

St. Anthony School ready to begin

Students and parents are reminded to pick up school books Thursday or Friday, Aug. 3 or 4, at Saint Anthony School. At that time, they will also pay book fee and buy lunch tickets.

Classes begin Friday, Aug. 11; students should be in the cafeteria by 7:50 a.m. for morning prayers.

Classes dismiss at 3:30 p.m. Saint Anthony School enrollment has increased for the 2000-2001 school year, therefore, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and 8th grade classes are closed.

For more information, call Saint Anthony School at 979-732-5505.

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First Historic Landmark Plaque issued

The Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance (ELPA) issued its first local Historic Landmark Plaque to the Calaboose, located on S. McCarty between Dairy Queen and the Eagle Lake Supermarket, during ceremonies and a reception held Tuesday, July 18.

According to research done and presented by Crystal Cameron, the Calaboose was built in May 1904 as the City's first jail. It was constructed by G.W. Keith, a local contractor, at a cost of \$250. The land was purchased from J.W. McCarty, Eagle Lake's first elected mayor, for \$50.

The Alliance would like to apply for a Texas Historical Landmark for the building, but needs a picture of it taken at least 50 years ago. Not only is the picture required for the State designation, but it will assist the Alliance in making its restoration of the Calaboose accurate.



City Councilman and ELPA member Bill Kell had the honor of placing the plaque on the building.



ELPA member Joe Herbert McCreary presented the organization's first Local Historic Landmark plaque to Eagle Lake Mayor Pro-Tem Barbara Pidgeon during ceremonies last Tuesday, July 18. Pictured above, from left, are City Secretary Lucille Perry, City Manager Ron Holland, ELPA President Evelyn Stowers, McCreary, Pidgeon, ELPA member Mary Ann Kaluza and City Councilman Bill Kell who is also an ELPA member.

Photo Courtesy of Bill Kell

Water conservation advisory in effect

According to Eagle Lake Mayor Michael Cooper, a water conservation advisory is in effect for the City.

The advisory went into effect when water usage in the City was at 950,000 gallons per day for more than five days last week.

"Please conserve as much water as possible," Cooper requested. "When (or if you must) water your lawn, please do so between midnight and 10 a.m. in order to take some of the burden off our pumps."

The conservation is voluntary at the moment; no citations will be issued. But, if usage exceeds 1 million gallons a day, more stringent measures will begin.

Watering during the night and early morning hours not only helps relieve the workload on the pumps, but it saves you money. During the hot mid-day hours, a percentage of the water you're trying to get to your lawn and/or garden evaporates, therefore costing you more per useful gallon.

Also, watering some plants during the heat of the day could cause damage to the leaves.

Raider, Lady Raider workouts scheduled

All Rice Raider and Lady Raider volleyball and football athletes who will be entering high school this fall will begin workouts Monday, Aug. 7. Any high schoolers interested in playing either sport need to report to the Rice High School campus at 7 a.m. Monday, Aug. 7.

Buses for all athletes will run for each of the communities of Garwood, Sheridan and Eagle Lake. Beginning Monday, Aug. 7, athletes can ride the buses to RHS for practices. Pick-up sites will be at the following locations at 6:45 a.m.: Garwood at the Garwood School; Sheridan at the Sheridan School; and Eagle Lake, Dan's Minute Stop and B&B Foods.

All athletes need to be sure and make plans ahead of time to get a ride or to ride the buses daily.

Coach Russell Roark also wants to remind all students who plan to participate in any sport during the 2000-2001 school year that they must be enrolled in the athletic period. No exceptions will be made.

Good luck this year to all Raider and Lady Raider teams!

NEWSBRIEFS

Senior Citizens' Dance is Aug. 4

The public is invited to a Senior Citizens' Dance, a place to meet old and new friends, Friday, Aug. 4, starting at 8 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by The Bohemian Cowboys. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call 234-3795.

Friendship VBS set of July 31-Aug. 4

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting a Vacation Bible School (VBS) the week of July 31 through Aug. 4 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the church, 405 S. Lake Ave. Please send your youth. The public is invited. Rev. P. Riley, pastor.

Community Buyers fundraiser is Aug. 6

The Garwood-Nada Community Buyers will hold a chicken fried steak dinner fundraiser Sunday, Aug. 6, at the Garwood Fire Department from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For tickets, go by Farmers Coop, call Lisa Krenak at 758-3733 or ask any Fair participant. Net proceeds will go toward purchasing animals from area youth at the 2000 Colorado County Fair.

Crescent Country Jamboree is Aug. 1

The Crescent Country Jamboree sponsored by the Wharton County Youth Fair (WCYF), will host their monthly live country music show Tuesday, Aug. 1, at the WCYF grounds in the Crescent Hall, intersection of FM 960 & FM 961. WCYF's directors will serve beef tips with trimmings, which will be free, as their "concession stand special". Other food items will also be available. Serving begins at 6:30 p.m., the show kicks off at 7:30. Admission is \$3 per person and all proceeds benefit the WCYF building fund.

Rice Project Graduation meeting set for Aug. 21

The Rice Project Graduation Board of Directors will become an elective board effective the 2000-2001 school year. We will be accepting nominations for directors between now and our first meeting set for Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Rice High School commons area. Contact Pat Evans at 234-5571, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with your nominations. Thanks in advance for giving this your immediate attention.

Eagle Lake Festival Committee to meet tonight

We want your ideas! The Eagle Lake Prairie Chicken Festival Committee will be meeting on Thursday, July 27, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Help us welcome Brent Beasley as our new Festival Chairperson for 2001. Share your thoughts and expertise and join one of the many committees. Everyone is invited to be a part of the Festival!

Century District Assoc. meeting is July 30-Aug. 4

Welcome to the 98th Annual session of the 20th Century District Association of Texas, July 30-Aug. 4, at the Mt. Gilead Missionary Baptist Church in Egypt. The theme is "Reclaiming The Family", Ephesians 5 and 6. A Grand Musical will be held July 30 at 7 p.m. Rev. Obie Rhodes, moderator; Rev. E.G. Williams, 1st vice moderator.

Retirement Appreciation Banquet is Aug. 12

Please join us in honoring Christina Castle Moody with love and best wishes at a Retirement Appreciation Banquet in her honor Saturday, Aug. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center, 100 N. Walnut Ave.

RHS Class of '85 reunion set for Aug. 5

The 15-year class reunion of Rice High School Class of 1985 is two weeks away. There has been one change for those who are attending. Family time will now take place at the New Park Area by the swimming pool. Entertainment will still be provided for the kids. Family time is from 3 to 5 p.m., adult time is at 7 p.m. The event will be held at the Community Center. Please continue to RSVP, "We need to Know" \$10 per person; \$20 per couple. Send money in or pay at the door. Contact Michael A. Mota at 281-239-2844 or e-mail rhs85@evl.net.

Main Street organizational meeting scheduled

The Eagle Lake Main Street program will hold an organizational meeting for building and business owners Thursday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Eagle Lake (See Newsbriefs, Page 10)

ELMS registration, orientation set

The Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) has set the following dates and times for students to pick up text books and register for the upcoming school year.

Fourth and fifth grade students and their parents may pick up the home set of textbooks in the ELMS cafeteria

Monday, Aug. 7, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Sixth through eighth grade students and their parents may pick up their schedules and home set of books according to the following schedule:

6th grade, Monday, Aug. 7, 1-4

p.m.

7th grade, Tuesday, Aug. 8, 8 a.m. to 12 noon;

8th grade, Tuesday, Aug. 8, 1-4 p.m.

You will be given book covers so the books can be covered before (See ELMS, Page 12)

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending July 24.

On July 18, at 10:40 a.m., Officer Wendy Alley was dispatched to Dan's Minute Stop in reference to a gas drive off. A report was taken and filed.

At 7:15 p.m., Officer Stephen Nelson was dispatched to 219 Hunter's Lane in reference to a female juvenile runaway. The juvenile was found and released to her parents.

On July 19, at 8:46 a.m., Investigator Randy Schlauch and Officer Michael Krenak assisted the Colorado County Sheriff's Department on FM 102 south in reference to a burglar alarm call. Officers checked the area and found no signs of forced entry. No further assistance was needed.

At 4:21 p.m., Officer Krenak was dispatched to Scott Ave. in regards to a juvenile runaway.

The officer searched the area for several hours. Later that evening, the officer was advised the juvenile had returned home.

At 6:25 p.m., Officer Brian Lasley was dispatched to 426 Glen Meadows in regards to a suspicious male who had been following two juvenile females.

The female juveniles described a small white and tan or possibly a brown colored pickup, which was being driven by an older white male. The juvenile's parent wanted the incident known and documented by the police department.

At 11:51 p.m., Officer Lasley and Sgt. Tim Crume were called to a disturbance at 211 Hunter's Lane. During the investigation, Christopher Lujan was arrested for interference with public duties of an officer and public intoxication.

On July 20, at 11:13 a.m. and 1 p.m., Officer Krenak and Investigator Schlauch received calls from Martha Holloway regarding a neighbor who she claimed was harassing her. The neighbor was advised by the officers to leave her alone. No further action was needed or taken at this time.

At 4:08 p.m., Officer Lasley, Sgt. Crume, Investigator Schlauch, Lt. Clem Johnson and Chief Keith Webb were dispatched to a major accident at the intersection of W. Post Office and Walnut. The accident involved Ms. Ethel Konvicka, driving a Chevy Blazer, and Mr. Clifton Daniels, driving an Oldsmobile.

Eagle Lake's Medic Unit #3 and members of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department also responded to the scene and assisted.

Medic #3 transported Daniels and a passenger from his vehicle to Rice Medical Center. The two men were later released.

Ms. Konvicka was not injured, but was issued a citation for failure to yield right of way.

On July 21, at 12:04 p.m., Officer Krenak was dispatched to 1308 E. State St. in regards to Martha Holloway being harassed.

At 3:43 p.m., Sgt. Crume received a call from a male complainant wanting to report a harassing phone call from another male. The case is under investigation.

At 4:25 p.m., Officer Krenak was dispatched to 506 Stephens St. in regards to Patty Woods being harassed. The officer attempted to locate the suspect, but was unable to at that time.

At 8:38 p.m., while on patrol, Sgt. Crume conducted a traffic stop in the 700 block of S. McCarty. As a result of the stop, Bobby Carl Bluntson was arrested for driving while license suspended.

At 11:30 p.m., Officer Lasley and Sgt. Crume were dispatched to 814 East E Street in regards to a false alarm.

On July 22, at 2:12 a.m., Sgt. Crume assisted Deputy Ashorn on a vehicle search. Barbara Sedlock and Marion Richardson were arrested for possession of marijuana.

At 7:34 p.m., Officer Lasley met with a complainant at 1201 Schley #16 about a dog biting an 18-month-old child. The dog was picked up by Animal Control Officer Cardenas,

who quarantined the dog.

At 7:36 p.m., Sgt. Crume was dispatched to the park in regards to an alligator being caught by a juvenile while he was fishing.

Sgt. Crume dislodged the hooked alligator, releasing it back into the creek.

At 8:46 p.m., a traffic warrant was served on Briana Bedford. She paid the fine at the police department.

On July 23, at 1:19 a.m., while on patrol, Officer Lasley noticed a vehicle parked in the parking lot of J&K's. The vehicle had been reported stolen out of Harris County. It was later determined that the vehicle had already been recovered and was not currently stolen.

At 1:43 p.m., Officer Lasley met with a complainant at the police department regarding her step-father using her car without her permission and money that was found missing from her wallet. The case is under investigation.

At 4:20 p.m., Officer Alley served outstanding warrants by arresting Jacqueline McGrew, Ricky Toliver and Johnny Main Johnson.

At 9:25 p.m., while in Columbus and on the way back from a prisoner transport, Sgt. Bill Lattimore assisted Columbus Police Officer Sgt. Danny

Jackson on an assault call after Sgt. Lattimore learned that all other Columbus officers were busy.

At 9:45 p.m., while on patrol, Officer Lasley located a suspicious vehicle at the senior bridge, which led to Officer Lasley charging Debbie Tarver with possession of drug paraphernalia.

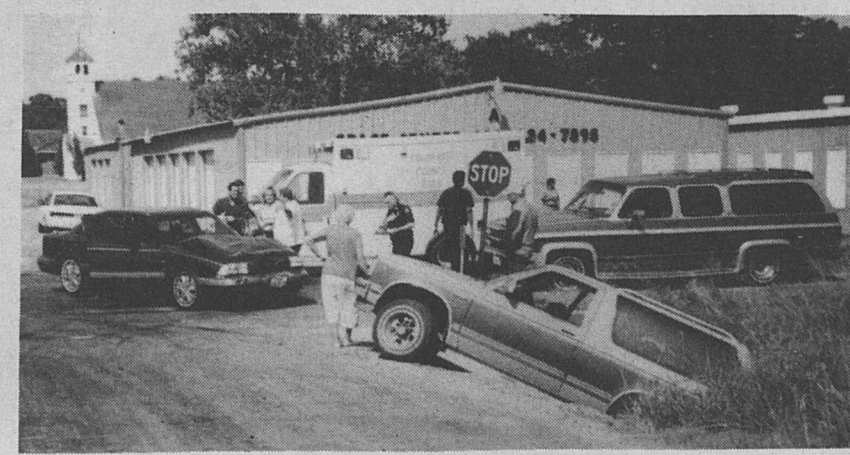
On July 24, at 4:05 a.m., Officer Lasley was dispatched to 501 First St. where he met Leticia Vasquez in regards to a deceased female. Judge Mary Ordner pronounced Ms. Rosie Coats dead at the scene.

Apparently, Ms. Coats had been suffering from several medical problems, was in poor medical condition at the time and was being treated by medical professionals and her family.

At 8:30 a.m., Roney Carroll came to the police department and paid an outstanding traffic capias pro fine warrant issued out of Eagle Lake Municipal Court.

At 9:30 a.m., Lucinda Brown came to the police department and paid an outstanding city ordinance warrant issued out of Eagle Lake Municipal Court.

At 11:43 a.m., Herlinda Casanova came to the police department and paid two outstanding Eagle Lake Municipal Court warrants.



Ethel Konvicka's Blazer ended up in the ditch between the railroad tracks and Post Office Street last Thursday following a collision with and Oldsmobile driven by Clifton Daniels. Daniels and his passenger were transported to Rice Medical Center and later released. Konvicka was uninjured.

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