

TWONC meeting will be historic

Members of the Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club (TWONC) plan an evening meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, at the Prairie Edge Museum to gain details about Eagle Lake in the early days. Fred Frnka, former editor and publisher of the *Eagle Lake Headlight*, will discuss this topic and illustrate it with an audio tape describing historic busi-

nesses, homesteads and events. In charge of the evening are Kenneth and Helen Craig. There will be light refreshments. TWONC President Alice Sunderman encourages would-be members and interested visitors to attend. (See TWONC, Page 8)

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NEWSBRIEFS

Chamber meeting is Monday

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly meeting at noon Monday, Aug. 21, at Taco Tony's, Calhoun Road at Hwy. 90-A, Eagle Lake. Call Chamber Secretary Lana Dulany at 234-2780 to let her know you plan to attend. Remember, the meeting is open to all Chamber members and/or interested parties. It's not just for the Board of Directors!

CTYFA registration is Aug. 19

The Central Texas Youth Football Association (CTYFA) will hold registration for football players and cheerleaders at 12 noon Saturday, Aug. 19, in La Grange at the Park next to the Fayette Public Library, 855 S. Jefferson. Any child age seven through 12 is welcome to participate in the league. Birth certificates are required and there will be a \$40 registration fee for players and \$35 fee for cheerleaders payable at the time of registration. Please call Bill Wiebold at 979-732-2699 or Jimmie Landreth at 979-968-3495 for information.

RMC invites public to open house

Rice Medical Center (RMC) invites the public to an Open House for Dr. Ramon Cantu and his family Wednesday, Aug. 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Thomas Clinic. Join them as they extend a warm welcome to Dr. Cantu and his family. Refreshments will be served.

RHS pre-season pep rally is Aug. 23

The Rice High School (RHS) Cheerleaders invite the public to join them Wednesday, Aug. 23, for a pre-season pep rally and hot dog supper beginning at 6 p.m. outside the PAC Center. Football and volleyball players and coaches will be present. Free hot dogs will be provided as long as supplies last. Come out and meet the Raiders as they begin their quest for a playoff spot!

RMC breakfast taco sale set for Aug. 18

Rice Medical Center (RMC) will be having a breakfast taco sale Friday, Aug. 18, from 7 to 9 a.m. to help raise money for their annual Health Fair to be held in Oct. Tacos will be sold in the hospital dining room for walk-ins or can be delivered if you order 10 or more. Please call the hospital at 234-5571 to place your order in advance or prior to picking them up for better service. For more information, call 234-5571 and ask for Michael Donnelly or Mary Lee Palmer.

Senior Friends Galveston trip is Aug. 24

Join Senior Friends on Aug. 24 for a day trip to Galveston's Moody Gardens. You will receive a day pass which will allow you to visit all attractions at the gardens. Enjoy lunch at the buffet Garden Restaurant. The total price is \$57 per person. Call Sherri at 979-282-6808 for more information.

'Family Fun Day in the Park' set for Sept. 16

Main Street Eagle Lake will be hosting "Family Fun Day in the Park" Saturday, Sept. 16. Activities will include tennis, horseshoe and domino tournaments, kids' games and an ice cream "make your own sundae" social hour. For more information, contact any member of the Promotion Committee or call the Main Street Office at 979-234-6933. Proceeds will be used for landscape and streetscape improvements.

Sponsorships for Fair still available

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for this year's Colorado County Fair, being held during the third week of Sept. Benefits of sponsorship are individual/business advertising while supporting the Fair. A banner, recognizing the sponsor, will be displayed during the Fair. Contact Mark Robinson at 979-732-6413 for rodeo arena sponsorship details; or James Weishuhn at 732-2842 for show/sale pavilion details.

RCISD Staff Appreciation Dinner is Sunday

Please join the Ministerial Alliance of Eagle Lake for an evening of Appreciation for the Teachers and Staff of Rice CISD in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, corner of N. Lake and Prairie Streets in Eagle Lake, Sunday, Aug. 20, with a 6 p.m. service followed by a covered dish dinner.

Women's Day Program set for Aug. 20

The Annual Women's Day Program will be held Sunday, Aug. 20, at 3 p.m. at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Alleyton. Guest speaker will be Minister Joann Reed of Olive Branch Baptist Church in Glidden. All women are asked to wear white. The public is invited to come hear this dynamic woman of God bring forth the word.

Free casino trip scheduled for Aug. 22

Reserve your seat on a FREE Senior Friends bus trip to Players Island Casino in Lake Charles, La., Tuesday, Aug. 22. (Will collect tip for bus driver.) The bus will leave Gulf Coast Medical Center at 7:30 a.m. Call Sherri at 979-282-6808 to reserve your place.

Seminar to be held Aug. 25-26

A seminar entitled Women and the Church, God's Word to Women in the 21st Century, will be presented by Drs. Eddie and Susan Hyatt Friday evening, Aug. 25, and Saturday, Aug. 26. The event, sponsored by God's Word to Women ministries, will be held at 600 Partridge Lane in Eagle Lake. For more information, call Gay Anderson at 979-234-2376 or go to the website at www.godswordtowomen.org.

Eagle Lake KC dinner is Sunday

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Council #4843 will be serving a fried chicken dinner Sunday, Aug. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Andrew Hall, corner of Murphy and Guadalupe. Tickets for plates to go are \$6 each and may be purchased from any KC member or in the serving line. Desserts will be sold by the Rice Flag Corps. Proceeds benefit the scholarship fund and local charities. Please note that Andrew Hall is the new location and where most of the KC's meals will be served.

Main Street architect to visit Aug. 31

Texas Main Street architect Bill Lindstrom, from Austin, will be visiting Eagle Lake Thursday, Aug. 31. Architectural assistance is one of the many services the Main Street Program offers *free of charge* to the business and building owners in the Main Street District. Business and buildings owners who wish to have a free consultation for guidance and ideas in their revitalization efforts and/or to request a rendering of their business or building will need to make an appointment by calling the Main Street Office at 979-234-6933. *Appointments are required.*

Season football tickets on sale

Season tickets for Rice High School home football games are on sale at the Rice CISD business office through Friday, Aug. 18. Beginning Monday, Aug. 19, tickets will be on sale at the Rice High School office. (See Newsbriefs, Page 8)

Rice coaches pleased with gridiron progress

The Rice Raiders football program got off to a good start with 2-a-day practices Monday, Aug. 7. For 3A schools across the state of Texas, Monday was their first practice.

The Raiders practiced in shorts for the first four days, then strapped on the pads for Friday's practice.

Coach Russell Roark's Raiders return several starters from last season's 5-5 team. Roark seems very enthusiastic about this year's squad.

"We have around 33 kids on the varsity right now and around 50 underclassmen. Of those 50, four or five of these young men have been pleasant surprises and will have the opportunity to compete for a varsity spot," Roark noted.

"We have gone through an entire week, and besides the regular soreness and bruises, we're very healthy. This coaching staff is very excited about the upcoming season, as are the kids," Roark added.

Returning as starters from last season on offense are tackles Norris Powell and Adrian Espinosa.

Also back is guard John Rucka, center Jacob Little, and backs Jerry Cleveland, Benny Glover and Cornelius Ashton.

Receiver Jason Barrow returns as the district's top returning ball catcher.

Defensively, the Raiders return ends Trent Korenek and Quentin Whitfield. Also returning is tackle John Rucka and linebackers Adam Baird, Jerry Cleveland, Conrad Diggs and Jermal Wright.

Highlighting the defensive starters are cornerbacks Jessie Upson and Adrian Middleton.

Upson, only a junior, returns as Rice's only first team all-state player in the school's 30 year history. He pulled down 11 interceptions in 10 games during the 1999 season.

Roark said, "We have more quality depth on this year's team than we've had in four years. We feel that we have excellent starters and solid backups at all positions. This should allow us to play lots of kids during the course of a game."

Roark noted that the second scrimmage date against Cuero has

been moved to Thursday, Aug. 24. The scrimmage will begin at approximately 5 p.m. at Rice Raider Stadium with the freshmen against the Gobbler

9th graders.

Fans are encouraged to also attend the Aug. 19 scrimmage (Saturday) at Brookshire beginning at 5 p.m.

Come show your support as the Raiders have the opportunity to have their finest season in many, many years.

County Fair catalogues available

The 2000 Colorado County Fair Catalogues with rules for livestock, home economics, fine arts and special events, along with the official entry forms for all home economics and fine arts contests, are now available at the following locations: County Extension Office and Potter's Western Store in Columbus, Weimar City Hall, First National Bank in Eagle Lake, Larry's Super Service in Garwood, Nada Grocery, Sandy Creek Drive-In in Sheridan, Bernardo Farm and Ranch Supply, Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg and Schulz's General Store in New

Ulm.

For information on the Livestock Show and Junior Livestock Sale, call County Ag Agent Benard Mitchell at 979-732-2082.

For information on the Queen's Pageant, call Pamela Potter, 732-2705.

For information on the Little Mister and Miss and Jr. Mister and Miss Contests, call Luane Schindler, 979-733-0148.

For information on the Parade, call Wade Gibson, 732-8718.

For information on the Rodeo and

Arena Events, call Mark Robinson, 732-6413.

For information on Commercial Exhibits, call Darlene Hayek, 979-263-5386.

For information of food concessions, call Molly Janak, 263-5665.

For all other information, call Carolyn Walla at the Fair office, 732-9266; or Fair President Mack Janak, 263-5160.

The Fair will run Sept. 14-17 at the new Colorado County Ag Complex facility located on the Hwy. 71 Bypass near Columbus.

City's sales tax rebate falls off

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander allocated \$275.5 million in sales tax revenue to 1,107 Texas cities and 119 counties last week. Aug. sales tax rebates are up 1.2% compared to Aug. 1999. Year-to-date, payments to cities and counties are running 7.7% ahead of 1999.

The City of Eagle Lake received a rebate for \$14,913.17, 5.95% lower than the \$15,858.22 received last Aug.

The sales tax rebates Rylander delivered include \$254.9 million to Texas cities, up 1.2% compared to Aug. 1999. Texas counties received Aug. rebates of \$20.6 million, up 1.2% compared to a year ago.

In addition to city and county sales tax rebates, \$96.2 million went to Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit systems, and \$8.7 million was paid to 51 special purpose district.

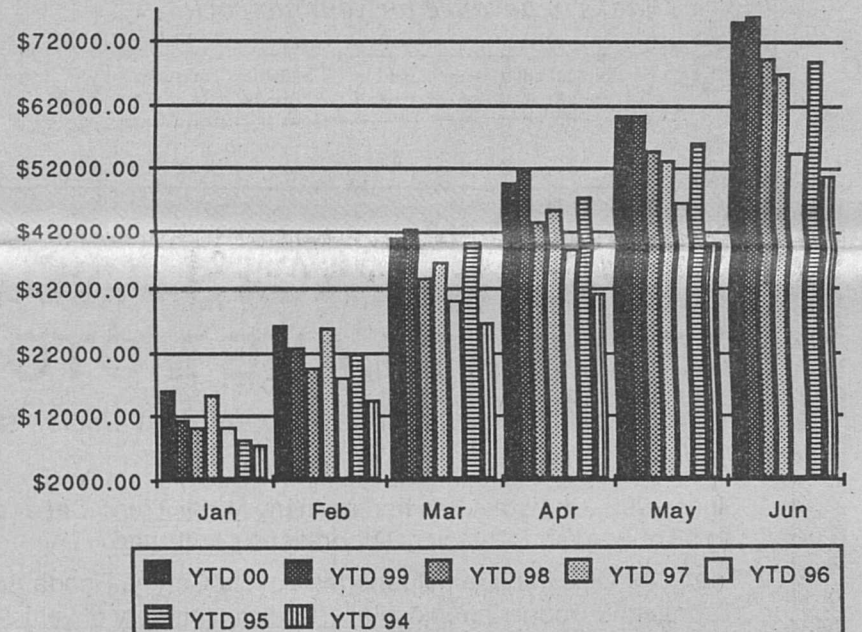
Rice Hospital District, one of the 51 special purpose district, received a rebate of \$9,151.39, 12.09% lower than the \$10,410.28 received last Aug.

Aug. sales tax rebates represent sales tax collected in April, May and

June and reported to the Comptroller in July.

For details of July sales tax alloca-

tions to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose (See Rebates, Page 3)



Year-to-date values (YTD) for the City of Eagle Lake's sales tax rebates are charted against the month the tax was collected by local businesses, not the month the rebate was received by the City.

School Board approves \$10 million+ budget

By Heidi Beasley

The Rice Consolidated Board of Trustees called their regular business meeting to order at 7:29 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14, with all members present.

The proposed 2000-2001 budget of \$10,698,199 was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Members approved both the Maintenance and Operation Tax rate of \$1.40615/\$100 valuation and the Interest and Sinking Tax rate of \$.07241, giving a total tax of \$1.47856.

Members approved the minutes of the last five meetings; July 3, 10, 18, 28 and Aug. 7. The payment of bills was reviewed and approved by all.

Dr. Richard Gott gave a report on a grant the District is working on in cooperation with Region 3. Several

other districts are also involved. The exact monetary compensation is unknown at this time.

The Board then heard reports from each principal.

Mike Lanier from Rice High School stated they had a good first day of school with few problems. They're still working on class scheduling to fix class sizes. Total enrollment for his campus is 405 students.

Bill Hefner of Garwood School also stated they had a positive first day of classes. He updated the Board on the new carpeting in the school library and future computer lab. The carpet was purchased with funds raised by the campus itself.

Ms. Dollie Coleman of Eagle Lake Primary expressed enthusiasm about their first day. She thanked the Board

for the new carpet throughout the campus. She also expressed appreciation for the custodial staff there. They put in extra hours to get the building ready for classes on Monday.

Coleman gave an update on the teacher in-service held Thursday, Aug. 10. The workshop was led by Melinda Kucherka and focused on

TAAS strategies for all grade levels in math.

Gene Glover of Eagle Lake Middle School stated they had a very smooth first day also. He told the Board members about some campus renovations which have taken place: the gym floor was given a new coat of

(See Board, Page 4)

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following cases and calls for the week ending Aug. 13.

On Aug. 8, at 8:25 a.m., Officer Michael Krenek assisted Deputy Jeff Argo on FM 3013 in regards to a vehicle failing to stop after it had struck a corner post and fence, which lead to the entrance to the Duddleston Welding. Information was taken by the deputy.

On Aug. 9, at 12:34 a.m., Officer Stephen Nelson investigated an accident at 200 Johnson Street involving a pickup truck being driven by Margaret Rodriguez. The Rodriguez vehicle side-swiped an 18-wheeler being driven by Michael Wayne Wilks. Rodriguez was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Her passenger, Samuel Rodriguez, was arrested for public intoxication.

At 10:20 a.m., while on patrol at 501 Lakeside Drive, Officer Wendy Alley arrested Jessie Scott on an outstanding warrant for terroristic threat.

At 4:10 p.m., Officer Alley met with Maria Arellano in regards to her son's bicycle being stolen from her yard at 706 East B Street. Information was taken and the case is under investigation.

At 4:20 p.m., Sgt. Bill Lattimore met with Anjanette Gonzales at 1205 Raezer in regards to her niece's bicycle being stolen. Information was taken and the case is under investigation.

On Aug. 10, at 1:44 a.m., while on patrol, Sgt. Lattimore saw two suspicious male subjects dressed in dark clothing, wearing rubber gloves and carrying black bags, walking on Glen Flora Road.

Sgt. Lattimore identified the males as 17-year-old Patrick Lane and 17-year-old Adrian Flores. Among the assorted items, Lane was carrying a loaded .25 caliber semi-automatic handgun. He was arrested for unlawfully carrying a handgun.

Flores was driven to his parents' house and released to them.

The case is still under investigation and will be reviewed by the county attorney's office in reference to the filing of additional charges on the young men.

At 11:40 a.m., Officer Alley received a call from the Wharton County Sheriff's Office in reference to a forgery and a burglary being investigated in which Timothy McMillon of

(See Police, Page 6)



Guards go up

As of the first of this week, there are no more unguarded railroad crossings inside the City. Railroad workers finished installing the crossing arms, warning signals and lights during the early part of the week at the Walnut Street crossing.

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