

Eagle Lake WIC office in new location

The WIC program has moved to the Eagle Lake Clinic on Hwy. 90 west in Eagle Lake. All WIC participants are asked to come to the Eagle Lake Clinic on the day of their next appointment.

The WIC team will continue to provide services on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the clinic.

To qualify for WIC benefits, you must meet income guidelines (below) and have a nutritional need.

Number in Household	Gross monthly income	Gross yearly
1	\$0-\$1,135	\$13,616
2	0-\$1,517	\$18,204
3	0-\$1,900	\$22,792
4	0-\$2,282	\$27,380
5	0-\$2,664	\$31,968
6	0-\$3,047	\$36,556

For over 6 household members, or if you have any income questions, call the WIC office at 409-234-7408 or 409-732-6635. The WIC program is an equal opportunity program.

The jewel in Eagle Lake's crown of wildlife

By Rollin H. Baker, Curator, Prairie Edge Museum

On Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1927, the participants of what proved to be a famous prairie chicken hunt, assembled for the night at the Dallas Hotel in Eagle Lake.

This hunt was arranged by two local sponsors, State Game Warden Thomas T. Waddell and Egypt rancher G.H. Northington Sr. The out-of-town guests included Texas Governor Dan Moody, Executive Secretary William J. Tucker and his chief deputy Beal Jester of the Texas Game, Fish & Oyster Commission (now Texas Parks & Wildlife) and Judges C.G. Krueger and C.D. Duncan.

Assisting in the arrangements, acting as guides, and helping with dog handling were Eagle Lake residents David Wintermann, Charles H. Brodie, and William Waddell. The latter, the game warden's son, also served as Governor Moody's chauffeur.

Waddell had observed and hunted pinnated grouse (another name for these gallinaceous birds) as early as 1907. By 1927, according to his notes, he saw the handwriting on the wall. The population of this noble bird, he concluded, had no way to go but down.

Up to the time of Waddell's death in 1982, he still grieved that despite all of his efforts enforcing the closed season on these birds and devising habitat protective programs with cooperating local land owners, his prairie birds had almost become only a cherished memory.

Thus, Governor Moody headed one of the last of the classic hunting parties. His team was fielded by gas-line-driven auto, Buckboards and wagons furnished transportation for stylish hunts of earlier times.

In fact, there were tales of hunts in which the participants divided themselves in teams. At the end of the day, the kill by each team would be tallied to determine which was the most skillful hunting group of the day.

Often times the piles of dead birds were simply left in the field. This was because some of these so-called sportsmen did not savor the taste of prairie chickens, preferring only to hunt them.

In centuries of time - perhaps 10,000 years - since the last Ice Age, ornithologists suspect that the vast central grasslands - the Great Plains of North America underwent a more-or-less continuous population of greater prairie chickens from what are now the Canadian Prairie Provinces in the north to the Gulf Coast Plain of western Louisiana and Texas in the south.

This extensive north-south prairie chicken population existed as a continuous and undoubtedly interbreeding population until the mid-nineteenth century. For the struggling pioneers, these birds provided much needed "prairie-protein" for their families.

Obenholser and Kincaid (The Bird Life of Texas, 1974) reported that the north-central Texas chickens numbered in the neighborhood of 500. In the recent past, Texas have helped save their near-extinct whooping crane by protecting its critical winter range.

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And currently, black bear and desert bighorn are once again beginning to roam Trans-Pecos highlands. Likewise, there are glimmers of hope for our chickens.

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Long live Attwater's Prairie Chicken, the jewel in the crown of our array of diverse wildlife neighbors!

Peterson recognized during 'Older Worker Week'

A smiling face, kind words and loads of love and patience describe Jenavee Peterson, senior Texan employee, who greets everyone who comes to the Sheridan Memorial Library. She has been a part of the library system for the past two years.

Peterson, a long-time resident of Sheridan, saw her six children grow up and attend school in Sheridan and at Rice. Joan resides in Pearland, Laneil in Friendswood, Wanda Gail in Rosenberg, Ike in Edna and Clark in Sheridan. She lost her son, Mike, in 1969. Peterson has 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Her leisure time is spent in reading, crocheting, riding bicycle and spending time with her grandchildren. Peterson has become a valuable asset to the library, and we in the community recognize the contributions that older Texans make to the workforce. We benefit from the experience and wisdom of a lifetime.

During Older Worker Week, we recognize the availability, experience and reliability of older Texans to public and private sector employers. Older Worker Week is designated to focus everyone's attention on HIRING OLDER WORKERS — A GREAT NATIONAL RESOURCE.

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We, in Sheridan, appreciate the contributions that older workers make to our community and during Older Worker Week, March 1995, recognize their accomplishments.

Our salute to you, Jenavee Peterson!



Jenavee Peterson has been a part of the Sheridan Memorial Library for the past two years.

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United Way dispenses funds

The Board of Directors of United Way of Eagle Lake met for its annual dinner at the Sportsman's Restaurant on Tuesday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Nancy Nelson reported that the United Way of Eagle Lake had raised funds to the following groups:

Boy Scouts, 3,998, \$317; Youth Development, 4,998, \$398; Colorado County Children's Service Board, 8,448, \$682; Colorado Valley Council on Alcoholism and Drugs, 9,896, \$796; Little League Operation, 9,198, \$739; Little League Capital Improvements, 7,448, \$601; Ministerial Alliance, 18,586, \$1,502; Colorado County Mental Health-Retardation, 7,448, \$601; Colorado County Red Cross, 3,798, \$300; Eagle Lake Salvation Army, 11,198, \$901; Colorado County Special Olympics, 9,998, \$804; Administrative Costs, 5,998, \$479; total equals \$8,120.

All of these agencies directly benefit the citizens of this area and you should be proud that you made the difference.

CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

Eagle Lake Study Club

At the Wednesday, March 8, meeting of the Eagle Lake Study Club, Mary Ann Pizzalato of the Doll House in Spring, gave the program on the restoration and history of dolls.

She said that originally all dolls were made with porcelain heads, but since they were so fragile, the doll business went to composition heads.

In 1934-1939 over 6,000,000 Shirley Temple dolls were made. From 1959 through 1967, Barbie dolls were all the rage.

Her hospital can restore dolls to their original state. Some dolls only need general maintenance (meaning that their clothing is cleaned, hair repaired and minor repairs made).

To dolls of any value, she likes to do only what is necessary to bring back to the dolls natural and original look. She opened the doll hospital in 1980 and had the opportunity to train under Madame Alexander's father.

Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival Silent Auction

Saturday, March 25; 4 p.m., Eagle Lake Community Center

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1. Gifts of Distinction
 2. The Bob Wilcoxes
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2nd Annual Alley tribute is April 1

The second annual tribute to music pioneer Shelly Lee Alley, held in April 1994, packed the Stafford Opera House with country music fans who heard Alley's stepson Clyde Brewer and the Original River Road Boys.

Shelly Alley Jr., Van Williams, the blind singer who performs Jimmie Rodgers songs, and Jimmy Rodgers Cook, the legendary singer's grandson.

The April 1, 1995 Alley tribute will have the return of Clyde Brewer and the Original River Road Boys and Shelly Alley Jr., plus Chad Alley performing songs written by his grandfather.

Van Williams, the big hit of the 1994 show, will be back on stage to perform his Jimmie Rodgers songs in the same manner as the country music legend did back in the 1930s.

Larry Scott, the popular all-night DJ on KWKH Radio in Shreveport, La., and a member of the Disc Jockey Hall of Fame, will return to emcee the show.

An extra special attraction this year will be the appearance of Texas swing veteran Leon Rausch, along with four other former members of Bob Willis' Texas Playboys, playing

The top prize for the Mother's Day Drawing will be a beautiful quilt.

The Catholic daughters will be selling sweets at the KC Fish Fry on the Fridays during Lent. Please contact Renee Staff for cake donations and work schedules.

Two new members were welcomed to our court: Danette Hwar and Peggy Trochta.

The Victorian Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention will be held on March 25 in Goliad.

The Columbus Club will be holding their annual Style Show and Salad Supper on March 27. Advance tickets only.

The next meeting will be April 11.

Outdoor Nature Club plans April field trip

The first spring outing of the Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club will occur on April 1, at the Attwater's Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge.

Four leaders Doris Laughlin of Columbus and Refuge Manager Steve Labuda of Sealy announced a two-part morning activity. Participants will first survey sectors of the riverine growth along the San Bernard for wild flowers and migrating bird life.

Second, they will tour prairie wetland edges to view waterfowl, wading birds, marsh vegetation and other aquatic and semi-aquatic life.

Those attending the outdoor activity are asked to assemble at 7 a.m. at Prairie Edge Museum for share-the-ride opportunities or drive direct to the Refuge headquarters by 7:30 a.m.

This half-day event will be completed before lunch-time.

Tour leaders suggest that participants wear loose field clothing and walking shoes. Children are welcome and should really enjoy this event.

Binoculars and field guides will be helpful. Steve emphasizes that the minute details of many warblers and other small, migrating birds in colorful breeding plumages will be observed with binoculars. For those who possess spotting scopes, they could be put to good use viewing wetlands bird life.

At the Club's last meeting, the membership approved bylaws, named Helen Craig of Eagle Lake to continue in her role as acting president with Susan Tomchesson of East Bernard as secretary and Blair Hickey of Eagle Lake as treasurer.

The membership agreed that future activities will include more field trips than indoor meetings. In fact, another field trip is planned for early May.

For those persons interested in becoming members, you are invited to either attend the Refuge field trip or Call Helen at 234-2807, Susan 234-5591, Doris 732-8875 or Steve at 234-3021.

Hollywood, Calif., and played piano on their recordings that featured Jack Loyal and Tiny Moore.

Saxophonist Billy Briggs was with Willis and the Texas Playboys in 1950 when they returned to the Southwest, working out of Oklahoma City and Dallas.

Boatwright was with the Texas Playboys during the 1960s when they were no longer associated with Willis in an official capacity.

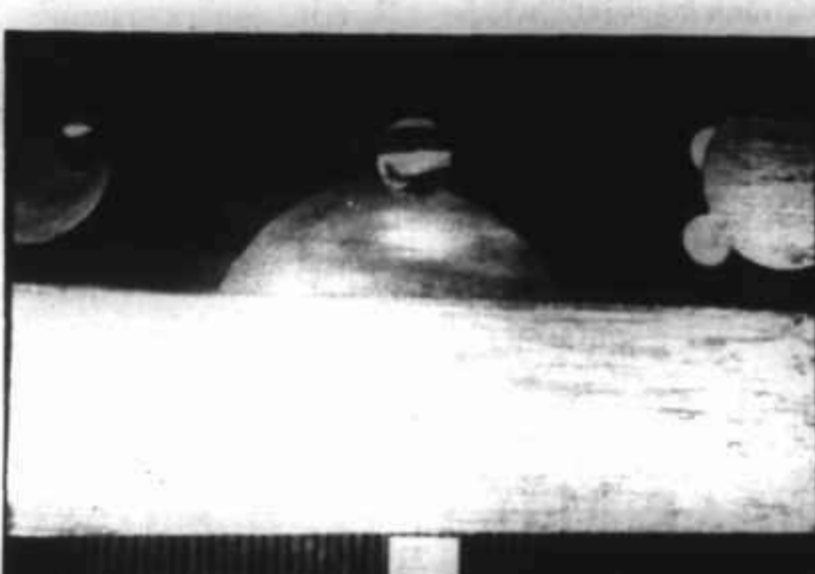
Shelly Alley was a musical pioneer who had the first music show on WFAA Radio in Dallas in 1923. He wrote and recorded more than 70 songs, including "The Traveller Blues" and "Gambler's Barroom Blues," both of which were recorded by Jimmie Rodgers in the early 1930s.

Alley organized the Jewel Cowboys who played on KPRC Radio in Houston. He also played with the Bewley Mills Chuck Wagon Gang before forming his orchestra and dance band, the Alley Cats, in Houston in 1937.

Many well-known musicians played with Alley or began their careers with the bands, including Cliff Bruner, Leon McAuliffe, Ted Daffan, Floyd Tillman and Moon Mullican.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. show at the historic 1886 Stafford Opera House are \$10 per person. Tickets are on sale at The Style Shop in Columbus, by mail at Stafford Opera House Theatre, P.O. Box 817, Columbus, Tx, 78934, or by telephone at 409-732-5135. Visa, Mastercard and Discover credit cards are accepted.

For lodging information, contact the Columbus Chamber of Commerce at 409-732-8385.



Two pieces of art by Tony Tyler, an Eagle Lake artist, placed at the Visual Arts Council Open Exhibit recently. His painting, "Virgin Works" (pictured above) received an honorable mention. His sculpture, "Comfort Stone," was awarded third place overall. The exhibit will continue through April 6 at the George Memorial Library Gallery in Richmond.

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Riceland can serve adult patients in Rosenberg

Charlie Boone, Chief Executive Officer of Riceland Regional Mental Health Authority, announced recently that Riceland Psychiatric Hospital, a subsidiary of Riceland Regional Mental Health Authority, has been granted provider status for adult patients at its Rosenberg facility.

The Medicare provider status is retroactive to Jan. 27, 1995, the date of the Hospital's survey by Medicare.

Mr. Boone said, "This is a major step forward in Riceland's ability to provide comprehensive services to the patients we serve. This is also recognition that Riceland Psychiatric Hospital is able to meet the required standards of care that Medicare establishes for a hospital to become a designated provider."

Riceland purchased what was Orchard Creek Hospital in Dec. of 1993 and re-opened a portion of it as Riceland Psychiatric Hospital in Feb. 1994. The rest of the facility houses outpatient clinics to serve adult and youth in Fort Bend County. The hospital serves four counties: Colorado, Fort Bend, Matagorda and Wharton.

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"This I conceive to be the chemical function of humor: to change the character of our thought."

— Lin Yutang

Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

CORNS: THE PRESSURE GETS YOU DOWN

Pressure, pressure, pressure - everywhere you look, today's lifestyle is full of pressures, and the feet are no exception. When pushing comes to shove in the form of long hours on the feet or ill-fitting shoes, the resulting pressure can add up to a painful case of corns. Friction and irritation are the chief causes of corns. Soft corns may form between toes, as one toe rubs against another, particularly on a bony bump. Such corns often appear in facing pairs. Hard corns may form at other pressure points, such as where the tops of toes rub against shoes, boring into the foot with a characteristic cone shape. A third type of corn is the tiny seed corn, which tends to occur in groups, often on the soles.

Home diagnosis and treatment for foot conditions such as corns usually create more problems than they solve. Don't succumb to this dangerous practice in the short-term interest of saving a little time and money. In the long run, this could turn out to be a costly choice. And since our aim is to prevent, not just repair, we hope you'll make foot care a regular part of your health care regime. We're easy to reach at 234-5571, at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. I am there the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

P.S. The corn's pressure cousin is the callus, which usually develops into a flat plane.

TICKETS ARE GOING FAST!!!

2nd annual tribute to Colorado County's own

SHELLY LEE ALLEY

(Guth Recording Star, Radio Pioneer and writer of "The Traveller Blues" - "Mean Mean Blues" - etc.)

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Saturday, April 1st, 1995

7:30 p.m., Stafford Opera House
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