

## F-100 display to be dedicated Friday

Dedication of the F-100 static display at the Fayette Regional Air Center will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, according to Airport Manager Jack Herzik. Dignitaries from around the state and the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division will be on hand to officially open the display. Also scheduled to attend is U.S. Representative Ron Paul. The display was a year in the planning and building.

Volunteers from around the county spent hundreds of hours reconstructing the disassembled aircraft, painting and finally placing it on the stand at the airfield entrance. "The F-100 is a breathtaking sight when you drive into the airport," said Herzik. "We encourage the public to come to the ribbon cutting and dedication, and then return the next day for the 4th Annual Fayette Air Show."

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### TSA fall fundraiser is Sunday

The Texas Sportsman's Association (TSA) will hold their Fall Fundraiser on Sunday, Sept. 26, at the Ellinger Chamber of Commerce Hall. There is no admittance charge for all the fun which starts at 11 a.m. Enjoy food, fun, arts and crafts, silent auction, hunting supply booths and cake booths. Bring the family. For more information on TSA, call Crockett Leyendecker at 1-800-925-4872.

### WCJC blood drive is Sept. 29

The Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) Dental Hygiene Club will hold a blood drive Wednesday, Sept. 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Johnson Building, Wharton Campus. For information or appointments, call 409-532-6429. Walk-ins are welcome.

### Singles dance is this Friday

The Fort Bend County Singles are sponsoring a dance on Friday, Sept. 24, at 8 p.m. at the Needville KC Hall. Music will be provided by the Sound Connections. Admission is \$5, door prizes will be given. The public is invited.

### St. Philip Church Festival is Sunday

The St. Philip Church fall festival will be held Sunday, Sept. 26, at the KC Hall located on Armory Road in El Campo. A barbecue dinner will be served starting at 11 a.m.; tickets are \$6 each. Other activities include a country auction, drawings, bingo, country store, cake wheel, fish pond and a variety of other activities including rides for the children, plus live music and karaoke for everyone to enjoy.

### 4th Annual Fayette Air Show is Sept. 25

Remote control aircraft will be one of the features at the Saturday, Sept. 25, Fourth Annual Fayette Air Show '99 to be held at the Fayette Regional Airport in La Grange.

Models will represent civilian military, antique and aerobatic aircraft. The remote controlled planes will be on display and will fly beginning at 10 a.m.

The Air Show begins at a 7:30 a.m. Saturday and will feature hot air balloons, military helicopters, vintage aircraft and four aerobatic planes. Food and drink booths will be available for the day-long show and art and crafts booths will be open.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

### PJs coming!

Prairie Edge Players (PJs) theatre group for children ages five to 15 is starting its fall season by performing "Oliver". Please come by the Prairie Edge Museum Sunday, Oct. 3, from 3 to 5 p.m. or call Deborah Reed at 234-2601 for more information.

### Health Fair is Oct. 1

Rice Medical Center is sponsoring its annual Community Health Fair Friday, Oct. 1, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Activities will include a blood drive, bake sale, Shots Across Texas, diagnostic screenings, free give-a-ways, drawings and door prizes. For more information, call Sharon Sommer at 234-5571.

### Student Council blood drive is Sept. 29

The Rice High School (RHS) Student Council will sponsor the second annual Fall Blood Drive Wednesday, Sept. 29, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the RHS gym. Please come and give the gift of life.

### Harvest Ball tickets on sale now!

Rice Medical Center Employee Volunteers 4th Annual Harvest Ball tickets are on sale now. This year's ball will honor Mr. William H. Harrison Sr. for his vision, leadership and commitment to the health and well-being of our community.

The ball will be held Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The \$50 per couple tickets provide a complete evening of entertainment starting with a social hour at 6 p.m., dinner, salute to Mr. Harrison and dancing to the band "Hearts of Fire".

Each ticket also has the chance to be drawn for cash prizes and a silent auction will be held. Richard Nava, of Nava Photography, will be available to take pictures for \$5 a picture. For more information or to purchase a ticket, call Vicky Jo Pavlu at 409-234-5571 ext. 5216 during the day or 409-758-9002 after 6 p.m.

### Masonic Lodge to honor members

The Eagle Lake Masonic Lodge will honor members Dr. D. Rea Allison, Robert Samuel Martin and William H. Harrison Friday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. for 60 years of Masonic service. The lodge will be open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Friends of these distinguished brothers are cordially invited to help us honor them.

### ELHS Reunion 2000 has website

Sidney Struss has constructed a website for our reunion in conjunction with his web site for the Austin Oldies radio station where he works. The e-mail address for our reunion website is: [http://www.AustinOldies.com/eagle\\_lake\\_high\\_schoolclass\\_reun.htm](http://www.AustinOldies.com/eagle_lake_high_schoolclass_reun.htm). (That "schoolclass" looks funny, but it is correct.)

Sign on to see what Sidney has done for us. You will find some pictures that are worth a look! Fill out the form on-line to let us know where you are. Through the work of Ralph Gertson, you can find the reunion website through Eagle Lake's home page, also.

### An invitation to a Bible Shower!

Prairie Fellowship of Eagle Lake invites you to attend a Bible Shower (to raise funds for the purchase of Bibles in the Portuguese language) for the benefit of missionary to Mozambique "Bush Bunny" Brenda Lange on Sunday, Sept. 26, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Gay Anderson, 600 Partridge Lane, Eagle Lake. For more information, call Anderson at 409-234-2376 or Linda Ferguson at 234-3551. They will be happy to help you!

### Defensive driving course is Sept. 27 & 28

A state approved six hour defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel at the Agriculture Building, 316 Spring St. in Columbus from 6:30-9:30 p.m. To pre-register, call 409-732-2734 or arrive a few minutes early the first evening. Completion of the course may be used for a dismissal of a traffic violation and/or discount on your auto insurance for a three-year period.

### Conference for Catechesis, Ministry is Oct. 2

The Diocese of Victoria will host the 12th Annual Conference for Catechesis and Ministry, Saturday, Oct. 2, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Victoria College. The conference will conclude with liturgy celebrated by the Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer, Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria.

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## Rice Hospital District lowers tax rate

During a special-called meeting on Monday, Sept. 13, the Rice Medical Center Board of Directors voted unanimously to reduce its tax rate for fiscal year 1999.

According to Billy Youens, Chief Appraiser, Colorado County, property tax value comparisons between 1998 and 1999 for the Rice Hospital District showed a dramatic decrease

of almost \$12 million.

The result would have been an increase in the Hospital District's tax rate from .14794 per \$100 valuation to an effective tax rate of .15459.

The effective tax rate is the rate necessary to generate the same amount of dollars this year as last year.

However, in a bold move by the Board of Directors, the 1999 tax rate

was lowered to .14000,—a reduction of almost \$44,000 compared to last year.

According to Steve Balas, President of the Board, "Lowering the tax rate is in line with our long term commitment to continue reducing property taxes for our citizens."

David Keith, Administrator, gave credit to the managers and employees

and, at the same time, increasing quality. "Despite the balanced budget act and subsequent reduction in reimbursement, we will prevail and continue operating the hospital as efficiently as possible," said Keith.

This is the second time in three years the Hospital District has successfully reduced its tax rate.

## 'Roaster' becomes 'roastee' at retirement bash

Thursday, Sept. 16, the Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) cafeteria was converted into the setting for the roasting of Lynda Appelt Evans upon her retirement as a teacher from ELPS.

Lynda came in from Livingston, where she now makes her home, to the school for what she thought was the dedication of a school year book to her in honor of her service to ELPS.

Mr. Everett provided soft piano music until the roasting started.

Special guests were Lynda's sorority sisters, Asst. Superintendent Fred Grahmann, Eagle Lake Police Chief Keith Webb, Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott and his wife, Wanda, Rev. Brent Beasley, Sandra Bengé, ELPS teachers and ex-teachers, ELPS Principal Stanley, City Manager Ron Holland and Vic Scott.

To keep the ruse going as long as possible, ELPS Principal Stanley

gave the opening speech and presented Lynda with her copy of the yearbook.

Dr. Gott presented her a beautiful plaque for her 28 years of service to the Rice School District.

Then, Major Bengé did the honors of roasting Lynda.

He said, "It is time for the roaster to become the roastee." And what a fine job he did.

Seems he was paying Lynda back for the time she roasted him when he retired from ELPS.

Bengé had the audience in tears from laughing. At the end of the roast, Bengé played a lovely song for Lynda.

Before refreshments of cookies and punch were served, Lynda gave a good-bye speech.

We're going to miss you, Lynda, but we know it's not good-bye, only "until we meet again".



Lynda Appelt Evans, at right, poses with Rice CISD Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott and his wife, Wanda, following the roast held in her honor last Thursday.

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## EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for a 10-day period ending Sept. 20.

On Sept. 10, at 3:36 p.m., during a traffic stop, the driver of a vehicle, Abram Obregon, was arrested for outstanding warrants out of Hidalgo County. After processing, Obregon was transported to the County Detention Center (CDC) for confinement.

On Sept. 11, at 5:42 p.m., officers were dispatched to an attempted suicide on Heritage Lane.

On Sept. 12, at 12:01 a.m., while conducting a bar check on Beaks St., Sgt. Tim Crume observed a disturbance involving two subjects. Both subjects were escorted out. No other action was required.

At 4:09 a.m., Officer Michael Krenek was flagged down in the 600 block of E. Main St. in regard to criminal mischief to a vehicle. A report was filed.

Officer Randy Schlauch was dis-

patched to the 800 block of E. Main in reference to the theft of merchandise at 3:06 p.m. A report was filed.

On Sept. 13, at 7:35 a.m., a complaint of criminal mischief which had occurred on Sempres St. was filed with Officer Schlauch.

At 6:50 p.m., Officer Krenek and Sgt. Crume were dispatched to Maple St. in reference to a medical emergency. Crume transported the infant to the hospital in his patrol car in order to save time in getting the infant there.

On Sept. 14, at 5:16 p.m., Sgt. Crume was dispatched to the police department in reference to an assault. Sgt. Crume met with the victim and a report was filed, but the victim refused to prosecute.

At 9:58 p.m., Sgt. Crume was dispatched to McCreary St. As a result of the call, Mary Arocha Carranza was arrested for public intoxication, processed and transported to the CDC for confinement.

Officer Krenek assisted the Sher-

iff's Department in locating a subject on which they had warrants. The subject was located and handled by the Sheriff's Department.

On Sept. 15 at 11:40 a.m., Officer Brian Lasley was dispatched to 200 Heritage Lane in reference to a disturbance. The matter was handled at the scene.

At 6 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore recognized a subject on E. Main St. known to have outstanding warrants. Linda Spates was arrested on a warrant for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, processed and transported to the CDC for confinement.

On Sept. 16, at 3:38 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore was dispatched to the 200 block of S. McCarty in reference to a shoplifter. Samuel Henry Tyler was issued a citation for theft-shoplifting.

A report of reckless damage and destruction of a vehicle was filed with Officer Stephen Nelson at 7:34 p.m. in reference to an incident which had occurred on Murphy St.

On Sept. 17, at 5:15 a.m., Officer Nelson was flagged down by a complainant on E. Main St. in reference to an assault and criminal trespass which had occurred on East D Street. A report was filed.

At 7:52 a.m., Lt. Clem Johnson detained a juvenile male in connection with a credit card abuse case the police department has been investigating. The juvenile was turned over to the juvenile probation department.

Officer Lasley met with a complainant at 8:10 a.m. in reference to a disturbance which had occurred on Stephens St. A report was filed.

At 11:50 a.m., Officer Lasley met with complainants on FM 3013 in reference to damage to their fence. No charges were filed and the matter was settled at the scene.

Officer Nelson met with complainants at 10:57 p.m. on 8th Street in reference to criminal mischief. A report was filed.

At 11:36 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore met with complainants in reference to an ongoing problem. A report was filed.

On Sept. 18, at 2:49 p.m., Officer Lasley met with the victim of an assault on East E Street. As a result of the investigation, Ernesto Rangel was arrested for assault, processed and transported to the CDC for confinement.

Officer Nelson arrested James Lee Black at 9:55 p.m. on outstanding warrants. After processing, Black was transported to CDC for confinement.

On Sept. 19, at 2:32 a.m., Officer Nelson and Sgt. Crume conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of Ice St. which resulted in the arrest of the driver, Julio Cesar Hernandez, for driving while intoxicated. After processing, Hernandez was transported to the CDC for confinement.

Officer Nelson investigated the burglary of a residence in the 1500 block of E. State St. at 12:40 p.m. At 1:31 p.m., investigation of a burglary of a residence in the 500 block of E. State St. was conducted. Reports were filed in each case.

On Sept. 20, at 12:24 a.m., while on routine patrol, Officer Krenek noticed flames coming from an unknown area off S. McCarty St. Officer Krenek found several golf cart sheds on fire. The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to the scene.

At 11:29 a.m., Officer Schlauch was met at the police department by a complainant and a report of burglary of a motor vehicle was filed.

At 10:56 p.m., Officer Krenek was dispatched to E. Davitt St. and took a report on a hit and run to a parked vehicle.

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## 55 Years of 'Friendly Service'



Georgia Marsalia and Sandra Dutcher were recently honored for their years of service to the First National Bank of Eagle Lake.

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The First National Bank (FNB) of Eagle Lake recently honored two employees who have a combined service of 55 years... Sandra Dutcher, with 30 years this month, and Georgia Marsalia, who completed 25 years in Aug.

Together, they form an impressive team as the Bank's New Accounts/Time Deposit Department.

Sandra started with FNB in Sept. 1969 as a bookkeeper. After eight years, she moved to the position of teller. In 1981, she was promoted to Head Teller and Assistant Cashier. (Sandra joined Georgia in the New Accounts/Time Deposit Department in the late 1980s.)

Sandra lives in Lissie and has two children, LeAnn, married to Brett Statham, and James Allen. She is an avid reader and has become quite a Beanie Baby collector.

Georgia began her career with the Bank as a bookkeeper in Aug. 1974. She became a teller in 1976 and, after four years, was promoted to a Senior Teller. Georgia moved to the Time Deposit Department in 1988 and three years later, was made Time Deposit Manager.

Georgia and her rice farmer husband, Floyd, are long-time Eagle Lake residents. They have two children, Kimberly and Audra, and one grandson, Jordan. Georgia's warm smile