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The Eagle Lake United Methodist Church dedicated a historical marker from the State of Texas on June 11. Pictured are members of the Methodist Historical Committee. Left of the marker, standing, from left: Anna Lee Higgins, Pastor Ardie Nelson, and Victor Scott. Seated is Henry Sunderman. Right of the marker, from left are: Harold Raabe, Elfe Thomas, and Anna Gertson.

Methodists Receive Historical Plaque

In an unveiling ceremony on Wednesday, June 11, the United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake dedicated a historical marker from the State of Texas.

Following is information on the history of the United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake.

The United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake is the oldest Protestant Congregation in the community. By 1864, Emma Tracy Rhine started the first private school in Eagle Lake.

The one room schoolhouse served as the first church meeting house in 1872, when circuit rider Oreneth Fisher organized a Methodist Church and Sunday School. Emma Rhine organized the first Ladies Aid Society in the same year, establishing a tradition of women's groups in the church.

The Methodists met in the schoolhouse until 1880, when the community built a Union Church. The Methodist, Baptist, Episcopalians and Christian congregations shared the facility until each could build its own sanctuary.

In May 1899, J. K. Davidson, James A. Harbert, R. B. Dobbins and W. Y. Westmoreland, trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, bought land on Lake Street. The Rev. R. E. Nunn directed the construction of a brick sanctuary and a parsonage.

In 1939, John and Orera (Fussell) Colly donated land and mon-

ey for a new Methodist church, named Colly Memorial Methodist Church in memory of their 17 year-old-daughter, Bobby. She died the year before by electrocution in a swimming pool; a stained glass window behind the altar was given in memory of A. W. Braun, who died trying to save her. The church facilities expanded with educational buildings and a new parsonage.

The church moved one block away to the former Eagle Lake School site in 1976. The stained glass window and a historic bell moved with the congregation, which changed its name to the United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake. More than a century after its founding, the church continues to play a significant role in the community.

Current Historical committee members include Anna Lee Higgins, chairperson; Ann Pavliska, member past and present committee; Ann Gertson, invitation coordinator; Harold Raabe, advisor to committee; Elfe Thomas, secretary coordinator; Don Bendy, advisor to committee; Kathryn Mehner, scrapbook chairperson; Vic Scott, member past and present committee; Ernest Mae Seaholm, historian consultant; and Rev. Ardie Nelson, program chairperson and advisor.

Marker is property of the State of Texas.

NEWSBRIEFS

City To Move Ahead With Hangar Project

WIC office closed till further notice

The Eagle Lake WIC office will be closed until further notice. Eagle Lake clients need to call the Columbus WIC office at 979-732-6635 for appointments or further information.

Cerrado hasta nuevo aviso

Eagle Lake WIC oficina esta cerrado hasta nuevo aviso. Clientes necesitan llamar a la oficina de WIC Columbus para los nobramientos. Llama 979-732-6635 para obtener mas informacion.

Head Start taking applications

Head Start is accepting eligibility applications for the 2008-09 school year. If you have a child that will be 3 or 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2008 and you would like to enroll them in an Early Childhood Development Program that is FREE to parents you should call 1-800-433-7570 for an application or visit our website at ctfhs.org.

Head Start aceptando aplicaciones

Head Start esta aceptando las aplicaciones de elegibilidad para el ano escolar de 2008-09. Si usted tiene un niño que sera 3 o 4 años de edad el 1 de septiembre de 2008 y le gustaria matricularlo en un Program de Desarrollo Temprano de Ninez que es GRATIS a los padres usted debe llamar al 1-800-433-7570 ext. 10 para una aplicacion o visite nuestro sitio del web al ctfhs.org.

Farmer's Market opens Thursday's

The Eagle Lake farmers' market is open on Thursdays at the Community Center pavilion from 4 to 6 p.m. Gardeners and farmers, come share your locally grown food with your neighbors. Just show up and set up under the pavilion roof. You are welcome if you have a lot to sell, or just a little. If you have questions, contact Randall Spalinger at rwsal@elc.net or call 979.243.4261.

Announcing narcotics anonymous

If you have a drug or alcohol problem or think you might have one and you want to stop, then Narcotics Anonymous is the solution! Every Wednesday, night from 8 to 9 p.m. in Columbus. For more information and location, please call (713) 858-5162.

Federal programs meeting at RCISD set

There will be a meeting to plan for 2008-2009 NCLB federal programs at Rice CISD. All teachers/staff and parents are invited to attend. The meeting will be held at the Rice Administration Building at 6 p.m. on June 19.

Extra Pleasures to meet June 20

"Extra Pleasures" organizational meeting will be at the library on June 20 at 1:30 p.m. Come and bring your ideas for future activities. Our first activity will be a day trip to Martha's Bloomer's Garden Center in Navasota.

Ronald McDonald at Wintermann Library

On Wednesday, June 25, Ronald McDonald will be the guest for the Summer Reading Program. The program will begin at 1:30 p.m. Parents may bring their cameras if they would like to take their child's picture with Ronald. Come out and enjoy the show!!!

Church yard sale is Saturday

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, 1003 Columbus Street in Altair will hold a gigantic garage sale on Saturday, June 21 from 7 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information contact Mary Nightingale at 234-3264 or Marie Glover at 234-2206. Proceeds used to benefit the church building fund.

Faith, Family, Food and Fun

Eagle Lake Community Juneteenth Celebration sponsored by Power Unlimited and EH Henry Historical Corp. will be held Saturday, June 21 at the city park next to EH Henry School. Food games, basketball tournament, spiritual dialogue. Everyone is invited to come out and have a good time. For information on Booth Rental please contact: Alethea Tolliver at 979-758-2244 or Portia Smith at 281-989-2555.

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The Eagle Lake City Council voted during their meeting June 11 to expend about \$23,000 from the airport fund in order to proceed with plans to build two new hangars. Mayor Pro-Tem John Young conducted the meeting, as Mayor Mike Morales was unable to attend.

The money will come from the airport fund, which is comprised of funds raised through current hangar rentals and other income.

The total project cost is about \$550,000, a large portion of which is being paid for with funds from TxDOT.

It was noted that TxDOT is no

longer providing funds for these types of projects, and that if the city opted not to move forward, it would be unlikely any new hangars could be built in the foreseeable future.

The city expects that the new hangars will rent for between \$800 and \$1,100.

It was also noted that there are no vacancies in the current hangars.

Councilman Chri Schiurring said that since the money is coming from the airport fund, that he did not see a problem with it.

Council also voted to spend money from the city's emergency equipment replacement

fund to replace several pieces of equipment for the public works department.

Public Works Director Thurston Webb said that the city was currently spending a good deal of money to keep old equipment working and that he thought replacing some items would be better.

Council voted to spend \$13,000 for a new 60-inch mower, and about \$1,500 to repair the gearbox in the gradall that has been broken down behind the Furniture Shoppe for several months.

Council also voted to purchase a new pump used for clearing water from holes in the event of

water line breaks.

In other council action:

-Council briefly discussed increasing bulk water rates, but decided to wait until the budget process to discuss the matter further.

-Council approved placing an ad for a City Manager with the Texas Municipal League. It was noted that the ad would be free for up to 60 days.

-Council discussed a location for the restroom in Eh Henry Park, but decided that they would meet at the park prior to their next meeting to discuss the matter further.



One sure sign of summer is a crowded swimming pool. These kids took a moment out of their fun to pose for a picture.