

## Raider Band has five qualify for state

Members of the Mighty Raider Band took part in the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest last Saturday, Feb. 22, in Victoria, earning a total of 24 first division medals.

Students enter under three classifications: class III can only be performed by freshmen (considered the

simplest); class II is more difficult and class I is the most difficult. Class I solos must be performed from memory if the student wishes to compete at the state level.

Band members had to perform their solos and ensembles flawlessly and to the expectations of their (See Band, Page 3)

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### Eagle Lake's first ALTs

As of Monday, Feb. 24, Eagle Lake has three EMTs with Advanced Life Support (ALT) certification. When results of their testing came through Monday, the three were eager to let everyone know about their rise in status. Pictured with Dr. R. Russell Thomas, Colorado County EMS medical director (in back), are, from left, Joe Lee Perez, Dorothy Flores and Carolyn Baird.

Congratulations to these three as well as Dr. Russell. The ALTs will now be able to start IVs and give certain medications in the field as well as intubate a patient (put in an airway) when necessary.

As Perez commented, "Without Dr. Russell, we couldn't have done this."

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Little League announces deadline

The Eagle Lake Little League will end registration this Friday, Feb. 28. All youngsters interested in playing baseball this year are asked to sign up now. More players are needed to make this season a successful one.

### UMC holds third Lenten luncheon

The third Community Lenten Luncheon at United Methodist Church on Monday, March 3, will have Rev. David Mann of the First Baptist Church as guest speaker. Rev. Mann has been the pastor at First Baptist for eight years and is currently serving as mayor of Eagle Lake. Come join us for soup, sandwiches, desserts and singing. Love offerings will be accepted with half going to the Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry. The community is invited to help celebrate the Easter Holy season.

### Garwood Community Association to meet

The Garwood Community Association will hold their regular monthly meeting Monday, March 3, at 7 p.m. at the meeting room. You are invited to attend and get involved with your community.

### World Day of Prayer is March 7

Christ Episcopal Church will host a coffee in conjunction with the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 7, at the church located at 304 E. Stockbridge. The coffee will be held at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10 a.m. All women in the community are invited to attend.

### APC Festival committee to meet

The Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival Committee will meet on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 5:30 p.m. at the Prairie Edge Museum. All committee members are asked to be present. The committee will meet every Thursday in March as well as April 3 and 8. If you would like to help with the festival, please come. Volunteers are still needed.

### Lions Clubs holding mop, broom sales

The Eagle Lake and Garwood Lions Clubs will hold their annual mop and broom sales. Eagle Lake's will be Thursday, March 6, in front of the Municipal Building from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Garwood's will be held at Garwood Lions Hall on Wednesday, March 5, starting at 8 a.m.

They'll be selling mops, brooms, brushes, and many other items, all made by the blind. Plan to come by and help the blind help themselves. For more information on the Garwood sale contact Lawrence Stallman at 758-3441.

### E.H. Henry offers homework and tutorial help

The E.H. Henry Historical Corporation will start having Homework and Tutorial Services on March 3 at the old Primary School in the portable building. It will begin at 4:30 p.m. and last approximately one hour. The Corporation is asking for volunteers to get the program started. For more information, call 234-3257 or 234-2467.

### New Town organization meeting set

The New Town Improvement Organization Water District were to hold a meeting at White Cloud Baptist Church Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m. Community members are urged to attend.

### White Cloud Baptist Church garage sale

White Cloud Baptist Church will hold a garage sale on Saturday, March 1 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 510 East C. Street at the home of Mrs. L.A. Ashton. The public is invited. The sale will be rescheduled if it rains Saturday.

### Black History program at ELMS

The Eagle Lake Middle School will have a Black History Program Thursday, Feb. 27, at 1:30 p.m. with guest speaker Dr. Sarah "Bernadette" Robinson Williams, daughter of Mrs. Ora "Billie" Jones Sykes. Dr. Williams is the Professor and Department Head of Social Work and Sociology at Prairie View A&M University. She has presented numerous workshops and been published in several professional magazines. Students will be performing skits and singing noted Black Spirituals. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Study Club taking trip to Austin

The Study Club will make a trip to Austin by bus on Wednesday, March 12. Everyone is invited. The group will have a special guided tour of the capitol and visitors center and sit in on a legislative session. You may buy your lunch at the capitol cafeteria or bring a sack lunch. The price of the trip will be \$20 for transportation payable at the Wintermann Library as soon as possible. The bus needs to leave at 7 a.m. with the capitol tour at 9 a.m. Hope you will join our spring outing.

(See Newsbriefs, Page 10)

Dream nearing reality...

## Land transferred to County for boot camp

Colorado County Commissioners Court approved a contract with the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission that will allow grant money for the Juvenile Boot Camp in Eagle Lake to arrive in the County this week.

According to County Judge Vince Slominski, 85% of the \$2.5 million grant from the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission will be forwarded to Colorado County.

Esmor Correctional Services Inc., which will operate the 100-bed facility, is set to contribute the additional 15%. This amount (\$634,000) will complete the funding package.

There will be no money paid out by the County, but the facility will become the property of Colorado County after 20 years.

According to the grant provisions, any facility erected with state funds must be used as a boot camp for juveniles for 20 years.

After the 20 years has expired, the county will have the option to continue the facility as a boot camp or to convert it for other purposes.

Bids will be advertised as soon as the state funds arrive.

With only two signatures needed to complete the paper work for the (See Land, Page 10)



Last Thursday, Feb. 20, as Eagle Lake Mayor David Mann signed the deed transfer on the land earmarked for the juvenile boot camp, members of the Eagle Lake City Council, County and state governments looked on. Seated beside Mann were Colorado County Judge Vince Slominski, at left, and State Representative Robby Cook, at right. Looking on from behind were, from left, Councilwoman René Cooper-Scott, County Commissioner Sonny Spanihel, Consultant Billy Don Evoritt, City Manager Ron Holland and Councilman Bill Kell.

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## Hospital Board approves new name, marketing for RDCH

If you have called Rice District Community Hospital (RDCH) since the first of Feb., you may have noticed something new.

At the last meeting of the RDCH Board, a new marketing plan for the hospital was approved as presented by the Hospital Marketing Committee. It included a name change, to Rice Medical Center.

Dick Weatherly, Marketing Committee Chairman, said "We need the name of the hospital to better reflect what we do. For example, inpatient and outpatient surgeries, acute care, family oriented obstetrics."

"We have testing facilities including CT scanner, MRI, mammogram,

ultrasound, cardiac evaluation, full hand x-ray, physical and respiratory therapy and home health."

"We have over 40 physicians on our staff and we hold clinics for several of these specialists in the hospital. We are looking at expanding our serv-

ices to better meet the needs of the community and reduce the tax burden on the district. We are more than just a hospital."

The name change will be integrated (See Name, Page 4)

One more time...

## Ex-ELPD auxiliary arrested

David Fletcher, who was immediately terminated from the Eagle Lake Police Department's reserve force after being arrested on Feb. 11 in Houston for impersonating a Houston police officer in a quest to obtain a security job at the Walnut Grove Apartment on Langwick in Houston, has been arrested again.

Reportedly, on Feb. 11, Fletcher posed a friend as a burglar who he "caught" in order to "be the hero" and gain favor at the job.

He was charged with a felony at that time.

On Friday, Feb. 21, Fletcher was again arrested and charged with aggravated robbery from an incident which allegedly occurred in Feb. of 1996.

A Houston woman reportedly recognized Fletcher, after seeing the report aired by Channel 13 on the impersonation, as being one of two persons who stormed into her home last year posing as Houston Narcotics Officers.

The two, she claims, confiscated jewelry and other items from the woman. The other man was arrested last year.

Fletcher was in class at N. Harris County Community College at the time of his arrest. (See Fletcher, Page 3)

## Suit filed in 1995 drowning

A suit for damages involving the death of a child was transferred to Colorado County on Friday, Feb. 14.

The original suit was filed by Stephen Collier Smith and his wife, Marlyce Smith, and their daughter, Melissa Smith, survivors of Stephanie Elizabeth Smith.

The suit states that on Aug. 11, 1995, Stephanie Smith was swimming in a backyard spa when her hair became ensnared in an improperly plumbed drain.

As a result, the suit states, the girl drowned.

The suit names Stuart B. Cory as the individual who installed the spa.

Stephen was employed by the Eagle Lake Police Department at the time of Stephanie's death.

## EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending Feb. 25.

On Feb. 18, at 2 p.m. Lt. Clem Johnson met with a complainant at the police department in reference to a shoplifter at 200 S. McCarty. A report was made and the case is under investigation.

At 2:15 p.m., Lt. Johnson received a call at the police department reporting a man driving around, showing off a shotgun. The subject was located and identified, but no gun was found.

At 3:42 p.m., Officer Carl Risk was dispatched to State Street in reference to a subject needing information.

Officer Risk received a 911 hangup on Gonzales Street at 8:31 p.m. Investigation showed a child to be playing with the phone.

While at the police department, Officer Risk was contacted by a complainant who reported a burglary of his vehicle. A report was made and the case is under investigation.

At 8:46 p.m., Officer Risk was contacted and advised of a suspicious vehicle following a complainant. The vehicle was located and subjects identified, with no further action necessary.

On Feb. 19, at 5:45 p.m., Officer Risk was advised of dogs running

loose on Prairie Street. Officer Risk found three dogs loose and advised the city dog catcher of the situation.

At 7:33 p.m., Officer Risk was dispatched to the Middle School in reference to a dog (See Police, Page 10)



This photo was captured just before Delgado's Wrecker Service towed off this Plymouth Minivan which was involved in a collision with a pickup Tuesday afternoon at the intersection of Hwy. 90-A and FM 102 (Lakeside Drive).

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