

ELMS starting preventive approach to conflicts

Eagle Lake Middle School will implement an innovative preventive approach for handling conflicts in school called School Team Mediation.

Mediation is not a new concept. Mediation programs began to spread in the early 1900s thanks to the efforts of groups such as the Community Boards Program in San Francisco and Children's Creative Response to Conflict in Nyack, New York.

School Team Mediation empowers students to resolve conflicts through improved and specific communication and problem solving skills. The mediation program includes development skills in anger and conflict management, practiced within a safe and structured process.

Staff and students learn specific skills in communication. (See Conflict, Page 8)

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NEWSBRIEFS

Closings for Columbus Day given

The following businesses will be closed Oct. 12 in observance of Columbus Day: County Courthouse, First National Bank and the Eagle Lake Post Office (they will put mail in the boxes). *The Headlight* will be open for business as usual.

White Cloud BBQ set for Saturday

The Pastor Aide Committee of White Cloud Baptist Church will be serving a BBQ dinner Saturday, Oct. 10, starting at 11 a.m. at the home of Veronica Curry, 418 Glen Meadows. Donations are \$5 per plate. For delivery, call 234-2467.

Holy Cross Bazaar is this Sunday

The Holy Cross Parish Bazaar will be held Sunday, Oct. 11, at Riverside Hall in East Bernard. The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and consist of barbecue beef, chicken and sausage with homemade dressing and all the trimmings. There'll be games all afternoon, a grand auction at 1 p.m. and 27 drawing prizes starting at 8 p.m. Music will be provided by The Bobby Jones Orchestra, Los Rayos de Luna and Cherry & The Reverbs. Everyone is invited.

Garwood VFD hamburger supper is Oct. 20

The Garwood Volunteer Fire Department annual Hamburger Supper will be held Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the fire station from 6 to 8 p.m. The Garwood Association of Parents will be selling desserts.

Study Club meeting set for Oct. 14

The Study Club will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 2 p.m. at the Eula and David Wintermann Library. Guest speaker will be Rev. Emmett Adair with a program on the "Ghost Along the Brazos", a book by Katherine Munson Foster. The public is invited to attend.

Sheridan Lions to sponsor blood drive, flu shots

The Sheridan Lions Club (SLC), in conjunction with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center, will sponsor a blood drive and flu shots Thursday, Oct. 15, 3-7 p.m. at the Sheridan Community Center. Colorado-Fayette Hospital will be giving the flu shots. Flu shots will be \$5 each. Please call Traylor Walker at 409 234-3921 (day) or 234-3937 (night) to be sure that there is ample flu medication.

Rice Project Graduation meeting set

The Rice Project Graduation meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. at Rice High School. The public is encouraged to attend.

Attention Raider fans!

The Booster Club will be sponsoring the Homecoming pages in the Eagle Lake Headlight again this year. All schools in the area will be included. Please call Lisa Hoffman at 758-3933 after 6 p.m. if you would like to be a sponsor. Go Rice Raiders! (The deadline is Sunday, Oct. 11.)

Band Booster meeting is Oct. 12

The Band Boosters meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 12, at 6 p.m., in the band hall at the high school.

20th CDA meeting set

The 20th Century District Association Fall Board will be held Thursday and Friday, Oct. 8 and 9, at the Rising Star Baptist Church, Spanish Camp Community at 6 p.m. Rev. Obie Rhodes is the moderator.

Booster Club to meet Oct. 12

The Rice Raider Booster Club will hold a meeting Monday, Oct. 12, at Sportsman's Restaurant in Eagle Lake at 12 noon, dutch treat. All interested members are encouraged to attend. Go Raiders!

St. Mary's strudel sale is in progress

St. Mary's School Home School Association is holding its annual strudel bake, taking orders through Oct. 23. Baked strudels are \$15, unbaked, \$10. Apple pies are \$8 unbaked. To place your order call Janet Mahalic at 234-5148 or the school at 758-3267. Strudels will be ready Nov. 4.

Fall Fiesta set for Oct. 17

The Parish of the Nativity Roman Catholic Church of Victoria, Eagle Lake, will hold a "Fall Fiesta" Saturday, Oct. 17, at Didner Hall. A Mexican dinner will be served from 3 to 7 p.m. Enjoy the silent auction and dancing from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Tickets for a drawing for a trip for two to Las Vegas will be available. Come enjoy the fun, food and music.

Eagle Lake KC shrimp dinner is Oct. 11

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Council #4843 will be serving a shrimp dinner Sunday, Oct. 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 710 E. Main. Tickets for the to-go only plates are \$6 each and may be purchased from any member or in the serving line. The KC wives will be selling desserts which benefit the KC's charity and scholarship funds.

Farewell reception planned for Minter

The Parishioners of Christ Church in Eagle Lake, cordially invite you for a Farewell Reception honoring retiring rector, The Rev. Russell D. Minter, Sunday, Oct. 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. The reception will take place at the church parish hall located at 304 Stockbridge.

Defensive driving course offered Oct. 14, 15

A state approved defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Keil at the Agriculture Building at 316 Spring St. in Columbus from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Oct. 14 and 15. To pre-register for the class, call 409-732-2734 or just show up a few minutes before the first class starts.

'Vision of Sugarplums' set for Nov. 8

The annual holiday arts and crafts show, "Visions of Sugarplums", sponsored by the Fayette County Partners for Parenting Committee will be held Sunday, Nov. 8 at the KC Community Center (109 South Brown) in La Grange. Show hours will be from 12 to 5 p.m. with door prizes given throughout the day. Food and drinks will be available. Admission is free. For additional information, call 409-968-5831.

'The Collaboration' scheduled for Oct. 24

Local sculptor artist Tony Tyler and artist Melva Hemphill will hold a show and sale on Saturday, Oct. 24, starting at 4 p.m. The theme for this event is "The Collaboration". Stop by the Tyler Studio at 123 Main St. to get that special gift for that special someone.

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National Wildlife Refuge Week, Oct. 12

Personnel at the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge (APC NWR) will be offering special guided tours of the refuge to celebrate NWR Week as part of a nationwide celebration.

This is a time for all Americans to learn about the NWR System (NWRs) a magnificent array of lands set aside for wildlife and for Americans to learn about their natural heritage.

President Theodore Roosevelt established the first national wildlife refuge in 1903 in Florida. It was a time when thousands of herons, egrets, and other birds were being killed by market hunters for adornment on ladies hats.

Today, the NWRs is more than 500 refuges strong, 92 million acres in size, spanning all 50 states and several territories.

It includes lands of incredible beauty and diversity, from the icy north coast of Alaska and the balmy Florida Keys to the potholes in the Dakotas to the Gulf coastal prairies of Texas.

Guided tours of the Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR will be conducted only on Monday, Oct. 12, at 8 and 10 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m. Since seating space is limited, reservations are encouraged.

The tours will take visitors into an area that is normally closed to the public and will touch on such topics as refuge management techniques, prairie chicken recovery efforts and coastal prairie ecosystems issues.

Hands-on radio telemetry demonstrations will also be part of these special tours which are expected to last just less than two hours.

Although visitors may not be able to see endangered Attwater's Prairie-

Chickens in the wild, there is a reasonably good chance of seeing American bison on the refuge.

Visitors who cannot make these special tours are still invited to use the refuge's 5-mile self-guided auto tour loop and hiking trails to view a diversity of birds associated with native coastal prairie, marsh and riparian habitats.

Videos of prairie chicken recovery efforts will be available to view at the refuge's visitor center which is open Monday through Friday from 7:30

a.m. to 4 p.m.

The tour route and hiking trails are open daily, sunrise to sunset. There is no entrance fee, so grab your binoculars and bird or nature books and head out to your local NWR to help celebrate, with millions of people across the state, NWR Week.

The refuge is located off FM 3013 between Sealy and Eagle Lake.

Those interested in making reservations for or learning more about these tours should call the refuge at 409-234-3021 ext. 18.

City's sales tax rebates just ahead of last year

State Comptroller John Sharp delivered a total of \$180.5 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,092 Texas cities and 118 counties on Sept. 14, a 4.5% increase over the \$172.7 million allocated in Sept. 1997.

The City of Eagle Lake received a rebate in the amount of \$10,864.08, 3.23% above the \$10,523.99 received last Sept.

This month's rebates include local sales taxes collected on July sales and reported to the Comptroller in Aug. by businesses filing monthly tax returns. "Sales across nearly all of Texas picked up the pace in July," Sharp said. "Rebates to cities and counties are up 10.7% over the first nine months of last year."

Sharp delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$164.7 million to Texas cities, 4.5% higher than payments last Sept. of \$157.6 million. Rebates of \$15.8 million to Texas counties were 4.6% higher than allocations of \$15.1 million in Sept. 1997. Another \$5.2 million went to 34 special purpose districts around the state.

Rice Hospital District received an allocation in the amount of \$5,235.34, bringing its year-to-date total to \$63,502.66.

The City of Houston received a sales tax rebate of \$21.4 million in Sept., 2.2% higher than last year's \$20.9 million payment for the same month. Overall, payments to the City of Houston year-to-date are up by 10.9%.

The \$13.7 million local sales tax allocation to the City of Dallas for Sept. reflects a 6.1% increase from the \$12.9 million rebate for the same month last year. The year-to-date increase in payments to Dallas is 10.1%.

San Antonio's sale tax allocation for Sept. was \$9.2 million, up 1.9% over the Sept. 1997 payment of \$9 million. Year-to-date, local sales tax payments to San Antonio are up 9.3%.

The Austin sales tax allocation for Sept. was \$7.2 million, reflecting an increase of 10.3% from the Sept. 1997 payment of \$6.5 million. For the first nine months of 1998, Austin's sales tax rebates are 12.5% more than last year's.

Ft. Worth's \$4.7 million Sept. sales tax allocation was 5.1% more than the rebate of \$4.5 million for Sept. of last year, putting year-to-date rebates 10.5% ahead of 1997.

Arlington received \$4.1 million in (See Sales tax, Page 8)



Only two weeks until Study Club Auction

Harvey and Judy Cooper, owners of "This Old House", have donated two sets of Lite House tumblers (16 oz. and 14 oz.) to this year's Study Club Auction set for Saturday, Oct. 24. Stop by and check out the quiet, quaint and interesting shop located at 502 S. McCarty. They have antiques, collectables, unique gifts and arts and crafts galore. The Coopers live next door so just knock on the door if Judy's not in the shop. Pictured with Judy, right, is Fair Wells.

Headlight Photo by Carol Nelson

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending Oct. 5.

Sept. 29 at 8:26 a.m., Officer Tim Crume was dispatched to a gas drive off at 800 S. McCarty. Information was gathered and a search of the area was made. Crume was unable to locate the vehicle. A report was filed.

At 8:37 a.m., Officer Crume located and arrested a subject on outstanding warrants. After processing at the police department, Adrian Carroll was transported to the County Detention Center (CDC) for confinement.

At 9:30 a.m., Chief Keith Webb received a report of a stolen automobile. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

Chief Webb received a report at 11:30 a.m. of the burglary of a business in the 200 block of E. Main. Entry had apparently been gained by cutting a small hole in the rear door and unlocking it. A cash register, as well as some cash, was taken in the burglary.

After Lt. Clem Johnson received a report of trespassing on 8th Street, he met with the complainant and gathered information. The suspect was issued a written warning for criminal trespass.

Officer Stephen Nelson received a report of a suspicious person on N. McCarty at 11:57 p.m. The subject was identified. No action was taken.

Sept. 30 at 11:42 a.m., Lt. Johnson and Officer Crume assisted sheriff's deputies in serving a warrant. One suspect was arrested by the deputies.

Officer Crume was dispatched to a juvenile disturbance at the Middle School at 12:23 p.m. The juvenile was later released to a parent.

At 3:50 p.m., Officer Crume met with subjects in reference to a forgery. Statements were taken and the case is under investigation.

Oct. 1 at 9:08 a.m., Officer Crume received a call of suspicious persons on Stephens St. Crume arrived, but the suspects had left the area.

Sgt. Bill Lattimore met with two subjects in regard to a civil matter at 3:12 p.m. The matter was settled without incident.

At 7:03 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore assisted in a traffic stop, which was turned over to a game warden.

At 7:04 p.m., Officer Nelson received a call of loud music on State Street. The subject was advised to turn the music down. He complied.

Officer Nelson responded to a loud music report on Seaholm at 8:11 p.m. A warning for violation of noise ordinance/loud music was issued.

At 8:54 p.m., Officer Nelson and Sgt. Lattimore met with a complainant in reference to criminal mischief, where a subject broke out a window. A report was filed.

Oct. 2 at 2:10 a.m. at the police department, Officer Nelson met with a victim who had been beaten. The investigation continues in this case.

Officer Nelson received a report of a gas drive off at 800 S. McCarty at 7:53 a.m. Information was gathered and a report filed.

At 8:10 a.m., Chief Webb received a call of a burglary on Airline Drive. Information was gathered and a report filed. The case is being investigated.

Chief Webb was dispatched to a (See Police, Page 5)

Shorthorns stampede Rice, 42-22

Schulenburg's Clarence Irving rushed for 198 yards and a pair of touchdowns in the Shorthorns' 42-22 victory over Rice Friday night.

Rice was advancing the ball in the opening minutes of play but a fumble allowed the Shorthorns to score their first touchdown on an 18-yard run from Irving.

After the extra point, Schulenburg led 7-0.

The Shorthorns scored again in the final minute of the first quarter when Kevin Muenster made a lucky grab of a tipped pass. Muenster ran the ball back 44 yards to score.

With a good extra point try, Schulenburg went up 14-0.

Schulenburg added his final touchdown of the half on a 15-yard pass play.

The Raiders refused to be blanked by the Shorthorns and Rice fullback Warren Scott scored on a four-yard run after he reeled off a 49-yard spring to set up the touchdown.

Kicker Kevin Hoffman's extra point try was good, making the score (See Raiders, Page 6)



One of the bright spots during Rice's loss to Schulenburg last Friday night was the hard-fought yardage gained by Raider #22, Jay Knight. Here, Knight goes over for the team's final touchdown with just over a minute left in the game. During the previous play, he had picked 10 yards for a first down at the one-yard line.

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