



## Local band to open for Raven

"Colorado", the official band of the True Values/Jimmy Dean Country Showdown in 1994, will open Friday night's outdoor concert at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

The band's originator is well-known in Colorado County. Darrel Appelt, the son of Lynda Appelt and Bill Appelt of Eagle Lake, grew up in Eagle Lake.

He originally organized the band in 1987 as "Texas Dancetime Band", but with a new age of country music coming on, the group arrived at the new name, "Colorado", in June 1994.

They have since grown to be one of the most popular bands in Southeast and South Central Texas; keeping a busy schedule at a variety of events including fairs, festivals, public dances, private parties and night clubs.

Primarily a top-40 country band that plays the latest hits, "Colorado" also features rock, blues and classic country as well as 50s and 60s hits. They have also opened shows for national recording stars such as Doug Supernaw, Larry Boone, Charlie McLain, Wayne Massey and Frenchie

# ATTWATER'S PRAIRIE CHICKEN FESTIVAL

March 22-24, 1996, Eagle Lake, Texas

Friday, March 22, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.  
FESTIVAL KICK-OFF

Nashville recording artist Eddy Raven performs outdoors at the Eagle Lake Community Center (show opens with the band Colorado). Tickets are \$10 at the gate.

Saturday, March 23, and Sunday, March 24  
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## Focus

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Other activities include a wine and cheese reception at 3 p.m. for \$12.50 per ticket, and a trip to the Prairie Gator Farm exhibit.

Tours of the nearby Attwater's Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge run from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Visitors can see restored habitat for the endangered prairie chicken and learn about efforts to restore the bird.

Visitors can also drive out for a rare look at the wildlife on the privately owned body of water, also named Eagle Lake. All the land around it is private; the lake itself is used by the Lower Colorado River Authority as a reservoir to irrigate area rice fields.

The Eagle Lake event is the first 1996 date of LCRA's Riverfest, a series of community festivals along the Lower Colorado River corridor. LCRA will have its watchable wildlife trailer out at the Eagle Lake pumping station for the event.

Saturday afternoon at the festival, winners of the Biodiversity of the Prairie Art and Photo Contest will be announced, with prize money to be split between contestants in grades K-12 from five school districts: Katy, Lamar, Columbus, Rice Consolidated (which includes Eagle Lake) and Sealy as well as the general public.

The South Texas Chapter of the Telephone Pioneers of America, a retired telephone employees group, donated \$1,000 for the contest; another \$500 came from the TP&WD Endangered Resources Branch.

This second annual festival comes at a time when the fate of the endangered bird in question hangs by a thread. The Attwater's prairie chicken is the rarest bird in Texas.

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10. Naming and releasing of one bird, National Parks & Wildlife.  
11. Refuge tour for 11, National Parks & Wildlife.  
12. Shirt and cap, Prairie Edge Museum.  
13. Children's book, "Butterfly Theatre", Dr. William Giesel.  
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15. Video, "Along The Birding Trail", Mike Simms, Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club.  
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21. Bath spare paper cover, Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Psenick.  
22. Alligator head, Prairie Gator Farm.  
23. \$100 Labor, Shindler Electric Service.  
24. Children's book, "Butterfly Theatre", Dr. William Giesel.  
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26. Car birdfeeder, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Balas.  
27. November evening of bird watching with wine and cheese, J.R. & Evelyn Thomas, Steve & Linda Balas.  
28. Small birdfeeder, Eagle Lake Drugstore.  
29. T-shirt, Houston Audubon Society.  
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31. Prairie Chicken photo by Roger Tory Peterson, Mobil Exploration Co.  
32. Prairie Chicken poster, Nature Conservancy.  
33. Adopt-a-Prairie Chicken portfolio, Houston Zoo.  
34. One membership in the Houston Zoological Society, Houston Zoo.  
35. Day of birding (choice of Bolivar Peninsula or Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge; time and date to be selected by successful bidder), Winnie Burkett, Houston Audubon Society.  
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# Come enjoy Eddy Raven in concert

Nashville recording star Eddy Raven will be the main attraction at Friday night's outdoor concert from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., following his opening act, "Colorado".

Admission is \$10 and tickets may be purchased in advance at Wilcox Foods IGA or the Chamber of Commerce Office, 408 E. Main. They will also be available at the gate.

Raven's kind of music is rich in lyrical imagery and strong in the artist's musical roots. He has been writing and playing a mixture of rock, country, Cajun and blues since he was a teenager in Louisiana.

His first release, "Once A Fool", was one of his compositions for the Georgia-based Cosmos label.

Raven started working in Lafayette's La Louisiane, selling records and working in the facility's sound studios, gaining a huge amount of all-around experience.

It was there that Raven first worked with the great regional stars

such as Professor Longhair, Dr. John, Dale and Grace ("I'm Leaving It All Up To You") and John Fred & the Playboy Band.

The great Bobby Charles ("Walking To New Orleans" and "See You Later Alligator") lived only a few miles away. Charles cut one of Raven's songs, becoming something of a songwriter mentor for the young writer.

La Louisiane eventually added Raven to its roster and released "That Cajun Country Sound" which prompted Grand Ole Opry star Jimmy C. Newman to invite Raven to Nashville. Acuff-Rose then signed him as a staff writer and he went back to Louisiana determined to write a hit song.

That he did with "Country Green" and "Touch the Morning" for Don Gibson and "Good Morning Country Rain" for Jeannie C. Riley.

With the encouragement of Acuff-Rose's Don Gant, the writer made the move to Nashville to pursue his music career full-time.

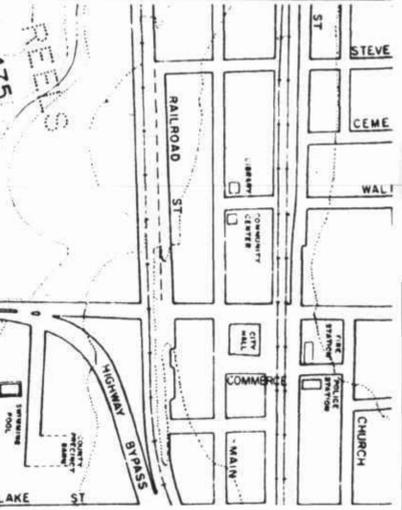
Raven's attention to quality has paid off. He's consistently at the top of the charts with music that often defies classification. He is an artist who, without sacrificing any musical integrity, has had number one songs such as

"Bayou Boys", "I Got Mexico", "Shine, Shine, Shine", "I'm Gonna Get You", "Joe Knows How To Live", "Til You Cry" and "In A Letter To You".

Even his songs that did not hit the top went on to become country classics: "Sooner or Later", "Island", "She's Playing Hard To Forget", "I Could Use Another You", "She's Gonna Win Your Heart", "Right Hand Man", "You're Never Too Old For Young Love", "I Should've Called", "Who Do You Know In California" and "A Little Bit Crazy".

When Don Gant moved to ABC (See Raven, Page 8)

- Raven's #1 Records**
- Bayou Boys
  - Shine, Shine, Shine
  - 'Til You Cry
  - I Got Mexico
  - I'm Gonna Get You
  - In A Letter To You
- Top 10 Hits**
- Island
  - I Could Use Another You
  - Operator, Operator
  - You Should Have Been Gone By Now
  - Right Hand Man
  - I Should've Called
  - A Little Bit Crazy



## APC Refuge tours offered during festival

Personnel at the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service volunteers and docents from the Houston Zoo have teamed up to offer guided tours of the refuge during the second annual Eagle Lake's Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival, March 23 and 24.

The celebration was conceived last year through a cooperative effort of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, Houston Audubon Society, Texas Parks & Wildlife and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to provide a mechanism to enhance the awareness of the endangered Attwater's Prairie Chicken's plight.

Guided tours of the refuge will begin in downtown Eagle Lake at 7 a.m. and leave every hour, on the hour, until 4 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

Although visitors may not be able to see endangered Attwater's Prairie Chickens in the wild, the tours will take them into an area of the refuge (See Tours, Page 9)

## Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival Silent Auction Items

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