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Police Continued from Page 1 March 16 where he took a report of two incidents of theft of gasoline. A search of the area was made without locating the vehicles. Officer Brian Baklik was dispatched to LW's on March 17 to a report of a loose calf. The calf was corralled and released to Columbus Livestock Inc. Officer Keith Norman was dispatched to a report of a man with a gun on 4th Street on March 17. Assisted by Officers Eric Bilbo and Tim Crume and Sgt. Knox, a search was made of the area, but a suspect was not located. Jesus Mario Vargas was arrested for theft and public intoxication in the 600 block of East Main on March 17, processed at the police department and transported to CCDC. Sgt. Knox and Officer Crume were dispatched to a fight in progress on Dobbins Street on March 17. The fight was broken up and both subjects, Cayron Wallace Patton, of Missouri City, and Mary Beth Simon of Eagle Lake, desired to file assault charges, were processed at the police department, then transported to CCDC. Officer Norman was dispatched to Walnut Street on March 17 in reference to a barking dog. On March 17, Officer Ochoa made a traffic stop on Beaks Street which resulted in the arrest of LaShawn Johnson for a minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage. He was processed and transported to CCDC. On March 18, Officers Bilbo and Norman arrested Ulab Johnson on three outstanding warrants from Columbus. He was processed at the police department then transported to CCDC for confinement. Officer Risk was dispatched to a report of a two-vehicle accident in the 500 block of E. Main on March 18. Involved were David Wayne Garza, driving a 1978 Ford Bronco, and Christopher David Soto, driving a 1990 Oldsmobile Cutlass; both are from Eagle Lake. Garza was cited for failure to yield right of way. A theft was reported to Officer Risk on March 18. After meeting with the complainant, the matter was resolved and no other action was taken. Officer Ochoa was dispatched to a report of an activated alarm at 100 Boothe Drive on March 19. It was found to have been set off by accident. Sgt. Johnson, Chief Webb and Officer Ochoa investigated a two-vehicle accident on March 19 at 7 a.m. at the intersection of Hwy. 90-A and

Board handles teachers' contracts, resignations By Lynda Appett Contributing Writer The Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees conducted a special meeting for personnel matters Monday, March 18. A total of 111-1/2 teacher contract extensions were approved. There were 30 for Rice High School, 34

Newsbriefs Continued from Page 1 ELMS book fair next week Eagle Lake Middle School is planning its Spring Bookfair March 27 to April 1. Classes will take part in the bookfair Wednesday and Thursday; students will be allowed to return for additional purchasing time Friday and Monday. Parents are also welcome to attend. Proceeds will be used to purchase books, videos, promotional items and prizes for the Accelerated Reader program. Volunteers are needed to work the bookfair, so please call 234-3501 after 11 a.m. or 234-2821 in the evening.

Texas veterans land board to meet The Texas Veterans Land Board will meet March 26, at 7 p.m. in La Grange at the Fayette County Courthouse. The program will pertain to information for veterans on low interest loans. For more information, call 1-800-252-VETS.

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.

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 congregation will lead each session and will dismiss at 7 p.m. If you need child care, please call the church office, 234-3288.

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St. Anthony pre-registration scheduled Pre-registration will begin for the 1996-97 school term on March 25 at St. Anthony School for current students and their siblings. Registration forms and information may be obtained at the business office or by call 409-732-5505. Registration for members of St. Anthony Parish not currently enrolled in St. Anthony School will begin April 10. Registration for students from other parishes or non-Catholics will begin April 15.

More next week, including information about picture of Jenave Peterson, Library employee.

24 & 48 Continued from Page 2 highlights of the trip for the young Spanglers is the filming of the TV series "The Brady Bunch" and having their picture taken with the Brady family at the Grand Canyon... Mrs. Henry F. Ball of Eagle Lake announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Karla Jean Austin, to Lawrence Raymond Marek, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ray J. Marek of East Bernard. The wedding was to be July 25 at Holy Cross Catholic Church, East Bernard, Jan. 16, 1948. In a quiet ceremony performed by Father A.W. Dildner in the rectory of St. Roch's Catholic Church in Mentz, Irene Ludwig, daughter of Chas. Ludwig of Eagle Lake, became the bride of Warren Hartman of Lissie, son of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Hartman of Weimar... Eldin Kveton son of A.M. Kveton, his wife and small daughter, Alie Lou, are again living in Eagle Lake and are now at home with his father... The hum of carpenter's hammers and saws was audible in Eagle Lake this week as work went forward on a number of new homes in this city. The home of Mr. & Mrs. Carl Seaholm on Highway 200, across from Laughlin Hospital, promised to be large and attractive... The home of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Larmer, adjoining their present home, is nearly completed and the family will move in immediately. The home of Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Reese, on Highway 90-A west of the city, is also nearing completion... Work is about to begin on the Wm. Waddell home on Lakeside Drive. The family will begin construction of an attractive new home where present one now stands... P.C. Middlebrook Jr. and Chas. E. Johnson have begun work on the first of a nine-house project near Eagle Lake school. These homes will be offered for sale... E.H. Rodgers Sr. and C.C. Epps have begun work on the second of a number of homes which they contemplate building in the east section of the city across from the homes of Henry Destal and Stanley Parris... Edlinbaum Bros. have been clearing the lot adjoining the S.S. White home and expect to start con-

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SAUNDY BENDY 234-3925

Players performances planned for April Another great production by the talented Prairie Edge Players is being readied for the public. Faith County by Mark Landon Smith, a comedy, shows there's still a place where the bee-hive haids is all the rage and Saturday nights are reserved for the tractor pull. A colorful collection of good 'ol country folk gather 'round for this year's county fair, and there's stiff competition in the arts and crafts category. Originally produced as a radio show, Faith County enjoyed a 35-week run on WLYX and was featured on the television special, Deltaline. Now adapted for the stage, Faith County comes to life at the Prairie Edge Museum Theatre, 408 E. Main Street, Eagle Lake. (See Players, Page 4)

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NEWSBRIEFS County burning ban reinstated

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The Colorado County Commissioners' Court re-emphasized, during Monday morning's meeting, that the outdoor burning ban has been reinstated in the County. The Court reinstated the ban on March 20 during a special meeting and announced on Monday that current conditions did not warrant it being lifted. The ban had originally been put in place on Feb. 26 when Commissioners declared a state of disaster due to the imminent threat of wildfire. It was lifted on March 6, despite an outcry from the Colorado County Firefighters Association. A person will violate the order if he (or she) burns any combustible material(s) outside of an enclosure, which serves to contain all flames or sparks, or orders such burning by others. The order shall remain in effect until the drought conditions no longer exist and lifted by County Judge Vince Slominski. If so, a citation may be issued and the cited party may be prosecuted in accordance with the statutes and procedures governing misdemeanors. The purpose of the order is the hazard posed by wildfires, curtailing the practice of outdoor burning. The order shall remain in effect until the drought conditions no longer exist and lifted by County Judge Vince Slominski. The County agreed to allocate up to \$3,000 to upgrade the County's fire radio frequency at the request of the Colorado County Firefighters Association. It was reported that the Cities of Columbus, Eagle Lake and Weimar also would participate in the program. In addition, the Court also received word that it had been awarded a \$25,000 community development grant from Lower Colorado River Authority and San Bernard Electric Cooperative for the rural fire departments to purchase pagers and radio equipment. The County, in turn, appointed a coordinating board to administer the funds. The board will include Slominski, John Kroll, executive director of the Colorado County Economic Development Organization; John Tesch, president of the Colorado County Firefighters Association and fire chief of Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department; and City Managers John Brasher, Columbus, Ron Holland, Eagle Lake and Frank Parks, Weimar. The Court also agreed to appoint a new Precinct 2 constable to succeed Joe Dussk until there is a winner in the Nov. general election between Democrat Lonnie Hitzte and Republican Russell Dunn. (See Commissioners, Page 12)

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Five cases handled in District Court On Thursday, March 21, District Court was held at the Colorado County Courthouse with Judge Gus Strauss on the bench. Raymond L. Fitzgerald, charged with aggravated assault stemming from an incident on Aug. 17, 1995, pleaded not guilty. In a jury trial, Fitzgerald was found guilty and sentenced to 12 years of confinement in the Institutional Section of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) and fined \$1,000. Morris Nunn, on probation for possession of a controlled substance, was sentenced to a substance abuse facility when a motion to revoke probation was granted. He will remain at the facility for not less than six months or more than one year; then return to finish his probation. L.V. Johnson, also on probation for possession of a controlled substance, was also sentenced to a substance abuse facility when a motion to revoke probation was granted. Johnson will serve not less than six months or more than one year; then return to finish probation. Ida M. Aguilar, who was on probation for theft, had her probation modified and was sentenced to a substance abuse facility for not less than six months or more than one year. She will then return to finish probation. Jon Eric Barker, charged with burglary of a habitation, was sentenced to 10 years in TDCJ.

Faith County dates set for April 26 and 27 Prairie Edge Players announced the dates for their newest production, Faith County. A comedy by Mark Landon Smith, the play will be performed at Prairie Edge Museum Theatre on Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27. Curtain time is 8 p.m. nightly. General admission tickets go on sale next week from any cast member; reserved seats will be available beginning April 5. "Mark your calendars," said producer Helen Craig. "You won't want to miss this one."

New ENT doctor to see patients here April 12 A new ENT doctor will be doing consults in Eagle Lake. Charles Stember, M.D., FACS, will begin seeing patients on Friday, April 12, at 9 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Medical Clinic. He will be holding clinics a couple of Fridays each month and performing surgeries on an "as-needed" basis. Dr. Stember is a board certified ear, nose and throat doctor. He was born in Galveston, grew up in Texas City and presently resides in Bellaire with his wife, Patti, and their three sons, Charlie Jr., Billy and Jimmy. He received his medical degree from UTMB in 1978 and then stayed there for his internship and residency training. He also remained on the faculty at UTMB until moving to Bellaire in 1991. He is a Perved Gulf War veteran, having served aboard the hospital ship USS Comfort during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Dr. Stember has offices in Sugarland and the Texas Medical Center. He is a professor in the department of ear, nose and throat at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston and is chief of the otolaryngology service at Hermann Hospital. Having grown up in a medical family in a small town, Dr. Stember is well aware of the importance of a solid doctor-patient relationship.

Early voting Early voting for the Democratic and Republican Primary run-off to be held April 9 will be held in the County Clerks office at the Courthouse from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., April 1 through April 4.

Festival summary meeting The Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival Committee members will hold a 1996 festival closing meeting at museum Thursday, April 4, at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. The committee asks if anyone has a comment about the festival, come and voice your opinion. This is only the second year for the festival and there's still work to be done. If you'd like to be on the committee, this would be a great start. If you unable to attend the meeting, mail comments to APCC c/o Chamber of Commerce, 408 E. Main, Eagle Lake, TX 77434.

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Congressional assistant at courthouse There will be a congressional assistant at the Colorado County Courthouse on Tuesday, April 2, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. to answer any questions you may have with the federal government. For more information call 512-576-1231.

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Democratic convention set for March 30 The Colorado County Democratic Convention will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 30, in the County Agricultural Extension Building, 316 Spring Street, Columbus. Delegates will be selected for the State Democratic Convention in Dallas June 7. Resolutions may be adopted to forward to the State Convention.

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Easter drama performed in Gonzales The Easter drama "Lamb-Once and for All" will be presented at the historic Gonzales Amphitheater April 3-5. The play will be performed and sponsored by Servant Ministries. A drama troupe made up of actors and actresses from several area churches. Call 1-210-437-5255 for more information. Shows start at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

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Lissie church to have Sunrise Service Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by Lissie United Methodist Church will be held April 7 at 6:30 a.m. at the home of Mark and Becky Anderson, 30 Lakeside Drive. There will be fellowship with kolaches and coffee following the service.

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First gospel banquet scheduled Rev. A.J. Jones and the congregation of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church invite everyone to their first-ever Gospel Banquet Saturday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Community Center. Come and enjoy a barbecue dinner with the trimmings served for \$10 (includes a drink). For tickets, contact any member of the church. For more information, call the church at 234-5318.

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Seniors citizens' last dance at KC Hall The last seniors dance at the Eagle Lake KC Hall will be held next Friday, March 29, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Music will be provided by The Country Playboys. Admission is \$5 per person and the public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be available and door prizes awarded. The next dance will be held May 3 at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

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Foster parent training tonight A series of training sessions for anyone interested in foster parenting or adopting through the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services will begin Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m. at the Department of Human Resources Services Office, 800 E. Wendt, Bellville. For more information, call Joyce Eckelberg at 409-865-9168 ext. 0.

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El Campo spring festival March 31 A drawing of \$4,000 will be a highlight of the Spring Festival Sunday, March 31, at the El Campo KC Hall, sponsored by Council #2490. A barbecue chicken dinner with trimmings will be served starting at 11 a.m. for \$5 a plate. (See Newsbriefs, Page 12)

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\$15K LCRA grant given Police Dept. The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) recently awarded a \$15,184 grant to help the Eagle Lake Police Department purchase computer equipment. The computers will help the police reduce the time and money spent on administrative tasks, such as writing and managing reports. The grant from LCRA's Community Development Partnership Program is one of 27 recently awarded to communities in LCRA's service area. The grants will provide \$467,218 to communities in 20 counties. The LCRA can assist communities in its 58-county electric and water service because of a law approved by the Texas Legislature in 1995. Under this law, the LCRA set up the Community Development Partnership Program and its Board of Directors approved a \$1 million fund to provide economic assistance to cities, counties, volunteer fire departments, regional development councils (See Grant, Page 12)



Eagle Lake's new "royalty" was chosen Thursday evening during competition at Eagle Lake Middle School, in conjunction with Eagle Lake's Second Annual Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival. Pictured above are, from left, Miss Eagle Lake Sara Mann, First Runner-up Britni Wood and Concert Queen Robin Shavers. (See Page 8 for more Festival pictures and stories.) Headlight Photo by Lynda Appett