

## Summer Food Program announced

The Rice CISD announced its sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program June 7-24, 2004. Meals will be served at the Eagle Lake Primary School Monday through Thursday. Breakfast will be served 7:30 to 8 a.m. Lunch will be served 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Students eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or political

belief. Anyone who believes they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Director, Civil Rights Division, MC W 106, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, TX 78714-9030; or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. NOTE: Discrimination complaints based on religion or political belief must be referred only to the Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Dept. of Human Services.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Closing in observance of Memorial Day, May 31

The following businesses will be closed Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day: First National Bank, Wallis State Bank, Wintermann Library, Eagle Lake Post Office and the Eagle Lake City offices. There will be no trash collection on Monday. Monday's route will be collected Tuesday and Tuesday's route will be collected Wednesday.

### No bingo in Rock Island Saturday

For those of you in the surrounding area who enjoy bingo in Rock Island on Saturdays, the Rock Island Volunteer Fire Department announces that there will be no bingo Saturday, May 29, in observance of Memorial weekend. Bingo will resume Saturday, June 5.

### MMBC tea, style show is Saturday

You are invited to a Four Seasons Tea and Style Show at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at the Hill Community Center, 1000 Main Street in Sealy. Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (MMBC) of Alleyton presents the event. For more information, call 281-342-7557. Admission is free and door prizes will be given.

### Homecoming, Memorial Service is Sunday

The Annual Homecoming and Memorial Day Service will be held at the air-conditioned former Rock Island School gym, Sunday, May 30. A beef and sausage dinner, with all the trimmings (dessert and iced tea or coffee included) will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost per plate is adults, \$7.50; and children, \$4. The Memorial Service and Program will commence at 12:30 p.m.

### Free Memorial Day weekend celebration at ITC

The Institute of Texas Cultures is observing Memorial Day with "Memorial Memories" from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 30. Co-sponsored by local nostalgic radio station KULP, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, United Service Organization (USO), Air Force Village Foundation, Bruce Hoff, Susan L. Dick and Theme Travelers Inc., the event is free and open to the public. Visitors can stop by the USO club and listen to the sounds of swing by The Sentimental Journey Orchestra directed by Ted Conerly. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call 210-458-2330 or visit [www.texascultures.utsa.edu](http://www.texascultures.utsa.edu).

### Arts and crafts show is this weekend

There's no place like... deep in the "Art of Texas." Ranked as one of the best in the nation, it's the official Texas State Arts and Crafts Fair in Kerrville, May 28-31 (Memorial Day Weekend). Friday, May 28, is the grand opening with many great things scheduled. For more information on hours, call 1-888-335-1455 or visit the website at [www.tacef.org](http://www.tacef.org).

### KC golf tourney scheduled for June 6

The Knight of Columbus Council #4843 will hold their 20th Annual Two-Player Scramble golf tournament Sunday, June 6, at the Eagle Lake Golf Course. Rainout date is June 13. Shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$130 per team. Entry deadline is May 31. Fees include tournament fee for team, green fee, chicken fried steak dinner, and chances for closest to the hole contest. The dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to the public by advance tickets only at \$6 a plate. For more information call Tee-Up Pro Shop at 979-234-5981. Proceeds benefit KC charities and scholarships.

### 66th Frnka reunion is June 6

The 66th Frnka Family reunion will be held at the dining hall of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Frelsburg on D-Day, Sunday, June 6. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by a catered meal at noon and the business meeting. Other special activities will include the reunion. Please bring your favorite pastry or dessert to share and don't forget to bring an auction item. Come out to the country and meet some new cousins. Make reservations by calling family reunion president, Trey Nelson, 8205 Loralinda Dr., Austin, TX 78753-5840 at 512-835-7701 or email: [treynelson@aol.com](mailto:treynelson@aol.com) with any questions. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### Kolache-Klobase Festival is June 12

The 14th annual Czech Kolache-Klobase Festival will be held Saturday, June 12, at Riverside Hall in East Bernard. Enjoy polka music from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the hall and under the water-fan cooled pavilion. A sausage/BBQ chicken plate lunch will be served starting 11 a.m. Plates to go will also be available. For more information, call 979-335-7907. For booth information, call 335-4827 or log on to [www.memberstripod.com/sbcservice/kkfest](http://www.memberstripod.com/sbcservice/kkfest). Proceeds benefit KJT #40 Hall Fund.

### Hollien 18th Reunion is June 12

The annual Hollien Reunion will be held Saturday, June 12, at the Stephen F. Austin Park in San Felipe from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or as long as you wish). Directions: from Houston, take I-10 to FM 1458, then turn left on Park Road #38. The lunch will be potluck. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Come enjoy the day with old friends and family. For more information, call Henry Kretzschmar at 979-234-5155.

### GUBC Men's Day Program is June 13

Greater Union Baptist Church (GUBC) will hold a Men's Day Program at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 13, at GUBC. Guest speaker will be Rev. A.J. Jones of Mt. Calvary BC. Deacon John Allen Jr. is Brotherhood president and Rev. L.C. Robertson, pastor.

### St. Mary Parish Picnic is June 13

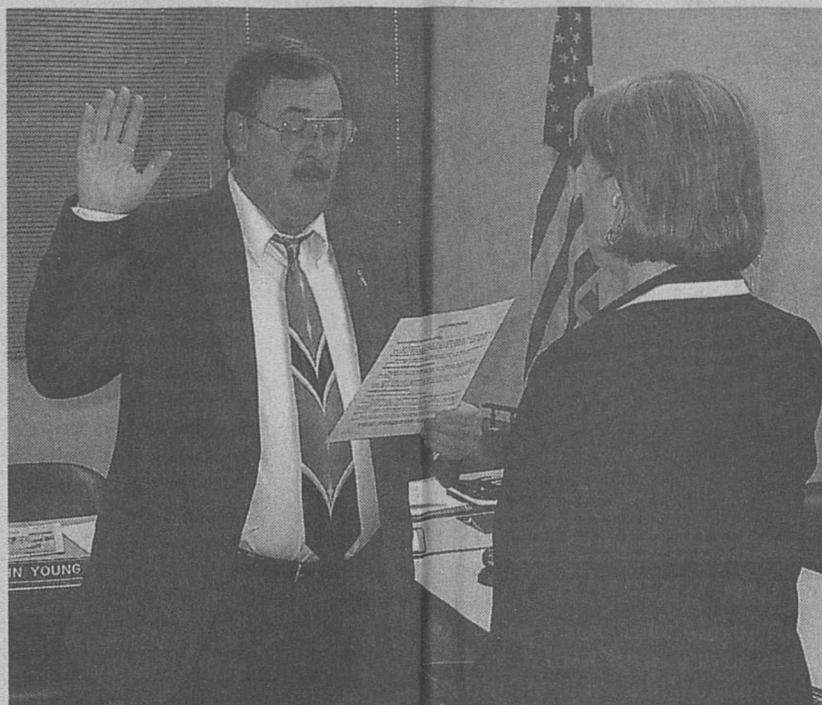
St. Mary's Parish in Hallettsville will hold its picnic Sunday, June 13. Enjoy bingo, ball throw, ring toss, cake and plant walk, train ride, fish pond, antiques and country store. Come hungry and enjoy, hamburgers, soda water, pop, snow cones and adult refreshments. Mass is at 9:15 a.m. The stew and sausage meal will be served starting at 10:30 a.m. for \$6 a plate. Plates to go will also be available. The Dukja Brothers and Red Ravens will provide musical entertainment from noon to 10 p.m. Auctions begin at 12:30 p.m.

### 2nd Annual Juneteenth parade, celebration

The public is invited to join in the 2nd Annual Juneteenth Parade and Celebration will be held Saturday, June 19, Joe Scranton Jr. Park, 98 Daniels St., Sealy. The parade starts at 10 a.m. (celebration immediately follows). Enjoy food, drinks, games and activities for children. A DJ and band will provide music. For a parade entry or how you can contribute to this event, call the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, 979-234-2780; or Tonya Davis, 979-885-1345.

### Calling all RHS graduates

The Rice High School (RHS) Class 1994 is celebrating its 10-year reunion with a party June 26 at the Farris Hall from 7 p.m. to midnight. Included will also be the classes of 1993 or 1995. The cost is \$10 per person, \$20 a couple. We would like those interested in attending to RSVP by June 10 to this e-mail address, [rhsreunion1994@hotmail.com](mailto:rhsreunion1994@hotmail.com). We also need to receive all (See Newsbriefs, Page 8)



### Struss takes oath of office

As part of Tuesday night's Eagle Lake City Council meeting, City Secretary Sylvia Rucka administered the oath of office to incoming Mayor Sidney Struss. The two re-elected Councilmen, John Young and Eric Nethery, were not present at the time. Young was to arrive later and Nethery was unable to attend.

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## Troopers getting tough on seat belt violators

It's been state law since 1985, yet one out of every four Texans still don't buckle up. That's why the Texas Department of Public Safety is taking part in Click It or Ticket, a special statewide safety belt public education and enforcement campaign.

DPS Troopers and many other police officers will be out in force to cite safety belt violators May 24 to June 6. They will also be concentrating their efforts on these violators on other holiday weekends when increased traffic deaths and injuries historically occur.

"If protecting yourself in case of a crash isn't enough, law enforcement will give you another reason to buckle up: a citation that can cost from \$25 to \$200, plus court costs," said Senior Trooper Gary Pflughaupt. "As Texas residents plan for their Memorial Day holiday, they need to remember that not buckling up can cost them, whether it's a fine, a serious injury or worse."

During 2000, 3,769 people were killed and over 300,000 injured on Texas roads and highways. Many of those could have been prevented if the victims had been wearing safety belts. The Click It or Ticket campaign goal is to increase safety belt use from the current statewide average of 76% rate to 85%. Safety experts say increasing safety belt use in Texas by only 9% will result in 241 fewer traffic fatalities and 5,275 fewer injuries each year.

In addition to the Click It or Ticket program, Texas will be participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort). This program is part of a nationwide effort by all state police agencies to reduce fatalities during holiday periods. The DPS will con-

duct Operation CARE, All American Buckle Up Week, May 24-31, and Operation CARE, Memorial Day Weekend, May 28-31.

"Not only will DPS Troopers enforce the occupant restraint laws, but we'll be looking for speeders, drunk drivers and reckless drivers as well," (See DPS, Page 4)



### Outgoing mayor receives thanks

Outgoing Eagle Lake Mayor René Cooper-Scott received thanks for her service to the City as mayor and alderman from City Manager Ron Holland at Tuesday night's Council meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Contreras presented her with a plaque signifying her service.

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### Taking care of business

Have you seen the new floriculture and HUGE pots on Main Street? Thanks to Canaris Nursery, the downtown area is looking good. Peter and Janette were caught giving this planter a much needed drink. With the temperature going up, you're sure to see them putting around in their golf cart with large jugs of water on the back as they care for the plants they also provided.

We thank the Canaris family for their support and everything they do for our City.

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## Roark resigns

Rice CISD Superintendent accepted the resignation of Athletic Director Russell Roark Tuesday, effective June 30.

In order to maintain continuity and quality in the system, Rice CISD will be accepting in-house applications for Roark's position until June 2, 2004.

After a plea bargain entered by Roark's attorney Monday, the felony charges filed against him stemming from the incident at Wharton High School last fall were dropped. The condition for dropping the charges was that he (Roark) would voluntarily surrender his teaching certificate for one year.

Without the certificate, he could not serve as athletic director.

Roark's resignation was also voluntary. He was neither asked by nor encouraged by the District to resign.



Roark talking to his "troops" after one of the many winning football games he orchestrated.

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## Library gearing up for Summer Reading

The Eula and David Wintermann Library is preparing to kick off its Texas Reading Club Summer Program.

The theme this year is "Color Your World... Read!"

Sign up for the program began May 24 with the Opening Party to be Wednesday, June 2, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The purpose of this program is to promote reading and attract children to the library.

The emphasis is on having fun with books and helping children retain valuable reading skills during the summer.

The Texas Reading Club is a self-paced reading program in which the children and the library staff keep records of the books they read. The children are encouraged to read on their expected reading level.

Many activities are planned for the children around this year's theme. As stated earlier, the Opening Party for all ages will be Wednesday, June 2, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 9, returning for the third year will be Julian Franklin, the magician who entertained the children. He will be returning with a new sidekick, Meihoo, the dragon. The program is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. for all ages.

On June 16 and 30 and July 7, children ages four through those who completed first grade will meet from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. each Wednesday.

Children having completed second grade through sixth grade will meet from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

The closing party will be held July 14.

Wednesday, June 23, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. the library will present a new program for all the children. A representative from the Southwest Dairy Farmers will bring a Mobile Dairy Classroom with a dairy cow and give a demonstration.

This summer, Pre-K through second grade will be required to read at least 10 books to be eligible for a grab bag. Grades third through sixth will be required to read 375 pages to be eligible for a grab bag.

Again this year, there will be a prize awarded to a boy and girl in each age group who reads the most books or pages for the older children.

If you would like to donate to the Summer Reading Program, you may. You can mail your tax-deductible donation to Wintermann Library, Summer Reading Program, 101 N. Walnut, Eagle Lake, TX 77434 or bring it by personally.

Your sponsorship dollars and gifts will help reward our children for their reading efforts.

Last year, we were able to reward 114 children for their reading efforts for reading a total of 2,728 books.

Please help our children continue to enjoy our library.