



ELMS students to pick up books

Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) students and their parent or guardian may pick up their home set of textbooks according to the following schedule:
Fifth grade: Monday, Aug. 5, 8 a.m.-12 noon
Sixth grade: Monday, Aug. 5, 1-4 p.m.
Seventh grade: Tuesday, Aug. 6, 8 a.m.-12 noon
Eighth grade: Tuesday, Aug. 6, 1-4 p.m.
Any parent or guardian wanting someone else to pick up textbooks MUST send a written note with that appointed person.

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NEWSBRIEFS

ELPS to host reception

Come help welcome Sue Weller as the new principal to Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) Tuesday, Aug. 13 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The community is invited to come and show your support. The reception will be held in the primary school's library. Refreshments will be served.

Defensive driving course is Aug. 13 and 14

A six-hour state approved defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel for Aug. 13 and 14 in Eagle Lake at the Wintermann Library from 6:30-9:30 p.m. To pre-register for the class call 979-234-5411 or arrive a few minutes early the first evening for registration.

Thrift Shop to be open Saturday

The Prairie Edge Museum Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, Aug. 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Stop by... you never know what you'll find.

Life After Loss meeting is Aug. 6

The monthly Life After Loss support group sponsored by Hospice Support Care will be held Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 3-4:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1717 Pioneer in Wharton. The group is open to anyone interested in learning more about grief following the death of a loved one. The program, "Reinventing Oneself After Loss", will be presented by Pat Matthes, LMSW, Professional Education Liaison Hospice Support Care. For information call 979-578-0314.

Booster Club meeting is Aug. 12

The Rice Raider Booster Club will meet Monday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. at the high school. All parents and fans of Rice Raider and Lady Raider teams are welcome.

Rice Fair Fund to hold Sunday dinner

The Rice Fair Fund will sponsor a fried chicken dinner Sunday, Aug. 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a drive-thru line at Austin's BBQ, 507 E. Main, Eagle Lake. Tickets are \$6 each.

20th Century DAT session in progress

The 20th Century District Association of Texas (DAT) welcomes the public to join them for their 100th Annual Session of the Association through Sunday, Aug. 4, at Camp Zion Rising Star United Baptist Church. Rev. C. Owens is host pastor. The major body of the DAT will convene through Friday at 9:30 a.m. and will continue throughout the day. Night services will begin at 7:30 p.m. This is the DAT's Centennial Year. Services will continue through Sunday, Aug. 4, with Sunday School, morning worship. The afternoon and evening services will continue through 7 p.m. Rev. O. Rhodes, moderator; Rev. E.G. Williams, vice moderator.

ELPS PTO selling school supply packets

School starts Friday, Aug. 16! The Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) will be selling school supply packets for pre-k through 4th grades on Friday, Aug. 2 at the primary school from 3-6 p.m. All proceeds benefit ELPS and its students. ELPS PTO thanks you in advance for your support. Also as a reminder the ELPS PTO will not have a meeting in Aug.

Tea Society meeting is Friday

Historic Eagle Lake Ladies' Chapeau and Tea Society will hold their monthly meeting at Taco Tony's. The Friday, July 26, meeting has been rescheduled for Friday, Aug. 2, at 6 p.m. Hats are optional. Members are encouraged to invite their spouses.

RHS students may pick up schedules today

Students registered for classes at Rice High School (RHS) for the 2002-03 school year may pick up schedules in the counselor's office at RHS Aug. 1 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students new to the campus will be allowed to tour the campus to locate class assignments at this time. Students needing to register for classes should come by the counselor's office Monday, Aug. 5, or Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students should bring their social security card, birth certificate, health records, proof of residency in the district and the report card from the last school attended.

Senior Citizen's Dance is Friday

The public is invited to a Senior Citizen's Dance, a place to meet old and new friends, Friday, Aug. 2, from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by the Lazy Farmers. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call 979-234-3795.

FMBC workshop, family & friends scheduled

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church (FMBC) The Mission Ministry welcomes your fellowship at the Mission Workshop, Saturday, Aug. 17 at 9:30 a.m. Also feel free to join them for Family & Friends Day, Sunday, Aug. 18 at 3 p.m. For more information call Mary Gordon at 234-6532 or Erma Gordon at 234-3024.

RMC golf tournament is Sept. 21

Rice Medical Center (RMC) will be holding its 6th Annual Golf Tournament Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center golf course. Contact Joe Lee Perez at RMC at 979-234-5571 for more information.

Main Street Art Extravaganza deadline nears

Calling all Main Street Art Extravaganza art projects! Winners will be announced Thursday, Aug. 8, at the Watermelon Bash.

Projects must be turned in by 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5, at City Hall or the Main Street Office.

Judging will take place Thursday, Aug. 8, at a Watermelon Bash on Main Street. The announcements will be made and watermelon served outside City Hall at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come support our "local artists" and enjoy fresh watermelon and fun with Main Street Eagle Lake and Friends of Main Street. For more information, call Leslie Lerner, Main Street Manager at 234-3819 or 713-443-8888; or e-mail lesliel@flashnet.

Kids Crusade 2002 is Aug. 5-9

Kids Crusade 2002 is set for Monday-Friday, Aug. 5-9, at Crossroad Assembly of God in East Bernard (next to E.B. Meat Center). Registration starts Monday at 6:45 p.m. The program will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. each evening. Kids talent night and parent's night is Friday, Aug. 9. Bring your Bibles. The crusade is for children ages 4-12. For more information, call 979-335-7706.

Eagle Lake Pageant to be held in Aug.

The Eagle Lake Pageant, scheduled for Aug. 24, needs more entries. Little (See Newsbriefs, Page 5)

ELPD Officer Nieto killed last Wednesday

Wednesday, July 24, at approximately 6:58 p.m., an Eagle Lake Police officer's patrol car was struck by a Union Pacific train.

Officer Roberto Nieto was on patrol in the railroad yard on the north side of Eagle Lake. The train was northbound. Nieto was eastbound.

Nieto's patrol car was struck on the center passenger side by the train as Nieto attempted to cross the tracks and enter onto FM 102 north.

A motorist phoned in reporting the accident. Eagle Lake Police Lt. Tim Crume and Sgt. Steve Nelson arrived and called for the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department's Rescue Unit as well as the Eagle Lake Ambulance.

The officers immediately called for Lifeflight to be dispatched. Several citizens, one of whom was a nurse, stopped to render aid.

Nieto was transported by ambulance to Rice Medical Center where Lifeflight was in the process of landing.

Lifeflight transported Nieto to Hermann Hospital in Houston where he was pronounced dead by the emergency room doctor at around 9:30 p.m.

Nieto was 27 years old and is survived by his wife, Tracy, of Rosenberg, a nine-year-old daughter, a four-year-old step-daughter, as well as his father, Rosenberg Police Department Sgt. Jose Nieto, and his step-mother, Gloria. He is also survived by his mother, Blanca.

Nieto had been working for the Eagle Lake Police Department since May 18, 2002.

Prior to being hired in Eagle Lake, Nieto patrolled the City of Columbus for approximately six months.

He was a graduate of Gus George Enforcement Academy.

In honor of Nieto

American Legion Post 108 Commander Kenneth L. Craig presented an American Flag to Eagle Lake Police Chief W.E. "Bill" Lattimore last week. With the assistance of Craig and Post Adjutant Victor A. Scott, the flag was raised Thursday afternoon, then lowered to half-mast in recognition of the death of Officer Roberto Nieto, who was killed while on duty Wednesday night.

Photo Courtesy of Helen Craig



Officer Roberto Nieto

March 12, 1975 - July 24, 2002

Officer Roberto Nieto, 27, of Rosenberg, passed away Wednesday, July 24, 2002 in a Houston hospital. Born March 12, 1975, in Lubbock, he was the son of Jose Jaime Nieto and Blanca E. Ramon.

Roberto is survived by his loving wife, Tracy; daughter, Brianna Nicole Nieto; and step-daughter, Lindsey Nicole Garcia, all of Rosenberg; father, Jose Nieto and wife, Gloria, of Katy; mother, Blanca Nieto of Rosenberg; brothers, Jose Nieto Jr., Orlando R. Nieto and Adrian N. Nieto, all of Katy; sister, Naomi Hooks of North Carolina; father- and mother-in-law, Mike and Martha Davila of Richmond; grandparents, Antonio and Josephine Nieto and Antonio and Emma Ramon, all of Rosenberg; best friend, Noel Gonzales of Rosenberg; other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 29, from the Church of Living Waters in Rosenberg with Dr. Gene W. Frank and Rev. Harold Sellers officiating.

Interment followed at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Noel Gonzales, Mark Williams, Roland Garza, Tony



Ramos, Mario Ramon, Josh Nieto, Tony Ramon and Don Kimble.

For those wishing to make memorials to the relief of Officer Nieto's family, please contact Eagle Lake Police Chief W.E. "Bill" Lattimore, c/o Eagle Lake Police Dept., 979-234-2727.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Kouncil, kids and katz

By Candy McCreary, Contributing Writer

The Eagle Lake City Council met Tuesday, July 23, to discuss kids, cats, stop signs and clean up.

Doug Schwemm brought cookies to ease any hunger pains experienced by Council members or guests.

The City's auditor, Pierce Arthur, issued a clean bill of health to the financial reports.

Council approved the painting of the water tower.

As requested, Eagle Lake Police Chief W.E. "Bill" Lattimore presented a diagram showing where the new stop signs would be placed on State Street to slow speeders. A red light at Hwy. 90A and FM 1093 was also discussed.

Council also discussed increasing the motel tax, but no final decision was made.

The City is still trying to fill the building inspector's position.

Tom Reed spoke to Council about a cat ordinance for Eagle Lake. He said there are too many loose cats in the area and they are a health problem since cats can transmit diseases such as ringworms to children. Reed strongly suggested the City consider a cat ordinance to alleviate the problem.

He also mentioned he would like to see "zero tolerance" in Eagle Lake when it comes to the child safety belt law. "It is truly child abuse when parents don't safely restrain their children in vehicles," Reed added.

Council approved a flash attach-

ment to be purchased for the police department using monies from Chapter 58 seizure funds.

Councilman Larry Contreras showed other members of Council a picture of a fire hydrant by his house he has painted in an attractive, patriotic theme. He hopes Eagle Lake can have all its fire hydrants painted by Sept. 11. Painting volunteers are needed for this project. Contact City Hall at 234-2640 for more information.

Cleaning up Eagle Lake was discussed in length. Letters have been mailed to some people whose places are really overgrown and progress is being made.

Contreras asked what the City

could do to help citizens clean their property. To that, City Secretary Sylvia Rucka supplied a list of charges for City services.

Mayor René Cooper-Scott ended the meeting on a positive note. She stated she sees a bright future for Eagle Lake and advised Council now, more than ever, needs to think global and be visionaries. "Eagle Lake needs to be prepared for new growth and the responsibilities that come with that growth," she said.

In other business, Council:

- Discussed calling a workshop so they could be better informed about zoning laws.
- Discussed the Excellence for Eagle Lake Committee.

School Board hears reports on property tax, salaries committee

By Heidi Beasley

The regular scheduled Board meeting of the Rice CISD was called to order at 7:33 p.m. Monday, July 15, at the administration building in Altair with all members present.

First on the agenda was the review and approval of minutes of previous board meetings. The minutes from the June 10, June 18 and June 26 meeting were all corrected and approved.

The Revenue and Expenses report was presented by Bill Hefner. Board members reviewed, asked questions and then approved the report.

Board members then heard updates from the following campus administrators: principal of Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS), principal of Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) and the band director.

Jeff Argo, the district's resource officer, also gave a report on a recent workshop he attended regarding the Crimestoppers program.

A report was presented by Bill Mitchell, an appraisal supervisor with Colorado County Central Appraisal District. He explained and demon-

strated to the Board members how funds are calculated and then collected from taxed properties within the school district.

In the order of new business, the Board approved budget amendments and miscellaneous bids of several items to be sold off by the district.

Student Handbooks for each of the campuses were discussed and corrected. Also reviewed by members were the Student Code of Conduct booklets, which will be given to each (See School, Page 5)

Students in grades kindergarten-12 who are residents of Colorado County or attend school within the county, are invited to participate in the Colorado County Fair Poster Contest.

Contestants may create their design on a full- or half-size poster board.

The poster design should reflect some aspect of Fair activities such as the livestock show, home economics show, parade, rodeo, carnival, queen contest, etc.

The words Colorado County Fair, Sept. 12-15, Columbus, Texas, must appear somewhere on the front of the poster.

Contestants are encouraged to use bright and bold colors so their poster will "sell" the Fair.

Stencils may be used for lettering, but no other tracing or computer generated graphics are allowed.

Students should put their name, address, phone number and school grade on the back.

Posters are due at the County Extension Office, 316 Spring St. in Columbus by 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, 2002.

Additional information on the poster contest is available by calling Pamela Potter at 979-732-2705 or Deborah Petrosky at 732-3564.