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Lake Motors helps sponsor TIRR night

Tom Reed of Lake Motors Inc. is one of the 44 area Chevy First Team Dealers who will host more than 5,000 disabled former and current patients of TIRR (The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research), TIRR LifeBridge, and TIRR Rehabilitation Centers to a special night at Six Flags AstroWorld on March 29. This is the second year for "TIRR Night at Six Flags AstroWorld" which provides the private use of the park for one evening for individuals who might never have the opportunity to enjoy an amusement park. TIRR Systems member entities offer medical rehabilitation programs and services for individuals with physical disabilities such as spinal cord injury, brain injury, stroke and musculoskeletal problems. TIRR, a not-for-profit hospital in the Texas Medical Center, has been named one of America's Best Hospitals every year of a survey of physicians published in U.S. News & World Report. Tickets are being distributed by TIRR Foundation, which will benefit from a generous donation from the Chevy First Team dealers. "We have come to know the need and importance of this organization. Our sponsorship of this special night signifies the Chevrolet dealers commitment to the community and our belief in the quality work of TIRR Systems," said Mike Hall, President of the Chevrolet Dealers Association Board of Directors. Specially trained volunteers, including TIRR Systems employees, will help with transfers and advise guests with disabilities, many of them in wheelchairs, about the accessibility and physical requirements of the Six Flags AstroWorld rides. Six Flags AstroWorld president Phillip Clark says his staff looks forward to again hosting this event. "The park is already accessible to our guests with disabilities," he said. "We hope those visiting us with family and friends for the first time will realize this and want to visit the park all year long." Invitations to former patients will be in the mail by March 1, with tickets distributed on a first-come-first-served basis. The Chevrolet dealers, their employees and families will be on hand March 29 to welcome their special guests.



Justin Scroggins, eight years old, is a former TIRR patient who enjoyed last year's "TIRR Night at Six Flags AstroWorld". This special night will be held again March 29, thanks to the generosity of the 44 area Chevy First Team Dealers. Photo Courtesy of TIRR Systems

COLUMBUS LIVESTOCK AUCTION REPORT

Columbus Livestock Auction Inc. Sale Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. We will be on the air at KULM, Columbus, Wednesday from 6:30 to 6:45 a.m. and Thursday, live at ring side from 2:05 to 2:20 p.m. The classes of calves and yearlings were active and higher. The plainer types remain slow. Packer bulls and cows were steady with all major markets on hand approximately 300 head. We had a lot of buyers on hand, and some new buyers make for an active market. If we can help you with marketing your livestock, please call George Hagan or Art Moeller at 409-732-2622 or 1-800-944-2622. If you need a truck or trailer or man to work your cattle, we're as near as your telephone. Out of town call collect; your calls are welcome. Try us on your next shipment. Call George Hagan, residence 409-732-2553, Art Moeller, 409-732-2934, Roy Burger, 409-865-5042 or Kenneth Brune, 409-732-5815. "We are as close as your 24 hours a day, seven days a week," says George, Art, Ken, Roy, Max and Charley. "We appreciate your business."

Newsbriefs

Continued from Page 1 "Wish List". Call Shirley at 409-732-5061; Patty, 732-2237; Vicki, 732-3465; Eagle Lake Police Department, 234-2727 or the Headlight, 234-5521. Laughlin assistant in Columbus Constituents of Congressman Greg Laughlin are invited to attend a question-and-answer session scheduled from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5, at the Courthouse. A congressional assistant will be available to assist area residents with any matters they may have involving the federal government. The Colorado County Go Texan Champion team penners competed against 61 other Go Texan shows in the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo competition on Feb. 11. The team was runner-up with a run of 41 seconds. Bastrop won the competition with a 27 second run. By winning runner-up honors, the team contributed to points awarded the county in determining the winners of the \$10,000 scholarship for District VI. District VI consists of eight counties. The county winning the most points receives the scholarship. The same team represented Colorado County in 1995, taking third.

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Shown accepting the runner-up trophy for Colorado County are Lynda Appelt, District IV Area Go Texan chairperson, and the team of Monroe "Rip" Ripper, alternate Garrett Schindler, Al Schindler and Stephen Spanihel, all of Eagle Lake. Photo Courtesy of Carol Ripper

ABOUT TOWN... Joe and Candy McCreary had friends, Les and Tricia Sparks, in from Baton Rouge, La., for the weekend. Les belongs to the Houston Soaring Club and sails planes from the Hempstead Airport. Candy and Tricia decided to go watch him in this endeavor. While they were watching, Tricia presented a "dare" to Candy to go soaring. Candy decided to take the dare and actually had her time at soaring. They went up 4,000 feet and stayed aloft for 34 minutes. Candy said the worst time was when she released the rope from the tow plane and realized they were at the mercy of fate, and she had not even gotten her pilot's last name. Not that it mattered at that point Candy game!! A gold star from The Headlight staff goes to Liz Jackson for her "Johnny-on-the-spot" listing of the Eagle Lake Middle School honor roll. Report cards were received in the mail just this past Saturday. Way to go, Liz! If you didn't attend the open house at Eagle Lake Middle School Tuesday night, you missed a once-in-a-lifetime happening... Ginger in a dress and heels! Lookin' good, girl! Sorry, there was no camera as I was attending wearing only my "mother hat". Flowers 'N More • Fresh & Silk Flowers • Collectibles • Balloons • Shirts • Potpourri • Jewelry • Camille Beckman Body Products 1105 Shopping Fair Center • East Bernard Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sat. 8:30 a.m. - Noon 409-335-4472 1-800-839-1110 Owners: Harrietta McCormick & Mary Ann Polak

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Crimestoppers dance is this Saturday Your presence is requested at the Eagle Lake Crimestoppers Dance this Saturday, March 9, at the Eagle Lake KC Hall from 8:30 to 1:00 a.m. A K-9 Demonstration will be held at 8:30 and the music, provided by Colorado, will begin at 9. Come and meet your police force, experience a K-9 demonstration and enjoy the auction and dance. Our city is in a "crunch" as far as revenues and there are many necessities our police department lacks if it is to function in the 21st century. Proceeds from the auction are earmarked for the department. This benefit is one small way we can help our city (See Crimestoppers, Page 8)

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NEWSBRIEFS

Eagle Lake Lions broom, mop sale today The Eagle Lake Lions Club will conduct their annual sale of blind-made merchandise today, Thursday, March 7, to raise funds for local projects including providing needy children with glasses. Buy a broom, mop or other quality product made by the blind and support our Lions in this worthwhile project. The Caravan truck will be at City Hall, 100 E. Main, or call Ron Holland to purchase something directly at 234-2640 to have your order delivered. Thank you for your support.

Two killed, four injured in head-on collision

On March 3 at approximately 10:10 p.m., DPS Trooper Jeff Pickett investigated a two vehicle head-on collision which had taken place on Hwy. 90A, about 2-1/2 miles west of Sheridan in Colorado County. The cause of the accident has not yet been determined, but Sgt. Chandler with the DPS in Columbus told The Headlight that the vehicle driven by Herbert Antrich was on the wrong side of the road at the scene. Fifty-one year old Antrich, of Sheridan, was not seriously injured in the collision. He was taken to the hospital and released with injuries to his head and leg. Antrich was arrested for suspicion of alcohol which would make this a case of intoxicated manslaughter, according to Chandler. Killed in the accident were 36-year-old Olga Mendoza and 73-year-old Timmo Mendoza. Other passengers in the Mendoza vehicle who were injured in the acci-

dent were: Timmo Mendoza Jr., 37 years of age; Bret Mendoza, 12; and Olga Mendoza, seven. The 12- and seven-year-old were Lifelighted to Hermann Hospital, reportedly suffering badly broken legs. At the time of this report, the progress of life to remove Olga Mendoza who was pinned in the vehicle. The Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department and Hallettsville Volunteer Fire Department and EMS, as well as the Columbus Fire Department were called to the scene, where the Columbus VFD used the jaws of life to remove Olga Mendoza who was pinned in the vehicle.

White to visit Eagle Lake

Bill White, the new Chairman of the Texas Democratic Party, will be in Eagle Lake at The Farris 1912 on Thursday, March 7, at 8:30 a.m. White would like citizens, business, agricultural and civic leaders and members of the press to join him for breakfast and discuss the issues and concerns which affect Colorado County and rural communities. Most recently, he served as Deputy Secretary of Energy (after Henry Cisneros, the second most influential Texan in the present administration). He is an attorney by profession and recently became owner of an energy company based in Houston. White is committed to developing an agenda for Texas that reflects the everyday needs and attitudes of ordinary people. The event will be "Dutch Treat", and Phil Ramsey, owner of The Farris, has arranged a delicious full-buffet breakfast for \$5; a continental breakfast will be \$3.50. This is the first time in memory that a chairman of either party has come to our part of the state to seek solutions to the major issues facing Texas. Please come and make your voice heard at 8:30 a.m. on March 7. Tom Reed, event host, hopes to see you there.

Crimestoppers Dance set for March 9

The Annual St. Patrick's Crimestoppers Dance is scheduled for March 9 at the Eagle Lake KC Hall from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be provided by Colorado. An auction will also be held. Tickets are \$5 per person. Do not purchase a pale green ticket. These were misplaced and are INVALID! If you'd like to donate auction items, contact Catherine Berger at the Eagle Lake Police Department, 234-2727; Lynda Appelt, 234-5878; or any officer. Your help and attendance will be appreciated. Proceeds benefit Crimestoppers and the police department.

Council looks over '96-97 preliminary budget for City

Eagle Lake City Council was presented a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1996, and ending March 31, 1997, at its meeting last week. The budget indicates that each department will again need to watch expenditures very carefully to ensure a reasonable cash balance on hand. Total revenue for the fiscal year is estimated at \$1,763,176. The total of all expenditures, with careful restraints, is estimated at \$1,807,705. The proposed budget avoids the addition of any new programs and continues to delay the purchase of needed equipment. The proposed ad valorem tax rate was estimated at \$3.6656 per \$100 valuation; a reduction from last year. City Manager Ron Holland reminded Council that the exact tax rate will not be known until July when new information is provided by the Colorado County Appraisal District. The proposed rate will be reviewed at that time. (See Council, Page 12)

Christian Women's Luncheon March 12

The Annual Christian Women's Luncheon will be held at the First Baptist Church on Tuesday, March 12, at 11 a.m. The women are giving a special invitation to their husbands or anyone else, to attend the musical program presented by the "Kings Strings" from Houston. This invitation applies only to the program. The luncheon is restricted to members with tickets.

Sheriff's Department investigates gunfire

On Sunday, March 3, at 9:55 p.m. Deputy J.R. Knighten was dispatched to a call concerning a fight with shots fired at the Gemini Club in Garwood. Knighten arrived. Tables and chairs were turned over and broken. Knighten also found blood on the floor inside the Club. He was advised that several males were at the emergency room at the Rice District Community Hospital in Eagle Lake being treated for injuries.

Greater Mt. Olive host musical

Greater Mt. Olive will be the host of a two-night New Artist Gospel Showcase Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9 at 7 p.m. nightly. Many artists from Houston, Dallas and surrounding areas will be featured. You are invited to come and praise the Lord in this great musical.

Complainant Katherine H. Milton said that there were approximately 25 other males in the club at the time and they all began fighting, using pool tables, chairs and pool sticks. One outside, another witness heard gunshots but did not know if any injuries had occurred. Seven of the males were reported to have gotten into a car, four more into a truck, all leaving before Deputy Knighten arrived. Knighten also found blood on the floor inside the Club. He was advised that several males were at the emergency room at the Rice District Community Hospital in Eagle Lake being treated for injuries. Deputy C. Peikert went to the hospital to interview those being treated. Guadalupe Rodriguez and David Tapia were admitted to the hospital with head injuries and kept for observation. Hector Campos and Jesus Tapia were treated and released. Total losses claimed at the club were three tables, four mirrors, 11 chairs, five pool sticks, one ceiling fan and one screen door. The case remains under investigation. On Monday, March 4, at 2:40 p.m., Deputy Knighten heard Columbus Police Officer Bryan Davis advise dispatch that he was in pursuit of a stolen vehicle. The vehicle had been listed stolen by Bryan Police. Knighten made his way to Hwy. 71 and as he saw the car approaching, turned on the emergency lights hoping to slow it down. The car maneuvered around the patrol car by driving on the shoulder of the roadway. Knighten joined the pursuit and advised dispatch to notify Wharton County so they could set up a roadblock. After reaching speeds between 110 and 125 mph, the car was stopped approximately three miles north of New Taylor. Two juveniles were taken into custody by Knighten and Wharton County Deputy Hernandez along with a .22 caliber pistol. The juveniles were turned over to Officer Davis. This case was cleared with the recovery of the stolen vehicle and apprehension of the juveniles.

Study Club meeting March 13

The Eagle Lake Study Club will be going to Brenham to tour the Blue Bell Creamery and Ellison Greenhouse on Wednesday, March 13. Members are to meet at the Winterrman Library at 8:30 a.m.

KC Hall here closing

As many of you know, the Eagle Lake Columbus Club (Eagle Lake KC Hall) has been operating at a loss for some time now. We have considered many options, but none have been workable over the long run. Our lender has been very understanding and worked with us in an attempt to find a solution to our financial problems. We have made the decision to cease operations as of March 31, 1996. Until then, events which have been scheduled at the KC Hall will be held as promised. We will be unable to honor reservations for events scheduled after March 31, 1996. Reservations or "booking" fees which we have received for events to be held after March 31 will be returned. Those affected are encouraged to contact other facilities immediately to reschedule their events. There are no immediate plans to reopen or operate the Eagle Lake KC Hall. We anticipate that ownership of the building and property will be transferred to our lender in early April. We understand the lender, because of liability concerns and the cost of operation, does not plan to operate the hall nor will it be made available for events of any kind. We regret the necessity for these actions, but trust you will understand. Thank you very much for your past support. Sincerely, Glen Janow, Grand Knight, Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus

Cholesterol/triglyceride screening

A cholesterol/triglyceride screening will be held Wednesday, March 13, from 7 to 9 a.m. at Gulf Coast Medical Center Lab in Wharton for \$8. You must pre-register by calling 409-532-1300 ext. 2500.

WGJC first aid/CPR classes

Wharton County Junior College is offering First Aid and CPR classes for daycare workers and others. The class, American Heart Association approved, will be held twice monthly or as needed upon request. The cost of the course is \$36; a refresher course is \$18. Call 409-532-6328 for more information.

Head Start accepting applications

The Eagle Lake Head Start program is now accepting applications for the 1996-97 school year for children who turn 4 years of age by Sept. 1, 1996. Head Start is a federal program for preschool children from low-income families. Children participate in a variety of educational activities, receive medical and dental care, and enjoy healthy meals and snacks. Services are also offered to meet the special needs of children with disabilities. Call 1-800-484-6634 code 7737 for an enrollment application.

Looking for used file cabinets

Prairie Edge Museum is in need of two legal-size, metal filing cabinets. The staff is re-doing their filing system and requires more storage space for its historical papers. Prairie Edge Museum appreciates donations. Call Lana at 409-234-2780, if you can help.

Community hospice meeting

A life after loss support group meeting featuring a program entitled "Teens and Grief" will be held on Tuesday, March 12, at the First Presbyterian Church in El Campo, 312 Depot, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. They hope you'll join them and bring your teen. For more information, call 409-543-9487.

Little League gets rolling

The Eagle Lake Little League meeting was a big success, according to Dennis Hentzell, president. Registrations started March 6 and will run through March 23. Tryouts for minor and major league will be held on March 28 at 6 p.m. Practice will start the first week of April. Field workday is Saturday, March 9. Bring mowers and lawn tools. There are all who attend this past Monday night. New League officers are Hentzell president; John Young, secretary; and Nancy Nelson, financial secretary. GARWOOD FUNDRAISER The Garwood Little League is planning a barbecue chicken dinner fundraiser for Sunday, March 17. Plates to go only will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Garwood (See Little League, Page 12)

RCISD offices open for Spring Break

The Rice CISD Administration Office will be open for business three hours each day during Spring Break, the week of March 11-15. Office hours will be from 8 to 11 a.m. daily.

USS St. Paul CA 73 soldiers sought

The USS Saint Paul CA 73 Association will hold its 8th reunion in Sept. in Seattle, Wash. They're trying to contact former crew members and your help would be appreciated. Contact George M. Taki Jr. at 125 Spaulding Drive N.E., Atlanta Ga. 30328; or call J.D. Guarnere at 409-722-8807.

Defensive driving course offered

A state approved defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kied at the Winterrman Library on March 13 and 14 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. To pre-register, call 234-2042 or 234-5411. If unable to pre-register, arrive a few minutes early.

Lenten bible series in progress

You are invited to the Methodist Church's Lenten series of informal meetings, "Following Jesus in Mark." They will meet each Wednesday at 6 p.m. A light supper will be served for a small donation. Members of the (See Newsbriefs, Page 12)

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following cases for the week ending March 6. On Feb. 28, a complainant came by the police department and reported a theft and criminal mischief that had occurred at the golf course. Several flags and poles were missing and some were damaged. The case is under investigation by Lt. Clerk Johnson. A report of theft was taken by Officer Carl Risk on Feb. 28 and the case is under investigation. On Feb. 29, Michael Anthony Gonzales was arrested on outstanding warrants by Lt. Johnson, processed then transported to the Colorado County Detention Center (CCDC) by Sheriff Department Lt. R.H. "Curly" Wied. Sgt. Jack Knox was dispatched to a report of a loose dog on Walnut Street on Feb. 29. He met with the complainant, but was unable to locate the animal. Also on Feb. 29, Sgt. Knox was dispatched to Church Street in reference to suspicious subjects. A K-9 building search was conducted, but no one was located. On March 1, Officer Brian Ochoa arrested Craig Anthony Dabney on outstanding traffic warrants; processed him at the police department; then transported him to CCDC for confinement. Officer Risk spoke with a complainant on March 1 who reported that he had been assaulted. The complainant did not wish to pursue prosecution; a non-prosecution request was signed. Officer Misty Lange took a report of telephone harassment on March 2, but complainant declined to prosecute. A report of criminal mischief, consisting of damage to a vehicle, was filed with Officer David Wood on March 3. The case is under investiga-

'Crime of the Week'

Eagle Lake Crimestoppers is offering up to \$1,000 cash reward for any information leading to the arrest and indictment of any person or persons who attempted to set fire to a silver and black Dodge pickup truck parked in the driveway at 104 W. Union on Monday night, March 4, or early Tuesday morning, March 5. If you saw anyone suspicious in the area during this time or have any information concerning this case, or any other case, please call Crimestoppers at 234-5555 or the police department at 234-2727. You will remain anonymous.