

Prairie Edge Players getting in action

The Prairie Edge Players will hold try-outs for their next production Thursday evening, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m. in the Prairie Edge Museum.

The up-coming play is "Don't Mention My Name", a comedy-mystery. The cast includes five women and three men. Support staff members are also needed.

Scripts will be available from Helen Craig, 234-2807, or Vicki Powers, 234-3238. Tentative performance dates are in mid-November.

This is an "open-call" try-out and all parts are up for grabs! Experience is not necessary. "We can MAKE you an actor," said Helen Craig, long-time producer for Prairie Edge Players.

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NEWSBRIEFS

'Meet the Candidates Night' is tonight

The Colorado County Republican Club will be hosting a "Meet the Candidates Night" Thursday, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m. at the Live Oak Art Center, 1014 Milam in Columbus. The social hours starts at 7 p.m. with refreshments served. Everyone, no matter your party affiliation, is invited to attend.

Order your Xi Pi Psi calendars

Order our 2003 Birthday calendar from Xi Pi Psi Sorority. If you are not on the calendar and would like to be, please call Connie Lange at 234-7302 or Ernie Sommerlatte at 234-3452.

Voter registration drive is Saturday

A voter registration drive will be held Saturday, Aug. 31, in front of Wal-Mart in Columbus from 9 to 11 a.m. Let your voice be heard... your vote counts. The event is sponsored by Prince Hall Masonic Lodge 18.

9-11 remembrance scheduled

The Eagle Lake Community Mission and Prayer Ministry invites everyone to join them Sept. 11, 2002 at noon at White Cloud Baptist Church. This ministry was born out of the 9-11 tragedy of 2001 and will be in prayer as they remember those who lost their lives that day and for their families who were left to mourn their deaths. They will also be offering thanks and praise to God for His protection of our lives and our country during the past year. Come and join them! For more information, call Mary Gordon at 234-6532 or Hazel Mason at 234-5166.

Closed for Labor Day Holiday

The City Offices in Eagle Lake will be closed in observance of Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2. There will be no trash collection Monday. Monday's route will be collected Tuesday, Sept. 3, and Tuesday's route will be collected Wednesday, Sept. 4. Also closed will be the First National Bank of Eagle Lake and the Colorado County Courthouse.

El Campo A&M Mother's Club meeting is Sept. 3

The El Campo A&M Mother's Club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 3, at 7 p.m. at the new First National Bank in El Campo. For more information, call Carolyn Mitchell at 979-677-3228.

Flag retirement ceremony is Sept. 11

The American Legion Post #108 of Eagle Lake will conduct a flag retirement ceremony Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the City Park at 5:30 p.m. Anyone with unserviceable U.S. flags can leave them at the following locations: Furniture Shoppe, Struss Hardware, Prairie Edge Museum and Wallis State Bank. The public is encouraged to attend this patriotic ceremony.

MAYC golf tournament is Sept. 14

The 4th Annual Mexican American Youth Council (MAYC) Mike V. Duarte Memorial Scholarship golf tournament will be held Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Eagle Lake Golf Course. The four-player golf scramble will have 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. shotgun starts. Entry fee is \$160 per team. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, longest drive and closest to the pin. Be a hole sponsor! A bargain at only \$75. For more information, call Daniel Contreras at 979-543-7291; Michael Duarte, 234-2630; or Ruben Salinas, 281-470-1257.

WCBC celebration is Sunday

White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) will hold its Family and Friends Day Celebration at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 1. Guest churches include Greater Rising Star BC, Greater Mt. Olive BC, New Home BC, Wright Grove BC, Providence BC and Greater Union BC. Speaker of the hour will be Rev. Paul L. Barrow of Mt. Carmel BC.

2002 Raider Yearbooks are in

The 2002 Raider yearbooks have arrived and may be picked up from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. or from 3 to 3:15 in Room 1. A limited number of extra books are available for \$30 on a first-come, first-serve basis.

RMC Auxiliary games party is Sept. 10

The Rice Medical Center (RMC) Auxiliary will hold its Annual Games Party Tuesday, Sept. 10, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church on W. Prairie. A bake sale plus a "pink" elephant sale will also be held. Come play bridge, dominoes, canasta, phase 10 or bring your own game of choice. Light refreshments provided by RMC's Dietary Dept. will be served. Tickets are \$5 each and are available in the gift shop at the hospital, or call Barbara Pidgeon at 234-2897. Leave a message if not at home, and she will get the tickets to you.

Sept. 11 Service of Remembrance at UMC

The Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance invites the entire community to a Service of Remembrance and healing at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake, 200 W. Prairie. This will be a service of music, scripture and remembering; there will be no preaching. Representatives of various law enforcement and emergency service agencies will be there to receive our recognition and our expressions of appreciation. Following the service, there will be refreshments served in the fellowship hall. For more information, call Rev. David King at 234-3288.

Appreciation service is Sept. 8

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church welcomes your fellowship to their Pre-Appreciation Service for Rev. H.O. Williams Friday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. Special guest will be Rev. Obie Rhodes and the White Cloud Baptist Church. The Appreciation Service for Rev. Williams will be Sunday, Sept. 8, at 3 p.m. Special guest will be Rev. J.C. Nickerson and the Salem Baptist Church of Houston.

Lady Raider BBQ supper is Sept. 6

The Rice High School (RHS) Lady Raider volleyball team will host its annual BBQ supper preceding the Rice Raider/Cuero Gobblers football game Friday, Sept. 6. The meal will consist of BBQ beef, buttered potatoes, beans, bread, dessert and all of the trimmings. Meals will be delivered to Eagle Lake, Garwood and Sheridan or may be picked up before the football game in the commons of RHS. To purchase tickets, contact any Lady Raider volleyball player or Susan Sharp at RHS, 234-3535. Thanks for your continued support of the Rice Athletic Program. Go Raiders and Lady Raiders !!

RMC fundraiser is underway

The Rice Medical Center Auxiliary (better known as the Pink Ladies) is selling tickets for a remote control truck. The truck has headlights, coil springs, low and high gears, and oversized tires. Tickets are \$1 each for 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held Monday, Dec. 9, just in time for Christmas. This remote (See Newsbriefs, Page 8)

Contreras named Miss Eagle Lake in pageant

By Kara Supak

Andrea Contreras, daughter of Greg and Lydia Contreras of Eagle Lake, was chosen Miss Eagle Lake at the 2002 Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Pageant Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria.

Winners were:

Miss Eagle Lake, Contreras, sponsored by Mary Kay Cosmetics. Andrea received a \$300 scholarship, crown and a monogrammed satin banner, among many other gifts.

Miss Eagle Lake Duchess was Jessica Almond, daughter of Tom and Dianne Churchwell of Eagle Lake, sponsored by Commercial Chemicals. Jessica received a \$100 scholarship among other gifts.

Miss Eagle Lake Countess was Jennifer Hassin, daughter of Beth Hassin and Steve Hassin of Eagle Lake, sponsored by Blue Plate Café. She received a \$100 scholarship and other gifts.

Jr. Miss Eagle Lake Courtney Andrejzak of Sheridan is the daughter of Jeff and Chrissy Andrejzak. She was sponsored by Splashway Waterpark and received a crown, satin monogrammed banner and a special gift.

Junior Miss Eagle Lake Duchess, Megan Bartlett, is the daughter of Brice and Janice Bartlett of Nada and was sponsored by Red Bluff Communications and Computers.

Allyssa Young, daughter of John and Jeanne Young of Eagle Lake, was named Eagle Lake Princess. Sponsored by Dr. Leonard Bornstein, she received a crown, satin monogrammed banner and a special gift.

Eagle Lake Princess Duchess was Cydney Cook, daughter of Billy and Denice Cook of Eagle Lake. Cydney was sponsored by S&W Parts of Eagle Lake.

Eagle Lake Princess Countess Britanni Bartlett was sponsored by Red Bluff Communications and Computers. She is the daughter Brice and Janice Bartlett of Nada.

Joseph Rutledge garnered Eagle Lake Prince. He was sponsored by Rutledge Land Improvement and is the son of Roger and Mary Rutledge of Eagle Lake.

Little Miss Eagle Lake Ashley Cook is the daughter of Billy and Denice Cook and was sponsored by

Eagle Lake Rice Dryer.

Samantha Navarro, daughter of Robert and Becki Navarro of Eagle Lake, was named Little Miss Eagle Lake Duchess. She was sponsored by Simple Simon's Pizza of Eagle Lake.

Little Mr. Eagle Lake honors went to Dalen Rutledge, son of Roger and Mary Rutledge of Eagle Lake. He was sponsored by Rutledge Land Improvement.

All the Eagle Lake Pageant duch-

esses and countesses received a banner, trophy and a special gift.

Eagle Lake Prince and Little Mr. Eagle Lake received a trophy, satin monogrammed banner and two special gifts.

Navarro was named Ticket Sweetheart and received a trophy, banner and a special gift.

Photogenic winners were A. Cook, C. Cook, Andrejzak and Almond. All photogenic winners received a ban-

ner and a special gift.

Almond was also named Cover Model of the Year. She received a banner and Cover Model recognition for the 2002-03 Pageant Year.

Other titles which were awarded were Western Wear: Samantha Navarro; Prettiest Eyes: Jenna Lewis; and Best Dressed: Cyndey Cook, Courtney Andrejzak and Jessica Almond.



Miss Eagle Lake Andrea Contreras is pictured in back, at left. Beside her is Courtney Andrejzak, Jr. Miss Eagle Lake. In the center are Eagle Lake Prince Joseph Rutledge and Princess Allyssa Young. In front are Little Mr. Eagle Lake Dalen Rutledge and Little Miss Ashley Cook.

Photo Courtesy of Jeanne Young

Troopers focus on safety this Labor Day Weekend

Drinking and driving could be the leading killer on Texas roadways this Labor Day Weekend, if Texas drivers fail to exercise caution.

"If you plan to drink... don't drive. It's that simple and it's not worth risking your life and the lives of others," said Department of Public Safety (DPS) Trooper Gary Pflughaupt. "Choose a designated driver... a person who will stay sober the entire time."

DPS troopers and many other police agencies will increase patrols over the weekend to get drunk drivers off the roads and to target speeders and seat belt violators.

The DPS will be conducting two special emphasis programs, OPERATION C.A.R.E. and OPERATION HOLIDAY, to ensure public safety.

The ITC remembers Sept. 11

On the one-year anniversary of the deadly terrorist attacks against the United States, the Institute of Texas Cultures (ITC) will celebrate a "Day of Remembrance and Recommitment" Sept. 11, 2002, 12-12:30 p.m. on the Exhibit Floor. During the public ceremony, visitors to ITC will be invited to restate their oaths as U.S. citizens.

This event is free and open to the public. There will be no charge for parking. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., ITC is located in downtown San Antonio.

Each month ITC hosts a naturalization ceremony where new citizens (See ITC, Page 8)

The OPERATION C.A.R.E. - Combined Accident Reduction Effort-program is designed to reduce fatalities. State police across the nation participate in C.A.R.E., maximizing enforcement on major interstate highways, significantly reducing fatalities commonly associated with holiday weekends.

A few old dogs with a passel of pups...

Raiders start slow, but win both scrimmages

The 2002 version of the Rice Raiders got off to a slow start versus their old time nemesis, Sealy.

In the first eight plays of the opening drive of the new season's initial scrimmage, the young inexperienced Raiders looked very much out of sync.

In those opening eight plays, Rice fumbled, bobbled, or dropped the ball a number of times.

On the ninth play, senior quarterback Patrick Milentz connected on a short pass to senior flanker Michael Cooper who then took the ball the remaining distance for the score.

Also scoring for the Raiders were sophomore back Charles Huffman and junior back Jermaine Williams.

Overall, the Raiders shook off the slow start to come out with a hard earned 3-2 victory in the scrimmage.

Head Coach Russell Roark said, "It looked a little grim in the beginning, but as the battle progressed, I felt we got better. Our depth is much better than it has ever been, especially in the offensive line."

Roark also said, "Sealy is a talented team who has a chance to go far in the playoffs. We came out on top against them, even though we didn't play our best. Maybe we have a chance to be decent."

OPERATION HOLIDAY allows the assignment of other department uniformed personnel to supplement highway patrol traffic enforcement.

Both OPERATION C.A.R.E. and OPERATION HOLIDAY will begin at 12:01 a.m., Friday, Aug. 30, and will conclude at midnight Monday, Sept. 2.

DPS reminds the public that the statewide stranded motorist hotline, 1-800-525-5555, can also be used to report obviously intoxicated drivers.

"Get a designated driver if you plan to drink," said Pflughaupt. "DPS troopers will do their best to make sure drunk drivers end up behind bars before they destroy innocent lives."

On the ground, the Raiders had 37 carries for 114 yards and were nine for 12 passing with 134 yards. Six different Raiders caught passes and 10 rushed for yards.

The defense allowed two scores, both of which were set up by long plays.

Overall, the Raiders accomplished what they set out to do... practice against a quality squad and come out injury free.

Raiders on right track

Last Thursday night, Aug. 22, the Rice Raiders showed signs of being on track to make a run for the 2002 football playoffs.

The Raiders, at home for their final tune-up before starting the regular season at East Bernard Aug. 30, exploded to score five times while allowing only one for the visiting Gonzales Apaches.

The young Raiders looked a lot more at ease in their final scrimmage than in the first outing versus Sealy.

For a team that has only five returning starters total, the Raiders are gaining confidence in leaps and bounds. The Raider defense swarmed the Apaches for the very start.

Defensive leaders for Rice were

Derland Sanford, nine tackles; Jess Little, eight; Zack Kloss, seven; Jermaine Williams, six; and Michael Cooper, Michael Spears and James Johnson, five each.

Offensively, the Raiders ran the ball 48 times for 434 yards and completed six of 12 passes for 75 yards.

Leading the ground attack was Williams, with four carries for 131 yards; and Charles Huffman, 14 carries for 115 yards.

Once again, a total of 10 Raiders were credited for rushes and five receivers got into the action.

"Any time you have that many people who can tote the mail and catch the pill, you have a chance to be pretty decent," said Coach Roark.

"We're pleased with the offensive line this week," said Line Coach Mike Sharp. "We moved some people around after the Sealy scrimmage to create some challenges for starting positions. It seemed to have worked because all of them got better."

Rice travels to East Bernard Aug. 30 to take on the Brahmas.

"This should be a real challenge for us," said Roark. "They're a veteran club with a lot of playoff experience, while we are just a few old dogs with a passel of pups."