

Legion to decorate graves

Legionnaires in W. Cherry-M. Perry Post 108 of the American Legion will decorate graves of deceased veterans in local cemeteries in observance of Memorial Day, May 30.

The flags will be put in place in the red, white and blue holders at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 27, and will be removed at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 31. The holders will remain in place permanently and should not be removed or damaged.

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Salute to Rice High School Class of 2000

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NEWSBRIEFS

Closing for Memorial Day

The following locations will be closed Monday in observance of the Memorial Day, May 29: The First National Bank of Eagle Lake, City of Eagle Lake, Colorado County Courthouse, Wintermann Library and the Wallis State Bank, Eagle Lake.

The *Eagle Lake Headlight* will be open on Monday. The deadline for articles and advertising will be 5 p.m. that day.

ICE House to hold Work Day

The ICE House will be holding a Work Day Saturday, June 3, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. to paint and remodel the interior of the facility. Though there is a special need for those with carpentry, electrical or plumbing skills, anyone who can wield a paint brush is needed and welcome. The ICE House strives to provide a fun, safe, Christian environment for young people who would otherwise have nothing constructive to do with their time. Please consider showing your support for them and for our mission by giving a few hours of your time (you needn't stay all day). There will be a potluck dinner that evening at 7 with drinks provided. All work to be done is inside and the facility is air conditioned.

'Picnic in the Park' is June 3

Main Street Eagle Lake presents "Picnic in the Park". Come join them for the City Park dedication Saturday, June 3, at 10 a.m. A barbecue dinner (including half a chicken, beans, rice salad, tea and trimmings) will be served for \$5 a plate. Proceeds benefit Main Street improvements. Eat in the Park or take yours to go. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Desserts will be available.

RHS Band's front line schedules fundraisers

The Rice High School Band front line for the 2000-01 school year will be holding fundraisers to help defray costs of uniforms and camp. A garage sale and bake sale will be held Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3, in Nada at the Thierry Hoffman residence. If you have any questions, contact Kristen Wesselski at 758-3605.

Come out and celebrate Flag Day, June 14, with a roast beef dinner prepared by Vincek's of East Bernard. Pre-sale dinner tickets will be available for \$5.50. For more information, contact Margaret Henry at 234-5918.

Senior Citizens' Dance is June 2

The public is invited to a Senior Citizens' Dance, a place to meet old and new friends, Friday, June 2, starting at 8 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by "Midnight Express". Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call 234-3795.

Retired teachers meeting set for June 5

Retired school personnel and teachers please do your utmost to attend the June 5 meeting of Colorado County Retired Teachers Association. A special invitation goes to the newly-retired and those who have been retired, but have not joined the organization. The program will be a film and speech about Retirement Benefits. The meeting will take place at Schobels' Restaurant in Columbus at noon. Garwood/Eagle Lake are the host towns.

Eagle Lake KCs schedule dinner for June 4

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Council #4843 will be serving a chicken fried steak dinner Sunday, June 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 710 E. Main. Tickets for the to-go plates are \$6 each and may be purchased from any KC member or in the serving line. The Catholic Daughters will be selling dessert plates to raise money.

Lissie United Methodist Church schedules social

The Lissie United Methodist Church pastor and members invite the public to an ice cream social and gospel sing-a-long Sunday, June 4, beginning at 5 p.m. Come out and enjoy some good eats and singing!

St. Joseph's Church holding activities

St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Brazoria will hold its 2nd Annual Volleyball Tournament. The format is co-ed 4s and will be Sunday, June 4, starting at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$40 per team. There will be a serving contest for prizes. The tournament will be held in conjunction with church bazaar which will have a barbecue lunch, kids games, auction, etc. Please contact Curtis and Deborah Kaspar for more information at 979-798-6472, 979-265-6633 or curtis@regaplin.com.

Senior Friend Yoakum trip is May 31

Join Senior Friends of Gulf Coast Medical Center May 31 for a trip to Yoakum to see the "Leather Capital"; visit the Gonzales Memorial Museum, Old Jail, Eggleston House and the shops at Confederate Square and Texas Heroes Square. (Lunch on your own.) Final stop will be the SHINER at the Spoetzl Brewery for a tour and shopping in the gift shop and museum. Cost per person is \$30. Contact Sherri at 979-282-6808 for more information.

Kolache-Klobase Festival is June 10

The Millennium celebration of the 10th Annual Czech Kolache-Klobase Festival will be held Saturday, June 10, in East Bernard. Enjoy polka music indoors from 10 a.m. to midnight. Music will also be provided under the pavilion. There will be a wide variety of food, kiddie rides, games and arts and crafts. For information on the kolache baking contest, call 979-335-4883 or 234-5591.

CCA meeting set for tonight

Combined Community Action Inc. (CCA) will hold its Board of Directors meeting Thursday, May 25, at 7 p.m. at the CCA Nutrition Center, 275 Ellinger Road, La Grange. The public is invited to attend.

Rock Island Homecoming is May 28

The Annual Homecoming and Memorial Day Service of the Myrtle Cemetery Association will be held in the air-conditioned former Rock Island School Sunday, May 28. A beef and sausage dinner with all the trimmings (dessert & iced tea or coffee included) will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost per plate is \$6 for adults, \$4.75 for children. The Memorial Service and Program will commence at 1 p.m.

Bible Study, Women's Day set for May

Great Rising Star Baptist Church (GRSBC), 580 Old Altair Rd., will hold a Mission Bible Study Workshop Saturday, May 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, May 28, the Annual Women's Day will be held starting at 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. M. Gray, pastor of St. Luke and Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church. Rev. Truman Scott Sr. is pastor of GRSBC and Sis. Eddie M. Williams is missions president.

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'Railcar killer' found guilty, sentenced to death

After deliberating for less than two hours Monday, a Harris County jury in the murder trial of Angel Maturino Resendiz, known as the "Railcar Killer", sentenced Resendiz to death for the Dec. 1998 murder of Dr. Claudia Benton in her West University Place home.

The punishment was decided after the jury found that Resendiz would be a continuing threat and found no reason(s) for life imprisonment.

When asked by District Judge Bill Harmon if he wanted to make a statement before his sentence was imposed, Resendiz accused Texas Ranger Drew Carter of lying to him. "Carter lied under oath and I don't think it's right," he reportedly said.

Resendiz surrendered to Carter last June at the Texas-Mexico border. His lawyers (Allen Tanner and co-counsel Rudy Duarte) previously stated that he believed he would not be given the death penalty since he had been told he would get "humane" treatment if he surrendered.

He was never able to prove this claim. Prosecutors in the case denied the promise was ever made.

Relatives of the victims he admitted to killing, including Minnie Foltermann, mother of Karen Simic who, along with her husband, was killed in

Weimar in April 1999, thanked everyone involved with the case for its outcome.

The two-week trial included details of not only Benton's death, but those of the Simics. Foltermann likened it to watching a horror movie.

Jurors also heard about Resendiz's other victims: Josephine Konvicka, 73, killed June 4, 1999, in her home near Weimar; Noemi Dominguez, 26, killed June 5, 1999, in Houston; George Morber Sr., 79, and his daughter, Carolyn Frederick, 51, killed June 15, 1999, in Gorham, Ill.; Leafie Mason, 87, killed Oct. 2, 1998, in Hughes Springs; and the first known victim, Christopher Maier, 21, killed Aug. 29, 1997, in Lexington, Ky.

After finding Resendiz guilty last Thursday, the punishment phase of the trial concluded Monday with the only known survivor of his attacks taking the stand and giving vivid details of her encounter with the admitted serial killer.

The survivor, a 23-year-old who recently graduated from the University of Kentucky, described the evening she and her boyfriend, Christopher Maier, were attacked by Resendiz.

Reportedly, her testimony moved many people in the courtroom to tears.

A Kentucky prosecutor, Mike Malone, was present in the courtroom Monday and stated that the sentencing of Resendiz in Texas would not preclude a trial in Kentucky. He said he felt he owed that much to Maier and

the woman who survived the attack.

Although Resendiz would not sign a notice of appeal, one will automatically be filed. Judge Harmon also stated he will appoint an appellate lawyer to the case.

Investigation into child's death continues

Tuesday, May 16, 23-month-old Clarissa Yaleida Cortez was taken to Jackson County Hospital suffering from trauma to the head and torso.

Sgt. Clint Wooldridge of the Jackson County Police Department, investigator in this case, reported she was later Lifelighted to Hermann Hospital in Houston where she was pronounced dead May 17 at approximately 11 p.m. by Dr. R. Okuyhgen.

At the time of the her injuries, she was in the care of her mother's first cousin and roommate, Christal Llanos, also known as Christal Hernandez.

Llanos has been arrested, but on outstanding warrants for assault and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle out of Colorado County. She is being held at the Colorado County Sheriff's Detention Center on a \$100,000 bond.

An autopsy, conducted in Harris County, listed the cause of the Cortez child's death was blunt trauma to the head and torso. The case is still under investigation; no arrests had been made as of press time.

Funeral services for Cortez were held Sunday, May 21, from the Parish of the Nativity's Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary in Eagle Lake.

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending May 22.

On May 16, at 9:30 a.m., Investigator Randy Schlauch met with a complainant at the police department in reference to the theft of a bicycle. Information was gathered and a report filed.

At 10 a.m., a complainant stopped by the police department and requested help in locating her child. Investigator Schlauch later located the juvenile and turned her over to the school.

At 1:56 p.m., Chief Keith Webb was contacted by Jimmie Stary, an agent with the Texas State Comp-troller's Office in Victoria, who requested assistance in conducting a full business seizure of The Eagle Stop Store in Eagle Lake. Chief Webb met with Mr. Stary and two other agents at the store, where they conducted their business by seizing the store's cash register receipts and then securing the business for unpaid sales taxes to the state. Later, the store was re-opened after the owner met with officials of the Victoria office.

Sgt. Tim Crume was dispatched to 6th Street at 9:38 p.m. in reference to an unwanted subjects on the property. The subjects were located and issued criminal trespass warnings.

On May 17, at 11 a.m., Officer Brian Lasley responded to a business alarm in the 700 block of S. McCarty. The alarm had been accidentally set off by workers in the store.

Officer Lasley was dispatched to assist with a vehicle on the railroad tracks on Hwy. 90A about three miles east of Eagle Lake at 12:34 p.m. Lasley stayed at the scene until DPS Trooper Jeff Pickett arrived and cleared the scene.

Sgt. Crume was contacted by a

complainant in reference to a lost purse at 4:46 p.m. The purse was later located, but the cash had been removed. The case is under investigation.

At 4:49 p.m., Investigator Schlauch located and arrested Travis Polach on an outstanding warrant out of Brazos County. After processing at the police department, Polach was transported to the County Detention Center (CDC) for confinement.

On May 18, at 7:55 a.m., while patrolling the school zone, Officer Lasley conducted a traffic stop. The subject was issued a citation for no driver's license.

At 8:25 a.m., Lt. Clem Johnson met with a complainant in reference to an assault. A statement was obtained and a report filed. A warrant was issued for the suspect. On May 22, Officer Wendy Alley located the suspect and arrested him for assault. After processing at the police department, Roland Hemphill II was transported to the CDC for confinement.

On May 19, at 12 a.m., Sgt. Crume conducted a traffic stop in the 1000 block of E. Main St. resulting in the arrest of Hugo Muro for driving while license suspended. After processing, Muro was transported to the CDC for confinement.

At 4:41 p.m., Sgt. Crume was contacted by a complainant in reference to the theft of a weed eater. Information was gathered and a report filed.

At 10:44 p.m., Officer Michael Krenek received a loud music complaint on Campbell Drive. The resident was contacted and advised to keep the music down or a summons would be issued.

On May 20, at 12:47 a.m., Officer Krenek was dispatched to Campbell Drive in reference to criminal mischief to a vehicle. Information was

gathered and a report filed.

At 1:19 a.m., Officer Krenek was dispatched to Alamo Street in reference to an earlier assault. After meeting with the victim, he declined to file charges. No other action was taken.

At 4:45 p.m., Officer Stephen Nelson was flagged down by a complainant in reference to a vehicle with loud music. The complainant came to the police department and gave a statement. The case is under investigation.

On May 21, at 3:08 p.m., Officer Nelson arrested James Santos on Campbell Drive on a parole warrant for burglary of a building. Santos was processed and transported to the CDC for confinement.

While on patrol in the 800 block of S. McCarty, Sgt. Bill Latimore ob-

served a vehicle and subject by the pay phone in the parking lot. Upon investigation, Latimore arrested Rebecca Kreger Cline for public intoxication and disorderly conduct. Cline was processed and transported to the CDC for confinement.

On May 22, at 12:46 a.m., Officer Krenek and Sgt. Latimore were dispatched to a family disturbance call in the 500 block of E. Davitt. As a result of the call, Tonia Washington was arrested for assault and transported to the CDC for confinement.

At 3:19 p.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to the 600 block of E. Main St. in reference to a civil matter. The complainant was advised to contact the police department, if the problem could not be worked out peaceably.

COLORADO COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department recently reported the following cases and call.

Friday, May 5, at 12 a.m., Deputy Ashorn met with a complainant concerning possible phone harassment in Sheridan.

A probable cause affidavit was prepared and presented to Judge Dodie Dungen. Dungen found probable cause for the arrest of the suspect.

Allan Griffith, 24, of Sheridan was later located in El Paso and arrested for the warrant.

Saturday, May 6, at 3:30 a.m., Sgt. Edman arrested John Dustin Henry, 19, of Rock Island for an outstanding motion to adjudicate warrant from district court.

Monday, May 8, at 11 p.m., Deputies Toppel and Basco responded to a call concerning family violence assault on FM 950.

After further investigation, Raymond Moreida, 50, and Rosario Moreida, 44, both of Garwood, were arrested for assault family violence.

Saturday, May 13, at 2:36 a.m., Deputies Ashorn and Benavides responded to a call concerning two subjects wishing to file complaints of assault.

After further investigation, Dwyne Ray Blair, 45, and Patricia Leach, 44, of Columbus were arrested for family violence assault.

Blair was also charged with violation of protective order.

Sunday, May 14, at 9:34 p.m., Deputies Basco and Benavides, Sgt. Edman, Sheriff Wied, Chief Deputy Schleider and DPS Trooper Korenek responded to a call concerning shots fired in Garwood.

Upon arrival, the suspects fled on foot. After a foot pursuit, two subjects

were detained.

Manuel Olivares, 29, of Garwood was arrested for evading arrest, criminal mischief and disorderly conduct.

Delores Olivares, 21, of Garwood was arrested for deadly conduct, evading arrest and disorderly conduct.

Wednesday, May 17, at 1 p.m., Deputy Schmidt responded to a call concerning a fight at Rice High School.

After further investigation, it was determined that a male struck a female student in the forehead, causing a large lump on the victim's head.

One juvenile was arrested for aggravated assault.

Alpha Course continues here

The Alpha Course is continuing in Eagle Lake. The second presentation of *The Alpha Course* is forming now.

Prairie Fellowship will begin *The Alpha Course* Wednesday, June 7, at 6 p.m. The course is being held in the home of Gay Anderson, 600 Partridge Lane.

This 10-week practical introduction to the Christian faith offers answers to some key questions.

Each weekly session begins with a informal supper, followed by a large-group learning time and ends with small-group discussion and interaction.

Alpha began in London and is now held in thousands of churches around the world.

Join the thousands who have
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