

Rice High School Class
of 1998 Commencement
Thursday, May 28;
8 p.m.; Raider Stadium

Graduation

Pool to open June 2

The Eagle Lake Pool will open for the 1998 summer season on Tuesday, June 2.
Pool hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person. Children three and under get in free with a paying, responsible adult.
The pool is closed on Mondays for cleaning.
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NEWSBRIEFS

Norris benefit is Saturday

A benefit dance, barbecue and drawing will be held May 30, at the Eagle Lake Community Center to help defray medical costs for Marshan "Pooh" Norris. Dinners will be sold from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$5 each. The dance begins at 8:30 p.m. and will cost \$5 per person. Tickets for the television to be given away are available for \$1 each. "Pooh" is known for his athletic abilities while in junior high and high school. For more information call 409-234-3076.

Park clean-up set for Saturday

A Clean Up at the City Park in the Rice Mill area on Seaholm Street will take place on Saturday, May 30 starting at 10 a.m. Volunteers are needed. Volunteers will get free drinks and hot dogs for their efforts. For more information call Ernestine at 234-2582 or Sandra at 234-3442.

Class of 1946 reunion set for June 12

The Eagle Lake High School Class of 1946 is planning a reunion for Friday, June 12 at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 10 a.m. to 5 or 6 p.m. They will honor the football squad of 1945 (bi-district champs). A head count is needed for the barbecue buffet meal. Call 409-234-2068 to RSVP. For more information contact Melvin Selph at 512-552-2704.

Eagle Lake KCs dinner is June 7

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Chapter #4843 will be serving a chicken fried steak dinner Sunday, June 7 from 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.

Senior Citizens' dance scheduled for June 5

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

FBC to host 'Resurrection Choir'

On Sunday, May 31, at 6 p.m. the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake is hosting "The Resurrection Choir", a 50 member youth choir from Wayside Community Church in San Antonio.

They will be presenting a power-packed musical that youths and adults will find inspiring and enjoyable. The public is invited to share in this special presentation. A nursery will be provided for babies and toddlers.

Juneteenth celebration set for June 20

The annual Juneteenth Celebration is set for Saturday, June 20. Booth and parade entries are needed. For information about the celebration or entries call 235-5651 or 234-2467.

Greater Mt. Olive holding 5th Sunday Program

Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 709 N. Lake in Eagle Lake invites you to attend their "100 Women in Purple", fifth Sunday Program on May 31 at 2:30 p.m. The theme for the program is "The Winning Attitude, Your Pathway To Personal Success!"

CCA meeting rescheduled

Combined Community Action, Inc. (CCA) will hold its Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, June 11 at 7 p.m. at the CCA Nutrition Center on 275 Ellinger Road in La Grange. This meeting was originally scheduled for May 21. The public is invited to attend.

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. See the ad on Page 5 for more information.

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.

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.

Native Plant Society 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 the group 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.

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 and True, a hilarious 'nineties melodrama' by Bill Johnson. The event will take place May 30 at the Stafford Opera House in Columbus. Cocktails start at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30, and the show at 7:30. 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 benefit 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.

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County releases deed on historic school site

Colorado County Commissioners agreed to transfer County-owned property, the two-acre tract that includes the old Zimmerscheidt School site, to the Columbus Independent School District by a quit claim deed during its session on Monday morning.

According to County Attorney John Moore, the Colorado County Historical Commission had formed a non-profit organization within the commission to own the property.

The commission will now ask the school district to deed the property over to its non-profit organization.

The Colorado County Historical Commission announced several months ago that it had hoped to restore the old Zimmerscheidt schoolhouse.

According to Crockett Leyendecker, a member of the commission, the building is in dire need of repairs.

"It was restored in 1974, but it needs to be restored again before it falls down," said Leyendecker. "It is our hope to add a water well and electricity and haul gravel to the site. We plan to use the building at least twice a year for our meetings and it is our

hope that the school district would use it for a day of 'pioneer schooling.'"

Leyendecker said the state legislature originally formed the public school system in 1854 and the county purchased two acres for the Zimmerscheidt School on April 25, 1854. The building then became the property of the CISD when it was formed in 1948.

He added that Zimmerscheidt is one of three remaining one-room schoolhouses still left in the state.

In other business, the Court:

- Approved a purchase auction for July 8 at 11 a.m. to sell a hanger on county-owned property at the Robert R. Wells Jr. Airport;

- Awarded a bid in the amount of \$261,033 to Supak Construction Co. of Orchard for the first-time sewer extension in Sheridan with the monies coming from a Community Development Block Grant;

- Discussed, but tabled a decision, with Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Dodie Dungen on the possibility of using the USAuditex credit card payment system for fines;

- Adopted a resolution for the

Healthwise Handbook and Self-Care Program through the Texas Association of Counties and named Diane Matus as its coordinator;

- Adopted the Colorado County Investment Policy as recommended by County Treasurer Joyce Stancik;

- Awarded a bid in the amount of \$1,674.96 per year for two years to A Top Gun Pest Control of Columbus for pest control of five county-owned buildings;

- Received notice from Allison,

Bass & Associates, a law firm, that former dispatcher Helen Waddle had filed suit against former deputy Gary Stavinoha in United States District Court in Houston in regard to an alleged sexual harassment case in 1996; and

- Met in executive session with attorney Joe Copeland of Baron Risk Management in regard to pending or contemplated litigation as a result of an accident on County Road 273 in Feb.

Barrios receives 50 years

Alcario Barrios Jr. of Eagle Lake, charged with possession of a controlled substance, was tried by jury Monday and Tuesday, May 18 and 19, in District Court in Columbus.

Barrios, found guilty, elected to go before the judge for sentencing. Wednesday, May 20, he was sentenced to 50 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

He was on probation for possession of a controlled substance when the above mentioned charge was lodged against him. Therefore, the probation was revoked and he received seven additional years. The sentences will run concurrent.

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending May 26.

On May 19 at 4:28 a.m., Officer Tobin Thomas met with a complainant at Glen Lake Court in reference to a theft. Information was gathered and the incident was investigated.

The investigation led to the issuance of an arrest warrant. Kevin DeWayne Middleton was questioned and placed under arrest for theft. He was processed and transported to the County Detention Center (CDC) for confinement.

Middleton also had an outstanding disorderly conduct warrant which was served.

At 1:15 p.m., Officer Carl Risk assisted at the scene of an accident on FM 102 south of Eagle Lake until a county deputy arrived.

Sgt. Jack Knox and Officer Risk were contacted at the police department at 4:35 p.m. to assist Children's Protective Services representative with a runaway. The subject was picked up. No other action was requested.

Sgt. Knox was contacted at the police department in reference to a juvenile runaway and a report was filed.

After a lengthy investigation by Chief Keith Webb and other officers,

Jorge Morales of Eagle Lake was arrested for two counts of aggravated assault, after warrants were issued, in which he assaulted a victim on April 28 and May 16. Later, on May 22, Tomas Morales was arrested on a warrant for aggravated assault, stemming from the assault on April 28.

On May 20, at 5:31 p.m., Sgt.

Knox was dispatched to S. Austin Rd. in reference to a civil matter, and no other action was taken.

On May 21, at 7:24 a.m., Officer Risk assisted with traffic for a stranded motorist on E. Main St. until a wrecker arrived and the vehicle was removed from the roadway.

At 8:05 p.m., Chief Webb met

with complainants at the police department in reference to a family dispute and counseled with them.

At 9:04 p.m., Officer Brian Ochoa was dispatched to Heritage Lane in reference to a disturbance. It was found to be a verbal argument and no offense had occurred.

At 9:17 p.m., Officer Ochoa assisted the EMS with a medical call on Lakeway Drive.

At 9:36 p.m., Officer Tim Crume met with a complainant on S. Austin Rd. which was a civil matter.

On May 22, at 9:15 a.m., Lt. Clem Johnson met with complainants on N. McCarty St. in reference to a civil matter. They were advised to seek legal counsel.

Officer Risk was advised of a reckless driver coming into Eagle Lake on Hwy. 90A from the east. Officer Risk located the driver and discovered the driver had several distractions inside his vehicle. The subject was counseled on his distractions and no further action was taken.

On May 23, at 9 a.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to E. State St. in reference to loud music, but was unable to locate any music in the area.

At 10:27 a.m., Officer Crume received a call of a suspicious person on W. Main, but the subject had left the area, upon Officer Crume's arrival.

At 10:45 a.m., Lt. Johnson met with a subject at the police department in regard to a civil matter, and subjects were again advised to seek legal counsel.

At 11:56 a.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to Keith St. in reference to a juvenile disturbance. Officer Crume counseled with the juvenile and no other action was taken.

Officer Crume met with a complainant at the police department at 2:32 p.m., in reference to a disorderly (See Police, Page 5)

County Grand Jury returns 14 indictments

The Colorado County Grand Jury returned indictments on 14 cases Friday, May 22. First Assistant County Attorney Joe Fling presented the cases to the Grand Jury.

Those indicted and the charge(s) against them are:
•Robert Lee Van Houten, burglary of a habitation;
•Robert Lee Van Houten, burglary of a building;
•Lloyd King, burglary of a building;
•Susan Lynn Hasty, forgery;
•Carlton Allen King, forgery;
•C. Vester Connor, tampering with a government record;
•Michael Wayne Semora, unlawful possession of a firearm by felon;
•Victor Jose Hernandez, possession of a prohibited substance in correctional facility;
•Phillip Gregory Alvarez, burglary of a habitation; and,
•Five indictments were sealed as of press time.

RHS Drama Club sponsoring 'camp'

The Rice High School Drama Club has the rare opportunity of welcoming Todd Calvert of Austin's Sixth Street Comedy Club "Monks' Night Out".

Calvert will teach workshops in comedy improvisation at the Prairie Edge Museum June 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The public is invited to a "Big Stinkin' Show" at 2 p.m. Monday when Calvert will be joined by local talent in a performance for parents and friends to top off the camp's fun and theatre games.

Calvert is responsible for organizing one of the nation's largest gatherings of stand-up comics at an annual event now into its fourth year in Austin. The "Big Stinkin' Comedy Confab" attracts talent and agents from everywhere.

This year's conference placed

comedians in television, film, clubs and related industries.

Calvert is the son of Rev. Judith Sellers, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Weimar.

All junior high students are welcome!

Whether entering seventh grade, or exiting eighth grade; whether a student of the Rice CISD or elsewhere; you are welcome to attend the camp which will kick off with a Drama Extravaganza for the middle schoolers Sunday, May 31, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Museum.

Four instructors will join Calvert. They include Nathan Raley, a polished actor now studying pre-law at Davidson University in N.C.; Sara Mann, a freshman theatre major at Hofstra in New York; Tonya Fletcher, a teacher of Language Arts at the Eagle Lake Middle School, and

our own Deborah Reed.

Cost of these two days of theatre fun is \$5. Call 409-234-7569 to enroll.

Invitations have been extended to interested students in Hallettsville, East Bernard, El Campo, Columbus and Bellville.

Camp will be limited to 20 students per instructor.



Harrisons bring Hobby to Eagle Lake

Democratic candidate for the position of Texas State Comptroller, Paul Hobby, met with friends and invited guests of Bill and Rosanne Harrison during a reception in their home last Friday.

Hobby, the son of former Lt. Governor Bill Hobby and grandson of former Governor William P. Hobby, talked to those attending on topics from politics to the trials and tribulations of raising children.

He will be opposed by Carole Keeton Rylander in the Nov. General Election.

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Chamber of Commerce reports May meeting

By Lana Dulany, Chamber Secretary

The regular business meeting of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce was held on Monday, May 18, at Taco Tony's Restaurant.

Directors present were President, Sam Thomson; Vice-President, Ron Holland; Don Bendy, Sandy Bendy, Connie Gertson, Mary Ann Kaluza, Betsy Glasier, Dr. Leonard Bornstein, Jean Wiese and Susan Wilkerson. Others present were John Canaris, W.H. Harrison Sr., J.C. Cooper, DeAnne Cooper and Lana Dulany, Chamber Secretary.

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