

RHS 1975-1979 classes to hold reunion

The Rice High School 1975-1979 multi-year class reunion is rapidly approaching. If you still have not received an invitation or know of someone who has not received one, please call the person listed for your class.

Class 1975: John Konescheck, 979-234-7436; **Class of 1976:** Denice Austin Janow, 234-2418; **Class of 1977:** Peggy Austin DeBolt, 281-879-4686; **Class of 1978:** Lisa Mahalitz Hoffman, 979-758-3933; **Class of 1979:** Roberta Tomchesson Johnson, 234-5297.

A registration form needs to be completed and returned in order to attend the reunion.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Eagle Lake Pageant to be held in Aug.

An Eagle Lake Pageant will be held Aug. 24, selecting a Little Mr. and Miss, three-six years old; Eagle Lake Princess, seven-11 years old; Jr. Miss Eagle Lake, 12-14 years old; and Miss Eagle Lake, 15-18 years old. Sign up begins July 4 at the City Park during the 4th of July Celebration.

RMC to celebrate 60 years of service

Rice Medical Center (RMC) will celebrate 60 years of outstanding healthcare to the Rice District Community Friday, June 14, from 3 to 5 p.m. Stop by and enjoy punch and cookies.

Summer 4-H archery project starts tonight

The Colorado River 4-H Shooting Sports program will hold a summer archery project starting Thursday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Colorado County Ag Complex parking lot. This summer project will include several types of outdoor archery games over a period of five weeks. For more information, contact either the County Extension Office at 979-732-2530 or James and Sharon Ross at 732-6982.

Community Youth Movement is Friday

Youth, please make plans to attend a Community Youth Movement program Friday, June 14, 7-8:30 p.m. at Didner Hall. Dr. Lisa Holloway is scheduled to speak on "Daily Issues That Become Crisis". If you have any questions, contact Mary Christal, Event Coordinator, at 979-234-7536.

Juneteenth basketball tournament starts Friday

Come join in the Juneteenth basketball tournament to be held Friday, June 14, beginning at 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 15, at the Eagle Lake Middle School. If you and your team are interested in participating, you may contact Dave Curry at 234-2467 or George Deville at 234-2421. Bring your "A" game and let's hoop!

RMC holding Father's Day drawing

The Rice Medical Center (RMC) Employee Volunteers will hold a Father's Day drawing Friday, June 14, at 2 p.m. To purchase tickets, call 979-234-5571 ext. 5236 for Bonnie Jones or ext. 5274 for Noble Anderson. Tickets are six for \$5.

No ELPS PTO meeting this month

The officers of the Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) PTO would like to remind all parents and guardians there will be no PTO meetings while school is out.

Main Street to sponsor art extravaganza

Main Street Eagle Lake is sponsoring an art extravaganza. To participate in this event, one needs to pickup a canvas (many sizes to choose from, from small to extra large) at the Main Street Office as soon as possible. All painted/decorated canvases are to be returned to the Main Street Office. Cash prizes will be awarded. For more information, call Leslie Lerner, Main Street Manager at 234-6933 or 713-526-5453; or e-mail lesliel@flash.net.

Chess Club starting in Eagle Lake

Tony Tyler is inviting young people who have completed the sixth and seventh grades to learn chess. A chess club has started in Garwood and we are hoping to set up contests and activities between the two clubs. A summer training course will commence some time in June. Please contact Tony at 234-6850 or Deborah Reed at 234-2601 if you are interested. This program is being sponsored by the Rice CISD Mentor and Volunteer Program.

ELPA selling drawing tickets

Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance (ELPA) members are in the process of selling drawing tickets. In support of this organization, the community has donated great prizes. Some are on display at the historic Norris Building on the downtown square. Tickets may be obtained from Mary Ann Kaluza at Baumgart Insurance Agency, Pat Matula at First National Bank or any ELPA member. Your support is greatly appreciated. The drawing is scheduled for July 4.

Market goat, market lamb tag-in is Saturday

Market goats and market lambs to be exhibited at the 2002 Colorado County Fair will be tagged, tattooed and weighed Saturday, June 15, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Ag Complex Colorado County Fairgrounds. A fee of \$2 per animal will be collected at tag-in. In the market lamb show, exhibitors may show either a wether or ewe lamb. Lambs must be carrying temporary incisors (milk teeth) with no permanent incisors in view at show time in Sept. A wether or female goat may be shown in the market goat show. At the official Fair weigh-in Sept. 12, goats must not weigh over 125 pounds. For more information, contact Goat Show Chairperson Rocky Roesler at 979-247-4321 or Lamb Show Chairperson Barbara Roan at 979-234-7432.

Registration underway for Fiesta Contest

It is registration time again for the Little Mr. and Miss Fiesta and Miss Fiesta Contest. Contestants for the Little Mr. and Miss contest must be four to seven years of age by Sept. 7, 2002. Contestants for the Miss Fiesta Queen must be 15 to 18 years of age. Registration is underway now through June 25. For further information on the Little Mr. and Miss contest, call Yvonne Compian at 979-532-2107 or Felicia Torres at 979-618-1133. For information on the Miss Fiesta Queen contest, call Bruno Ybardo at 979-532-4964 or Gloria Garza at 532-0578, both after 7 p.m. please.

Rice CISD posts summer office hours

The Rice Consolidated ISD Administration summer office hours will be: Monday-Wednesday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed Fridays. Administration office vacation will be June 28 through July 5. Summer office hours will resume Monday, July 8. Regular office hours will resume Monday, Aug. 5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rice Fair Fun chili cook-off is June 23

The Rice Fair Fun, an organization with the purpose of supporting the Rice FFA and 4-H youth who are participating in the Colorado County Fair in Sept., will be sponsoring a chili cook-off, Sunday, June 23, starting at 12 noon. Interested cooks will need to be registered by 11 a.m. that morning. The cook-off will be held at "The Barn" in Eagle Lake with a penny raffle, animal and plant walk and various activities for the kids. There are also raffle tickets being sold through June 23 for anyone interested in purchasing them. Winners will be announced after the cook-off. For more information, call Denice Janow, 979-234-2418; Barbara Roan, 234-7432; or Penny Henske, 234-7620.

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102 Years young

Elizabeth Ward, known as "Aunt Ada" to all who know her, turned 102 years old this Wednesday, June 12. She was born June 12, 1900 in Schulenburg to Karl and Elizabeth Guenther Winkler. She is the last of 11 children in the family. Her Heritage House family and its staff would like to wish "Aunt Ada" a very Happy Birthday and wish her many, many more.

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Little League sets Closing Ceremonies for this Saturday

The Eagle Lake Little League will be holding Closing Ceremonies this Saturday, June 15. This is a time for all teams to come out to the ball field and play a final "fun game" to complete their season.

We have had an awesome season this year and would like to extend a huge thank you to all the players and guardians who have donated many man hours to our league.

Eagle Lake Little League will be offering grilled burger lunches and other favorites throughout this final season day.

Each ball team has been selling drawing tickets as a fundraiser. These tickets will be available for purchase until 1:00 p.m. After that time, winners will be drawn at intermission of each game.

Rice Little League All-Star teams will be announced at the end of the day. These All-Star teams are chosen from stats and abilities that are shown through the regular season by each player.

A winning manager from each of

the league's division of play may select an All-Star tournament team to take to competition.

A Managers & Coaches softball game will conclude the day's events.

Please come out to the Little League Field this Saturday and enjoy Eagle Lake's finest kids playing ball!!

Closing Day Schedule Tee-Ball

8:00-8:55 a.m. Mariners vs. Diamondbacks
9:00-9:55 a.m. Indians vs. Cubs

Minor Girls Softball
10:00-10:55 a.m. Lady Bugs vs. Angels

Long Ball Hitting Contest for all levels: 11:00-12:45 p.m. (in this order: Tee-Ball, Pee-Wee, Minor Girls SB, Minor Boys, Major Girls SB, Major Boys and Jr. League Boys)

Drawing of prizes 21-25
Pee-Wee League
(See Closing, Page 6)

GCD meeting is June 20

There will be a meeting of the Temporary Board of the Post Oak Groundwater Conservation District (GCD) at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 20, at the Nesbitt Memorial Library in Columbus.

The meeting is open to the public. Time for public comment is included in the agenda.

Also, the Board will consider and act upon the Advisory Committee's report and recommendations.

Facts About Flag Day... June 14

June 14, 1777, the Marine Committee of the Continental Congress adopted a most important resolution.

This resolution stated: "Resolved that the Flag of the United States be made of 13 stripes, alternate red and white, that the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field representing a new constellation."

Those historic words informed the world at large that a new, brave nation had been born and that it was a country where the personal and religious liberty of all men would be fully observed. Our flag has ever since been recognized throughout the world as a renowned symbol of man's continuing struggle for freedom.

Although numerous programs were eventually instituted to honor our Flag, no official recognition was ever given until May 30, 1916.

On that auspicious date President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed that June 14 would be celebrated throughout the nation as "Flag Day". This proclamation culminated 25 years of untiring efforts by many individuals and organizations in all parts of our nation.

In his 1917 Flag Day message President Wilson said:

"This Flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours. It floats in majestic silence about the hosts that execute those choices, whether in peace or in war. And yet, though silent, it speaks to us - speaks to us of the past of the men and women who went before us, and of the records they wrote upon it."

On this June 14, patriotic Americans throughout the country, including over 2,200,000 VFW members, are proud to pay full homage to our beautiful stars and stripes, for through the grace of God, it still waves over a strong and free nation.

Since its adoption, our national emblem has changed considerably, however, the basic idea of using stars and stripes has been meticulously maintained.

Although the appearance of the Flag has changed, the ideals that the flag represents have never been altered, for it has steadfastly stood for liberty and justice for all men.

Our Flag, these stars and stripes, is truly the symbol of our national unity. It speaks of equality and liberty under law; it speaks of honor and courage, and it serves to remind us that each new generation must dedicate itself to an undivided allegiance to this country and its high ideals, for as the poet said, "Honor, Courage and Heroic deeds are the flower of freedom, not the weeds."

Youth cannot coast along on the achievements of their forefathers now or ever. The past valor exhibited by those long dead cannot serve to pro-

tect this proud nation. Therefore, each generation must earn anew their right to liberty, their right to equal protection under law, and their individual right to the pursuit of happiness.

Our Flag symbolizes people's hopes, sacrifices, struggles and achievements. But in essence, the Flag is exactly what the people make it.

If they choose to follow in the footsteps of our noble, idealistic forefathers it will continue to be a great flag that waves over a free and powerful America.

If they turn instead to totally materialistic ends and devote their time to bettering only themselves, while ceasing to care about the rights and welfare of their fellow citizens, then pride in Flag and Country will surely diminish and as it does, so will respect for the ideals which triggered the birth of this nation.

June 14 is set aside so we may all pay full honor to our national emblem. It is therefore only fitting that we take this opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the preservation of the freedom and liberties it represents.

Celebrate Juneteenth

Juneteenth is the oldest known African-American celebration commemorating the end of slavery in Texas.

Slaves in Confederate states were declared free on Jan. 1, 1863 under the Emancipation Proclamation.

Confederate leaders, however, did not recognize U.S. government proclamations made during the Civil War. As a result, the ruling did not immediately affect Texas slaves.

June 19, 1865, Gen. Gordon Granger, the commander of U.S. troops in Texas, arrived in Galveston and read General Order 3, making

emancipation a reality in Texas.

Celebrated for more than 100 years, Juneteenth became an official state holiday in 1979 through legislation authored by State Representative Al Edwards (D-Houston).

Events are planned throughout the month and across the state, including the Al Edwards Juneteenth Holiday Tennis Classic in Houston June 28-29.

For more information on Juneteenth, call the Texas Historical Commission (THC) Programs Division at 512-463-5853 or visit the THC web site at www.thc.state.tx.us.

Shorter honored by Retired Teachers

Colorado County Retired Teachers Association (CCRTA) met June 3 at Schobels' Restaurant in Columbus.

Don Montier, president of the local CCRTA unit, presented the local unit Community Volunteer Service Award to Claudine Shorter of Eagle Lake.

Shorter was also the recipient of this award from District III of the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA). District III awarded Shorter

for the number of volunteer hours she contributed in her community.

TRTA District III, including Colorado County, covers 12 counties.

Many of Shorter's volunteer hours included helping the members and youth of the Providence Baptist Church, of which she is a member. She is in charge of many church activities and has many responsibilities. (See Shorter, Page 8)

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Ombudsmen

Dear Savvy Senior,

Our family recently had a terrible experience with a nursing home in another state that was suppose to be taking care of my aunt. She was neglected consistently and there was even evidence of abuse. After we visited her and found out about the problems, we contacted the local long-

term ombudsman program which got involved and helped us immensely.

Can you tell us more about this wonderful program and what ombudsmen do?

Thanks,
Ombudsmen
Advocate

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