Dress rehearsal for **Evening of Culture** is Thursday

If you are unable to attend Prairie Edge Players' Friday or Saturday night performances because of to make a generous donation to Prairie Edge Museum at schedule conflicts, you may come to dress rehearsal at least equaling the cost of a ticket. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24.

Keep in mind that you will not see a finished

Admission will not be charged, but you are expected

For further information, contact Helen Craig at 234-

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Methodist Youth to hold fundraiser

The Methodist Youth will be serving a barbecue dinner this Sunday, April 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. from the back drive of the United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake at the corner of Prairie and Cemetery. The \$5.00 per plate ticket not only buys a complete meal, but includes dessert. You may drive through or dine in the church. For tickets, contact Susan Engstrom at 758-3910 or Tanya Wiese, 234-7469.

Spring blood drive is Monday

A Spring Blood Drive will be held Monday, April 28, from 12 noon until 7 p.m. at Columbia Gulf Coast Medical Center classrooms. Call Carol Wootton at 409-282-6090 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

Birthday, Calendar Tea scheduled

White Cloud Baptist Church invites everyone to their Birthday and Calendar Tea scheduled for Saturday, April 26, at 7 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

ELPS to hold Cinco de mayo celebration

You are invited to come and join the Eagle Lake Primary School staff and students in the celebration of Cinco de mayo on Monday, May 5, at 1 p.m. in

La celebracion del Cinco de mayo podra ser mas especial si ustedes estan presente! Lunes 5 de mayo, 1997 a la 1 p.m. de la trade en la cafeteria de la Hartensteiner and Clinton and Ann Lake, Jamesangela Phillips, daughter escuela de Eagle Lake Primary.

Class of 1987 plans reunion

Rice High School Class of 1987 will be holding its 10 years reunion at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center (golf course) on Saturday, May 31. Activities will begin at 10 a.m. Bring a picnic lunch for you and your family or guests. For more details, call Lesley Matthews at 409-234-5713 (daytime) or Stacey (Causey) Hlavinka at 409-335-7546 (evenings).

E.H. Henry Alumni meeting tonight

The E.H. Henry Alumni will hold a meeting Thursday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m at the E.H. Henry site. Everyone is urged and invited to attend.

Juneteenth Celebration slated for June 14

A Juneteenth Celebration is slated for Saturday, June 14. Parade and booth entry deadline has been set for Sunday, June 1. A Mr. & Miss Juneteenth Contestants will also be chosen Friday, June 13. Deadline for entry is also June 1. For more information on either of these activities, call 234-5651, 234-2467, 234-5067 or 234-7948

Brune reunion scheduled for May 4

The Annual Brune reunion will be held on Sunday, May 4, at Sts. Peters & Paul Catholic dining hall in Frelsburg. The reunion includes members of the Ludwig, Henry, George and Edward Brune families. This is the time to get to know new relatives and visit with those you know. A noon meal will be served by members bringing a basket lunch which includes a meat, vegetable and dessert dish. Eating utensils and drinks will be furnished. Let this be a large affair and notify all your family members.

Defensive driving course set for May 6, 7

A defensive driving course will be held May 6 and 7 at the Agriculture Building, 316 Spring Street in Columbus. Class hours will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. DPS Sgt. Gilbert Keil will be the instructor. To pre-register, call 409-732-2734 or arrive a few minutes early the first evening.

CCA meeting tonight, April 24

Combined Community Action, Inc. will hold its Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, April 24, at 7 p.m. at the CCA Nutrition Center, 275 Ellinger Road in La Grange. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Texas Commission helps blind

Losing your vision doesn't mean losing your independence. The Texas Commission for the Blind (TCB) helps thousands of people who are blind or visually impaired get the skills and information they need to live successful and fulfilling lives. Services are available for children and their families, adults seeking employment and older persons who may need assistance adjusting to Britni Wood, at left, was chosen Miss Eagle Lake for 1997. Pictured with severe vision loss. For more information on TCB, call 1-800-687-7043.

Annual Softball Tournament is April 26, 27

The Third Annual Invitational Softball Tournament, 9th Series, will be held April 26 and 27 in El Campo at the El Campo Sports Duplex. For more information, contact the tournament director at 409-244-1172 anytime. Entry fee is \$125 for men and \$110 for co-ed; A.S.A. rules will apply. Entry deadline is 10 a.m. April 24.

Dicks Unlimited dinner set for May 1

The Baytown Chapter of Ducks Unlimited is holding their 22nd annual dinner banquet Thursday, May 1, at the Baytown Fairgrounds, just north of I-10 East on N. Main St. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets include dinner and a one- lected will reduce the property tax by the communities by remaining finan- Hospital is adding new programs and noculars and tool box with numerous year membership to Ducks Unlimited; singles \$40; couple \$50; Greenwings (16 years and under) \$20. For more information, call 281-328-7447 or 281-332-2047. Proceeds benefit the conservation and development of habitat for and use tax are collected in a year, (a our diminishing wetlands. Ducks Unlimited is the largest non-profit wetland conservation organization in North America.

Sheridan pre-k, kindergarten registration set

Sheridan Elementary will be enrolling pre-k and kindergarten students on duction in the property tax to each the goal to reduce the property tax by Board and adoption of the 0.5% sales Friday, April 25, in the morning. Pre-k students must be economically or property owner. educationally deprived and four years old before Sept. 1 to qualify. Please bring birth certificate, shot records and social security card, plus proof of income. Kindergarten students must be five years old before Sept. 1, 1997. Please bring shot record, birth certificate and social security card.

Managing pasture cattle seminar is April 25

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

Sheridan Benefit set for April 27

A 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 share in the financial responsibility for fried steak dinner. There will also be a silent auction and drawing. For more supporting the RMC. information, contact Traylor Walker, 234-3921 or 234-3937.

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. Joan Matthews, a very aggressive vehicle, but upon his arrival, he was eddown, Chief Webb counseled them

Rotary Club honors Harrison

mony at the Eagle Lake Rotary Club's manitarian and educational programs. Wednesday meeting, April 16, Presiing him as a Paul Harris Fellow.

The presentation of a Paul Harris its members. Fellow is the Rotary Foundation's way of expressing its appreciation for for the presentation.

In a somewhat emotional cere- a substantial contribution to its hu-

Named for Rotary founder, Paul dent-elect Blair Hickey presented a Harris, a Chicago lawyer who started very surprised Bill Harrison Sr. with a Rotary International with three busicertificate, pin and medal, recogniz- ness associates in 1905, it is the highest honor the organization bestows on

A number of guests were on hand

New Eagle Lake royalty selected

at the Eagle Lake Middle School cafe- up Miss Eagle Lake, Tabitha Connor, honors of Master of Ceremonies.

man Weinheimer of El Campo.

This year, in lieu of private interviews with the judges, the judges re- was Jessica Thomas, daughter of Miindividual questions that they wanted Cook was chosen first runner-up. She Reed to ask each contestant.

for them as all of the contestants were Irrigation. deserving of the titles.

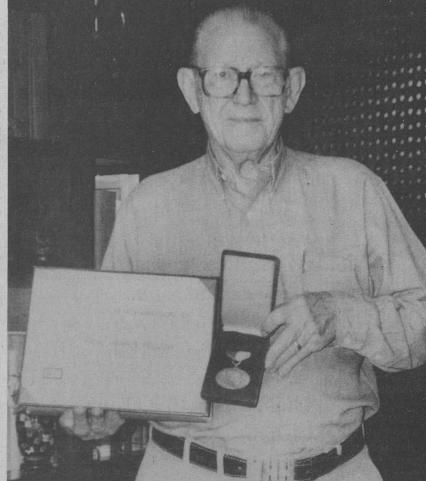
While the judges retired to tabulate their scores, the audience and contestants were entertained by the SPJST Lodge #30 Cloggers, Kirby Bubela, Chad Dorotik, Kyle Kaspar, Jon Marcaurele, Megan Marcaurele, Staff also entertained with his rendition of "I Think She Likes Me"; and Wade Schindler sang a medley of burglary of a habitation;

The winners of this year's pageant session of marijuana; were: Miss Eagle Lake, Britni Wood,

The 1997 Eagle Lake Royalty daughter of Jim and Mary Ann Wood, Pageant was held Thursday, April 10, sponsored by S&W Parts; first runnerteria with Tom Reed performing the daughter of Isreal G. Connor and Patricia C. Cunningham, sponsored by Judges for the event were Bonnie Winco; second runner-up Miss Eagle Voelkel of Columbus and Lisa Cor- of James and Regena Phillips, sponsored by Morales Construction.

Chosen Junior Miss Eagle Lake viewed each contestant's profile prior chael and Sherry Thomas, sponsored to the competition and prepared two by Alpha Delta Phi Sorority; Jenna is the daughter of Robby and Mary

(See Royalty, Page 12)



The judges had their work cut out Kay Cook and was sponsored by S&S Bill Harrison Sr. shows off the medal, pin and plaque he received when he was chosen to be a Paul Harris Fellow by the Eagle Lake Rotary Club. Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas

County Grand Jury issues 22 indictments

The Colorado County Grand Jury trolled substance: Camille, Mandy and Trey Staff. Trey returned indictments on 22 individuals last Thursday, April 17.

·Lakeith Dashon Williams for

•Francisco Alvarez Santos, pos-

•Karls Scott, possession of a con-

•Willie Lewis Bean Jr., burglary controlled substance; of a habitation;

 Mark Edward Morris, possession arm; of marijuana;

•Kimberly D. Morris, possession of a building; of marijuana;

·Veronica Rocha, possession of a of controlled substance;

•Frederick Lakeith Hodges, pos- theft of a firearm; session of a controlled substance;

•Russell Emanuel Sisk, driving building; while intoxicated (DWI) (felony); •Edward John Simcik III, forgery

•Kevin Lee Caro, forgery by mak-

•David Gerard Garamillo, burglary of a building;

•Tommy David Hembree, DWI (felony);

•John Rene Torres, possession of a ·James Elie Rings, theft of fire-

·Ceola Diane Anderson, burglary

·Jeremy Charles Adams, burglary a building;

·Stephen Colorado Ford-Ventura,

·Paul Lee Rodgers, burglary of a

•Roy M. Fields Jr., burglary of a building;

·Randall Roy Stancik, aggravated assault, attempting to take weapon from a peace officer;

·Janet Carter Merta, aggravated

None of the indictments were

Sheriff's Department reports burglaries

The Colorado County Sheriff's Office reported the following calls for Sgt. Richard LaCourse responded to a the past week.

RMC seeking 0.5% sales, use tax

adoption of a 0.5% sales and use tax in revenues. their upcoming elections on May 3. the same amount.

her are runners-up Jamesangela Phillips and Tabitha Connor.

For example, if \$60,000 of sales development," Matthews said. conservative estimate from Blair Hic- in May to a cross-sectional group of

According to David Keith, Adreduce the property tax for our citizens. "I am determined to significantly reduce the property tax over the ment dropped from 91 to 85. next three years," Keith said.

By approving the sales and use tax, everyone who buys goods and services in the Hospital District.

Non-property owners frequently use hospital services. They too would

So what other actions has the cases for the week ending April 21. Board and Keith taken to move toward

Rice Medical Center (RMC) is three-year Strategic Plan was devel- cation and hard work of the employes, seeking your vote to approve the oped to reduce costs and increase we could not have achieved these responded to a call concerning a bur-

Photo Courtesy of Roxanne Schindler

"Our vision is to be the health procially sound and supporting economic

The plan, which will be presented key, Chief Financial Officer), the total District citizens for their input and property tax will be reduced by the evaluation, is the vehicle to carry the same amount. This means a small re-vision forward. Included in that plan is 50% over the next three years.

Keith indicated, that since his arriministrator, the Board of Directors has val last Sept., total monthly expenses asked him to fulfill the obligation to for the hospital have dropped by 16%. Monthly overtime was reduced from 13% to under 2% and total employ-

"If not for the commitment, dedi- April 29.

types of savings," Keith said.

Keith admits that revenues have possibly an additional physician in the tools had been stolen. future.

Four members of the current Board are seeking re-election, including Matthews, Obie Rhodes, Mark Anderson and Bill Harrison Sr.

Election of four Directors for the Lake Community Center, Sheridan School and Garwood School.

Early voting is taking place now at Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through are two suspects at this time.

Monday, April 14, at 5:14 p.m., call concerning the burglary of habitation on Hwy. 90 East of Hatterman Lane. Graciela Juarez reported forced entry had been made into her home and a container of pennies was stolen. Three juveniles were detained.

At 8:10 p.m., Deputy Ben Vlach glary of habitation on County Road 206. Donald Dobecka reported that a The amount of sales and use tax col- vider of choice and add value back to not significantly increased, but the television, microwave, CD player, bi-

Friday, April 18, at 10 a.m. Sgt. LaCourse responded to a call concerning a vehicle in the creek on County Road 103. The vehicle was discovered to be stolen out of Houston. HPD was contacted and advised of the recovery.

Saturday, April 19, at 7:52 a.m., and use tax will be held Saturday, May Deputy Troy Neisner responded to a 3, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Eagle burglary call at Frank's Friendly Service in Rock Island. Ann Henry reported approximately \$200 worth of beer, cigarettes and consumable goods sto-Rice Medical Center in the Business len after forced entry was made. There

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Depart- unable to locate the vehicle. ment reported the following calls and

At 12:34 p.m., Chief Webb met taken. with several subjects in reference to a On April 15 at 12:15 a.m, Officer domestic disturbance at the Solar Hills dispatched to a residence on Church the goal of reducing the property tax? Brian Ochoa was dispatched to East Apts., involving a father, adult daugh- Street to investigate a burglary. The According to Board Chairman Waverly Street in reference to a loud ter and her child. After everyone calm-

and left the scene with no action being

Chief Webb and Lt. Johnson were

investigation continues. (See Police Report, Page 13)