

Get complimentary tickets at Chamber office

Southwestern Bell and the Texas High School Coaches Association are pleased to offer members of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce complimentary tickets to this year's All-Star Games.

Southwestern Bell is the official sponsor of the All-Star games that showcase Texas' best high school basketball and football athletes.

The basketball game will be played July 27 at Hofheinz Pavilion on the University of Houston campus and the football game will be played July 28 at Rice Stadium.

Both games begin at 7:30 p.m. Please pick up your football and basketball tickets at your Eagle Lake Chamber office.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Summer volleyball is in progress

The summer volleyball program at Rice High School started this past Tuesday, June 9, according to Coach Heard. Each Tuesday and Thursday night, from 7 to 9 p.m., girls in junior high and high school are welcome to go to just play or to sharpen their volleyball skills for the fall.

'My Dad is Special' Essay contest being held

The Sealy Outlet Center is holding a "My Dad is Special" Essay contest! All entries must be 100 words or less with name and age of the entrant on the back. First and second place will be awarded gifts for Dad and trophies! All entries must be received by June 18. Bring your essay by Jockey or GNC and be a part of our "My Dad is Special Contest". Win Dad some great gifts! Call Judi at 409-885-1231 for more information.

Spears & Norwood reunion set for June 27

The Spears and Norwood family reunion will be held in East Bernard June 27 at the American Legion Hall. Come and let's have a spiritual good time. For more information call 409-234-2497.

4th of July ice cream social scheduled

Senior Friends will be celebrating the 4th of July with an ice cream social on July 2, beginning at 2 p.m. in the classrooms of Gulf Coast Medical Center. A travel program will also be presented by Terry Mansfield of Pioneer Travel. To RSVP for this social, call Sherri Ziegenhals at 409-282-6808.

W.O.F.F. pageant is July 24-26

The Wallis Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club present the 1998 Wallis Oldtime Fun Festival (W.O.F.F.) Pageant July 24-26 at the American Legion Hall in Wallis. Winners will receive a satin monogrammed banner, rhinestone crown, trophy and other prizes. Prizes for photogenic, best model and Miss Congeniality (Jr. and Miss Only).

Ages to enter are: Little Mr. W.O.F.F. (boys 4-6); Little Miss W.O.F.F. (girls 4-6); W.O.F.F. Princess (girls 7-10); Jr. Miss W.O.F.F. (girls 11-14); Miss W.O.F.F. (girls 15-19).

For more information and to register, call or write to Liz Knight, 409-478-7431; or Linda Gann, 478-6555; or send a self addressed, stamped envelope to: W.O.F.F., P.O. Box 706, Wallis TX 77845-0706.

CPR instructors' class scheduled

There will be an all-day Basic Cardio Life Support Course for new CPR instructors June 30, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Zelda Allen School of Vocational Nursing in Hallettsville. Persons wishing to take the course should have a Healthcare Provider's CPR card and be proficient in CPR. Registration and course material are \$85. Persons wishing to enroll should call 512-798-2431 or 798-5052 prior to June 19th. Current CPR Instructors can be re-certified for two years by attending the morning portion 8-12 a.m.

Stancik Reunion set for July 12

The 31st Stancik reunion will be held Sunday, July 12, at the St. Roch's Catholic Church Hall in Mentz. The fun starts at 11 a.m. and will include a basket lunch, lots of visiting and maybe even a few surprises. If you need more information, please call Melvin or Joyce Stancik at 409-234-3449. Mark your calendars. We're looking forward to a GREAT day!

ICE House meeting to be held June 24

Interfaith Christian Encounters (ICE) House, a mission to provide citywide youth ministry, will hold its next meeting Wednesday, June 24, at 5:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake. For more information, contact Eddie Winkler at 234-2842.

TCI sends notice to its customers

On or after June 22, the following new programming services will be available on TCI Cable: to TCI customers in the City of Eagle Lake: •Arts and Entertainment-Channel 9; •Turner Classic Movies-Channel 96; and WGN-Channel 97.

Please call TCI at 409-234-2840 for information regarding the channel additions or write to: TCI, 4201 FM 1960 West, Suite 400, Houston, TX 77068.

RMC volunteer resale extravaganza is Aug. 22

Rice Medical Center Employees Volunteers will hold their First Annual Resale Extravaganza Saturday, Aug. 22, in the Eagle Lake Community Center. Anyone interested in renting booth space for this event or donating items may do so by calling Roxanne Walker or Sharon Sommer at 409-234-5571. A \$25 fee will be collected for the booths which are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Thomas reunion set for June 20

The Thomas Family Reunion is set for Saturday, June 20, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. All friends of the family are invited to attend.

Eagle Lake's Juneteenth Celebration is June 20

Eagle Lake's Juneteenth Celebration has been set for Saturday, June 20 at the City Park starting at 1 p.m. Come one, come all and join the fun, fun, fun.

New Beginnings accepting enrollments

New Beginnings Child Development Center, 1001 Schley St. in Eagle Lake is now accepting enrollments for its 1998-99 school year. Get 20% off enrollment fee through July 17. Center hours are from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The center has a Three Star Accreditation and is Licensed. Call 234-2785 to see all they have to offer.

Juneteenth Gospel outdoor festival is June 20

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church will be hosting a spirit-filled outdoor gospel festival Saturday, June 20. There will be singing, games, rides and food booths. For those interested in getting a booth, the fee is \$25 without electricity, \$30 with electricity. You may sell food or crafts. No alcoholic beverages. If interested, call 409-234-7267 and ask for Paula or Olivia.

Come to Alleyton and have a foot-stomping, head-nodding, shouting good time from 8:30 a.m. until ?? Any choirs, groups or praise dancers who would like to perform, call 234-7267 and ask for Paula.

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.

'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

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Rice CISD Board hires new ELPS principal

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees employed Daniel Stanley as principal of Eagle Lake Primary School during its June 8 meeting.

Stanley comes to Rice from the Klein ISD where he has been a first and second-grade bilingual teacher and administrative intern since 1996. He was employed in the Lufkin ISD as a dual language teacher from 1992-96.

He received a bachelor's degree in 1986, elementary bilingual certification in 1994 and master's degree in 1996, all from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

Stanley stated that his objective is "a desire to obtain an administrative position that will utilize my management and educational skills."

He will assume his duties with Rice on July 1 at a salary of \$45,000 per year and fill the position currently held by Frank Middleton, who will assume some of the administrative duties to the Vox Populi Alternative Education School.

The Board proceeded with plans to move the alternative school from Vox Populi to a site at Rice High School when it authorized Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott to have final floor plans drawn.

Preliminary plans, drawn by Pfluger & Associates of Austin for the proposed 7,500 square foot building at a cost of \$450,000, were presented to the Board. Funds will be expended from the Capital Projects Fund since the building is not a budgeted item.

Gott announced that for the 1998-99 school year kindergarten-grade three discipline problems will be housed at Eagle Lake Primary School, Vox Populi will be the intervention school for discipline problems in grades 4-12.

The AEP program for extreme behavioral problem students, including drugs and weapons, will use the Colorado County Juvenile Facility in Eagle Lake.

The emotionally-disturbed also will hold classes at the boot camp

facility in Eagle Lake.

The proposed replacement for the Vox Populi site will have an open concept with 71 learning stations and a complete video camera system throughout the building.

"This center will influence every student in our District, from getting behavior problems away from those trying to learn, to helping those with a need for behavior correction," said Trustee Clark Powers.

A final decision on the construction of the alternative school will be made when the District receives a final notice on the possible loss of

about \$700,000 in state funds.

Due to the fact that the District's tax base shot up 23% last year after remaining at a standstill for the past 10 years, the state's school finance formula is allowing the District less money because it didn't make an effort to collect more taxes with a tax raise.

Gott has made several trips to Austin to ascertain the exact impact the loss will have on the District.

Other projects discussed, but awaiting a final decision, are a track at Rice High School and light poles on

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City's sales tax rebates are still ahead of 1997

State Comptroller John Sharp last week delivered a total of \$185.5 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,093 Texas cities and 118 counties, a 14.7% increase over the \$161.6 million allocated in June 1997.

The City of Eagle Lake received a rebate in the amount of \$9,744.76, 4.18% above the \$9,353.39 received last June.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales tax collected in April and reported by businesses filing monthly returns in May.

"The long and steady increase in consumer spending in Texas contin-

ues as jobs and new businesses remain plentiful," Sharp said. "Year-to-date, rebates to cities and counties are up 11% over last year."

Sharp delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$170.1 million to Texas cities, 15.1% higher than last June's payments of \$147.7 million. Rebates of \$15.4 million to Texas counties were 10.5% higher than allocations of \$13.9 million in June 1997. Another \$5 million went to 33 special purpose districts around the state.

One of those special purpose districts was Rice Hospital District which

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You can call... City has street work map

Eagle Lake Mayor Michael Cooper would like to remind residents they are welcome to call City Hall (234-2640) to find out if and/or when repairs will be done to their street(s).

There is a map available to City workers which is marked with the street blocks on which work will be done.

As to the time that work will be done, as Cooper stated, "That's up to the weather and the contractor." But, all streets will be prepared before any topping is done.

As has been stated in the past, your patience with the dust and driving conditions is appreciated.

Council looking at building code, inspection program

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

Eagle Lake City Council discussed the adoption of a building code and implementation of a building inspection program at its regular monthly meeting held June 9.

According to City Manager Ron Holland, once Anthony Williams, the director of public works, completes a Building Inspection Training Program, plans are in progress to include building inspections and codes, along with the plumbing and electrical codes and inspections already in place in City policy.

Buster Beisel will continue to serve as the plumbing inspector, Leo Cordova will remain electrical inspector and Williams will assume the duties of building inspector when the code is finalized.

The adoption of standard building, fire and mechanical codes, as well as a new fee structure for permits, will be recommended after Council studies the items and gives Holland guidance on what it feels is good for the City and its citizens.

Councilman Bill Kell said that

Council needs to make sure a new building code does not put a financial burden on those buildings already in place.

Jerry Fajkus addressed Council concerning a City policy — "the you can't have one without the other" — that has been in effect for some time. His complaint is not being able to have a water hookup without also paying for sewer.

Fajkus needs water on his present vacant rental property in order to water a garden he has planted.

"I don't understand why I'm paying for sewer when I'm not using sewer. I only want water to take care of my garden," Fajkus said.

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Boot Camp appoints Community Advisory Board

A Community Advisory Board for the Colorado County Juvenile Boot Camp was recently appointed by the facility's administrator, Dalton Sherrill.

Named to the board from Eagle Lake to serve a one year term were Greg Contreras, Bernice Bornstein, Mary Rodriguez, Clem Johnson, Veronica Villafuerta, Ron Holland, Margo Harrison and Annie Dancy;

From Garwood: Bill Carpenter and Margaret Bunge; from Columbus: County Judge Vince Slominski; and, from Sheridan: Janet Dupré.

The purpose of the Board is to serve as a liaison between the facility and community.

In order to educate the community and promote understanding and cooperation between the two, the Advisory Board will have a key role in making known the activities and programs of the facility.

Though the correctional institution is a secure facility, the Administration desires that local citizens feel welcome to come visit and see for themselves what the program is about.

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Crimestoppers offering reward

The Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1,000 cash reward for any information leading to the arrest and/or indictments of any person(s) involved in the following case:

During the early morning hours of Sunday, June 14, 1998, at approximately 3:15 a.m., three young white males (possibly senior high school

aged) with very short hair, broke out the front door to J&K's Texaco Station at the corner of Hwy. 90A at FM 3013.

The three white males hurriedly entered and stole beer as well as other items from the store and left.

The men were wearing t-shirts.

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A&G Auto celebrates Grand Opening

Glenn and Ann Wesselski, owners of A&G Auto Parts, Eagle Lake's NAPA dealer, are pictured in the center of the group above. That's Glenn with the "scissors"; Ann's to his left.

The Wesselskis, along with their employees and representatives of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, officially launched their new business last Friday, June 12, with a ribbon cutting and grand opening weekend.

Among the gifts received by the Wesselskis in honor of the celebration was the cake pictured at right which was presented to them by Ruby Hoffman of Nada. Hoffman is a friend of the Wesselskis and apparently an artist when it comes to cake decorating.

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