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NEWSBRIEFS

'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.

Senior Citizens' Dance is Friday

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!

Cancer survivor celebration is June 8

Join us at our Cancer Survivors Day Celebration Thursday, June 8, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Gulf Coast Medical Center, Gulf Coast Regional Cancer Center in Wharton. There will be an Open House with tours of the Cancer Center, educational information, survivors resources, door prizes, games and refreshments. For more information, call 979-282-6151. Come celebrate life!

Revival! Revival! Revival!

You are personally invited to a Revival, June 9-12 at 7 p.m. nightly at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Alleyton, off FM 102 and I-10. Guest speakers will be Bishop Kurt Thompson of Bryan, Friday; Pastor Obie Rhodes, Eagle Lake, Saturday; and Sunday, Minister James Henderson of Dallas. For more information, call Pastor Larry Davies at 281-342-7557.

Family strengthening workshop scheduled

A workshop for parents focusing on resiliency, building communication, and offering support and guidance to your children will be offered in Eagle Lake this summer at Rice Medical Center. The workshops will take place Tuesday evenings, June 13 through July 18, in the conference room. This is a parent only workshop and no daycare or child care will be provided. However, a light dinner will be served. The family strengthening workshop is FREE. Please call 1-800-256-7321 by June 9 to register or for more information.

Cheerleader mini camp set for June 12-15

Rice High School Cheerleaders will host their annual mini-camp June 12-15 from 9 to 11 a.m. Camps will be held at Eagle Lake Middle School and Garwood and Sheridan Schools. Cost is \$15 per student. Each participant will receive a Raider t-shirt at the close of camp. Campers will perform at a Raider football game in the fall. All future cheerleaders are encouraged to attend to learn all of the newest cheers! For more information, call Melody Grigar at 234-3608.

ELMS schedules uniform 'Swap Shop'

The Eagle Lake Middle School will hold a uniform "Swap Shop" through Friday, June 2. After items have been checked and counted, you will be given swap tickets. Parents may bring in gently used standard dress pieces to the Swap Shop. "Gently used" items are not torn or patched, stained, faded, etc. For each item bought in, the parent will be given a swap ticket. They can redeem the swap ticket at the shop for one of the same item. Parents may redeem items for tickets during the week of Aug. 1-4 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The shop will be open for resale beginning Aug. 7.

Senior Friends Casino trip is June 6

On June 6, join Senior Friends on a gambling trip to Grand Casino Couchhatta. Cost is \$10 per person. Call Carol at 979-282-6090 to RSVP. The bus leaves at 6:30 a.m.

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 is inside the air conditioned facility.

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.

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.

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What's new at the County Ag Complex?

By Carol Nelson
Headlight Staff

Last Thursday, May 25, I had the chance to speak with Kenneth Brune, Mack Janak and Eddie Orange, members of the new Ag Complex committee, in Columbus.

Brune stressed that the County Fair and complex is not only a Columbus project, it is a Colorado County project.

He explained about the easy way to get in and out of the fair grounds at fair time. You go over 71 and take the first right, make a u-turn under the bridge. He said it was planned to get traffic off the Hwy. at fair time and to speed traffic up on the way out of the grounds. Eventually another exit is planned for the near future.

While there, I had a chance to see the newly completed pens.

Brune explained, "These are the ones we've been beating the drum for and raising the money for. We are about half way there, but still have a long way to go. Only half of the \$42,000 (the cost of the pens) is in.

With this in mind, a Sunrise Breakfast is being planned for Saturday, June 10, at the fairgrounds from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. The public is invited.

For those who have donated and those who haven't, it's a chance to come out to the grounds and see what your money has done. And, if you should decide to contribute, what your money can do. Sonic Drive Inn is the sponsor of the breakfast, while Brune and others will be the chefs for the morning menu of eggs, bacon, coffee and donuts.

By the time of the breakfast, the committee plans for most of the building on the grounds to be up and the grass mowed.

Last week, the rodeo arena was already up and the finishing touches are underway. The rodeo committee put the pens up. A total of 2,500 yards of top soil has been hauled for the

arena.

Others also contributed to the projects: Mike Arnold donated the sand and topsoil for the arena and livestock building; John Barten with Jebco donated the sand for the pens and Stuart Hastedt donated lots of material and time.

Brune said the carnival would be set up on the east side of the fairgrounds.

The home economics building was also on the way up May 25 and should be completed in three weeks.

The Columbus FFA Alumni, in conjunction with the Weimar FFA Alumni, will have a concession stand adjacent to the rodeo arena and livestock pens.

The Rice FFA is doing away with its annual FFA Show and Sale. This means there will be no sale at the school in Jan. They have committed to join the Fair.

Brune said, "We hope to someday have Columbus and Weimar, too. Rice will come in the fall of 2000. A rule was waved in the County that a child can't sell more than one project for Rice CISD and, if Columbus and Weimar come in, the same rule will be waved. The kids will need to have a different project each time.

"Our goal is to have one sale. This was the idea over eight years ago. A lot of progress has been made in these eight years, it's really exciting. We

need a lot of help to pull this thing together. It's been a long struggle, we've had difficulties, we've overcome them all and we're coming together for the big show," Brune added.

Getting back to the pens, which are interchangeable, will be used for different events. A TCAA (Texas Club and Calf Association) show will be held in Aug. using two of the rings.

Brune mentioned that, "There's no money given in the event, but belts buckles and jackets are awarded to the

participants at the end of the year. Two to three hundred kids are expected."

Mack Janak added, "The good thing about it is that the parents are doing something with their kids instead of the kids being out on the streets somewhere."

There will be over 300 young people involved in the County Fair, 150 showing livestock and the rest participants in the fine arts contests.

Orange invited the folks in the area (See Complex, Page 8)



Pictured in the livestock pens at the new Ag Complex in Columbus are Mack Janak, Eddie Orange and Kenneth Brune.

Headlight Photo by Carol Nelson

FNB opening East Bernard branch

Officers and directors of Eagle Lake's First National Bank (FNB) will host the opening of their first branch bank in East Bernard this Thursday, June 1.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies by East Bernard Chamber of Commerce members are scheduled for 10 a.m.

The new facility, located at 900 Clubside Drive, has been undergoing

extensive renovation for the past several months.

According to FNB President Bill Harrison, the branch will be staffed by Branch Manager Janet Dirba, assisted by New Accounts Manager Susan Tomchesson and Teller Sylvia Mulle.

Loan officers and other personnel will be available from the Eagle Lake

office as needed.

"We have looked forward to this expansion for some time because it will allow us to grow and compete more effectively in a rapidly changing banking world," said Harrison.

"And hopefully, our customers in both Colorado and Wharton Counties will benefit from the convenience of this additional office."

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following cases and calls for the week ending May 29.

On May 23, at 9:38 a.m., Officer Stephen Nelson was called to City Hall in reference to a subject on the premises using profane language. Upon Nelson's arrival, Steven Torres was arrested for disorderly conduct, processed at the police department, then transported to the County Detention Center (CDC) for confinement.

At 3:12 p.m., Officer Nelson arrested Hector Herrera on outstanding municipal warrants. After processing, Herrera was transported to the CDC for confinement.

At 5:25 p.m., Officer Nelson, Sgt. Bill Lattimore and Investigator Randy Schlauch located some marijuana in an apartment. The case is now under investigation.

On May 24, at 1:32 a.m., Officer Wendy Alley was called to Norris St. in reference to a suspicious person behind the house. Alley arrived, but was unable to locate any suspicious persons in the area.

At 7 a.m., Chief Keith Webb spoke with a complainant in reference to a theft at his business. The case was assigned to Sgt. Tim Crume, who is investigating the theft.

Officer Brian Lasley assisted a City unit at 2 p.m. in the capture of loose dogs on Willis Street.

At 6:28 p.m., Officer Michael Krenk met with a complainant in reference to the theft of a tractor from Shoppa's Farm Supply. Information was gathered and the case is under investigation.

On May 25, at 2:05 a.m., Officer Krenk met with subjects on West A Street in reference to a civil problem. A verbal agreement was reached between the parties. No action was taken.

At 9:50 a.m. Officer Lasley arrested Marcus Torrez on a warrant for motion to revoke probation-burglary of motor vehicle. After processing, Torrez was transported to the CDC for confinement.

Sgt. Crume was dispatched to a civil matter on Union St. at 5:50 p.m. The matter was resolved at the scene.

Officer Krenk conducted a traffic stop in the 600 block of W. Main St. at 9:56 p.m. As a result of the stop, a citation for possession of tobacco by a minor and disregarding a stop sign was issued.

At 10:20 p.m., Officer Krenk and Sgt. Crume met with complainants on W. Tate Ave. in reference to an unwanted subject at the residence. The subject had left the residence before officers arrived.

On May 26, at 1:40 a.m., Officer Krenk and Sgt. Crume were dispatched to Westmoreland St. in reference to a family disturbance.

As a result of the investigation, Greg Blair was arrested for assault family violence. After processing at the police department, Blair was transported to the CDC for confinement.

At 2:24 a.m., Sgt. Crume was dispatched to E. Union St. in reference to a burglary. Information was gathered and a report filed.

At 4:30 p.m., Officer Lasley arrested Bianca Cantu on warrant for motion to revoke-possession of controlled substance. After processing at the police department, Cantu was transported to the CDC for confinement.

Sgt. Crume was advised at 10:03 p.m. of an anonymous call of juveniles purchasing alcoholic beverages from The Cupboard. Crume set up on the business, which resulted in Koehl Morgan Cranek, the store clerk, being arrested for selling alcohol to a minor. Cranek was processed and transported to the CDC for confinement.

On May 27, at 2:18 a.m., Officer Krenk and Sgt. Crume met with a complainant at the police department in reference to a disturbance. One subject decided to leave the residence for the night.

While on patrol at 4:08 a.m., Officer Krenk arrested Dorothy Louise Thomas for public intoxication, processed her at the police department,

then transported her to the CDC for confinement.

At 8:48 a.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to the 800 block of W. Main St. in reference to two loose pigs. The owner was located and the pigs were penned up.

At 12:15 p.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to a gas drive-off at 801 S. McCarty. Nelson arrived, gathered information, and attempted to locate the vehicle. Nelson returned to the store to learn that the subject had returned and paid for the gas.

Lt. Clem Johnson met with a complainant at 12:30 p.m. in reference to a broken window at her business. It was determined that no attempt to gain entry had been made.

On May 28, at 11:48 a.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to a disturbance at 801 S. McCarty St. A request was made for a criminal trespass warning to be issued.

At 4:44 p.m., Officer Nelson and

Sgt. Lattimore were dispatched to the 600 block of E. Main St. in reference to theft of a vehicle. Information was gathered and a report filed. The case is under investigation.

At 9:20 p.m., Officer Krenk met with a complainant in reference to a burglary on W. Post Office. Information was gathered. The case is under investigation.

On May 29, at 4:34 a.m., Officer Krenk was dispatched to E. Union St. in reference to a 9-1-1 hangup.

As a result of the investigation, Jerry Guerra was arrested for assault family violence, processed and transported to the CDC for confinement.

At 2:39 p.m., Officer Nelson was advised by the county dispatcher of a person pulling a pistol on a subject in New Town. After receiving a description of the vehicle and subjects, Nelson located them in the 1600 block of E. Main St. (See Police, Page 8)

Sooter is new Youth Minister at 1st Baptist

Sunday, May 21, members of the First Baptist Church (FBC) of Eagle Lake called Shane Sooter to be their new, full-time Youth Minister.

Sooter will officially resume the position June 1.

"For some time now, our church has felt a sense of urgency about reaching the teenagers of Eagle Lake," says Brent Beasley, Pastor of FBC. "This is something we have been praying about for two years, and we feel confident that this is the right time and that Shane is the right person to lead us in this new area of ministry."

Shane and his wife, Jana, have been residents of Eagle Lake for about a year. Both Shane and Jana have extensive education and experience in theater.

Shane is a 1993 graduate of SMU with a degree in Theater, while Jana

earned a similar degree from Incarnate Word, followed by further study in San Francisco. They have two children, Anjelika and Dakota.

Already in the plans for the summer are weekly times of fun and discipleship on Tuesday nights, an indoor rock-climbing trip to Houston and youth camp at the Baptist encampment in Palacios, July 10-14.

Youth Sunday School will be offered every Sunday morning at 9:45.

In addition to the traditional approach to youth ministry that will be focused through the church, Sooter will also be developing and implementing several ministries at the ICE House this summer.

"You might say I'm going to be First Baptist's own roving local missionary to kids in Eagle Lake," explained Sooter.