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Crafters

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booths. Later they acted as managers for the flea market. After the building was sold, Joy opened the Eagle Lake Flea Market at Peroni Mobile Home Village. Though Nancy doesn't work the flea market anymore, they still travel to do craft shows together.

Country Trimmings

Beth Draper of Sugar Land, formerly Beth Sinclair of Eagle Lake, has traveled to Eagle Lake for the second time to offer her booth at the Wildflower Celebration. Her booth features painted t-shirts, wood works with stenciling decorated with dried and silk flowers with a popular country theme.

Connie's Crafts

This booth features creations by Connie Lange of Eagle Lake. Her items include handpainted and designed blue jean jackets, purses and every type of western wear. Also featured are appliqued shirts done by Connie's niece, Cindi Van Deventer of Caldwell.

Adorables

Original crafts by Beverly Taylor of Eagle Lake are featured at this booth. Among the wares are wooden angles, handpainted t-shirts, sweats and baby clothes, handcrafted jewelry and hair clips, and inexpensive "take home" gifts for grandchildren.

Beverly started her home-based business in December. With one in college and one child about to graduate high school, she needed a creative outlet to occupy her spare time. Inspired by her niece in Austin, Adorables was formed; and even husband Steve and son have joined the business by crafting bird houses and feeders.

Colleen Scott

This booth features fine fashion jewelry offered by Colleen Scott of Houston, formerly of Eagle Lake. Colleen's mother, Jimmie Scott of Eagle Lake, is manning the display of beautiful high quality costume jewelry.

C&S and C&W Ceramics

Cathy Schuster and Connie Herman, both of Eagle Lake, share this booth offering a full line of ceramics. The pair just started their business within the past year and plan to show again at the Magnolia Show in Columbus next month. Their hobby is really starting to pay off.

T's Etc.

Penny Henske of Eagle Lake has been making t-shirts for almost four years now. Though she has only been painting for a year, before that she created t-shirts designed with ribbons and buttons. For now her speciality is the hand painted t-shirt featuring wildflower themes. Penny says business is fantastic. Her t-shirts are selling so fast, people are buying them before the paint dries.

Anything & Everything

Billie Jean Case heads this booth where she offers painted t-shirts, jewelry and hair ornaments. Anything & Everything started about a year ago when Billie Jean's eight year old daughter Ginger started making hair clips. Then beaded earings, necklaces, boot clips, bandanas, etc. When Ginger got her little sister Cassidi involved, Billie Jean had no choice but to join the crowd. Billie Jean has been doing t-shirts while selling anything and everything her daughters make.

M & R Creations

Winona Rolf of Eagle Lake and her sister Pattie Mauhler of Orchard offer this booth. The sisters own a shop in Orchard by the same name where they make and sell their ceramic creations. Both are retired school teachers who needed something to do "because school teachers just can't sit down and fold their hands after teaching for so many years." What started as a hobby has grown into a 4 year old business, and looks like it will be around to stay.

Debbie's Originals

Debbie Christ of Eagle Lake offers this booth featuring wares from Debbie's Originals... Arts and Crafts, Ceramics. Items include painted t-shirts, ceramics, jewelry... or just about anything anybody wants, Debbie says she can do. Debbie teaches seventh and eighth grade art in Wharton and runs her business from her home during her spare time.

Heidi's

This booth is a smash! Heidi Mills of Eagle Lake features her cow mail boxes which she makes and sells from her home by specialty order. Her husband Buddy cuts the wood, and Heidi assembles and paints the cows. Heidi has sold and sent "cows" to customers from across the United States, and continues to receive more orders everyday. The "cows" are featured at an art gallery in Santa Fe, New Mexico, a gift store in Olde Town, and specialty shops and stores throughout the state of Texas.

Candy McCreary helps Heidi run the booth and offers jewelry with a country theme, watermelon shoes and t-shirts.

Candy and Heidi used to travel and do craft shows all the time, but they're not able to do that anymore, the cow mail box business has utterly grown too fast. The Wildflower Celebration Craftshow is the only one they're able to find time for these days.

If you haven't visited the craft show yet, do. Eagle Lake can be proud of the local talent on display there.

After browsing at the craft show be sure and drive out to Calhoun Road for the Wildflower Wagon Tour. There you can pick a bouquet of wildflowers and take a ride on one of the four wagons through several fields of wildflowers situated along Lake. The narrated tour talks about the flower fields, a bit of history on the lake and the excellent goose hunting Eagle Lake has to offer. The flowers are blooming and so are the tourists! Don't miss out on what our town has to offer this spring.

Heidi Mills hand paints cow mail boxes and "mails" them all over the world. She also is very artistic in many other crafts. Jimmie Scott, right, can add a sparkle to someone's eye with her elegant jewelry.

Museum

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p.m.. Lots of volunteer work is done by the ladies in charge to be able to offer the public many bargains. Dishes, household appliances, and furniture are among the best sellers. Our museum crafters keep our gift department in the museum well supplied with attractive items.

One of our visitors whose name I do not know was very much impressed with the activities connected with the Wildflower Celebration. She told her impressions to at least one person at The Brazosport Facts, and Glenn Krompota wrote a very delightful and informative article entitled "Eagle Lake Wildflower Celebration in Full Bloom", which the aforementioned friend brought us. We hope to have the page laminated. Several quotes are as follows: "Studies show that wildflowers can increase tourism and reduce litter says John Thomas, founder of Wildseed, Inc."; "Color is king, says John Thomas."; "The museum is not only a launching point for the tour but a treat for browsers with time to spend."; and "The good thing about the Eagle Lake Area is we'll have at least three flowers in peak any time in April, Thomas says."

The many booths with their variety of wares attract many people. There is much artistic talent being put to use in many of the articles for sale.

The following are three more quotes from the article "A History of the Button": "For working people (in England) who wanted to emulate the rich, Matthew Boulton created dazzling steel buttons, actually reproductions of earlier marcasite imitations of diamonds. The rhinestones of the 18th century."; In America "...Paul Revere fashioned fine silver buttons."; "Perhaps the most prized of the early American buttons are those made for George Washington's first and second inaugurations. Hand-stamped in copper, brass or Sheffield silver plate, they are known to exist in 22 different patterns."

Free food

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Information on eligibility requirements for the Emergency Food Assistance Program may be obtained from local CCA Community Service Centers, or the CCA Central Office in Smithville, 512-237-2434. If you have not recertified for commodities, please do so before the day of distribution.

Rules for participation in the program are the same for everyone without regard to age, race, marital status, color, religion, sex, handicap, national origin, or political belief.

Texas German Society convention set

The sixth annual convention of the Texas German Society will be held on April 28 at the Diamond Center of St. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church in Frelsburg. Frelsburg was the first German settlement in Colorado County and rich in German heritage.

Registration is from 9 - 10 a.m. Dorothy Leyendecker, president of the Colorado County Chapter and Fay Elliott, program chairman of the Texas German Society, are coordinating the program. Edward Wachholz, state president, will preside at the business meeting.

There will be a tour of St. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church after the noon meal of barbecue beef and sausage.

Everyone is invited to come out for a day of enjoyment, which will conclude at 4 p.m. If you enjoy speaking the German language, this may be a great opportunity. The noon meal of barbecue with all the trimmings will cost $5. Come join us for a day of "Gemütlichkeit".

Bicycle safety course at Gail's Day Care

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's "Bring-a-Bike Day" safety course will be conducted at Gail's Day Care Center on April 27 to encourage safe riding behavior among children and raise money to fight childhood cancer.

"Bicycle accidents are a major problem with American children," Gail Gertson, director of the center said, "According to the National Safety Council, there are an estimated 1,000 fatal accidents and 500,000 injuries a year involving bicycles. "Bring-a-Bike Day" aims at making children aware of bike safety at an early age, which we hope will save our children from harm."

Parents of children at Gail's Day Care will be seeking pledges for St. Jude Hospital during this program. St. Jude is the leading center for the study of childhood cancer which, next to accidents, is the leading killer of children.

For further information, call Gail at 234-5184.

Bus loads of visitors

This is a typical scene at one of the local eateries the past several weeks as bus loads of tourists make Eagle Lake as one of their scheduled spots to enjoy lunch and tour the beautiful fields of wildflowers. A bus from Northshore had already departed from The Farris 1912 and the other visitors were loading up when this picture was taken Tuesday afternoon around one o'clock. The Wildflower Celebration in Eagle Lake continues through April. Make plans to drive out and view the picturesque scenery and meet all the friendly folks here.

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Community first aid program planned

The Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps is presenting a video program, "Emergency First Aid", for the entire community at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 21 at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

The program is specifically aimed at what to do until help arrives (i.e. until the ambulance gets there it is required). Many times lives are lost before trained personnel can reach the scene and, many times, those lives are those of loved ones. It would be much better, much safer, more self-satisfying and much more logical to know what to do "until help arrives".

The publishers of an emergency service magazine called JEMS has put together this program in an effort to bring the community into the EMS system where the people on the scene are the first link in the chain of emergency care.

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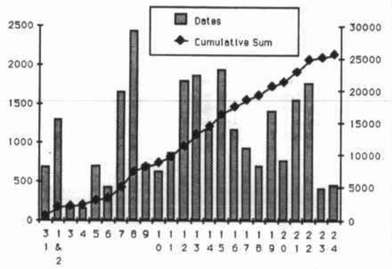

As of 6 p.m. Tuesday, Bill Harrison Sr. reported 25,588 visitors have registered at the Prairie Edge Museum to tour the wildflowers in April during the Wildflower Celebration.

Glover named superintendent

Gene Glover, son of Mrs. Oda Lee Glover of Altair and a 1970 graduate of Eagle Lake High School, was recently named superintendent of the Kennard school district. Kennard is located in Houston County, east of Crockett.

Gene graduated from Prairie View A&M with a bachelor and master's degree. He taught school in Bay City,

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Candidates seeking local positions on the Rice CISD Board of Trustees are, from left, Fritz Leopold, Jim Wiese Vicki Powers and Randy Burrow. They spoke at a forum sponsored Monday night.

School board candidates speak to public

Monday night the Rice Classroom Teachers Association sponsored a candidate forum for the four candidates running for two positions in the Rice CISD Board of Trustees election on May 5.

The forum gave each of the candidates an opportunity to let the public know who they are, what ideas and standards they have and how they could better the community by being nominated to the board.

The candidates are Fritz Leopold, currently on the board, running unopposed for re-election to Position 6 (Garwood/Nada area), and Jim Wiese, Vicki Powers and Randy Burrow, who are seeking Position 7 (Eagle Lake area). Each candidate was given 10-minutes to give their prepared speech with questions following. All of the candidates thanked Rice CTA for sponsoring the forum.

Fritz Leopold, his wife Kathy and four children live in Nada and he has been on the school board for the past seven years. Leopold said he likes the idea of running unopposed.

I will do the most possible for the benefit of the communities in the district," Leopold said. He kept his speech short since he was running unopposed.

Jim Wiese, his wife Jean and three children live in Eagle Lake. In his speech, he said we must be prepared to give our young children the best education possible and we must set a standard and goal for each student to reach their potential.

"One of our biggest challenges is to instill our children with the desire to set and reach goals," Wiese stated, "A motivated child is much easier to reach than a defeated child."

Wiese said he will represent all the people of the district in fairness and without bias and "together we can

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St. Mary's Extravaganza Sunday

St. Mary's School second annual Extravaganza will be held on April 29th at the Nada KJT Community Center. Fried chicken will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Plates will be available to go or to stay and will be $4 each. Activities will be a Volleyball Tournament, Kolache Bake-Off and Silent Auction. Music will be provided from noon till 8 p.m. For more information, call 409-758-3605 after 5 p.m.

Rice CISD hosts special GT program

Rice CISD will present a special program on serving gifted/talented students. Ms. Adele McClendon, director of Gifted/Talented Programs, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, will be the guest speaker. Anyone interested in gifted/talented programs is cordially invited to attend and hear the presentation of this highly respected and knowledgeable educator.

The program is planned for 6 p.m. Monday, May 7 at Rice High School in the agriculture room.

Deadline for school transfers May 1

The deadline for students transferring into the Rice school district for the 1990-91 school year is Tuesday, May 1, 1990.

Application forms may be obtained by calling the central office in Altair at 234-3531.

White Cloud's person of year award

White Cloud Baptist Church presents its third annual Person of the Year award and fashion extravaganza to benefit White Cloud Baptist Church's building fund.

The event will be held this Saturday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Donations of adults $5 each and children (3-12) $2 each.

Raiders Athletic Awards banquet May 7

The 1990 Rice Raiders Athletic Awards Banquet will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 7, in the Commons of Rice High School. Tickets may be purchased for $5 from the school offices at Rice H.S., Sheridan or Garwood. Tickets will also be available at Laker Printing in Eagle Lake. Please contact Mrs. Williams at the high school (234-3535) for additional information.

To employ 60-80 people

Corrugated box plant to be built in Sealy

Willamette Industries Inc. will open a new $20 million facility in Sealy to be in full operation by January of 1991 and will employ 60 to 80 people, according to a group of local political figures, school board officials and area business professionals who went to Grand Prairie last week to visit the facility there.

Ranked fifth in all forest products category and number 418 in the top 1,000 most valuable companies in America as stated by *Business Week*, the company will construct a corrugated box plant in Sealy on the 26 acres next to Martin-Brower on State Highway 90.

The building is expected to be 160,000 square feet with an office building of 10,000 square feet. The facility is expected to be completed in December of 1990. According to Sealy City Administrator Larry Kuciemba, Willamette representatives plan to break ground on the construction in less that two weeks.

Tom Golson, superintendent of Sealy Schools, said in a press conference last Friday, Willamette initially plans to hire 60 to 80 people, but may hire as many as 120 people as they add on additional production shifts.

Sealy Mayor Betty Reinbeck said interviewing will begin in the fall, some time around November and is expected to be completed in December. Reinbeck also said Willamette will only bring in 10 to 12 top level people to work in the new facility. All others will be hired from the area.

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Unlicensed drivers to be ticketed

Eagle Lake Police Chief Lupe Villarreal told *The Eagle Lake Headlight* the police department will begin ticketing all unlicensed drivers who are seen driving a vehicle.

There have been numerous occasions when kids have been seen driving around town. "Unlicensed drivers will be stopped and given citations," stated Chief Villarreal.

'Mock' disaster drill planned

Eagle Lake Community Hospital will coordinate a "simulated" disaster drill somewhere in the area very soon. The community is being asked to cooperate in any way possible and to treat the disaster as if it were real.

The purpose of the drill is to allow the hospital to meet regulations of the Joint Commission on Accreditation and to allow participating organizations to test local emergency response preparedness.

Centennial Celebration May 20

History of the Colorado County Courthouse

Part I

February 24, 1991 will be the 100th anniversary of the official opening of the Colorado County courthouse. In recognition of the building's century of history, the Colorado County Historical Commission is hosting a celebration in conjunction with the 29th Magnolia Homes Tour in Columbus on Sunday, May 20. This is the first of a series of articles on the history of the courthouse.

The present Colorado County courthouse is the third to stand on the same site, always known as the courthouse square, in Columbus. Since its construction in 1889-1891, it has been a center of activity for both the county and the city of Columbus.

The second county courthouse, which was built in 1856, had been in use for just over 30 years when, in May 1889, a petition asking the county government to build a new courthouse was circulated. On June 30 and July 1, 1889, an appointed courthouse committee met and adopted plans and specifications for the new courthouse. On August 23, the commissioners court met and directed that the county advertise for sealed bids for the erection of the new courthouse.

On September 28, 1889, opponents of the new courthouse met in Columbus. They presented the commissioners court with petitions declaring their opposition to the project. Similar petitions had been filed on August 16, 1889. The court accepted both sets of petitions, but went ahead with the planned new courthouse.

On October 1, 1889, they awarded the contract to Martin, Byrne and Johnson, stipulating that the building was to be constructed according to plans provided by architect Eugene T. Heiner. The following day, they ordered that the existing courthouse be advertised for sale to the highest bidder and thereafter removed from the site. On November 14, urged by a petition, the court agreed to relax the schedule for completion of the courthouse so that the brick could be manufactured in Colorado County.

By April, 1890, the foundation had been poured, but the construction was plagued by delays. As July approached, the county decided to incorporate the ceremonial laying of the cornerstone into its usual celebration of the Fourth of July. But even that date could not be met, and so the celebration was delayed by three days.

At 11 o'clock on the morning of July 7, 1890, citizens began gathering in a park on the north side of Columbus for a grand barbecue.

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Proudly watching their son, Casey Clipson, sign a Letter of Intent to Friends University Monday were Kay Clipson and Richard Clipson.

Clipson receives football scholarship at Friends

Casey Clipson, the Rice Raiders quarterback this past season, signed a National Letter of Intent Monday and scholarship agreement with Friends University to play football.

After a record setting year with the Raiders, Casey will be used as quarterback for the explosive Falcons.

Friends University is a strong, vital university, committed to the pursuit of academic excellence and the best of Christian values in an environment of freedom and independence. Friend's innovative spirit and flexibility for adaptation to a changing society has produced new and exciting opportunities for students of today and tomorrow.

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