

Crime Stoppers seeking assistance



Criminal mischief to County property
On Sept. 27, damage to several barricades was reported in the Garwood area of Lyons Park Street. A vehicle is believed to have driven through the barricades and run over many of the signs.
A vehicle with loud exhaust pipes, believed to be a pickup truck, was heard in the area around 4 or 5 a.m. that morning.

Theft of Coca-Cola machine
Sometime between about 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, and 7 a.m. Monday, Sept. 29, unknown individual(s) removed the Coca-Cola machine from M-G Feed Mill on County Road, north of I-10. The machine was possibly loaded into some type truck and driven from the area. There is no description of the
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NEWSBRIEFS

Catholic Daughters to hold fundraiser

Catholic Daughters, Court Our Lady of the Fields #2465, will hold a fall fundraiser. They will be selling scented candles. Candles in mason jars are \$10 each; candles in tins, \$8 each. Please contact any Catholic Daughter member or Chairman Shirley Seaholm at 979-234-2261.

Junior Class fundraiser is Friday

The Rice High School Junior Class will hold a chicken fried chicken fundraiser Friday, Oct. 10. They will be selling tickets in advance only. For more information, call Veronica Villafuerte at the school, 979-234-3535.

GUBC chicken dinner is Saturday

Greater Union Baptist Church (GUBC) Pastors Aide will be selling fried chicken dinners Saturday, Oct. 11, for \$5 each. To place an order or to have it delivered, call 234-2581 or 234-2393.

Closing for Columbus Day, Monday Oct. 13

The following will be closed in observance of Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 13: the Colorado County Courthouse (Commissioners' Court will be held Tuesday, Oct. 14), City of Eagle Lake Offices (no garbage collection Monday; Monday's route will be collected Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be collected Wednesday); Wintermann Library, The First National Bank and Wallis State Bank in Eagle Lake. *The Eagle Lake Headlight* will be open.

'Senior Eagles' to meet Oct. 14

The "Senior Eagles" will meet Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Wintermann Library from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for an hour of games and fellowship. A discussion of a reading will also be presented. Bring a sack lunch and a drink.

Defensive driving course is Oct. 14, 15

A six-hour defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Gilbert Kiel for Oct. 14 and 15 at the Ag. Building, 316 Spring Street, Columbus. To pre-register, call 979-732-2734 or arrive a few minutes early the first evening.

ELPA members selling tickets

Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance Inc. (ELPA) has two weeks remaining for selling tickets for its annual fundraiser. The drawing is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18. Please contact Mary Ann Kaluza at Baumgart Insurance at 979-234-3712 or Pat Matula at The First National Bank at 234-5591 for information. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

'Walk for the Cure' set for Oct. 18

The 5K breast cancer Walk for the Cure will start at 8 a.m. in front of City Hall Saturday, Oct. 18. Registration begins at 7 a.m. The event is sponsored by the City of Eagle Lake and Rice Medical Center. Please contact Susan Hernandez at 979-234-5571 for more information.

MMBC car wash, bake sale, BBQ is Oct. 18

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (MMBC) of Alleyton will hold a car wash; bake sale and barbecue on the parking lot of Brookshire Bros. Grocery Store in Columbus Saturday, Oct. 18, from 8 to 11 a.m. For more information, call 281-342-7557 or 832-309-5780.

Bernardo School reunion is Oct. 18

All former members and teachers of the Bernardo ISD are reminded of the school reunion scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Bernardo Fire Station. The schools in this district were Bernardo, Bachelor Hill, Bretschneider, Mentz and Willow. Everyone is asked to bring sandwiches or a dessert. Coffee and tea will be provided. Old school pictures and memorabilia will also be appreciated and fun to share. For more information call Carolyn Foster at 979-732-3559.

E.H. Henry school reunion meeting is Oct. 18

The E.H. Henry School reunion meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at White Cloud Missionary Baptist Church on Old Altair Rd. Anyone who attended E.H. Henry at any time is invited to attend. Each ex-student is asked to call someone else to get the word out.

PJs is coming

Mark your calendar! PJs opening day is Sunday, Oct. 19, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Prairie Edge Museum, then each Sunday from then on. The play is "Alice in Wonderland" and all young people, ages five to 15, are invited and welcome to attend. PJs is free to all.

Parish 2003 Fall Festival is Oct. 19

The Parish of the Nativity, 545 S. Austin Rd. in Eagle Lake, will hold its 2003 Fall Festival Sunday, Oct. 19. Chicken fried steak, sausage, green beans, rice and gravy will be served starting at 11 a.m. for \$6 a plate. The auction begins at 1 p.m. Enjoy live music by DJ John Morales from 11 a.m. to 1. Los Rayos De Luna will provide music from 5 to 9. Stay for the food, horseshoe tournament, kiddie rides and games, country store, cake walk, homemade candies, candy apples, handcrafted jewelry, plant stand and face painting.

TWONC fall outing is Oct. 19

The Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club aka TWONC is gearing up for a season of birding. Everyone is invited to attend the First Fall Outing! On Sunday, Oct. 19, the club will meet at about 7:30 a.m. (just after sunrise) at the Eagle Lake Park Gazebo for a walk along the Wintermann Trail & Creek to the lake. Afterwards, join them for a continental breakfast and visit about our exciting summer wildlife escapades. There should still be time to make it to church. They look forward to seeing you then. For more information, call Jane at 234-5981 or Doris at 979-732-8875.

Chamber lunch forum is Oct. 20

The next Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Lunch Forum will be held at Taco Tony's Monday, Oct. 20, at noon. The public is invited to attend this open forum. The guest speaker will be Dr. Ray Cantu of Rice Medical Associates. The Chamber looks forward to seeing everyone there.

Rice Project Graduation meeting is Oct. 20

A Rice Project Graduation meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school commons. During these next few meetings, Senior Serve, a major fundraiser, will be discussed. All seniors and their parents or guardians are urged to attend. Also, underclassmen and their parents or guardians are encouraged to attend. Everyone's participation will help make a successful Project Graduation. Hope to see you there!

Holy spirit and fire crusade Oct. 21-22

Now is the time for your miracle! Bring the sick, hurting, lost, depressed and experience the healing power of Jesus Christ and the fire of God's Holy Spirit.
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Raiders open District play at home Friday

The 4-1 Rice Raiders open District 28AAA play this Friday night against the 0-5 Palacios Sharks. Kickoff will

be at 7:30 pm at Raider Stadium.

The Raiders had an open date this past week and took the opportunity to

heal and rest before district play begins. The Sharks played the Calhoun Sandcrabs in a 42-28 game, which they

led at halftime 21-20.

The Raiders have the district's number one offense and defense statistically. Rice also has the two leading rushers in 28AAA in Charles Huffman and Michael Spears.

Quarterback Steven Moore leads the district in pass efficiency with a 58% completion percentage, as well as being third in passing yards with 301 yards and zero interceptions.

Stuart Ray leads the district in punting with a 37.7 average.

Michael Spears is tied for the district lead in interceptions with five.

The Raiders are looking to get back on the winning track after a close loss to the Bellville Brahmas 36-33.

Come cheer on the state-ranked Raiders as they begin their "real" season Friday night.

C&M Circus offers FREE endangered species show!



Thanks to the sponsorship of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, Culpepper & Merriweather (C&M) Circus, America's Favorite old-fashioned Big Top circus, is coming to Eagle Lake Wednesday, Oct. 22.

In its 20th season, C&M Circus has become internationally known for family entertainment.

In addition to the magic of two scheduled 90-minute performances at 5 and 7:30 p.m., there will also be a special FREE presentation at 10 a.m. on Circus morning. This show will feature the two largest members of the

C&M circus family, African elephants Barbara and Connie.

The 45-minute endangered species show begins at around 10 a.m. and includes a walking tour of the circus grounds. The show focuses on such topics as the current problems facing wild African elephants, how and why Barbara and Connie joined the circus and how the circus staff cares for each animal, including hygiene, grooming and veterinary attention.

In recent years, the endangered species show has become a popular program for school field trips, families and

interested community members. It's presented in a way everyone, young and old, can learn about Barbara and Connie and the rest of the animals in the circus family. The endangered species show is a special part of circus day that should not be missed.

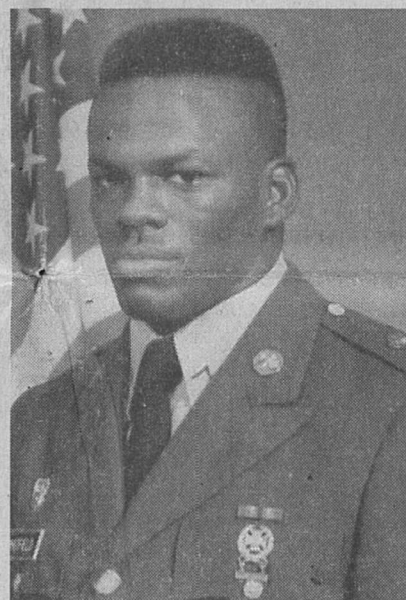
For more information, contact the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce at 234-2780 or call 1-866-BIGTOP6.

Whitfield awarded Bronze Star

Paul L. Whitfield, son of Ruth Whitfield of Eagle Lake who is currently stationed in Heidelberg, Germany, serves as Communication Sgt. in V-Corps Artillery.

Deployed to support Iraqi Freedom in Feb. 2003, Sgt. Whitfield assisted units from the U.S. in configuring their satellite communication. He served as the non-commission officer in charge of satellite communication operation. Whitfield communicated with several different division level units all over Kuwait and Iraq with tactical satellite communication.

His accomplishments did not go unnoticed. Prior to his departure, Whitfield was rewarded by Brigadier General Daniel A. Hahn with one of the highest medals a soldier can receive in wartime. He received the Bronze Star on May 8, 2003.



Sgt. Paul L. Whitfield

Vietnam Wall replica coming to LaGrange

Wednesday, Oct. 22, as the sun shines over the Fayette County Fair Grounds in LaGrange, friends and relatives of the service people who never made it home, local veterans, supporters and busloads of local students will gather to honor the 58,235 who never returned from Southeast Asia.

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute version of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. will open at 9 a.m. with a medley of patriotic

tunes by the LaGrange High School Band and remain open 24 hours a day until closing at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26. Admission is FREE.

The replica, 4/5 the size of the D.C. wall, stands 10 feet high in the middle and is longer than a football field. There will be manned locator computers and name directories available to help locate names on the wall.

In addition, there will be a local

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County Firefighters benefit is Oct. 18

Colorado County Firefighters Association (CCFA) will host their 6th annual benefit Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Columbus Opry. This year's show coordinator, Charlie Herchek, secured a special guest appearance by Tim Heller, chief meteorologist for KTRK-TV's 13 Eyewitness News in Houston.

"We're happy Mr. Heller has accepted our invitation. This show benefits all nine of our county's fire departments by contributing funds for equipment and training. Each year, we help send local firefighters to the Firefighting School at Texas A&M University."

Fire departments that benefit from this event include Columbus, Eagle Lake, Bernardo, Frelsburg, Rock Island, Oakland, Garwood and Sheridan.

As special guest for the evening, Heller will appear with 2003 Colorado County Fair Queen Jaime Gerik, 2003 Go-Texan Queen Sloan Pavalock and 2003 Miss Columbus Paige Willis.

During intermission, Heller will visit with the audience and help hand out numerous door prizes.

Columbus Opry's owners and producers, John and Brenda Buehler, are proud to be a part of this annual event and invite everyone to come out and

enjoy clean, family entertainment with no alcohol while supporting local firefighters.

Columbus Opry has won the Country Music Organization of America's American Eagle Award for "Opry of the Year" five consecutive years.

The annual CCFA Opry will begin at 7:30 p.m. with a line-up of talented musicians along with The Texas Sagebrush Band.

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West Nile found in City

City Manager Ron Holland has confirmed that a case of West Nile Virus was verified in Eagle Lake. The virus was found in a dead bird that tested positive.

The City is working with the Health Department to take the proper steps to head off any problems in the future.

If you have any questions, contact City Hall at 234-2640.

Big win for Mahalitc at State Fair of Texas

Oct. 2 and 3, Chad Mahalitc, a member of the Rice FFA, competed in the market steer division at the State Fair of Texas held in Dallas.

Out of 350 steers in the show, Chad's Brangus steer won first in the light heavyweight class, then went on

to win Champion of the American breed!

When he went back in as one of six steers for the overall Grand and Reserve Champion selections, his steer got a hard look, but no dice.

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Pictured from left are Monte Williams, AST; Jim Lindsey, CEO First State Bank of Mesquite; "Dallas" and Chad; Whitney Williams; Dana Woodruff, Youth Livestock Committee Vice-Chairman; and Candace Lindsey.
Photo Courtesy of Janet Mahalitc

Get ready for the Study Club Auction

By Betty Wilcox

Study Club members are getting ready for the 24th Annual Auction are you? This year's auction will be held Saturday, Oct. 25. The evening will kick off with the Firemen's Stew Supper beginning at 5 p.m. Enjoy a bowl

of that great stew and then hang around for the Bake Sale, Silent Auction and the real event, the Main Auction. It will start at seven o'clock when Joe Herbert McCreary calls for attention.

Back this year will be tickets for the
(See Auction, Page 4)



Help the church and keep warm

Standing with the queen size quilt which will be auctioned at the Parish of the Nativity Festival Oct. 19 is Margie Schuenemann and Eddie Winkler, Pastor. Women of the Parish: Margie Schuenemann, Bernadette Parr, Carmen Elizondo, Carolyn Noska, Georgia Dierschke, Alice Castillo and Hilaria Rangel, made the quilt. Also, a Family Cajun Seafood Gumbo Dinner for 10 to 30, homemade by Donna Gertson and Marcella Garcia, members of the Parish, will be included in the auction. *Parish Photo*