

Shorter to receive 4-H Award

Claudine Brooks Shorter of Eagle Lake has been chosen one of the first two recipients of the Texas 4-H Leaders Legacy Awards.

The Leader's Legacy Award is a new honor program in the Texas 4-H and Youth Development program, recognizing 4-H leaders who have been working for 20 years or more to "Make the Best Better". The

award will be presented during the Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station June 14.

"The person who is nominated for this award may or may not be the person who is always in the spotlight but is the one who makes an impact and a difference on the 4-H members with whom they work," said Gayle (See Shorter, Page 10)

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NEWSBRIEFS

RMC to hold blood drive Thursday

A blood drive will be held at the Rice Medical Center (RMC) in Eagle Lake from 2:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 8. A donation coach will be set up in the hospital parking lot. For more information or questions, call the hospital at 234-5571.

GUBC bake sale is Saturday

Greater Union Baptist Church (GUBC) youth department will hold a bake sale Saturday, June 10, in front of the Eagle Lake Supermarket starting at 9 a.m.

Sunrise breakfast planned

The public is invited to a fundraiser Sunrise Breakfast sponsored by Sonic Drive-In of Columbus Saturday, June 10, at the County Ag Complex (the new County Fair grounds) from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. For those of you who have donated and those who haven't, this is a chance to come out to the grounds and see what your money has done. And, if you decide to contribute, what your money can do.

Attention Red Cross swim students!

Red Cross swimming lessons at the Eagle Lake Pool for students six years of age and up have been tentatively set to begin July 17. Please check future editions of *The Headlight* for specific registration dates.

20th Century "Women's Conference" is June 24

There will be a 20th Century District Association Missionary "Women's Conference" at Greater Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 709 N. Lake Ave., June 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rev. R. Kiser will be Auxiliary Moderator. Special guest will be Sister Julia Woodard of Dallas. Come and enjoy a spiritual time with us.

School supplies... school supplies... school supplies

Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) P.T.O. will be selling supplies for the coming 2000-2001 school year. All children pre-K through third grade will be supplied at the lowest possible prices. Supplies will be sold at the ELPS cafeteria Aug. 7 through 11 from 8 to 10 a.m. and during the first week of school Aug. 14-18 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Lists and prices will be published in the first week of Aug. For more information, call Ms. Rhodes at 234-3587 or Mrs. Reed, 234-2601.

Cancer survivor celebration is today

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.

National Men's Health Week

On June 14, in honor of National Men's Health Week, PSA Screens will be offered from 7 to 9 a.m. at the Gulf Coast Medical Center lab at a cost of \$10. Please call 979-282-2500, ext. 1300 for an appointment.

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 be 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.

GCMC to present directives program

On June 15, a program, "Advance Directives... What's New", will be presented by Jan Jones, R.N. at Gulf Coast Medical Center. The program will be at 7 p.m. in the GCMC classrooms. Please RSVP to Sherri at 979-282-6808.

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 at a cost of \$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.

RHS Band's front line schedules fundraiser

The Rice High School Band front line for the 2000-01 school year will be holding a fundraiser to defray costs of uniforms and camp. Come out and celebrate Flag Day, June 14, with a roast beef dinner (roast beef, green beans, rice and gravy and homemade bread) prepared by Vincek's of East Bernard. Pre-sale dinner tickets will be available for \$5.50 through June 10. Dinners may be picked up between 5:30 and 7 p.m. in Eagle Lake at the Middle School and the Garwood and Sheridan Schools. For more information, contact Margaret Henry at 234-5918.

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, 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.

One dies in plane crash

At approximately 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1, the pilot of a model AT-301 79 Air Tractor Inc. fixed-wing single engine plane, Frank Henry Fennell of Brownsville, was killed four miles north of Garwood on County Road 116.

According to a report from the Texas Department of Public Safety, witnesses advised that the plane's motor had been vibrating when the plane went down. It landed on its wheels in a rice field and flipped.

The plane was owned by Dallas McCarty of Vernon.

The scene was secured by Trooper Ron Holub.

Take advantage of your new city park

Need to get away? Now, you don't have to leave town to do it.

Just take the walking path at the new Eagle Lake Municipal Park and it's like being in another world.

No more traffic noise (even though you're only 1,800 feet from Hwy. 90-A)... just the wind in the trees and the birds and cicada serenading.

The official opening of the Park began at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 3, with a program in and around the beautiful new gazebo.

Gathered in the shade of a large tree, the crowd was welcomed by Eagle Lake Mayor Michael Cooper. They were given an overview by Park Committee Chair Robby Cook, LCRA General Manager Joe Beal and Texas Parks and Wildlife Executive Director Andy Sansom of the work and contributions made.

Such contributions included land from the Joe S. Reed Jr. family, E.H. Henry Historical Corporation, the Wintermanns, Mark and Becky Anderson, Arthur Anderson and Dorothy Cassidy, to name a few. They will be honored with a sign to be erected in the Park in the near future.

In introducing Park Committee Member Susan Tomchesson, Cook declared she should be recognized with an award he would call "Friend of the Park" for all the time and energy she expended.

Other members of the Park Committee, in addition to Tomchesson and Cook, were Obie Rhodes, Larry Contreras, Sam Mims, Helen Craig and Michael Duarte.

City Engineer Craig Kankel of O'Malley Engineers, was project engineer.

Mike Gordy of Sterling Structures was the general contractor.

Grants from Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Lower Colorado River Authority, along with approximately \$70,000 raised locally, were used to make the Park a reality.

Land donors listed on the program also included Community Center Inc. and the American Legion Post 108.

The program also listed the First National Bank, Christ Episcopal Church and Eagle Concrete Products as contributors.

Picnic site sponsors were: Bill and Rosanne Harrison, Fred and Katherine Isenhower, David and Eula Wintermann, the Cook Families (Bob, Robby, Billy & Ronny), Robert Samuel Martin, Robert R. Wells Jr. Family, Eagle Lake Rotary Club, Eagle Lake Pilot Club and the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club.

Memorials: Thomas T. Waddell and Mary Waddell Baker by Rollin Baker; Truman and Charlene Engstrom by Russell and Robin Thomas; (See Park, Page 6)



Officially opening the Eagle Lake Municipal Park Saturday morning were representatives of the City, Park Committee, LCRA, Texas Parks and Wildlife and the contractors and consultants.

Cutting the ribbon is Park Committee Member Susan Tomchesson. Also pictured are Park Committee Members Obie Rhodes, Larry Contreras, Helen Craig and Michael Duarte; City Council Members René Cooper-Scott, Lonnie Sommerlatte, Wayne Bowen and Barbara Pidgeon; Mayor Michael Cooper, City Manager Ron Holland; City Engineer Craig Kankel; LCRA General Manager Joe Beal, Board Member John Matthews and Kirk Cowan; and Texas Parks & Wildlife Executive Director Andy Sansom; and Mike Gordy and Rocky Menke of Sterling Structures, general contractor for the Park. City Council Member Bill Kell was present Saturday, but unavailable for the picture since he was overseeing the cooking for Main Street's "Picnic in the Park" which followed the ribbon cutting. (For additional pictures, see Page 5.)

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Raider Band members go to State

Congratulations to 10 Rice Raider Band students for their outstanding performance at University Interscholastic League State Solo and Ensemble Contest held Saturday, May 27, at Southwest Texas State University.

Senior David Glenn Dromgoole was awarded a First Division Medal for his performance of a Marimba Solo and a Second Division Medal for his piano solo.

He was also nominated into the 2000 TSSEC Outstanding Performers list that will be published later.

He is truly an outstanding musician.

Other students earning medals were:

Christopher Rodriguez, Second Division Medal for his piano solo. He also earned a Third Division on a trombone solo.

Bernardo Vasquez, Second Division

Medal for his trumpet solo. He also earned a Second Division in a twirler trio.

Johana Lopez, Second Division for her part in a trumpet trio.

Chaston Thomas, Second Division for his part in a trumpet trio.

All the twirlers earned a Third Division. There was only one First Division given by the twirling judges during the entire day. Approximately eight Second Divisions were given; 20 Third Divisions and four Fourth Division.

Lana Engstrom, Third Division in her twirler solo. She also earned a Third Division for her part in a twirler quartet.

Amanda Henry, Third Division for her twirler solo.

Amber Mahalic, Third Division for her twirler solo. She also earned a Third Division for her part in a twirler quartet.

Brandy Meitzen, Third Division for her twirler solo. She also earned a Third Division for her part in a twirler quartet.

Misty Morales, Third Division for her twirler solo. She also earned a Third Division for her part in a twirler quartet.

Band Director James Talton said, "It is a true honor to qualify for U.I.L. State Solo and Ensemble. Solos must be memorized and perfect. Ensembles must be rehearsed for many hours. Just to qualify for State Solo and Ensemble is a great accomplishment. For students to perform as well as the Rice Band members have done is a great credit to them, their parents and their teachers."

"Congratulations for a job well done. All students should be proud of themselves and their friends and relatives should be proud of them," Talton concluded.

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending June 5.

On May 30, at 8:40 a.m., Officer Stephen Nelson was dispatched to Lakeside Drive in reference to someone breaking into the soda dispensing machine.

At 9:13 a.m., Chief Keith Webb, Investigator Randy Schlauch and Officer Nelson, were called to investigate damage to the Community Center.

A brick column had been hit by a vehicle.

At 3:50 p.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to a disturbance call at the Eagle Lake Supermarket. A criminal trespass warning was issued.

At 4:50 p.m., Sgt. Bill Lattimore was dispatched to 7th Street in reference to a missing pit bull puppy. The case is under investigation.

At 6:07 p.m., Officer Wendy Alley answered a call in regards to a dog

running loose. The complainant was referred to the City's animal control officer.

At 7:43 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore was called to E. State St. and spoke to a resident there about kids throwing rocks at her house.

On May 31, at 1:56 a.m., Officer Alley was dispatched to E Street in reference to someone trying to burn down the blue E.H. Henry Building on E Street.

On June 5, two juvenile males were detained in this investigation and transported to the Juvenile Boot Camp for temporary detention. Arson charges are being sought by the Juvenile Probation Department.

At 4:28 p.m., Eloisa Garcia reported a skunk in her back yard.

At 6 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore began an investigation into graffiti which had been painted on the side of the old E.H. Henry gym. Juvenile suspects were developed. The case was turned over to the Juvenile Probation Department.

At 7 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore was dispatched to 303 E. Main in regards to ARA Grocery store building being burglarized. There is a suspect in the case and the department is seeking an arrest warrant.

At 9:40 p.m., Officer Alley was dispatched to a disturbance at 401 E. State St. The matter was resolved at the scene.

At 10:30 p.m., Officer Alley was dispatched to 809 Campbell St. in regards to a suspicious car pulling into the driveway, almost hitting the owner's truck. When Alley arrived, she was unable to locate the vehicle.

On June 1, at 2:36 a.m., Officer Alley was dispatched to a suspicious vehicle parked on FM 3013 west. The

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Water planning group to meet in Wharton Wednesday, June 14

The regional planning group charged with drafting a long-range water plan for the Lower Colorado region will meet at the Wharton Civic Center at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 14.

One focus of the meeting will be how to meet irrigation needs in Wharton, Matagorda and Colorado Counties during future droughts.

The Planning Group will discuss water supply ideas they have been studying, including the potential for more aggressive conservation pro-

grams, local off-channel reservoirs, drilling wells, and new varieties of rice that need less water. The public is encouraged to attend this meeting to comment and ask questions. Lunch will be served.

"We are getting down to the specifics of how the Regional Water Plan will meet future shortages," says Ronald Gertson, a Planning Group member who lives in East Bernard and represents small business interests. "In our area, it's the rice farms that will be short of water if we don't plan ahead."

The Regional Water Plan group is developing a lay out as to where water will come from during drought periods over the next 50 years.

"Neighboring planning regions, such as those that cover Corpus Christi and San Antonio, are looking for new sources of supply, including sources within the Lower Colorado region," says Bay City resident Haskell Simon, who is also a member of the Planning Group. He also noted that