

St. Mary's students to help Del Rio victims

The Student Council at St. Mary's School, Nada, will be collecting bottled water, non-perishable food items, clothing, baby items, blankets, towels, sheets, etc. for the Del Rio Relief Effort.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Senior Citizens' dance is Friday

The public is invited to a Senior Citizens' dance from 8 to 11:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 4, 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.

Closings for Labor Day holiday

They City Offices will be closed. Monday's garbage pick up will be Tuesday; Tuesday's will be picked up on Wednesday. Thursday and Friday will be on the normal schedule.

The First National Bank will be closed as will the Colorado County Courthouse. The Eagle Lake Headlight will be open for business as usual.

Thrift Shop will be open Saturday

The Prairie Edge Museum Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, Sept. 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items for sale include a portable dishwasher, Jacuzzi whirlpool bath, dishes, books, large and small clothes, shoes and a baby stroller are just a few of the bargains you will find.

Attention all mini-camp participants!

All children who participated in the Rice High School Cheerleaders' Mini-camp in June are invited to cheer at the football game, Sept. 11, when the Raiders take on the Shiner Comanches. Be at the game by 7 p.m. for a brief practice. Wear blue and white if possible. Camp participants will cheer during the second quarter of the game.

St. Paul Annual BBQ is Sept. 27

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Wallis will hold its Annual Chicken Barbecue and Country Store Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Wallis American Legion Hall. A short worship service will be held by Pastor Ray Spitzenberger in the hall at 9 a.m. and serving starts at 11 a.m. All plates sell for \$6.

CCFB convention set for Sept. 8

Colorado County Farm Bureau (CCFB) Convention is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Columbus High School cafeteria. Deadline for meal tickets is Sept. 3. Please contact the CCFB office at 409-732-2383 if you wish to attend.

Heritage House bake sale is Friday

The Heritage House will hold a bake sale Friday, Sept. 4, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Patient Activity Fund. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Tillman, Social Activity Director, at 234-3591.

Study Club to meet Sept. 9

The Study Club will hold their first meeting of the new year Wednesday, Sept. 9, at 2 p.m. at the Eula and David Wintermann Library. Members are fortunate and excited to have Ann Thomas as their guest speaker to discuss three famous writers. The public is invited.

1998 County Fair Catalogues are 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: County Extension Office and Potter's Western Store in Columbus; First National Bank, Eagle Lake; Weimar City Hall; Heinsohn's Store, Frelsburg; Bernardo Farm & Ranch Supply; Sandy Creek Drive-In, Sheridan; Nada Grocery; Larry's Super Service, Garwood; and Schulz General Store, New Ulm.

Go Texan Queen contest is Sunday

The Go Texan Queen contest will be held Sunday, Sept. 6, at the Nesbitt Library. Photography and Quilt competition will be held at the Colorado County Fair, Sept. 10-13. Call 234-5347 for more Go Texan information.

Free adult GED, ESL classes offered

Free adult education GED classes will be held Monday and Wednesday evenings at Eagle Lake Middle School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Ronny Jones will be the instructor. Call 234-3501 for more information.

English as a Second language (ESL) classes will be held at Andrew Hall in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Rose Martinez is the instructor. Call 234-3501.

My Friend's House to hold open house

My Friend's House will hold an open house Thursday, Sept. 3, from 7 to 8 p.m. Pre-school will begin Tuesday, Sept. 8. Pre-school this year will be from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Come by and visit with the teachers/staff of MFH. Visit their classrooms and ask about their pre-school curriculum.

Defensive driving course offered Sept. 8, 9

A state approved defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel at the Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. To pre-register for the class, call 409-234-5411 or just show up a few minutes before the first class starts.

'Trick or Treat' night set at Outlet Center

The Sealy Outlet Center will be hosting "Trick or Treat on Our Streets!" Saturday, Oct. 31, complete with a Haunted House, free candy to kids 12 years and under, and a Halloween costume contest! If your organization would like to have a fund raising booth, or if you would like more information about this community event, please call Judi Burttschell at 409-885-1231. This event is supported by the Sealy Police Department.

Plant Society to meet tonight

The Columbus Chapter of the Native Plant Society (NPSOT) will meet Thursday, Sept. 3, at 6 p.m., at the Winedale Historical Center near Round Top. Bob Pickens will conduct a walk about of the remnant native prairie on the lake side of the property. Members and guests are asked to meet at the open air pavilion near the lake. For more information or directions, please contact Pickens at 409-732-5058.

Community buyers need your help

It's almost fair time again. Anyone wishing to donate to the Eagle Lake Community Buyers may call Barbara Roan at 234-7432.

Grandparent's Day luncheon set for Sept. 9

Senior Friends will celebrate Grandparent's Day with a covered dish luncheon Wednesday, Sept. 9, in the classroom of Gulf Coast Medical Center beginning at noon. They will also hear a program on long-term care. Please RSVP for this popular event by calling Sherri Ziegenhals at 409-282-6808.

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City Council commends Hospital Auxiliary

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

Eagle Lake Mayor Michael Cooper signed a certificate of recognition to honor the Rice District Community Hospital Auxiliary, known to the community as the Pink Ladies, at Council's Aug. 25 meeting.

The certificate recognizes the Auxiliary for the many years it has dedicated volunteer time and energy to the many needs of the Rice Medical Center (RMC) and its patients and visitors.

It also noted that the Pink Ladies have provided much needed hospital equipment with no desire for recognition.

The certificate urges "all citizens to join in an expression of commendation and appreciation for the organization and its volunteers."

Pink Ladies Jean McInter, Charlene Konesheck and Barbara Pidgeon (also a member of Council) accepted the certificate on behalf of the Auxiliary. Blair Hickey, RMC's director of accounts payable, also attended the presentation.

The third draft of the proposed mobile home ordinance, which is in its final form, was read and discussed with mobile home park owner Ron Peroni on hand to add his input.

The ordinance is scheduled to be submitted for adoption at the Sept. 8 meeting following a public hearing.

A deed transferring the Eagle Lake Community Center to the City has been filed with the County Clerk's office.

City Manager Ron Holland told Council that City personnel are re-

viewing information provided by Eagle Lake Community Center Inc. in order to formulate policy changes that will be recommended to Council for consideration.

Currently, the rental rate is \$200 per day plus electricity (based on actual meter readings) with a \$100 deposit required. Electric costs are deducted from the deposit.

Policies are expected to be formulated in the areas of rental, fees, use of alcohol and security.

Eagle Lake Police Officers also will be given the authority to visit and walk through any function being held at the Center at any time.

At the present, this does not hold true for private functions.

"We desire to keep as much the same as possible. We will honor all bookings and commitments as to date," Holland said.

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Pink Ladies Jean McInter, Charlene Konesheck and Barbara Pidgeon accept a commendation from Eagle Lake Mayor Michael Cooper.

Headlight Photo by Lynda Appelt

COLORADO COUNTY FAIR NEWS

Parade entries sought

Entries are being sought for the 20th Annual Colorado County Fair Parade to be held Saturday, Sept. 12, beginning at 11 a.m. in downtown Columbus.

First, second and third place rosettes will be awarded in each category. A special rosette will be awarded the most outstanding entry.

Anyone not having received an entry form in the mail may pick one up

at Gibson's Muffler Shop, 318 Walnut (Hwy. 90) or at Potter's Western Store, 2106 Hwy. 71 South, both in Columbus.

Entry forms and additional information are also available from parade chairman Wade Gibson at 409-732-6345 or 732-8718.

The deadline to enter the parade is Tuesday, Sept. 8, no exceptions.

Fair queens pageant

The 1998 edition of the Colorado

County fair will get underway with the 20th Annual Fair Queen Pageant to be held Saturday, Sept. 5, at the Columbus High School auditorium.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. with the Junior Queen Contest immediately followed by the Queen Pageant.

On hand to crown their successors will be reigning 1997 Fair Queen Jenny Hajovsky, daughter of Jerry and Fran Hajovsky of Sheridan; 1997 Membership Queen Amanda Potter, daughter of Henry and Pamela Potter of Columbus; and 1997 Junior Fair Queen Jamie Gerik, daughter of Tom and Shannon Gerik of Columbus.

The new Fair Queens will be chosen from a field of 23 young ladies from across the county who have qualified for the event.

The contestant selected as Fair Queen by a panel of out-of-county judges will receive the \$500 Leslie Schmidt Heard Memorial Scholarship.

The contestant who sells the most advance season tickets and life memberships to the Fair will be named Membership Queen. She will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and a Life Membership in the Fair Association.

Dwain Dungen of Columbus will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Entertainment will be provided by Bob Stiles and Katie Schindler both of Columbus.

Members of the Queens Contest Committee include Pamela Potter and Dawn Dittmar of Columbus, Lynda Appelt of Eagle Lake, Deborah Hayward of Weimar and Jana Birmingham of Garwood.

Steven Meinecke of Eagle Lake and Beverly Tuck of Columbus will head up the decorating committee. The theme for this year's pageant, denoting the Fair's 20th anniversary, will be "Reflections."

The public is invited to come Saturday evening to see which of the following young ladies will take home the titles for 1998:

Fair Queen

From the Columbus area: Candice Blaschke, daughter of Nolan & Catherine Blaschke, sponsored by Exotics Etc.; Melessia Campos, Candellario & Betty Campos, Columbus Ford Mercury Inc.; Natalie Knackstedt, Steve & Cindy Knackstedt, Blue Agate Rocks and Gifts; Mindy Mazoch, Henry & Lana Mazoch, Brides House; Lynde Nunes, Bonnie Nunes, Whataburger; Denise Pleasant, Carl & Linda Pleasant, Coastal Banc; Timberly Rollins, Beverly Rollins, Donnie Rollins Construction; Ashley Ross, Jim & Tana Ross, Colorado County Citizen; Christy Tello, Frank & Bertha Tello, Columbus Golf Association; Brandy Tuck, Travis & Beverly Tuck, Columbus Opry; Weimar area: Kelli Grunewald, Raymond & Evelyn Grunewald, Colorado River Trailriders.

Junior Queen

Columbus area: Brandi Bates, Tammy Bates, Nex Generation Pools; Amanda Corliss, Clifford & Candice Corliss, Hall's Insurance; Amanda Cornett, Charles & Leah Cornett, (See Fair, Page 3)

Grand Jury issues 25 indictments

The Colorado County Grand Jury returned 25 indictments Friday, Aug. 28. Cases were represented by First Assistant County Attorney Joe Fling. Indicted were:

- Misty Dawn Hudson, burglary of a habitation;
- Ronnie Steve Kutach, burglary of a building;
- Ronnie Steve Kutach, burglary of a building;
- Misty Dawn Hudson, burglary of a building;
- Travis Allen Moss, burglary of a habitation;
- Travis Allen Moss, burglary of a habitation;
- Travis Allen Moss, burglary of a habitation;
- Travis Allen Moss, burglary of a building;

building;

- David William Hornak, aggravated sexual assault;
- Esequiel Alvarez Jr., possession of a controlled substance;
- Brian Orienthian Glenn, aggravated assault/assault;
- Franklin Agnew Coxwell, aggravated assault;
- Franklin Agnew Coxwell, deadly conduct;
- Seneca James Woods, aggravated sexual assault;
- Bruce Anthony Scott, aggravated sexual assault;
- Michael Ray Reynolds, attempted capital murder;
- Michael Ray Reynolds, aggravated assault;

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and the cases for the week ending Aug. 31.

On Aug. 25 at 3:29 p.m., Chief Keith Webb, Lt. Clem Johnson, Sgt. Jack Knox, Officers Tim Crume, Brian Ochoa and Keith Norman, Richmond Police Department Sgt. Dawson and County Attorney John Moore went to Fourth St. to execute a search warrant on an unrelated case.

In the process, Jermaine Collins was arrested for possession of a controlled substance-cocaine.

Collins was transported to the police department, where he was processed then transported to the county jail for confinement.

Sgt. Knox was contacted at the police department in reference to name calling at 6:11 p.m. A disorderly conduct report was filed.

At 9:12 p.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to Sixth Street in reference to an intoxicated person. As a result of the call, Elidoro Rodriguez was arrested for public intoxication, processed at the police department and transported to the county jail.

On Aug. 26 at 7:36 p.m., Officer Crume was dispatched the scene of an accident in the 110 block of E. Prairie.

The driver of a 1998 Pontiac two door, Eric Justin Andel, lost control of his vehicle while traveling west on E. Prairie, went into the ditch on the north side of the road and collided with a tree. There was extensive damage to the vehicle, but Andel and his passenger were not injured.

On Aug. 27 at 10:30 a.m., Officer Crume, Lt. Johnson and Chief Webb responded to a call of a fight in progress

in front of Eagle Concrete on Hwy. 90A. Officers contacted people in the area, none of whom had witnessed a fight.

At 10:53 p.m., Officer Stephen Nelson received a call of loud music on E. State Street, but was unable to locate any loud music in the area.

On Aug. 28 at 10:01 a.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to Stevens Street to an unknown call. After speaking with subjects at that location, it was determined that the problem was civil.

At 10:53 a.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to the 100 block of E. Main in reference to a woman screaming in the 600 block of Tate Street. Upon Officer Crume's arrival, he contacted two subjects, who advised they had gotten into a shouting match. No violence had occurred.

Officer Crume was dispatched to the 600 block of E. Main at 1:13 a.m. in reference to a theft. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

At 12:02 p.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to the 100 block of E. Main in reference to criminal mischief. A report was filed.

At 6:20 p.m., Officer Nelson, along with the EMS, responded to S. Austin Road to a report of an assault. Investigation revealed there had been no assault and there were no injuries.

At 10:46 p.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to a juvenile disturbance on Hunters Lane. A report was filed.

On Aug. 29 at 12:45 a.m., Sgt. Bill Lattimore met with a complainant in reference to criminal mischief to a vehicle. A report was filed.

At 3:20 p.m., Officer Nelson met

with complainants in reference to a runaway. The juvenile was later located and returned to her home.

At 7:40 p.m., Officer Nelson met with a complainant who reported a theft. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

Officer Nelson was dispatched to E. Union at 10:03 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. No violence had occurred and one subject was given courtesy transport to another residence.

On Aug. 30 at 12:18 a.m., Sgt. Lattimore received a call of a disturbance on E. Main. Upon his arrival, there was no fight taking place and the women reportedly involved were gone from the scene.

At 5:02 a.m., Officer Crume conducted a traffic stop in the 700 block of S. McCarty which resulted in the driver, Isidro Rojas, being arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Rojas' two passengers, Jorge Gonzales and Jose Rodriguez, were arrested for public intoxication.

All three subjects were processed, then transported to the county jail for confinement.

At 11:22 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore received an anonymous call of a disturbance. Upon arrival on Fairview Street, Lattimore learned that no violence had occurred. No action was taken.

On Aug. 31 at 4:31 a.m., Officer Crume received a prowler report on Shirley Street. The area was searched, but no one was located.

At 9:47 a.m., Officer Ochoa was dispatched to E. Prairie Street in reference to a disturbance. (See Police, Page 3)