

## Fair catalogues available

The 1999 Colorado County Fair catalogues and entry forms for all fine arts and home economics events are now available to be picked up at the following locations: County Extension Office and Potter's Western Store in Columbus; Weimar City Hall; First National Bank in Eagle Lake; Larry's Super Service in Garwood; Nada Grocery; Sandy Creek Drive-In in Sheridan; Bernardo Farm & Ranch Store; Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg (See Fair, Page 8)

## Coming Next Week...

**Back To School Section**  
(Including supply lists and room assignments)

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### New tradition at an old church

Members of Grace Lutheran Church of Eagle Lake invite you to join them Sunday, Aug. 1, as they start a new tradition of a 10 a.m. worship. The service will include celebrating Holy Communion, with Pastor Clements Richards officiating. Everyone is invited to attend.

Grace Lutheran is located at 408 N. Stevenson Avenue (one block north of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary).

### Thrift Shop is open Saturday

The Prairie Edge Museum Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, July 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Come by and browse through the chairs, mattresses, lamps, picture frames, leaf eater and the rest of the wide variety of items available. There will also be all sizes of clothing for sale as well as give-away bags.

### RHS schedules, registration dates set

Current Rice High School (RHS) students and incoming freshman will be able to pick up their schedules the first day of school, Aug. 10, before the 8 a.m. bell in the Commons.

Registration for new students will be held Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 3 p.m. These individuals should bring their birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, proof of residence and last report card from previous school year and/or withdrawal form and parent or guardian to sign necessary forms.

### E.H. Henry Alumni meeting is Thursday

The E.H. Henry Alumni will meet on Thursday, July 29, at White Cloud Baptist Church at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

### Stancik reunion set for Aug. 22

The 32nd Stancik reunion will be held Sunday, Aug. 22, 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, call Mike or Bobbie Lejeune at 409-732-6409. Mark your calendars. We're looking forward to a GREAT day!!!

### 'Life After Loss' meeting is Aug. 3

The monthly 'Life After Loss' support group meeting in Wharton is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 3, 3-4:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1717 Pioneer. Kathy Jones, LSW, will facilitate discussion related to "Accepting Change After Loss". This group is available to anyone who has lost a loved one through death. Please note that the El Campo support group has been discontinued at this time. For information, call Medshares Hospice, 409-543-9487.

### Singles dance is this Friday

The Fort Bend Singles Club will host a big dance on Friday, July 30, at 8 p.m. at the Needville KC Hall. Music will be provided by Henry Tannenberger and admission is \$5 per person. The public is invited. Door prizes will be given.

### ELMS schedules, books to be picked up Aug. 2, 3

Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) fifth through eighth grade students or parents may pick up their schedules and home set of books according to the following schedule: fifth grade, Aug. 2, 9 a.m.-12 noon; sixth grade, Aug. 2, 12 noon-4 p.m.; seventh grade, Aug. 3, 9 a.m.-12 noon; eighth grade, 12 noon-4 p.m.

Students will be given book covers so that the books can be covered before school begins Aug. 10.

Fourth grade orientation will be held on Thursday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. in the ELMS cafeteria, please come! We will discuss bus routes, schedules, dress code, etc. Parents and students will meet their teachers and see their room.

### Soccer Club registration is Saturday

The Eagle Lake Soccer Club (ELSC) will hold a late registration Saturday, July 31, at the Eagle Lake Dairy Delite. Kids ages five through 18 are urged to play this year. Registration is \$20 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child in the same family.

### RHS Class of 1989 schedules reunion

The Rice High School (RHS) Class of 1989 is planning a reunion for this summer. Please contact Jennifer (Matthews) Olson at 281-403-6290 or jolson@LFPC.com or Steven Meinecke at 234-3104 or SDM929@Hotmail.com. Addresses and phone numbers for 1989 alumni are needed so that they can contact with more information as arrangements are made.

### Xi Pi Psi taking calendar orders

Xi Pi Psi Sorority is taking orders for its annual Birthday Calendar. To list birthdays and anniversaries and order a calendar, call Ernie Sommerlatte at 234-3452 or contact any sorority member. The cost is \$5. Birthdays and anniversaries and in memory of may be included on the calendar. Proceeds from calendar sales go to support the chapter's community service and scholarship projects. Your support is appreciated.

### Cheerleading mini-camp is Aug. 3-5

A cheerleading mini-camp will be held Aug. 3-5 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Eagle Lake Middle School, Garwood School and Sheridan School. Ages three and up are welcome. The cost is \$15 per child. The event is sponsored by the Rice High School cheerleaders. For more information, call Sylvia Willis at 409-234-7420.

### Donations still welcome

Unit #803 of the Colorado County Emergency Medical Services (Eagle Lake's Ambulance Corps) is still accepting donations to cover the purchase of the memorial placed on the Square on Tuesday, June 22. You may send or deliver your donation to the Tobin Thomas Monument Fund at the First National Bank of Eagle Lake; or you may give it directly to any member of the Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps.

### St. Joseph Bazaar is Aug. 1

St. Joseph Catholic Mission of Boling will hold its 31st Annual Bazaar and Barbecue Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Boling Community Center. Barbecue chicken and sausage with all the trimmings will be served beginning at 11 a.m. A donation of \$6 per plate is requested (dine in or to go).

Bobby Jones Czech Band will provide music from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The annual auction will begin at 1 p.m. and a co-ed volleyball tournament at 8 a.m. To enter, call 409-282-9204. A domino tournament begins at 9:30 a.m. Registration is 8:30-9:30 a.m. for a fee of \$10.

Various events held throughout the day will include "Rainbow" the Clown (See Newsbriefs, Page 8)

## Local 'Sewing Lady' puts away needles

By Lynda Evans, Headlight Staff

Eagle Lake's "Sewing Lady" has put her needle and thread in the sewing box and unplugged her Singer.

Dorothy Kohleffel, who has owned and operated the Sewing Center since July 15, 1978, has retired.

Kohleffel sold the building she and husband, Raymond, purchased in

March, 1992 to Bobby Wied who will operate his taxidermy business at the location.

Kohleffel began selling Singer sewing machines in the 221 E. Main Street location in Aug. 1972, when Ura Miller had her fabric shop there.

She demonstrated and sold many sewing machines to the experienced

and unexperienced.

Those of us who were around town at that time remember going into Ura's to buy fabric, buttons, zippers or whatever and stopping for a visit with Dorothy or watching one of her demonstrations.

Delightful, too, was visiting with Raymond, who would be sitting in the

store ready for a conversation or to give some information about the world-renowned Singer.

Dorothy told this writer, "Times were good then. We were open 8 to 5 and all day on Saturday. Saturday, used to be a good day. Seamstresses came from out of town to buy fabric.

"Changing times brought an economy crunch and a generation who doesn't sew. We had to cut down to closing at 1 p.m. on Saturday and then closing all day. The town became pretty inactive after the bank began closing on Saturday.

"It came to the point that the store was only open certain days of the week, and with a personal health problem added to all this, I decided it was time to retire."

Dorothy graduated in May when she was 16, and immediately went to work for Southern Pacific in Hondo.

"I was scared to death when I boarded that train all by myself to go to Hondo, a girl of 16, having graduated from Crescent High School."

Dorothy began sewing at an early age, with her mother as her inspiration. She won third place in her home-making class at the age of 12 and, being the oldest in the Mahalic family, sewed for all her brothers and sisters.

Dorothy always had a Singer, even during the war, when she had to settle for a re-conditioned machine. Now she's gone to a computerized one. "My, how times change," Dorothy said.

"I have machines of all types," Dorothy continued.

Dorothy has sewn for cheerleaders, twirlers and the flag corps and done all kinds of alterations and innumerable weddings.

She showed this writer a scrapbook of just some of the brides and grooms for whom she has sewn or ordered tuxedos.

Dorothy has the distinction of sewing the tablecloth for the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, arranged by daughter Dina Marie.

Agnes Hengst, Esther New and Dorothy Jones have been Dorothy's right-hand seamstresses during the years she operated her business establishment.

Dorothy is a Charter member of the Pilot Club, has been a candidate for Older Texan, a former Pink Lady, an active member of the Parish of the Nativity Catholic Church and a volunteer in other areas of community service.

A friend asked Dorothy, "What are you doing with your spare time?"

Dorothy's answer was, "When I have some, I'll let you know."

With two active grandsons, Cody and Cord, the sons of Allen and Katrina Kohleffel, Dorothy keeps busy.

As for this writer who depended on Dorothy and the Sewing Center, not as a seamstress, but as one who needed buttons sewn on, hems and rips repaired or other alterations, what do I do now?

Thank you, Dorothy, for being there for those adept with sewing skills and for those of us who didn't have a sewing box or a Singer. You will be missed.



Dorothy Kohleffel, center, "officially" turns over the keys to the building located at 221 E. Main to Bobby Wied, left, as her husband, Raymond looks on. After more than 20 years of operating the Eagle Lake Sewing Center, Dorothy recently closed her store, sold the building to Wied and retired.

Headlight Photo by Carol Nelson

## State sales tax holiday is Aug. 6-8

Texans get a break from state and local sales taxes Aug. 6-8, the state's first annual tax holiday.

The Texas Legislature exempted most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes. That could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

Following is a selected list of items and their exemption status on the sales tax holiday.

### Tax-Free

Baby clothes; bathing suits; belts with attached buckles; cowboy and hiking boots; bras; bridal apparel (non rentals); caps/hats-baseball, fishing, golf, knitted; choir robes; coats and wraps; costumes; diapers-adult and baby; dresses; formal clothing; gloves (generally); gym suits and uniforms;

hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts; hosiery; jackets; jeans; jersey-baseball and football;

Also, jogging apparel, such as bras, suits and shorts; lingerie; neckwear and ties; pajamas; pants and trousers; raincoats and ponchos; robes; shirts; shoes-sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking; socks (including athletic); shorts; suits, slacks and jackets; sweatshirts; sweat suits; sweaters; swim suits and trunks; tuxedos (not rentals); underclothes; work clothes and uniforms.

### Taxed

Accessories (generally)-barrettes, elastic pony tail holders, wallets, watches; backpacks; baseball cleats and pants; belt buckles (without belt); boots-climbing, fishing, rubber work

boots, ski, waders; buttons and zippers; cloth and lace, knitting yarns and other fabrics; dry cleaning services; football pants; golf gloves; handbags and purses; handkerchiefs; hard hats;

Also, helmets-bike, baseball, football, hockey, sports; ice skates; jewelry; laundering services; leather goods-except belts and wearing apparel; pads-football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder; personal flotation devices; rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear and costumes); roller blades and skates; safety clothing, glasses; shoes-bicycle (cleated), bowling and golf.

For more information, visit the Comptroller's web site at [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us) or call the office toll free, 1-800-252-5555.

## EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending July 26.

On July 20, at 2 p.m., Officer Michael Krenek met with a complainant at the police department and filed a report of a burglary of a vehicle that occurred on S. Austin Rd.

Sgt. Tim Crume met with a complainant at 6:53 p.m. in reference to a runaway. The juvenile was later located and returned home.

At 7:30 p.m., Sgt. Crume was contacted in reference to a theft. Information was gathered and a report was filed.

On July 21, at 1:23 a.m. Officer Randy Schlauch was alerted to a possible burglary in progress on Airline. Officers checked the residence, but were unable to locate anyone.

Officer Brian Lasley met with two persons at 8:20 a.m. in reference to a civil matter. The two resolved the matter and no action was taken.

Officer Lasley met with a complainant on S. Austin Rd. in reference to the burglary of her vehicle. Several items were reported taken. A report was filed.

At 7:53 p.m., Officer Stephen Nelson met with a complainant in reference to the theft of a pit bull. A report was filed.

On July 22, at 4:28 p.m., Sgt. Bill Lattimore, Lt. Clem Johnson and Officer Lasley responded to a disturbance call on B Street. No assault had occurred and no action was necessary.

Sgt. Lattimore met with two subjects in reference to a verbal dispute. The matter was resolved at the scene.

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At 10:58 p.m., Officer Nelson met with complainants in reference to an attempted arson. A report was filed.

At 10:58 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore met with a complainant at 500 E. Main St. in reference to reckless damage and filed a report. The subject later came back and took care of the damage.

On July 23, at 1:08 a.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to a vehicle accident on 6th St. Investigation revealed that Isabel Samora Gonzales, driving a 1997 Hyundai four-door, backed up and sideswiped the left side of a parked 1989 Chevrolet two-door owned by Steve Cordova.

At 6 a.m., Officer Lasley assisted with traffic control in the 800 block of E. Main St.

At 8:40 a.m., Officer Lasley was dispatched to and investigated a burglary at First Baptist Church on N. Lake Avenue. A report was filed.

Officer Lasley met with a victim at the police department at 10:10 a.m., who had been assaulted. After investigation, Eric Christal was arrested for assault and unlawful restraint, processed and transported to the CDC for confinement.

Lt. Johnson investigated a burglary of a residence at 10:13 a.m. on N. Lake Ave. and filed a report.

At 9:02 p.m., Officer Nelson met with a complainant in reference to a lawnmower being stolen from a residence on 6th Street. A report was filed.

At 10:59 p.m., Officer Nelson and Sgt. Lattimore met with two subjects in reference to a verbal dispute. The matter was resolved at the scene.

On July 24, at 1:12 p.m., Officer Krenek was dispatched to an accident in the 300 block of W. Post Office St. Investigation showed that Richard

Edward Cardenas, driving a 1985 Ford four-door, was parked under the awning of a building. As he was leaving, he pulled around a parked vehicle and struck the side of the building with his left bumper, causing damage to the building.

At 3:04 p.m., while on patrol, Sgt. Lattimore arrested Richard George Davidson for public intoxication in the 400 block of East C Street. After processing, Davidson was transported to the CDC for confinement.

Sgt. Lattimore was dispatched to a snake call at a residence on Seaholm St. at 7:49 p.m. The snake disappeared before Lattimore arrived.

On July 25, at 2:25 a.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to Campbell Dr. in reference to an unwanted person on the premises. The complainant advised Nelson that the subject had left the premises before he arrived.

At 9 a.m., Officer Krenek met with a complainant who reported a bicycle had been stolen from their residence on First Street. A report was filed.

On July 26, at 10:38 a.m., Officer Krenek responded to a report of a stove fire on Glen Lake and stood by until the fire department arrived.

At 11:40 a.m., Officer Krenek was dispatched to a disturbance on Stevens St. The subject was later cited for disorderly conduct-language.

Sgt. Crume was dispatched to the 300 block of Beaks St. at 6:48 p.m. in reference to an accident. Crume found a vehicle had run off the road and struck a mailbox. The matter was handled between the two parties. No police action was taken.

Sgt. Crume received a loud music call on Cemetery St. at 11:45 p.m. Crume arrived, but could not hear any loud music.

## Community Service hours reported

Linda Smith, director of the 2nd 25th Judicial District Community Supervision and Corrections Dept. (CSCD), reported for April, May and June 1999 her department recorded 3,797.25 hours of Community Service Restitution by 142 offenders serving various governmental or nonprofit agencies in Colorado County with an estimated labor cost savings of \$19,556.

The CSCD collected \$6,943.33 in victim restitution from offenders that was disbursed to victims.