

'Picnic in the Park' is Saturday

The Main Street Promotion Committee is geared up for its 2nd Annual "Picnic in the Park" Saturday, June 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Chicken dinners will be sold for \$6 and will include half a chicken (cooked by the Eagle Lake Lions Club!), beans, rice salad, all the trimmings and tea. Proceeds will continue to go to the landscape and streetscape improvement fund and for the signages. Tickets may be purchased from any of the Main Street Promotion Committee Members: Becky Anderson, Joan Matthews, Liz Waddell, Bernice Bornstein, Margo Harrison or Lesley Carey; or at the Main Street office any afternoon Monday-Friday. Desserts will be available for purchase from the White Cloud Baptist Church during the "Picnic".

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NEWSBRIEFS

Greater Union Baptist bake sale is Saturday

The Greater Union Baptist Church Youth Department will hold a bake sale Saturday, June 16, in front of Eagle Lake Supermarket starting at 8 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the youths summer trip.

Rice Flag Corps reschedules garage sale

Due to the rain last Saturday, the Rice Flag Corps has re-scheduled their garage sale for this Saturday, June 16, starting at 8 a.m. at 903 Church St. Baked goods will also be sold. Please come out and show your support.

Fundraiser beauty pageant set for June 23

A Fundraiser Beauty Pageant for Dennis Fisher will be sponsored by Crown Royalty Pageants June 23 at the Sheridan Lions Club Community Center starting at 11 a.m. with registration from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Trophies, crowns and gifts will be awarded. All proceeds will be given to the Fuller family. Fuller needs a liver transplant and funds are desperately needed to help with medical expenses. The pageant is open to anyone; no experience required. Please wear your Sunday best or party dress to compete. For more information, call Jana Birmingham, 979-758-3040; or Charlotte Fuller, 234-7216.

Houston VA Medical Center fully operational

The Houston Veterans Affairs Medical Center is open and fully operational. Veterans in need of medical care can seek treatment at the VA Medical Center. Although the Texas Medical Center experienced difficulty recently due to the severe weather conditions, the VA Medical Center did not flood, lose power or run short of supplies.

GCA fundraiser set for June 16

The Garwood Community Association (GCA) is sponsoring a fundraiser bake sale Saturday, June 16, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Library in Garwood and the Nade Grocery Store. Support the GCA and let them do your Father's Day baking.

July 4th celebration set in Eagle Lake

Mark your calendar now to attend the "Old Time July 4th Celebration" in the Eagle Lake Municipal Park, sponsored by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce. Events will include a parade with line-up beginning at 9:30 a.m. The parade will start at 10 a.m. For information, call the Chamber at 979-234-2780 or Russell Dispart at 234-2777.

Senior Friends planning trip to NASA

Senior Friends is going to visit NASA and the Kemah Boardwalk Tuesday, June 26. The cost is \$30. Lunch on your own at one of several different restaurants in Kemah. Join us by calling Carol at 979-282-6090 or Robin at 282-6808.

GUBC Pre-Annual Youth Day is July 1

The officers and members of the Greater Union Baptist Church (GUBC) invite the public to the Pre-Annual Youth Day, Sunday, July 1, at 3 p.m. Rev. Sean Deese and Christ Fellowship Baptist Church of Houston will be the guests. The Annual Youth Day at GUBC is Sunday, July 15, at 3 p.m. Rev. Kenneth Wicks and New Home Baptist Church of Garwood will be the guests.

2nd Annual 'Picnic in the Park' is Saturday

Eagle Lake Municipal Park is the place to be this Saturday, June 16!

The long-awaited engraved brick pavers will be unveiled Saturday during Main Street 2nd Annual "Picnic in the Park".

The Main Street Promotion Committee will be selling chicken dinners for \$6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. next to the gazebo. The dinners will consist of half a chicken (cooked by the Eagle Lake Lions Club!), beans, rice salad, all the trimmings and tea. Eat in the park or plates to go will be available.

Proceeds will continue to go to the landscape and streetscape improvement fund and signage.

Bring your binoculars and family and spend some time at the Park this Saturday.

Enjoy a delicious chicken dinner, take a stroll to the observation deck, view the engraved brick pavers, let the

children play on the playground equipment and/or take them swimming at the pool (the pool opens at 1 p.m.).

And, thank to the Garden Club, take in the beautiful blooming clematis and other plants that are now in the Park.

Tickets for the chicken dinners may be purchased from members of the Main Street Promotion Committee: Becky Anderson; Joan Matthews; Jean Wiese; Bernice Bornstein; Liz Waddell; Margo Harrison; Tony Tyler; Lesley Carey; Doug Schwemm, Sportsman's; Sharon Adams, Antiques @312 Main; Anna Gertson, Creative Expressions; Denise Janow, Austin's; or the Main Street Office any afternoon, Monday-Friday.

Desserts, provided by members of the White Cloud Baptist Church, will also be available.

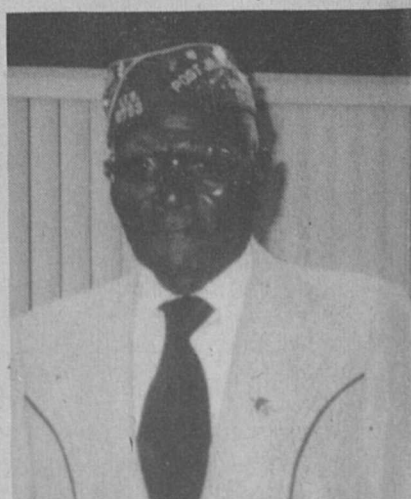
See you Saturday at the Park!

Tree planted to honor local WWII veterans

In observance of the traditional Memorial Day, an Eisenhower ash tree was planted at the 1904 Calaboose, located on S. McCarty between the Dairy Market and Eagle Lake Supermarket.

Taking part in the ceremony were members of the local VFW Post #8783, American Legion Post and Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance.

To go along with the Memorial Day activities, a few of the WWII veterans who attended the ceremony provided individual photos and information about their military service.



Ervin Hurd enlisted in the U.S. Army Feb. 16, 1943, and received his basic training at Ft. Rucker, Alabama. He shipped out of New Jersey, March 1944, and was assigned to the 431st Quartermaster Truck Co.

Hurd took part in the battles of Normandy, Ardennes Rhineland, Northern France and finally Central Europe.

A recipient of the EAME Service Ribbon, One Silver Service Star and the American Service Ribbon, he was discharged from Camp Chaffee, Arkansas on Nov. 1, 1945.



Isidoro Ramirez enlisted in the U.S. Army Feb. 5, 1943.

Later in 1943, he was shipped to St. Petersburg, Florida, and assigned to the Army Air Corps (Air Force) for guard duty.

After finishing Military Police School, he was assigned to the 1386 Military Police Co.

In March 1945, he was sent to Guam in the Marianas Islands to guard Harmon Field and its B-29s.

After the war, he returned to Fort Bliss in El Paso and was discharged in Feb. 1946.



G.A. Rodriguez enlisted in the U.S. Army March 11, 1941.

His military occupation specialty was Rifleman 745.

Rodriguez was in the 41st Infantry and departed Dec. 12, 1942 for Casa Blanca, Africa.

After his stay in Africa, he was in Sicily, Normandy, Belgium, North France, Holland and Germany.

He was awarded a Campaign Medal W/4 Bronze Stars, American Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

After being shipped back to states, he was discharged June 15, 1945.



Local veterans and VFW members present at the planting were, in back, from left, Joe Duncan, service officer; Harry Supak, chaplain; Billy Salazar, trustee; G.A. Rodriguez, member; August Servantes, post advocate; Earl Rodgers, Quartermaster; Isidoro Ramirez, Sr. vice commander; Ronnie Sedgwick, surgeon; and Vic Scott, American Legion member. In front are Len Matula, VFW commander; Ervin Hurd, Jr. vice commander; and Eagle Lake Mayor Michael Cooper.

Photos Courtesy of Len & Pat Matula



Earl Rodgers reported for basic training with the U.S. Navy in San Diego, California, in 1943.

He took special training in Washington, D.C., and, in May 1943, shipped to Fleet Radio Service in the South Pacific where he stayed for 31 months.

SP (Q) CRIC(T) Rodgers was awarded the U.S. Naval Communication Intelligence Organization Medal for service during the period of Dec. 7, 1941, to Sept. 1945.

He was also awarded the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon.



Planting the Eisenhower commemorative tree were, from left, Len Matula, Commander VFW Post #8783; Michael Cooper, Mayor of Eagle Lake; and Evelyn Stowers, President of Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance.

Gas safety seminar held for ELVFD

By Paul A. Kucherka

Over 50 residents and guests, as well as members of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department (ELVFD), had a hamburger dinner followed by a Natural Gas Safety Seminar Monday, June 4, conducted by representatives of Reliant Energy.

Karl Burris started the seminar off with the basic characteristics of natural gas.

Burris went on to explain that Eagle Lake has a dual gas system with a maximum pressure of 10 psig on one and 25 psig on the other.

Relief valves maintain a safe oper-

ating pressure for the dual system.

Burris explained how, if these relief valves ever "pop off" due to excess pressure, there would be a loud rushing air sound. The valves are doing what they need to do to keep the customer safe.

Gary Janda continued the presentation with service line safety. Janda explained the repair procedure for service and main lines. The service and main lines are now yellow plastic pipes. If one is ever cut, of course, it should be reported to the local Reliant Energy office.

Janda continued, saying if the fire department was ever called to a gas

line leak, their primary job would be to secure the area and prevent ignition of the natural gas.

Paul Supak, a local Reliant employee, added that if a gas meter is shut off for any reason, do not turn it back on. Before Reliant restarts the gas, they must check out the gas regulator/meter, service lines, valves and inside service lines of a building. This important part of safety is skipped if the customer turns the gas on.

On behalf of Reliant Energy, Betsy Glaisher presented the ELVFD a gas burner and stand for fish fries in appreciation for allowing Reliant to present the seminar.

Deadline for Habitat Home is July 31

Looking for an affordable opportunity to buy a simple, decent home?

Colorado County Habitat for Humanity (CCHFH) will be building a house in Weimar at the corner lot of County Road and Heller Road.

The deadline for applications is July 31.

For an application, call 1-800-243-5369. Or, for a Spanish speaking representative, call 979-234-2842 or 234-5764.

The selection of families who will purchase homes from CCHFH will be done by the selection committee in a way that does not discriminate on the

basis of race, sex, color, age, handicap, religion, marital status or because all or part of the applicant's income is derived from public assistance programs.

CCHFH Selection Criteria:

CCHFH will look at three different areas of selection criteria when reviewing potential "homeowner partners":

1. Your family's actual housing need based on the suitability of your current shelter.
2. Your income and ability to pay for a Habitat house.
3. Your willingness to participate as a partner with Habitat.

Row crop tour planned for June 18

The annual Colorado County Row Crop Tour is set for June 18, beginning at the Nada Community Center at 5 p.m.

Three Texas Agricultural Extension Service Specialists, along with Dan Fromme-Extension Agent Integrated Pest Management for the area, will be conducting the field day.

Dr. John Bremer, extension weed specialist, will cover topics on spray drift, alternative cotton stalk destruction methods and general weed identification and control.

Dr. Steve Livingston, extension agronomist, will cover the sorghum profit program, staygreens and other sorghum breeding improvements. Also, he will discuss cotton industry changes.

Dr. Roy Parker, professor and extension entomologist, will cover top-

ics on results of county cotton insecticide demonstration. He will cover at-planting application of insecticides, cotton variety test and general cotton insect varieties.

Dan Fromme, extension agent I.P.M. for the area, will discuss COT-man and its use as a tool for cotton production and management.

The County Row Crop tour will consist of stops to see seven county standard corn and grain sorghum plots, cotton insecticide demonstration, along with the county cotton variety demonstration.

The tour will begin at 5 p.m. and return to Nada Community Center for the meal at approximately 7:30.

For those persons needing continuing education units for pesticide applicator re-certification, three CEUs will be offered. You must go on

the tour to receive the CEUs.

This year's Row Crop Tour is being sponsored by the Colorado County Row Crop Committee, local and area agri-business and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Everyone is invited to attend. If you have further questions, feel free to call the County Extension Office at 979-732-2082.

Early deadline

Due to the Fourth of July falling on a Wednesday, the Headlight issue of July 5 will have an early deadline.

The staff asks that all advertisements (including classified word ads) and news articles be in the office by 5 p.m. Friday, June 29, so they will have time to do justice to your submission.