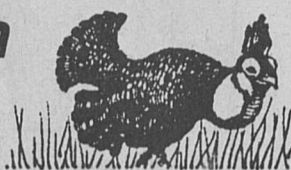


Tickets still available for Faith County II

Just over two weeks remain until Prairie Edge Players present **Faith County II: An Evening of Culture** at the Prairie Edge Museum Theatre. The play is scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26. This is the long-awaited sequel to the wonderfully popular play (See Players, Page 10)

Only 2 days left until Eagle Lake's Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival!



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NEWSBRIEFS

Chili cookers wanted for APC Festival

The third annual Attwater's Endangered Species Festival is having a chili cook-off Saturday, April 12. The entry fee is \$12 to cover the cost of trophies. A minimum of five pounds of meat must be cooked. The top three winners will be awarded trophies. Spaces are limited, so please call now. If you know what goes into good chili, call Annie Broesche (409-234-3220) for an application.

Local artist exhibit in APC festival

Local artist, Melva Hemphill, will hold an exhibit during the Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival on Saturday, April 12, at the Prairie Edge Museum. You're invited to stop by and take a look at some very good local talent.

Garwood Community Assoc. BBQ is April 20

The Garwood Community Association is sponsoring a fundraiser BBQ beef and all the trimmings dinner, catered by Austin's BBQ, on Sunday, April 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Association Building, to-go plates only. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any member for \$5 each. A booth will be set up Saturday April 12, at 9 a.m. at F&W Foods in Garwood for your convenience in purchasing advance tickets.

Scruggs in concert at ELPS

Joe Scruggs will be in concert at the Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) Wednesday, April 23, at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Admission is \$1 for school-age children; \$2 for adults; and children three years and under get in free. Joe Scruggs has been performing for children and families across the U.S. since 1984 and has been in Eagle Lake three times to delight the youngsters in the area. The public is invited to attend.

Rabies clinic in Garwood Friday

A dog and cat rabies vaccination clinic will be held on Friday, April 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Garwood School. The cost is \$7 per shot. The clinic is sponsored by the Garwood Lions Club.

RHS Band Booster meeting is Monday

A Rice High School Band Booster meeting will be held on Monday, April 14, at 6 p.m. in the band hall. A discussion on the upcoming trip will be held. All parents and band members are asked to attend. The meeting is open to the public.

Festival passes still on sale

Festival passes will not be sold by the contestants for the Eagle Lake Queen's Pageant. You may purchase your tickets from the following people and/or organizations: Susan Tomcheson, Lesley Matthews, Chamber of Commerce, Blue Plate Cafe and other local businesses. Look for signs indicating passes for sale and please purchase your passes now.

5th annual golf tournament is April 19

The 5th Annual Eagle Lake Recreation Center Scholarship and Fundraiser Golf Tournament and Shoot-Out will take place Saturday, April 19. The entry fee, \$50, covers green fees and a meal of barbecue chicken for golfers. Cart rental is \$15. Additional tickets are available for \$5 per plate. Before the tournament, a glow-ball tournament will be held Friday night, April 18, at dark:thirty. It will be a four person scramble, 36 players only, \$20 fee and ball. Carts, not included in this event, are \$6.50 each. For more information, call 409-234-5981; Pinto at 409-234-3870.

ELHS reunion planned for Oct.

An Eagle Lake High School (ELHS) class reunion is being planned for Oct. for classes of 1950-1960. If anyone knows the addresses of the following people, please call 234-3452 or 234-2937: Jo Ann Gause Leenen, Jan Pendergrass, Alan Causey, Carole Collins Vinson, Gil Gutierrez, Jan Cheatham Berry, Wayne Brasher, Clarissa Sheppard Watkins, Larry Cervenka and Lupe Gutierrez.

Managing pasture cattle seminar is April 25

A Managing Pasture Cattle for Maximum Profit seminar will be held Friday, April 25, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the LBJ Memorial Student Center at SW Texas State University, San Marcos. There is no admission and a complimentary lunch will be served. For more information, call 1-800-303-3513 by April 23.

RHS Cheerleaders selling T-shirts

The Rice High School (RHS) Cheerleaders are selling Raider Fan T-shirts for \$10 each. Contact RHS or any RHS cheerleader to purchase your shirts.

Sheridan benefit set for April 27

The Sheridan Ambulance Benefit will be held April 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets, by advance sales only, are \$5 per plate and will get you a chicken fried steak dinner. There will also be a silent auction and drawing. For more information, contact T aylor Walker, 234-3921 or 234-3937.

Vendors wanted for APC Festival

The third annual Attwater's Endangered Species Festival, scheduled for April 11-12, is in search of food booths and arts and crafts booths. Anyone who has something to sell like antiques, gifts, insurance, memberships, etc., may sign up. Food booths will be exclusive; that is, once you sign up, no one else may sell the same item. Other booths are not limited as to items for sale. Civic organizations, church group, girl and/or boy scouts, etc. are invited to take part. Booth space is \$25. For registration forms, call Lucy Capps at 409-234-7447.

Head Start starts recruiting program

Cen-Tex Family Services Inc. will begin recruiting three- and four-year-olds for the 1997-98 school year Head Start program. To select the children with the greatest need for the services, the staff will attempt to inform families with eligible children and encourage them to apply for admission by performing door-to-door interviews and posting flyers throughout Bastrop, Colorado, Fayette and Lee Counties. Children to begin the first day of school will be selected in May; therefore, interested families are encouraged to mail the required age and income verification as soon as possible. For more information or an enrollment application, contact Andreana Ledesma at 512-303-7737 or 1-800-484-6634, code 7737.

Don't forget new hours at City Hall

Don't forget about the new office hours for Eagle Lake City Hall that went into effect April 1. The office is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A night depository is available for customers who wish to make payments after hours. The telephone number for emergencies after hours and on Saturday, Sunday and holidays is 234-2727.

If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 234-2640 or 234-3255.

APC Festival Committee sets agenda

The Attwater's Prairie Chicken (APC) Endangered Species Festival Committee has released a list of events scheduled for the third annual gathering, beginning Friday night, April 11.

Pre-festival activities will begin with a social hour, silent auction (a fundraiser), appreciation dinner and recognition program.

The goal of the APC Endangered Species Festival is to promote the plight of the most endangered bird in not only Texas, but the entire U.S.

The Festival continues to educate the general public about this bird that now only lives in our part of the state.

Not many people know about the APC or even what it looks like.

The committee intends to change that by providing free guided tours to the Attwater Prairie Chicken National

Wildlife Refuge where this bird lives and through knowledgeable speakers.

There will be a special booth set up Saturday where you can adopt a chick for only \$25.

While the committee believes their mission to be a serious one, they have developed a special festival format that will not only educate but entertain.

There is no other festival where you can learn to fish; get a chance to see an endangered species, as well as other wildlife; and where almost every event is free.

TOURS

Refuge: Free guided tours to the Refuge will begin Saturday morning at 7 a.m. and continue throughout the day departing from downtown Eagle Lake every half hour. The tours are

planned to last between one and one-half and two hours.

The best chance to see the APC will be on the early tours. Other wildlife may be seen on every tour. Buffalo have been added to the Refuge and several calves have been born.

Lake: Free tours to the LCRA Watchable Wildlife Trailer on Eagle Lake are also planned.

There will be members from the Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club as well as other noted birders from Houston Audubon to help with bird identification.

This year, LCRA has planted a field of wildflowers near the birding site. The field is to have picking as well as photography areas.

Gator Farm: The last tour listed will be to the Prairie Gator Farm and another wildflower field which will also have areas to pick and photograph.

A small charge of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children five to 14 (under 4 are free) admits you to the alligator farm where fried alligator meat will be cooked for you to sample.

EVENTS

Speakers: Noted speakers will be giving hourly talks at Eagle Lake City Hall. A drawing for a \$25 gift certi-

cate from Wal-Mart will be held at the end of each lecture.

Friday night, speakers will be Terry Rossignol, manager of Attwater's Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge; Julie Anderson, Texas Parks and Wildlife (TP&W) for Texas R.I.C.E.; John A. Campbell, Sam Houston Resource Conservation and Development of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; L.G. Raun, Lowell Farms of El Campo.

Saturday's hourly speakers scheduled are: Jim Bergen, Nature Conservancy Mudd Island March Project at 8 a.m.; Jeff Hoff, Sealy, speaking about the bison on the Refuge at 9 a.m.; Laura Singleton, Houston Audubon, on birds and birding at 10 a.m.; Julie Anderson, TP&W, Texas R.I.C.E. at 11 a.m.; Rossignol at noon; Naomi Brown, 1996 Teacher of the Year, butterflies at 1 p.m.; Cecilia Riley, Director of Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, at 2 p.m.; Marilyn Crane on owls at 3 p.m.; and Carter Smith, Katy Prairie Conservancy, about prairie projects in our area at 4 p.m.

There will be a special speaker at 5 p.m.

Kidfish: Kidfish will be going on at Thornton Pond from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

This event is free, however, par-

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'Child Abuse Prevention' month

April has been declared Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Eagle Lake and around the nation as Mayor David Mann signs a proclamation noting the same. By his side are Lucille Perry and Obie Rhodes, Colorado County Children's Protective Service Board Members.

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Update on Sheridan's water park given at meeting

During a March 25 meeting of TACC, Sheridan Park and Recreation Center (SPARC) President Jim Briscoe gave an overview of the water park project to those in attendance and answered questions from the audience.

Judge Vince Slominski had been invited to speak, but he had a conflicting meeting. Mr. Briscoe opened his comments by reading a letter to the group from the Judge explaining why he was unable to be there and acknowledging the County ultimately has full liability for this project.

The efforts for a park in Sheridan really began in 1989 when the school expanded and took over the local ball field.

Two years later, in Sept. 1991, when the old Sheridan pool closed, SPARC was organized to replace the pool.

In Feb. 1992, SPARC became a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

They learned that Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. had funds to assist in such efforts, but first, they needed a County Master Plan. This was accomplished with volunteer help and assistance from Texas A&M students.

Mr. Briscoe stated that when Victoria needed a Master Plan they paid consultants \$22,000.

Volunteers also drew up to 400+ pages for the Colorado County Sheridan Community Park Project.

When grants were awarded, this project rated number one and was awarded a \$415,000 matching fund grant.

Mr. Briscoe stated that in an election, Sheridan voted by an 80% majority to go forward with the waterpark.

He described in detail the hours of volunteer labor and donations that have already gone onto the effort. The park was scheduled to open this spring, but, due to the unusually rainy weather, the opening date has been postponed, possibly until next year.

There were many questions from the audience, most of which expressed concern that if the project was not as successful as predicted, how would the cost impact the taxpayers of Colorado County?

While everyone attending seemed impressed with the zeal, commitment and community spirit of the residents of Sheridan, many seemed skeptical that this project could be accomplished without ultimately costing the taxpayers.

It appears that the recent negative

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EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending April 8.

On April 1, at 9:10 a.m., Officer Carl Risk responded to a panic alarm at 601 E. Main, but discovered the alarm had been set off by accident.

On April 2 at 9:26 a.m., the police department received a report that a shoplifter at 200 S. McCarty was in custody.

Lt. Clem Johnson responded to the location. The store manager refused to prosecute, but wanted a criminal trespass warning issued to the subject to not come back on the premises. No charges were filed.

At 2:52 p.m., Officer Risk was dispatched to Hubbard Ferry Road on a tip that there were drugs in a vehicle. The area was checked, but Risk was unable to locate the vehicle.

At 4 p.m., Officer Risk received information that a wanted subject, Maribel Escobedo, was at a location on Murphy Road.

Escobedo was located and brought back to the police department, where her fine was paid. She was then released.

At 6:06 p.m., Officer Risk received a report of a suspicious subject at 500 E. Main.

Prior to the officer's arrival, the subject left the premises and was not located.

On April 3, Sgt. Jack Knox met with a complainant at the police department and received a report concerning the burglary of a motor vehicle. The report was taken and the case is under investigation.

Officer Keith Norman and Sgt. Knox responded to a civil standby on Shirley Street at 4:35 p.m. No action was taken.

At 2:16 p.m., Lt. Johnson met with a complainant at the police department after obtaining information. A report of forgery by check was filed and is being investigated.

At 9:01 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to East A Street in reference to an intoxicated person. Upon his arrival, the subject had left the premises, but was located near his home, where he was advised to stay. No other action was taken.

Chief Webb and Sgt. Knox conducted a follow-up investigation in which several stolen items were recovered from the burglary from a residence on Kinney Street.

At 10:43 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to E. Waverly in reference to

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Eagle Lake emergency crews assist accident victim

Last Friday, April 4, at 10:20 a.m., Eagle Lake Police Chief Keith Webb responded to a two-vehicle major accident approximately one mile east of the city limits on Hwy. 90A, assisted with traffic and stood by until a DPS trooper arrived. The female driver of the passenger car was transported by Colorado County Emergency Medical Services Unit 803 to Rice Medical Center complaining of pain. 803 personnel Dorothy Flores and Joe Lee Perez are shown preparing the patient for transport with the help of Eagle Lake Volunteer Firemen.

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