

United Way sets Walk-a-Thon date

The 1998-99 United Way Fund Drive has begun! The annual Walk-a-Thon will be held Saturday, Oct. 31, beginning at 9 a.m.; starting at the City Square and ending at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center. Refreshments and appreciation momentoes will be distributed at the conclusion of the walk. Donations will be accepted and Halloween costumes are welcome.

Students, citizens and fund recipients are invited to get their Saturday morning exercise by walking with the United Way Oct. 31. Donations may be made at the First National Bank, or donation cards mailed. (See United, Page 14)

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NEWSBRIEFS

Permission forms must be returned

Parental permission forms for Rice CISD's "Abstinence-Based Sex Education" program have been distributed and are due back to your child's school and teacher by Thursday, Oct. 15.

Initial assemblies will be held in Garwood for Garwood and Sheridan Schools on Tuesday, Oct. 20; Rice High School on Thursday, Oct. 22; and Eagle Lake Middle School on Friday, Oct. 30.

For further information, call your child's school or Debbie Ugarte at Eagle Lake Primary School, 234-3587.

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.

'The Collaboration' scheduled for Oct. 24

Local sculptor artist Tony Tyler and realistic 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.

Study Club Auction, VFD Stew Supper are Oct. 24

This year's Study Club Auction to benefit the Eula and David Wintermann Library will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. This year's auctioneer will once again be Joe Herbert McCreary.

The Fire Department plans to hold its annual stew supper from 5 to 7 p.m. The Silent Auction will run from 4:30 until 6:45 p.m. with the Main Auction beginning at 7 p.m.

If you plan to donate an item for either auction, please contact Fair Wells at 234-3105 or Betty Wilcox at 234-3554 as soon as possible.

Josef Miculka Family Reunion is Oct. 25

The 19th annual Josef Michulka Family Reunion will be held Sunday, Oct. 25, at the American Legion Hall in East Bernard. The day begins at 10 a.m. with a covered dish dinner, short meeting, auction and dance music with various other activities for young and old.

Everyone is asked to bring a pastry, cake for the cake walk, or an auction item, in addition to a covered dish. Plates, utensils, drinks etc. will be furnished by the reunion committee.

Any and all descendants of this family are cordially invited to attend for a get-acquainted visit and meeting.

NPSOT meeting set for Oct. 21

The Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) is proud to announce a special program featuring Andy Wasowski, freelance writer and photographer specializing in gardening and environmental issues on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 419 Washington in Columbus. The public is invited to attend.

Attention!! All 1970's classes

All classes of the 1970's listen up! It's a 70's party on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Ages 25 and older are invited to attend. Admission is \$5 pre-sale and \$7 at the door. Refreshments served, BYOB. Door prizes will be given. You must be present to win. Bell bottoms, mini skirts, afros, afro puffs and platform shoes are welcome. For more information, contact Vivian or Alice Kuykendal, Jewel or Gwen Williams, Joyce Faye or Belinda Hemphill, Peggy Ashton, Clemon Johnson, Bobby Spears, Charles Dawson or Dennis Stewart.

Taste of Columbus Luncheon is Oct. 21

The Columbus Community Hospital Auxiliary Taste of Columbus Luncheon will be held Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lutheran Fellowship Hall. Donation is \$5 per plate. Tickets are available at the door. Plates to go will also be available. Money raised will be used to purchase state-of-the-art equipment for Columbus Community Hospital.

ICE House asking for your help

If you'd like to give the kids in Eagle Lake an alternative to drinking, drugs, smoking, etc. please support the ICE House Physical Education Program by donating your used fitness equipment. Raising self-awareness mentally, physically and spiritually, is an objective of the project. For information call Troy Thomas, 758-3269; Eric Cameron, 234-3225; or Rhonda Bridges, 234-7379.

3rd Annual Harvest Ball scheduled for Nov. 7

The 3rd Annual Harvest Ball honoring "Eula Wintermann and the late David Wintermann" will be held Nov. 7 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The Ball is being sponsored by the Rice Medical Center (RMC) Employee Volunteers and all proceeds will go toward purchasing equipment and hospital renovation. The evening will consist of a social hour from 6 to 7 p.m., dinner, 7-8:30 p.m., and music and dancing from 8:30 p.m. to 12 a.m., featuring Colorado the Band. Tickets may be purchased for \$50 per couple from RMC or at Eagle Lake Drugstore.

'Spirit of Christmas' parade is Dec. 5

The holiday season is just around the corner and the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce invites you to join in the 1998 "Spirit of Christmas" parade set for Saturday, Dec. 5. You may pick up your entry form from Lynda Appelt, the Chamber Office or *The Eagle Lake Headlight*. Deadline to enter is noon Wednesday, Dec. 2. For more information, call 234-5878 before noon or after 4:30 p.m. and on weekends, or the Chamber at 234-2780.

USDA Rural Development sets new times, dates

USDA Rural Development (formerly known as Farmers Home Administration) has announced a change in dates and times for their office periods for home loan inquiries. The following schedule will take effect Nov. 1: Colorado County: 4th Tuesday, FSA Agriculture Center, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 816 Wallace St., Columbus, TX 78934. From I-10 take Hwy. 71 north for 1/2 mile to Wallace Street. Turn right; the office is on the left.

Nada Post Office to begin closing earlier

Beginning Oct. 19, the Nada Post Office will be closing at 4:15 p.m. instead of 4:30 p.m. The office will still maintain its regular hours otherwise. The hours will be Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 12:30-4:15 p.m.; Saturday, 8-11:30 a.m.

'Life After Loss' meeting set for Oct. 20

The "Life After Loss" meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, in El Campo. For those who can't attend at night, the next Wharton meeting will be Nov. 3 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the First (See Newsbriefs, Page 14)

Three escape Eagle Lake Boot Camp

Just before 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, three juveniles were reported to have escaped detention facilities at the Boot Camp in Eagle Lake.

Eagle Lake Police Officers Carl Risk and Tim Crume, along with Chief Keith Webb, were assisted by several Colorado County Sheriff's Department Deputies as well as Sheriff R.H. "Curly" Wied and personnel

from the Boot Camp.

Officer Risk was able to quickly take one juvenile into custody following a foot chase.

Another juvenile and an adult were arrested during the evening for facilitating the escape of the three juveniles the Boot Camp inmates by cutting a hole in the fence from the outside.

A 15-year-old Hispanic male has

been charged with three counts of felony facilitating escape.

Alvaro Rodriguez, a 17-year-old Hispanic male, was also charged with three counts of facilitating. Both are from Eagle Lake.

The juvenile was turned over to Juvenile Probation and is now incarcerated at the Boot Camp in Eagle Lake.

Rodriguez is confined at the Colorado County Detention Center.

According to Chief Webb, felony escape warrants have been issued for the other two escapees: juvenile Jesse Garcia Ramirez Jr., an Hispanic male, and juvenile Lee Kimbel, a black male.

As of 3 a.m. Wednesday, Ramirez and Kimbel were still at large.

Courthouse offices to be rearranged

At the Colorado County Commissioner's Court meeting held Wednesday, Sept. 21, Commissioners approved changes of several office locations.

The changes were brought about by the move of the Colorado County Central Appraisal District to a location outside the courthouse.

Changes include:

Tax Assessor-Collector Mary Jane Poenitzsch's office will be moved from the basement to the west side of the old Appraisal District office on the first floor.

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Hayek's office will occupy the east side of the old Appraisal District offices on the first floor.

The Flood Plain and Septic Tank Coordinator and the part-time indigent health care office will occupy an office in the basement, where the tax assessor-collector had been.

County Attorney Julian Moore will have two offices on the third floor.

The law library will move from the district clerk's office on the second floor to a location on the west side of the second floor.

The changes will take place over the next several weeks.

Boot Camp Cadets win first place in Sealy



Cadets taking first place at the recent parade in Sealy were, in front, from left, Stephen Holmes, Armando Pena, Harrison Batista, Elias Olmas and Denise Jones. In back, Darrell Fountain, Joshua Easley, Gary Lacina, Donzell Willford, Kelvin Wilkins, Gavin Duvall, Michael Nichols and Ronnie Eveline. *Headlight Photo by Carol Nelson*

"The most coveted award of all!"

is how parade officials described it. Eight young men from Eagle Lake, marching in the Austin County Fair parade last Thursday, Oct. 8, came away with the top prize, 1st Place in Showmanship.

Their precision marching and military cadence captured the attention and admiration of judges and spectators alike.

These young men, Harrison Batista, Kevin Duvall, Joshua Easley, Stephen Holmes, Michael Nichols, Elias Olmas, Armando Pena and Donzell Willford, are actually cadets residing in the Colorado County Juvenile Correctional Facility, or Boot Camp.

Lt. Kevin Wilkins and Drill Instructors Ronnie Eveline and Darrell Fountain accompanied the cadets along with staff members Barbara Gremmel, Leo Humphrey, Denise Jones and Gary Lacina.

"Our cadets really put on a show in their green berets and military uniforms," said Jones. "The people were so appreciative."

Adding to their performance were U.S. and Texas flags they carried, loaned to the group by local VFW Post 8783.

"I suspect we'll make sure those young folks have flags of their own for the next parade," commented VFW Post member Earl Rodgers.

The three-foot high trophy and rosette are proudly on display in the "green beret" bay at the Boot Camp, reminders of a job well done, showing that hard work and positive motivation are rewarded.

911 addressing still not complete

Colorado County Commissioners learned Sept. 29 that the 911 rural addressing would not be complete this year as previously planned.

In a progress update from 911 Coordinator Dale Alexander, Commissioners were informed that the rural addressing is now projected for completion sometime next year.

"It is just a long, drawn out process," said County Judge Vince Slominski. "We have had numerous problems from the start. Right now, our biggest problem is that we don't have enough people, especially on the south end of the County, to get the information we need to complete the project."

Slominski said the Court is currently in search of volunteers to help with the 911 rural addressing.

"They (volunteers) will be compensated. We will pay them \$2 for every complete address that we receive and also reimburse them 31¢ per mile for mileage," said Slominski.

According to Slominski, the County planned to have the rural addressing complete by the end of the year, but "our new goal is 1999."

Slominski said no date has been set for the completion, but it is just "sometime next year."

In other business, the Court:

- Authorized a \$2,400 contract with Lifetime Foundation Restoration of Bellville for repairs to the County's white house, located at 1119 Travis, which houses the EMS Department;

- Approved a tax refund in the amount of \$2,169 to Oxy USA Inc.;

- Approved an interlocal agreement with Lavaca County to secure detention facility service at the Eagle Lake Juvenile Facility;

- Adopted a community plan for

criminal justice funding from the Houston-Galveston Area Council;

- Executed a memorandum of a \$3,800 agreement with Riceland Regional Mental Health Authority for

transportation of patients by the Colorado County Sheriff's Department;

- Approved Plat No. 11 for Sabine Investment in regard to Oakridge (See Commissioners, Page 14)

Bulldogs escape Raiders' pen, 21-12

Rice turned some heads and silenced some critics in Friday night's 21-12 loss to Sweeny, the number two ranked team in Class 3A.

The Raiders were picked to lose by most polls statewide. However, Rice kept the Bulldogs to just a two point advantage until Sweeney scored the winning touchdown in the final three minutes.

"We came out and played to win the game," Rice Raider Head Coach Russell Roark said. "To play the number two team in the state and be behind 14-12 with three minutes left, says a bunch about this team."

Sweeny came out quick with C.J. Simple scoring on a 25-yard rush at 8:25 in the first quarter.

A missed extra point gave the Bulldogs a 6-0 lead.

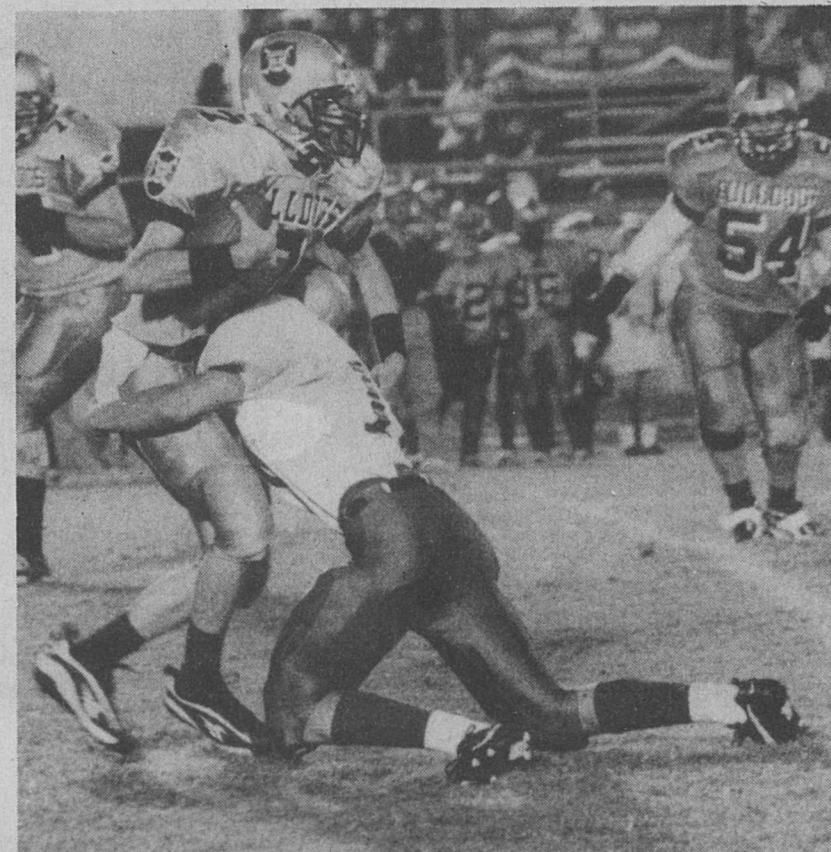
Three minutes later, Sweeney's Jake Walker punched in for a touchdown from a yard out.

Walker then caught a pass from Chema Chavez for a two-point conversion putting Sweeny up 14-0.

On the ensuing kickoff, Rice Raider Jon Godley exploded for a 95-yard return to score the Raiders' first touchdown.

Kevin Hoffman's extra point try was no good, but Rice cut the Bulldogs lead to 14-6.

Sweeny kept the lead until Rice's (See Raiders, Page 11)



Defense was the name of the game last Friday night in Sweeny when the Rice Raiders took on the Bulldogs. Just before the end of the first quarter, Raider #16, Barrett Thomas, took down Sweeney's quarterback for a loss of about three yards on a third down and seven play, forcing Sweeney to punt on the next play. Thomas lead the Rice defense with nine tackles against the Bulldogs. *Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing*