

Soccer Club needs volunteers

The Eagle Lake Soccer Club (ELSC) met last Thursday evening at the Rice Medical Center to continue organizing soccer for the children in Eagle Lake. ELSC is joining the Bluebonnet Youth Soccer Association which includes Sheridan and other surrounding communities. "Joining Bluebonnet provides us access to other experienced leagues, guidance,

support and liability insurance," said David Keith, one of the organizers. At this time, ELSC needs additional members to help make soccer in Eagle Lake a reality. The Club is planning to elect officers at the upcoming meeting this Thursday and wants additional interested candidates. (See Soccer, Page 6)

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NEWSBRIEFS

White Cloud Annual Day is Aug. 9

White Cloud Baptist Church invites you to its Ministers, Deacons and Wives Annual Day on Sunday, Aug. 9. Guest speaker will be Rev. Sylvester Duckens of Heavenly Star Baptist Church in Houston. Host pastor is Rev. Obie Rhodes and President is Mrs. Ada Tillman.

Help donate to educate

Wallis State Bank in Eagle Lake is asking for your help in their "Donate to Educate" project. Help them in supporting families who are unable to prepare their children for their return to school. Bring new supplies or donations to: Wallis State Bank, 111 N. McCarty, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434; or call 409-234-7303. All items and donations will be given to local schools.

Pre-season hot dog supper set for Aug. 13

The Rice High School Cheerleaders will sponsor a pre-season pep rally and hot dog supper honoring the football and volleyball teams Thursday, Aug. 13, at 7 p.m. outside the PAC Center. Free hot dogs and drinks will be served to everyone as long as supplies last. All Raider fans are urged to attend. Bring lawn chairs and come out to help send the Raiders on their way to victory this fall!

Community revival services are next week

Community revival services will be held next week, Aug. 10-14, at Greater Rising Star Baptist Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. James Mosley, pastor. Guest speaker will be Rev. C.L. Wallace, Pastor of Mother Zion Baptist Church Wharton, TX. Sponsors are Greater Rising Star Baptist Church and White Cloud Baptist Church, Revs. James Mosley and Obie Rhodes respectively.

Drill Team to hold bake sale Saturday

The City Wide Drill Team will hold a bake sale on Saturday, Aug. 8, at B&B Foods starting at 9 a.m. Please come by and show your support.

Raider season tickets go on sale Aug. 10

Season tickets for Rice High School home football games will go on sale at the Rice CISD Business Office beginning Monday, Aug. 10, and will continue on sale through Friday, Aug. 21. Beginning Monday, Aug. 24, those who have not held season tickets may purchase them on a first come, first serve basis. These will be on sale until Friday, Sept. 4. The cost for season tickets for all home games is \$20 per set. There will be no reserved seats sold for individual games. Call Jennifer Korenek at 234-3531 for additional information.

Drill Team celebrating anniversary

On Saturday, Aug. 8, at the White Cloud Baptist Church, at 7 p.m. the City Wide Drill Team will celebrate one year. The program will feature drill teams from Columbus, Weimar, Sealy, San Felipe, Brenham and Spanish Camp. Rev. K. Wicks, Youth Moderator for 20th Century District Association and Pastor of the New Home Baptist Church of Garwood will be the guest speaker. Come out and help praise the Lord for his goodness. Bro. Dave Curry, Director, and Rev. O. Rhodes, Adviser.

Senior Citizens' dance is Friday

The public is invited to a Senior Citizens' dance from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, at the Eagle Lake Community Center with music provided by the Country Playboys. Admission is \$5 per person; door prizes will be given.

County Fair catalogues available

The 1998 Colorado County Fair Catalogues with rules and regulations for the Livestock, Home Economics, Fine Arts and Special Events are now available along with entry forms for many of the events at the following locations: the County Extension Office and Potter's Western Store in Columbus, First National Bank in Eagle Lake, Weimar City Hall, Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg, Bernardo Farm and Ranch Supply, Sandy Creek Drive-In in Sheridan, Nada Grocery, Larry's Super Service in Garwood and Schulz General Store in New Ulm.

Xi Pi Psi working on new calendar

Put your birthday on the Community Birthday Calendar. Xi Pi Psi Sorority, sponsors of this project, remind you that the deadline is Aug. 20. If interested, call Ernie Sommerlatte at 234-3452.

Fourth grade orientation is tonight

The 4th Grade Orientation will be held Thursday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria. We will discuss bus routes, schedules, dress code, etc. You will have the opportunity to meet your teacher and see your room. Please come!!

NPSOT to meet tonight

The Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) Columbus Chapter will meet on Thursday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. at the home of Betty and Pete Kent, east of New Ulm, to learn about growing gourds.

Most gourds are not native plants, but are fun to grow. Members will learn all about gourds at this meeting. Betty will share how she grows and decorates gourds. She will also share cooking techniques and her gourmet gourd recipes. To get to the Kent's home from New Ulm, take FM 1094 about four miles. Turn left on New Bremen Rd., drive 3.2 miles (the pavement ends about halfway, the road becomes gravel), turn right on Hoppe Sister Rd. Follow the signs. The Kent's home is one mile on the left. There will be gourds on a split rail fence at the entrance. Call 409-357-2603 if lost.

ELPS registration reminder

Parents who plan to send their children to Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) (pre-k through third grade) this fall and have not registered them in school for the 1998-99 school year, need to contact the school at 409-234-3587 to set up an appointment for registration. New and transfer students will need to bring their birth certificate, immunization record and social security card with them when registering for school.

St. Mary's School registration is today

St. Mary's registration will be on Thursday, Aug. 6 from 7 to 11 a.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. in the school library.

St. Mary's School does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, and nationality or ethnic origin.

Please bring a baptismal certificate (if Catholic), a birth certificate, and social security number for any students not previously enrolled at St. Mary's. We also need immunization records for new students and any immunization updates for students previously enrolled.

County Go Texan competition is Aug. 29, 30

The Colorado County Go Texan committee will host its Hay Hauling, Horseshoe, Washer Pitching and Barbecue competitions Aug. 29-30 at (See Newsbriefs, Page 8)

Rock Island resident jailed for attempted murder

A Rock Island resident, Michael Ray Reynolds, 27, is being held in the Colorado County Detention Center on charges of attempted capital murder of a police officer and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

The arrest stemmed from a domestic dispute that was called in on 9-1-1 at 5:40 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 2. Colorado County Deputy Deborah Benavides, who was on duty alone, responded to the Rock Island call.

The caller stated that shots had been fired at the scene and the suspect had a firearm.

Deputy Benavides immediately called for backup.

Upon Deputy Benavides' arrival, she met with Robin Reynolds who told the deputy her husband, Michael Reynolds, had shot her and her 16-month-old son as they fled their residence in her vehicle. He had also struck her with a firearm. He hit three tires which were flattened by the gun shots.

Deputy Benavides again requested backup, as the suspect was believed to be still armed and holding a second child, twin to the child shot, as a shield.

Off-duty Eagle Lake Police Department (ELPD) Sgt. Bill Lattimore heard the call while in Weimar. Upon

learning there was no backup readily available, proceeded to Deputy Benavides' aid.

Off-duty ELPD Officer Tim Crume also learned of the request for assistance and he too responded to the scene to assist.

Shortly after Sgt. Lattimore arrived, several county officers also arrived and, along with Officer Crume, they formed a perimeter around the Reynolds' residence in order to contain him and also protect the neighborhood.

Sgt. Lattimore and Officer Crume took a position on a back road which over looked a vacant field and woods

located behind the residence.

The uniformed deputies secured the front of the residence and were in the process of attempting to negotiate Reynolds' surrender.

He escaped through the rear of the residence and into the adjacent woods. Reynolds then walked through the vacant field and entered the roadway which was being secured by Sgt. Lattimore and Officer Crume. The suspect was carrying a rifle and his 16-month-old son.

Reynolds confronted Sgt. Lattimore; Crume was in a strategic position to provide cover.

Lattimore attempted to talk Reynolds into releasing the infant and putting the rifle away.

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FNB makes donation to I.C.E.

A community vision has become a reality. Youth from Eagle Lake and surrounding areas will soon have a place to call their own.

This past Thursday, Bill Harrison Jr., representing the First National Bank (FNB), made the generous donation of the historic Ice House Building and property to a newly formed non-profit organization (I.C.E.) who will open the center this fall as a youth recreation center.

Late last spring, a group of concerned citizens banded together with a vision for a place that would provide supervised, safe and worthwhile recreation for teenagers.

The group decided to lease the historic Ice House Building and renovate it into areas for music, games, snacks and general recreation.

This facility was chosen because of its central location, easy access, size and availability of the building. The building has a separate area that could be renovated into a residence for a full-time youth director.

As the number of volunteers grew to over 50, plans expanded to include outdoor activities as well. Basketball, volleyball and other field games will be available.

In addition, the group was concerned with providing quiet areas for students to do their homework, read or talk with a mentor. Two indoor areas and an outdoor garden area have been reserved for the quiet areas.

Knowing that funds would be



On hand for the transfer of the Ice House property from First National Bank to I.C.E. were, from left, FNB President Bill Harrison Jr., John Gertson, Anna Gertson, Nancy Nelson, Lisa Rose, Rhonda Bridges, Rev. Russ Minter and Jan Hargraves.

Headlight Photo by Carol Nelson

limited, this group still planned a facility that would provide in a big way for our teenagers.

Another major concern was that this facility be operated in a Christian environment that would foster the ideals of brotherly love, charity and community service among the young people. Several denominations were

represented by the volunteers, but all were in agreement that providing a Christian umbrella for our teenagers was more important than trying to represent a particular church.

During the summer, the group undertook the research and paperwork needed to establish themselves as an incorporated non-profit organization.

Since the location has been known for nearly a century as the Ice House, the organization decided to call itself by the same name. In keeping with their purpose, ICE stands for Interfaith Christian Encounters.

All that is accomplished, and the Ice House hopes to open officially on (See I.C.E., Page 8)

CAD certified 1998 appraisal rolls released

Shown at right are the certified values of the 1998 Appraisal rolls for Colorado County Central Appraisal District (CAD) with the differences from 1997 calculated in the right columns.

The major changes were a large loss in oil and gas, a major loss in Rice CISD with small gains in Columbus and Weimar ISD.

There was a large gain in residential in Columbus and Weimar ISD's and a 2% loss in ag value county-wide.

Jurisdiction	1997 Value	1998 Value	Difference
County General	779,626,317	801,521,431	+21,895,114
County Additional	770,604,517	792,531,971	+21,927,454
Columbus ISD	259,385,696	288,274,147	+28,888,451
Rice CISD	337,835,702	309,186,682	-28,649,020
Weimar ISD	120,617,019	133,481,901	+12,864,882
Columbus City	102,808,235	114,766,630	+11,958,395
Eagle Lake City	58,434,122	59,902,579	+1,468,457
Weimar City	67,076,690	72,133,504	+5,056,814
Glidden Water	8,731,965	9,287,335	+555,370
Garwood Water	8,262,765	8,220,274	-42,491
Rice Hosp. District	364,488,732	335,906,672	-28,582,060

City adding 15 stop, 7 yield signs

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

An ordinance authorizing stop and yield signs to be erected at designated intersections in conformance with the traffic control device order adopted Dec. 13, 1977, and prescribing a penalty of not more than \$500 for violations, gained the approval of the Eagle Lake City Council at its July 28 meeting.

It will become effective immediately upon the installment of the signs and publishing of the ordinance in the local news media.

All motor vehicle traffic on and approaching the intersections specified shall stop at the designated spot before proceeding into the intersection.

The stop signs will be located at 15 intersections with the street listed first being required to stop before proceeding. The locations are:

- Maple at State: northbound traffic approaching State on Maple;
- Alamo at State: northbound traffic approaching State on Alamo;
- Crain at Mills: westbound traffic approaching Mills on Crain;
- Walnut at Main: southbound traffic approaching Main on Walnut;
- Railroad at McCarty: eastbound traffic approaching McCarty on Railroad;
- A at Austin: westbound traffic approaching Austin on A;

•Hanly at Hubbards Ferry: eastbound traffic approaching Hubbards Ferry on Hanly;

•Phillips at Schley: southbound traffic approaching Schley on Phillips;

•Donovan at Schley: northbound traffic approaching Schley on Donovan;

•Frazar at Waddell: northbound traffic approaching Waddell on Frazar;

•Jones at Main: southbound traffic approaching Main on Jones;

•A at Lake: eastbound traffic approaching Lake on A;

•Fifth at B: southbound traffic approaching B on Fifth;

•Rice at Prairie: westbound traffic approaching Prairie on Rice; and

•Simmons at Hubbards Ferry: southbound traffic approaching Hubbards Ferry on Simmons.

In addition, seven yield signs will be installed at various locations throughout the City.

Once again, the street listed first being required to yield right of way before proceeding. The locations are as follows:

- Strickland at Prairie: southbound traffic approaching Prairie on Strickland;
- Walnut at Union: northbound traffic approaching Union on Walnut;

•A at Hubbards Ferry: eastbound traffic approaching Hubbards Ferry on A;

•Simmons at Hanly: northbound traffic approaching Hanly on Simmons;

•Golf at Partridge: eastbound traffic approaching Partridge on Golf;

•Dewey at Johnson: westbound traffic approaching Johnson on Dewey; and

•Seventh at E: southbound traffic approaching E on Seventh.

Council began discussion of a draft mobile home ordinance for the City. It will be studied for two or three meetings with Council concurring that it does not want to "act in haste," but will consider safety and property values when adopting the ordinance.

City Manager Ron Holland has received samples and told Council that the City of Columbus' ordinance seemed to fit Eagle Lake's need closely. However, some adjustments will be made.

The ordinance will pertain to HUD manufactured homes, which are those built after June 15, 1976.

Prior to that date, the homes were identified as mobile homes and these homes and those already in place will be "grandfathered" unless the home is moved to a new location within the (See Council, Page 6)