

Rice All-Stars skunk Sealy, 10-0

The Rice Pee Wee All-Stars came home victorious Tuesday night after having defeated the Sealy All-Stars 10-0.

Coached by David Sosa, DJ. Sosa and Charlie Sosa, the roster is made up of Alan Arellano at third base; Carlos Sosa, pitcher; Mathew Sosa, second base; Wade Roark, short stop; Timothy Morales, first base;

Kevin Ellis, left field; Eric Gold, right field; J.D. Contreras, catcher; Mat Hoffman, designated hitter; and Patric Gonzales, center field.

The team will go into the third round of playoffs this Friday, June 23, in Waller at 6 p.m. Way to go, guys!

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NEWSBRIEFS

GUBC presentation scheduled for July 8

The Greater Union Baptist Church (GUBC) youth will be presenting "The Devil's Funeral" Saturday, July 8, at 7 p.m. at GUBC in Matthews. The presentation is under the direction of Linda Robertson. For more information, call Rosalyn Edwards at 979-234-5033.

Free pizza, live music for teens!

Who says there's nothing for teens to do in Eagle Lake? This Friday and Saturday night, the ICE House will become "Common Grounds", a weekend-night teen club. Come check out the live music, drama and fun... and FREE PIZZA!... all in a safe, drug- and alcohol-free, Christian environment. "Common Grounds" will be open every Friday and Saturday night from 8 to 11 p.m. at the ICE House.

Eagle Lake Rice Field Day set for June 29

The Eagle Lake Rice Field Day will be held Thursday, June 29, beginning at 4 p.m. at the Texas A&M Research Station, northwest of Eagle Lake on Hwy. 102. The day will be loaded with tours and new technology. A meal will be provided at 6 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. CEUs will be offered. For more information, call 979-732-2082.

Methodist Church VBS July 10-14

The Eagle Lake United Methodist Church's annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be July 10-14. Children ages four years through sixth grade are invited to join us for a week of singing, fun, learning, crafts and snacks. For more information, call Tanya Wiese at 234-7469, Laura Myres at 979-733-9949 or the church office at 234-3288.

Class of 1968 to plan reunion

The Class of 1968 will meet to plan for the Eagle Lake High School Reunion 2000. The gathering will be held at 7 p.m. July 20 at the home of Jennifer Obenhaus, 319 Waverly. All members are asked to attend.

Senior Friends to celebrate 4th of July early

Senior Friends early 4th of July celebration will be held Thursday, June 29, in the Gulf Coast Medical Center classrooms from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come enjoy hot dogs and ice cream! You must RSVP for this event by calling Sherri at 979-282-6808.

Class of 1985 reunion scheduled

The 15 year reunion of RHS Class of 1985 will be held Aug. 5 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Family time will be from 3 to 5 p.m.; entertainment will be provided for the kids. Adult time starts at 7 p.m. The event is BYOB and finger foods will be provided throughout the evening. The charge is \$10 a person; \$20 per couple/family. Please RSVP by July 22. Contact Michael Mota at 281-239-2844 or e-mail rhs85@ev1.net. Spread the word... hope to see everyone there.

Adult education classes being held

Adult Education Classes are being held at the Department of Human Services building, 1460 Walnut in Columbus, Monday through Thursday starting at 8 a.m. Instruction will include basic skills, job readiness, job retention and job advancement skills. For eligibility requirements and additional information, you may call Mr. David Joost, Wharton County Junior College, at 979-532-6301.

Interested in a AARP Chapter in Eagle Lake?

Anyone, 50 or over, interested in helping in the formation of a new AARP Chapter in the City of Eagle Lake, Hallettsville and surrounding areas in Lavaca County, please contact AARP District Chapter Specialist Ray Berry of Edna at 361-782-9034; or write to P.O. Box 903, Edna, TX 77957.

Sheridan Country Squares open house

The Sheridan Country Squares Dance Club has been dancing and having fun for 10 years. We're having so much fun we'd like to share some of it with everyone else. Through June 26, we're having open house and fun night at the Sheridan Community Center. We promise a good time will be had by all. Please join us for the evening, who knows... you might like it so much you'll want to take square dance lessons and join us every Monday night.

Square dancing is fun, exciting, great exercise and the whole family can participate. No prior dance experience needed. Open to the public ages 9 to 7. For more information, call Jean and Zella Walker, 979-234-3937; or Tony and Linda Clements, 361-798-4889. See you around a square.

Car wash at the Boot Camp is June 24

The Boot Camp Community Advisory Council is sponsoring a car wash Saturday, June 24, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of the Boot Camp. For a donation of \$5, the Phrase Three Cadets will wash and vacuum your car. The proceeds will be held in trust by the Council, then used when financial needs arise for cadets. Baked goods will also be sold.

Hear 'The Message' June 30

The tradition of Eagle Lake theater continues this summer with "The Message", an exciting and compelling dramatic interpretation of the life of Christ. Adapted from a contemporary-language translation of the Gospels, you'll be moved and inspired as you hear Jesus' words in a whole new way. Don't miss this powerful theatrical event at the Prairie Edge Museum Theater Friday, June 30, at 7 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the youth ministries at the ICE House. Call 234-7990 between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for ticket information.

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.

Keep those tickets handy

The Eagle Lake Middle School recently held a uniform "Swap Shop". Parents are reminded to keep the swap tickets they received handy. The tickets will be redeemable 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.

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.

Sportsman's Restaurant to close for vacation

Sportsman's Restaurant, 201 Boothe Drive in Eagle Lake, will be closed (See Newsbriefs, Page 7)

Columbus, Weimar receive \$1.15+ million

A Texas Capital Fund has awarded grants to the Cities of Columbus and Weimar.

A grant of \$750,000 was approved for the City of Columbus to provide incentives for Great Southern Wood Preserving Inc. which will bring 76 new jobs to the community.

"The money will be used for the construction of public infrastructure for a new wood processing plant," Judge Jeff Moseley, the department's executive director, said. "This project

will allow this manufacturer to expand to Columbus and bring much-needed new jobs to the community."

For smaller communities, funding is always an issue, said Columbus City Manager John Brasher.

"Without the grant from the Texas Department of Economic Development, funding for this project would've been virtually impossible and would've created such a burden on the city," Brasher said.

The development of the commu-

nity's industrial park was a large factor in attracting this industry, he added.

"While we have a lot of retail shops, this will be the first real industry for Columbus," Brasher added. "We wanted to create a reason for our local high school graduates to stay in Columbus and not move off to the larger cities."

With the funds, the city will construct a 200,000 gallon elevated water tank, controls, fire hydrant, connec-

tions and fittings.

A grant of more than \$400,000 was approved for the City of Weimar in order to provide economic incentives to a local industry and retain 46 jobs in the Central Texas community.

The grant for Weimar, in support of M-G Inc., will assist with needed public infrastructure improvements so that the company can adequately expand.

"The Texas Capital Fund program is allowing this manufacturer to expand and keep those much-needed 46 jobs in the City of Weimar," Judge Jeff Moseley, the department's executive director said.

"While Utex Industries Inc. is Weimar's leading employer, M-G Inc. is the second largest employer in Weimar, and losing those 46 jobs would've left a huge hole in the community's economy," said City Manager Vince Slominski.

The Texas Capital Fund promotes economic development in rural areas by providing financial incentives to non-entitlement cities and counties with populations of usually less than 200,000.

The program is under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program.

Rice CISD Board of Trustees hears principals' concerns, reports

By Heidi Beasley

The Board of Trustees for the Rice Consolidated Independent School District called the regular business meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. June 12.

Roll was taken and all members were present except for Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Shuirring.

In order of communications, plaques were presented by Board President Laurel Milentz to principals Larry Varley and Bill Hefner. Their schools, Sheridan and Garwood, both received awards for being distinguished schools in the state of Texas.

It was also announced that Jeanette Volkmer, teacher at Rice High School, received the honor of "Teacher of the Year" from Wal-Mart. She will receive an award of \$500 for this distinction.

The minutes from the previous meeting held May 8 were reviewed and approved.

The payment of bills was also reviewed and approved by members.

The Board then heard reports from campus administrators.

Dan Stanley from Eagle Lake Primary School reported on summer school status. He also updated the members on the custodial work and gave an update of the carpet for his campus.

Deborah Matthus, principal of Eagle Lake Middle School, also gave a summer school update. She added

that she will have a large turnover in her faculty this year due to low pay. She discussed her concerns with the Board stating the teachers she is losing are ones she has invested a great deal of time, money and energy on.

Garwood School's Principal Bill Hefner reported his summer school is in full swing and classes are at capacity. He also gave a custodial update for his facilities.

Sheridan's Principal Larry Varley reported his campus' summer school is also doing well.

Rice High School's Principal Michael Lanier updated the members on events for his campus. Dr. Cynthia Saha from the Boot Camp reported on the addition of 34 new residents for the TYC unit which has recently been located to Eagle Lake. She reported most of the girls in this unit are at the ninth grade level. The curriculum will be focused on TAAS remediation.

Mollie Walker, director of the Coop, was not present to give a report.

The Board then went on to discuss new business. Milentz announced the Board committees and appointed members to each. The four committees include Budget, Salaries and Benefits, Facilities and Curriculum, and Technology.

The Student Code of Conduct was reviewed and approved by the Board with the following adjustment. On the

topic of Corporal Punishment, a parent must write a statement on the signature page of the document expressing their wishes against the use of corporal punishment for their child. Without this written statement, each campus may use this form of punishment if the situation warrants.

Board members also reviewed the Student Handbooks. These two documents, the Handbook and the Code of Conduct, will be bound together with (See Board, Page 10)

COLORADO COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Saturday, June 3, at 8:32 p.m., Sgt. Pavlicek responded to a call concerning an assault which occurred on I-10. After further investigation, Timothy Reyes Ehlers, 19, of Columbus, was arrested for family violence assault.

At 11 p.m., Deputy Ashorn and Sgt. Pavlicek responded to a call concerning a family disturbance in Sheridan. After further investigation, Joe Lee Linnemier Jr. was arrested for family violence terroristic threat, criminal mischief and a warrant for motion to revoke for driving while

intoxicated.

Wednesday, June 7, at 5:30 p.m., Deputy Toppel responded to a call concerning possible child abuse in Garwood. It was determined that the abuse had taken place. After further investigation, Antonia Moreida, 22, of Garwood, was arrested for an outstanding warrant for failure to appear for court.

At 10:55 p.m., Sgt. Edman and Deputy Basco arrested Gabriel Anthony Sanchez, 32, of Alleton for outstanding warrants from the Columbus Police Department for aggravated robbery and aggravated assault.

Thursday, June 8, at 1:55 a.m., Sgt. Edman and Deputy Toppel responded to a call concerning a disturbance on FM 109. After further investigation, Jesse B. Simpson, 20, of Columbus, was arrested for family violence and terroristic threat.

Friday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m., Deputy Toppel responded to a call concerning criminal trespass on Hwy. 71, south of Columbus. After further investigation, a probable cause affidavit and a warrant was obtained from Judge Mary Ordner. The suspect was advised there was a warrant for her arrest. Phyllis V. Lewis, 68, of Columbus turned herself in at the Sheriff's Department and was charged with criminal trespass.

Sunday, June 11, at 1:15 a.m., Deputy Toppel responded to a call concerning a vehicle in a ditch on FM 2434. After further investigation, Robert Betze, 40 of Weimar was arrested for public intoxication and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

At 9:08 p.m., Deputy Ashorn responded to a call about family violence in Rock Island. After further investigation, Benjamin Jason Barker, 21 of Rock Island, was arrested for family violence assault, Class A.

Monday, June 12, at 4:11 p.m., Deputy Benavides investigated a possible physical abuse. Leann Cardenas of Weimar was arrested for an outstanding Lee County warrant.

At 9:22 p.m., Sgt. Pavlicek, Chief Deputy Schleider, Sgt. Zermeno and Deputy Ashorn responded to a call concerning a family disturbance at a residence on Hwy. 71. After further investigation, William Pavlicek, 50, of Columbus, was arrested for aggravated assault family violence.

Tuesday, June 13, at 6:57 p.m., Chief Deputy Schleider, Sheriff Wied, Sgts. Zermeno and Edman and Deputies Ashorn and Benavides responded to a call concerning a suspicious vehicle that had been possibly involved in a burglary in the Bernardo-Mentz area. The vehicle was located and stopped on the I-10 feeder (See Sheriff, Page 7)

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending June 20.

On June 13, at 7:49 a.m., Officer Wendy Alley received a call about a skunk walking down the roadway on W. Waverly. Alley arrived at the location but was unable to locate it.

At 9:17 a.m., Investigator Schlauch received a complaint from a male at the Colorado County Juvenile Boot Camp regarding an assault involving two juvenile cadets. The cases were investigated and reported to the state.

At 10:51 a.m., Officer Alley was dispatched to W. Davitt St. in regards to a person's apartment being burglarized. A camcorder was reported taken. Information was gathered the case is under investigation.

At 11:20 a.m., Chief Keith Webb received a call from Mr. Goldberg, a caseworker in Houston, who wanted to report a juvenile as a runaway. The case is under investigation.

At 11:40 a.m., Officer Alley met with a female at the police department regarding information on the home in which she was residing. Officer Alley reviewed the information and advised the female that it was a civil matter. No further action was taken.

At 4 p.m., a subject notified the police about information on a wanted individual being located on Warwick. Officers went to the residence and were met by a 16-year-old female who stated that the individual was not there and refused to allow the officers to search the house.

Officers secured the perimeter of the residence and waited for the juvenile's mother to return. The house was then searched without success.

Several minutes after the officers left the house, the wanted individual was seen hiding inside the house by family members. The fugitive suspect, Joseph Paul Rodriguez, then ran away.

The 16-year-old female was picked up by the officers and detained at the Boot Camp by the Juvenile Probation Department for hindering the apprehension of a wanted fugitive.

At 5:11 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore received a call in regards to an automobile-pedestrian accident. A juvenile was riding his bike from Ice St. onto Church St. The juvenile struck a vehicle, which was being driven by Joe Lee Stovall. The juvenile was transported to Rice Medical Center and later released.

At 7:55 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore was flagged down on Maple St. by a male who needed information on how to repossess a vehicle.

At 9:05 p.m., officer responded to a "skunk call" on W. Prairie. The officer terminated the skunk.

At 10:29 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore was called to 205 Hunter's Lane in regards to a vehicle which had been loaned out and not returned. The vehicle was later returned.

At 10:52 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore was flagged down on Hunter's Lane in regards to some children shooting bottle rockets and endangering residents. Sgt. Lattimore contacted the parents and settled the issue at the scene.

On June 14, at 12 a.m., Sgt. Lattimore was dispatched to N. Lake Ave, in regards to suspicious persons at a residence. Sgt. Lattimore checked the residence and was unable to locate anyone suspicious.

At 9:35 a.m., Officer Alley observed wanted fugitive Joseph Paul Rodriguez enter the Eagle Stop Store at 304 W. Post Office. Chief Webb, Investigator Schlauch and Lt. Clem Johnson also responded to assist.

Rodriguez resisted arrest and fought with officers as they were arresting him on four outstanding warrants. During the initial arrest by Officer Alley, Rodriguez attempted to take her firearm from her holster.

Rodriguez was arrested and further charged with resisting arrest and attempting to take a peace officer's weapon, a felony offense.

He was transported to the County Detention Center (CDC).

June 16, in district court, a hearing was held in which Rodriguez was denied bail in the felony case because he was currently out on bail for six indicted felony cases involving two burglaries of habitations, burglary of a building, aggravated robbery and two escape from custody felonies.

At 11:50 a.m., Martha Holloway called the police department stating that there was a male "messing" with her. Officer Alley met with Holloway at 1308 E. State St. and advised the male to leave her alone. No other action was necessary.

At 1:27 p.m., Officer Alley was dispatched to Heritage Lane in regards to a male resident going into another resident's room. The nursing home conducted a full investigation of the incident and put a monitor on the male subject. No further action was taken.

At 7:02 p.m., Officer Stephen Nelson stopped a vehicle being driven by a juvenile, which later resulted in the juvenile being detained for possession of marijuana. The juvenile was transported to the Colorado County Juvenile Detention Center.

At 7:15 p.m., Mr. Al-Obaidi came by the police department to report his vehicle had been broken into. The case was investigated which led to further charges of burglary of a motor vehicle being filed on Joseph Paul Rodriguez.

Officers recovered two dogs which had been reported stolen last week. The investigation led to misdemeanor theft charges being filed on Joseph Paul Rodriguez.

At 10:20 p.m., Officer Thomas was called to S. Lake. Barbara Nelson and her son were having a discussion (See Police, Page 7)