided at Eagle Lake Middle School.

Breakfast will be served from 8:20 to 8:55 a.m.; lunch from 11:45 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

Students who are eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, (See Food, Page 10)



Rice High 'Outstanding Athletes'

Kendrick Pipkins was honored by the Rice High School coaching staff as the Outstanding Senior Boy Athlete during last week's annual Athletic Banquet. Amy Obenhaus was chosen the Outstanding Senior Girl Athlete for the 1997-98 school year. (See story, Page 8.)

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