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Police Continued from Page 1 the police department, then transported to CCDC for confinement. Sgt. Knox was dispatched to Church Street on April 7 in reference to an assault. A report was filed and the case is under investigation. Also on April 7, Sgt. Knox was dispatched to Prairie Street in reference to suspicious persons. The subjects were identified and known to Sgt. Knox. No other action was taken. An apparent hit and run accident occurred on April 7 on A and Third Streets involving a 1982 Oldsmobile driven by Emily Contreras Torres and an unknown red vehicle. The left passenger side of the Torres' vehicle was damaged from an unknown vehicle backing into hers. Officer Ochoa was dispatched to El Zarape Bar on April 8 in reference to a suspicious vehicle. When he arrived in the area, the vehicle was gone. On April 8, Officer Risk investigated a reported burglary of a motor vehicle in which a pager was stolen. The Eagle Lake Police Department conducted the follow-up investigation on April 9 which resulted in the recovery of the stolen pager. Several juveniles are implicated in this burglary. The case will be referred to the juvenile probation for charges. Summary for March 1996 The March summary for the Eagle Lake Police Department lists 177 calls answered; 123 miscellaneous; 21 disturbances; 12 thefts; nine criminal mischief; six assaults; three burglaries and three accidents. Officers investigated 30 criminal cases, cleared 45 and made 42 arrests (38 misdemeanor and four felony). They issued 122 citations and 75 warnings.

Board Continued from Page 1 ers that could be the beginning of a vocation. "The possibility of these students instructing and using computer knowledge within the Rice school district will hopefully be an outcome of the new vocational course," Gott said. In other business, the Board: •Voted to issue a letter of support for the proposed Eagle Lake juvenile boot-camp facility; •Discussed donating to the Sheridan ballpark lights to be used by the RSH girls' softball team in 1997 and will consult with the school attorney as to the legality of such a donation. The Board will ascertain the total cost for the type of lighting needed for the program before committing an amount; •Approved the 1996 summer school programs to be coordinated by Middleton; •Accepted the bid of Johnson Controls Inc. in the amount of \$132,000 to replace the chiller at Rice High School; •Accepted the bid of R.D. Kuykendall in the amount of \$500 for a 1983 Ford Ranger pickup that was retired from use at the E.L.M.S.; •Heard plans for the Gifted/Talented Students from Garwood and Sheridan to go off-shore net dropping at Port Aransas on April 19 to increase the students' science knowledge; and •Heard a report from Sheridan Principal Larry Varley that new bleachers are being installed in that school's gym.

Rice District Community Hospital Welcomes T.M. Hughes, M.D. Urologist who will hold a Urology Specialty Clinic First & Third Tuesdays Each Month at the Hospital 600 S. Austin Road Eagle Lake 409-234-5571

Waddell Nature Club news If you haven't paid your dues, you will not receive any more newsletters. Annual dues are set for the amount that it takes to process and mail out newsletters. We simply can't afford to do it without your dues. If your label has a star by your name you have paid your dues; if it doesn't, you haven't. Send annual dues to Prairie Edge Museum, 408 E. Main, Eagle Lake, TX 77434. You can also bring your dues to the next meeting, saving postage and possibly a few trees. Calendar of events TWONC calendar of events is: April 20-21: Saturday night and Sunday, High Island trip. Plan to spend the night in Galveston and take the ferry to the site. Terry will probably need some help with your building in late April and May. Please keep your calendar open. A special interim letter may be mailed out in time to help. May 11: Saturday, Brazos Bend State Park. This will be an all day event, so pack a lunch, drink, camera, field glasses, identification books, sunscreen, etc. June 12: Wednesday, visit to the Refuge. Terry (acting mgr.) says there will be a release in June so this meeting will probably be scheduled around that date. Meet at the museum at 5:30 p.m. This meeting may change to Aug. and the butterfly trip may take place in June. Terry said the release of young birds may take place then instead of in June. July 13: Saturday, BBQ at Davis Laughlin's place. Details as event nears. Aug. 4: Sunday, Cockrell Butterfly Center visit. Plans are to carpool from museum at 8 a.m. Sept. 16: Monday, LCRA, Robin Thomas picnic dinner at 5 p.m. Oct. 19: Saturday, Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge. All day event, pack lunch and drinks; leave museum at 8 a.m. Nov. 12: Tuesday, Jimmy Thomas' Duck House bird count; 4:30 p.m. or as soon as you can. Dec. 4: Wednesday, Annual Social at Cafe on Main in Eagle Lake. All of the above meeting have soft dates and are subject to changes so keep an eye on this section for revisions. Last meeting Saturday, March 2, was the date for last month's meeting. We missed the Eagles, but had a very enjoyable trip on Calhoun Road around the lake. Many birds were spotted as well as a couple of deer. That drive is well worth while. Try it!

Highlights Continued from Page 2 reform law passed last year, the Texas Legislature authorized a maximum of 20 independent charter schools. •A proposed West Texas radioactive waste dump has cleared its first hurdle toward state approval. An environmental and safety analysis issued by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission indicates that the proposed project satisfies requirements for state licensing. The Hudspeth County dump would be capable of taking in more than 45,000 cubic feet of low-level radioactive waste each year. The One & Only No Bologna, Is Turning 34! Happy Birthday April 12 to "The Polka Queen" Once this man dreamed of going to college. Today he finally made it. For more than fifty years, The College Fund has helped thousands of young men and women achieve goals their grandparents could only dream of. We are proud to have made a critical difference in the lives of so many. But our job is not done. With your help, we will continue to bring many more dreams within reach. SUPPORT THE COLLEGE FUND/UNCF. A MIND IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE. Ad 1-800-332-UNCF

Highlights Continued from Page 2 Prairie chicken recovery Kenneth and Helen Craig represented TWONC at the Atwater's Prairie Chicken Recovery Team Meeting in Eagle Lake March 21 and 22. In attendance were representatives of most of the agencies and institutions concerned with APC research. The captive breeding programs taking place currently are all reporting a high rate of success in hatching and rearing APC chicks. Only 3% of eggs laid in the wild ever reach adulthood, but captive breeding

MILITARY NEWS Gunnery Sgt. Roy Montoya son of retired Marine Major Cecilio Montoya of Woodridge, Va., and Pete and Sarah Urdiales of Eagle Lake, was promoted to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer II on Feb. 1, 1996. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cumpian Sr., also of Eagle Lake. Montoya is currently stationed at Quantico, Va.

Court Continued from Page 1 mph to 55 mph on U.S. Hwy. 90A near the Colorado River bridge. •Agreed to purchase a sign machine for 911 after a presentation by 911 Coordinator Dale Alexander; and •Authorized the move of election Precinct No. 1 to the Veterans Memorial Center in Columbus, beginning in 1997. •24-hour personal care as needed •3 well balanced meals served daily •Emergency response systems •Medication supervision •Scheduled transportation •Activities and exercise RESERVE SPACE NOW AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR PRE-OPENING DISCOUNTED RATES

Rice Athletes, Flag Corps Excell! (See Pages 7 and 6 Respectively) Eagle Lake Little League Holds Opening Day Ceremonies, BBQ (See Page 9)

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Visitors catch house burglar 'red handed'

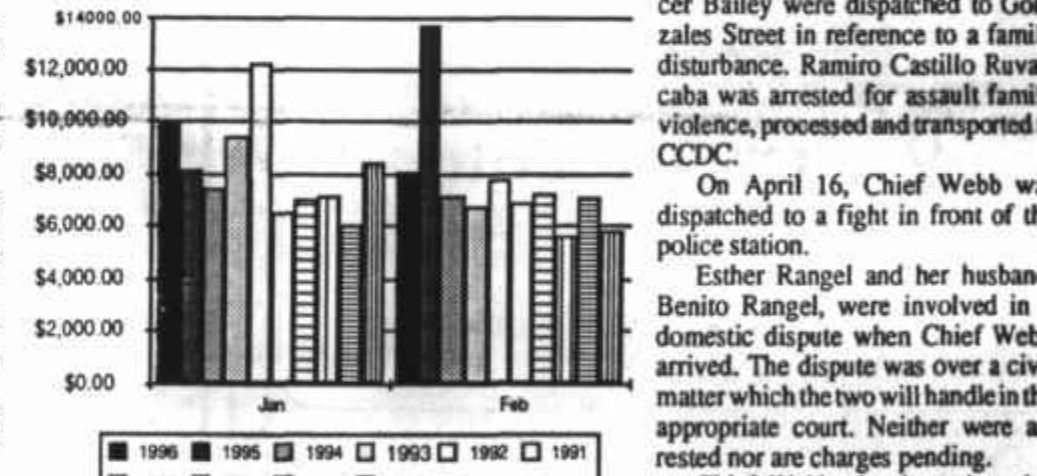
A burglar ran into more trouble than he had counted on this past Saturday, April 13. At 12:37 a.m., Officers Carl Risk and Keith Bailey received a call informing them that several women were holding a burglar suspect in one of the houses at Eagle Hill in the 300 block of East State Street. It was reported that when the women returned from the meeting room, the suspect was found inside the house in which they were staying. Angel Ladinos Belman of Eagle Lake was arrested for burglary of a habitation, processed at the police department, then transported to the Colorado County Detention Center (CCDC) for confinement. Officer Brian Ochoa was dispatched to East B Street on April 10 in reference to a disturbance. Officer Ochoa met with the complainant/victim, who had been physically assaulted but refused to file charges. Information was gathered and a report was written. Lt. Clem Johnson was dispatched to Eagle Lake Middle School on April 10 in reference to a possible disturbance and stood by until the matter was resolved. Chief Keith Webb, Lt. Johnson and Officer Risk were dispatched to separate calls of loose livestock on April 10. Officer Randy Davenport was dispatched to a possible electrical fire on State and McCrary Streets on April 12. CP&L was notified and took care of the burned wire. On April 12, Sgt. Jack Knox and Officer Gary Gipson were dispatched to a disturbance in the 600 block of Main. A report was taken and the case is under investigation. Also on April 12, Officer Gipson and Sgt. Knox were dispatched to the 500 block of Main Street to take a report of disorderly conduct. The case was cleared by issuance of a summons. On April 13, Officer Eric Bilbo met with a complainant at the police department. The complainant reported a burglary of a motor vehicle in the 200 block of S. McCarty. Several items were recovered near the truck, and the case is under investigation. On April 13, Officer David Wood made a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 500 block of McCarty, resulting in the driver, Rodney Dean White of Eagle Lake, being arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was processed and transported to CCDC for confinement. On April 13, Officer Tim Crume and Sgt. Knox made contact with a passenger of a vehicle in the 200 block of East A Street in reference to littering. During the investigation, the passenger, Joe Lester Johnson of Garwood, was arrested for public intoxication. He was processed and transported to CCDC for confinement. On April 14, Officer Keith Norman, along with Officer Crume and Sgt. Knox, made contact with a subject in the 600 block of East Main, after a license plate check of the vehicle revealed it to be stolen. The vehicle was impounded and the suspect taken into custody. The suspect was later released when Oklahoma City authorities did not desire the suspect to be held. On April 15, Sgt. Knox and Officer Bailey were dispatched to Gonzalez Street in reference to a family disturbance. Ramiro Castillo Ruvacaba was arrested for assault family violence, processed and transported to CCDC. On April 16, Chief Webb was dispatched to a fight in front of the police station. Esther Rangel and her husband, Benito Rangel, were involved in a domestic dispute when Chief Webb arrived. The dispute was over a civil matter which the two will handle in the appropriate court. Neither were arrested nor are charges pending. Chief Webb also investigated a criminal mischief in the 1000 block of East Main where a window was broken out. There are no suspects at this time.

NEWSBRIEFS Council votes support of juvenile facility

By Lynda Appelt Contributing Writer The Eagle Lake City Council adopted a resolution of support for the construction of a juvenile boot-camp facility to be built in the City and committed to the purchase of 13.1829 acres for \$50,000 as an in-kind contribution. The City's commitment will be included in the proposal which must be completed and submitted by April 25. The land site is located on FM 3013 and is the former Eagle Lake KC property. Bill Harrison Jr., representing The First National Bank of Eagle Lake, met in executive session with Council prior to the Council's land purchase decision. Sheri Short of Esmor Correctional Facilities, the vendor from which Colorado County has accepted a proposal to construct, administrate and provide the matching grant funds if the facility is awarded to Colorado County, and Billy Don Everitt, the consultant hired to assist the City of Eagle Lake in its quest for a prison and/or a juvenile facility, also met with the council. The costs of extending water and sewer to the property and the environmental assessment study on the site also will become a part of the City's in-kind contribution. "This will make our proposal look much better," said Short. Short presented a video of a boot-camp facility presently being operated by Esmor. According to Short, the facility will bring a \$1.1 million payroll and supplies will be bought locally if possible. Following the executive session, Council also voted approval of a petition to close a portion of Sempere Street, located in Block No. 46 of the City, adopted an ordinance to abandon the property and make an offer to sell (See Council, Page 10)

City's sales tax rebate takes nose dive

John Sharp, State Comptroller of Public Accounts, recently delivered a total of \$146.7 million in April sales tax rebates to 1,075 cities and 115 counties. The City of Eagle Lake received a check in the amount of \$8,040.80, 41.33% lower than the \$13,705.23 received last April. Cities received \$133.9 million in local sales tax rebates for April, 19.1% more than the \$112.4 million payments one year ago. County rebates were \$12.8 million, 13.9% above the \$11.2 million in payments for April 1995. This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in Feb. and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in March. The largest sales tax rebate of \$18.7 million went to the City of Houston, a 17% increase over the \$16 million in April 1995. "The Houston metro area added 45,000 jobs in the last year, up 2.9%, with the largest gains in the service sector, which rose 4%," Sharp said. (See Sales Tax, Page 10)



County Grand Jury issues 20 indictments

The current session of the Colorado County Grand Jury, held April 12, handed up 20 indictments, one was sealed when issued. Indicted were: •Manuel Vitales Gonzales for felony driving while intoxicated (DWI); •Martin Saenz, felony DWI; •David Dwayne Salinas, delivery of marijuana; •Benjamin Fuentes, possession of a controlled substance; •James Lee Black, possession of a controlled substance; •Leo Burnett Miller, possession of a controlled substance; •Willie George McGowan, unlawful possession of firearm by felon; •Eddie Paul Buster, felony DWI; •Yvette Rene Rivera, possession of a controlled substance; •Sealed indictment, possession of a controlled substance; •Richard Lee Dancy, burglary of a habitation; •Praxedes Jaramillo, aggravated sexual assault; •Charles Lee Davidson, unlawful possession of firearm by felon; •Deandrian Latroy Dentley, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; •Frank Anthony Rhodes, forgery by passing; •Cornelius Wayne Keaton, theft; •Alan Duane Gibson, felony, DWI; •Russell Ray Popp, felony, DWI; •Frank Herrera Jr., felony DWI; •Karl Frederick Vohl, possession of marijuana. The next session of the Grand Jury is scheduled for Thursday, April 18.

Beta Sigma Phi names Konescheck 'Lady of Year'

The lovely lakeside home of Dr. Russell and Robin Thomas was a perfect setting to celebrate the naming of Charlene Konescheck as the Beta Sigma Phi Lady of the Year on Saturday, March 30. Chapter members of Alpha Delta Phi and Xi Pi Psi, along with many past "Ladies", were on hand to welcome Charlene as the 22nd recipient. In a brief ceremony, presidents Connie Lange and Denise Cook presented her with a corsage and plaques. Among special family members invited to help celebrate the occasion were her daughter, Carol Ripper; daughter-in-law, Kathline Konescheck; sister, Lucille Kretschmar; sister-in-law, Florence Richter; niece, Mrs. Henry (Loretta) Kretschmar Jr.; and granddaughter, Roxanne Ripper Schindler. Charlene, daughter of Charles and (See Konescheck, Page 10)



Connie Lange, left, and Denise Cook, right, presented Charlene Konescheck with the 'Lady of the Year' plaque. Photo Courtesy of JoAnn Gertson

Prairie Edge Players preparing 12th production since '84

Building on a reputation for first-class amateur entertainment, the Prairie Edge Players are busy polishing what is expected to be another successful presentation. Faith County, a comedy by Mark Landos Smith, will be presented Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27, at 8 p.m. in the Prairie Edge Museum Theatre, 408 E. Main. It will be the Players' 12th production. Beginning in 1984, on a borrowed stage with borrowed curtains and a light system that blew at least one circuit for each performance, Prairie Edge Players have gone on to present some of the most polished entertainments seen in Colorado County or even rural Southeast Texas. Locals who have appeared on the Museum stage include the late Dan Thomas, Liz Waddell, Jim Weiss, Louis Schlemmer, Vic Scott, Robin Clifton, Jan Harrell, Ralph Trudy, (See Production, Page 10)

Pilot Club plans dinner, auction

The Pilot Club of Eagle Lake will host their first silent auction on April 23, in conjunction with their annual Chicken Spaghetti Supper. Items can be viewed and bids submitted from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The following is a list of items which will be displayed at the auction. Please come out and place your bids and support this worthy organization. (See Auction, Page 10)