

## Crime Stoppers dance is March 14

Support the Eagle Lake Police Department by attending the Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers St. Patrick's Day Dance and Auction! Proceeds go to purchase items that the City budget can't provide. The dance will be at the Eagle Lake Community Center, 100 W. Walnut, Saturday, March 14, from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Music will be provided by Keith Taylor and Company. For tickets, which are \$5 each, contact any Crime Stoppers member or the Police Department. Beer and set-ups will be available. For more information, call 409-234-5878 or 234-2727. Thank you for your continued support!

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Eagle Lake Lions set mop, broom sale

The Eagle Lake Lions Clubs will hold their annual mop and broom sale today, March 5, in front of the Municipal Building from 8 a.m. to 5 p.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.

### Baseball tryouts Friday

Final try-outs for Eagle Lake Little League will be Friday, March 6, at 6 p.m. at the Little League Field behind the Middle School.

### Dog, cat vaccinations in Garwood

A dog and cat vaccination clinic, sponsored by Garwood Lions Club, will be held at the Garwood School shop Friday, March 13, 4 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$8.

### Seniors Citizen's dance is Friday

The public is invited to a Senior Citizen's dance 7:30 to 11 p.m. Friday, March 6, at the Eagle Lake Community Center with music provided by Daniel & the Country Boys. Admission is \$5 per person; door prizes will be given.

### Cholesterol/triglyceride screening is March 11

A cholesterol/triglyceride screening will be held Wednesday, March 11, 7 to 9 a.m. at the Gulf Coast Medical Center Lab in Wharton. The cost is \$8 (Senior Friends \$5). You must pre-register by calling 409-532-2500, ext. 1300.

### Class of 1946 plans reunion

The Eagle Lake High School Class of 1946 is planning a reunion for June 12 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. They will also honor the football squad of 1945 (bi-district champions). For more information, contact Melvin Selph, 740 Willowick, Port Lavaca, Texas 77979; call 512-552-2704.

### Entries needed for APC Festival royalty

Entries are now being taken for Miss Eagle Lake, Junior Miss Eagle Lake, Little Miss Eagle Lake and Little Mister Eagle Lake which will be chosen for the Prairie Chicken Festival. If you are interested, call the Chamber of Commerce Office at 409-234-2780 before March 17.

### Mount Olive schedules youth program

The Greater Mount Olive Youth Program will be held Sunday, March 8, beginning at 7 p.m. The public is invited. Rev. R. Kiser, Pastor.

### Benefit fish fry is March 6

A benefit fish fry will be held Friday, March 6, at the Eagle Lake Community Center outside under the pavilion. Serving will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$5 each. Proceeds will go to Booker Memorial Temple COGIC for the building fund. For more information, call Clem Johnson at 234-2727.

### APC Festival to include talent show

Attention! Attention! Attention! Come join the fun at the Attwater's Prairie Chicken (APC) Festival Talent Show to be held Saturday, March 28, starting at 1 p.m. on the Eagle Lake Square. All ages, individuals and groups are welcome. There is no charge to enter and prizes will be awarded. For more information please contact Sherry Thomas at 409-234-3251 or Charlet Janow at 234-5282. Registrations must be in by Tuesday, March 10. In case of rain the show will be held in the community center.

### Defensive driving course scheduled

A defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel in Eagle Lake March 17 and 18 at the Wintermann Library, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information, call 234-5411; or show up a few minutes early the first evening for registration.

### Donate to scholarship fund

Sheridan Elementary and Jr. High Student Council would like to thank all the people who have donated money to the Sheridan Scholarship fund. This scholarship is available to any senior who has graduated from Sheridan Elementary and goes on to graduate from Rice High School (RHS). In the past our school has been able to give scholarships to deserving RHS seniors. This year we would again appreciate any donations to this fund so we may carry on this fine tradition. Anyone desiring to make donations may contact the office at Sheridan Elementary School 234-7334. Any and all help will be appreciated.

### Job Fair '98 set for March 7 in Eagle Lake

Job Fair '98 will be held Saturday, March 7, in Eagle Lake at the former KC Hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Businesses from Colorado, Austin, Wharton and Waller Counties will be represented offering a variety of positions including part-time and full-time opportunities for both adults and teens. Bring copies of your resume if you have one. Otherwise, be prepared to fill out job applications.

### Study Club to meet March 11

The Eagle Lake Study Club will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at the Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake. Guest speakers will be Carol Beth Gore and Dorothy Cox. The program is entitled "Early Colorado County Settlers". The public, as always, is invited to join Club members at the Library.

### Beauty pageant extravaganza is March 14

A Beauty Pageant Extravaganza will be held March 14 in Columbus at the Mansfield Library. Competition is open to all young ladies under the age of 20. Winners will ride in the Columbus FFA Parade. Call Jana Birmingham, 409-758-3040, for details.

### Greater Union schedules Youth Revival

The Greater Union Youth Annual Revival will be held March 16 through 20 beginning at 7 p.m. each night. Rev. David Everson of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Brookshire will be the evangelist. Rev. L. Robertson, Pastor, Dave Curry, Youth Director.

### Christian Women's Luncheon is March 12

The Christian Women's Annual Luncheon will be held at the First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake, Thursday, March 12, at 11 a.m. Tickets will be available at all churches or contact Mrs. Esther New at 234-3430.

### World Day of Prayer is March 6

The World Day of Prayer at the First Presbyterian Church will be held Friday, March 6, at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

### Second Lenten Luncheon is March 9

The United Methodist Church will have the second Lenten Luncheon Monday, March 9, at 11:45 a.m. with guest speaker Rev. Mercy Fling. There will be soup, sandwiches and desserts available. A love offerings will be accepted with half the proceeds going to the Eagle Lake Community Food Pantry. You are invited to come and bring a friend.

(See Newsbriefs, Page 10)

Tuesday, March 10, both political parties, Republican and Democratic, will hold Primary Elections for various offices from the County level on up.

It is your right, and privilege, to participate in all elections. Make your views known... VOTE!

Polling places for both Primaries can be found on Page 3 of this issue, along with an informative article, submitted by George Cason of Eagle

Lake, about the propositions included on the Democratic ballot.

VOTE Tuesday, March 10. No matter who you vote for... VOTE!

### Gala for Renee...

## You can help in the search for a cure

Family and friends of Renee Balas Bullard are working together with the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Lupus Foundation to raise money to fund research, specifically as "Lupus" affects women who are pregnant.

Saturday, July 18, at 7 p.m. at the Stafford Opera House in Columbus there will be a "Gala for Renee" honoring her and others who have lost their lives due to Lupus. There will be a dinner, dancing, cocktails and a silent auction.

All proceeds will go directly to the Lupus Foundation for research. The cost is \$100 per couple or you may purchase a table for \$500; be a silver sponsor, \$750; or a gold sponsor, \$1,000.

There is limited seating. If you are interested, contact Tess Balas at 409-234-5705 or the Gulf Coast Lupus Chapter, 1-800-458-7870.

This will be a special evening to

honor and celebrate the life of someone who touched our entire community.

Here's a little about the disease: Lupus is a chronic, autoimmune disease which causes inflammation of various parts of the body, especially skin, joints, blood and kidneys. The body's immune system normally makes proteins, called antibodies, to protect the body against viruses, bacteria and other foreign materials.

These foreign materials are called antigens. In an autoimmune disorder such as Lupus, the immune system loses its ability to tell the difference between foreign substances (antigens) and its own cells and tissues.

The immune system then makes antibodies directed against "self".

The antibodies, called auto-antibodies, react with the "self" antigens

to form immune complexes. These complexes build up in the tissues and can cause inflammation, tissue injury and pain.

More people have Lupus than AIDS, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, sickle-cell anemia and cystic fibrosis combined.

LFA market research data shows that between 1.4 and 2 million people reported to have been diagnosed with Lupus. (Study conducted by Bruskin/Goldring Research, 1994).

For most people, Lupus is a mild disease affecting only a few organs. For others, it may cause serious as well as life-threatening problems. Thousands of Americans die each year from Lupus-related complications.

For more information, visit the Lupus website: [www.lupusgctx.com](http://www.lupusgctx.com)

### CCEDO, SER Jobs for Progress host regional...

## Job Fair '98 in Eagle Lake

Are you looking for a new or better one? Well, be prepared to fill out some job applications, because Colorado County Economic Development Organization and SER Jobs for Progress will host a first-ever regional job fair.

Job Fair '98 will be held Saturday, March 7, in Eagle Lake at the former KC Hall, located on the corner of Hwy. 90-A and FM 3013, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fifteen businesses from Colorado, Austin, Wharton and Waller Counties will be represented, offering a variety of positions and openings including part- and full-time opportunities for both adults and teens.

Participating in Job Fair '98 will be: The Hanover Company, Diversitech, Splashway Waterpark, Rice Medical Center, Correctional Services Corporation, Texas Irrigation &

Pipe, Casual Corner, Petite Sophisticate, The Oaks, Acme Brick, Western International Gas & Cylinders, Columbus Independent School District, Igloo Products Corporation, Shoppa's Farm Supply and Columbus Community Hospital.

Colorado County Judge Vince Slominski said the Job Fair will have positions from entry-level to professional for both men and women as well as teens. "There will be good jobs in many different fields including area industry, hospitals, schools, assisted living facilities, food service, recreation and more," Slominski said.

#### Tips for Preparing for the Fair:

1. Remember... first impressions are important so plan exactly what professional attire you will wear.
2. Bring ample copies of your resume, if you have one. Otherwise, be prepared to fill out job applications.
3. Review the names of the companies participating. Try to learn something about the companies you are interested in.

Then, be sure to be at the corner of 90-A and 3013 for your shot at the job of your choice!

## EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

*Publisher's Note: An unintentional error was made by this publication in last week's "Police Report". In typing the information on the Feb. 17 two-vehicle accident involving Mary Sosa and Ludivina Esparza, the names were switched in the sentence. It should have read, "Sosa was cited for failure to control speed." We apologize for this error.*

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending March 2.

On Feb. 24 at 4:36 p.m., Sgt. Jack Knox was dispatched on a 9-1-1 call about an injured child on Church St. Knox arrived and found the parent had already transported the child to the hospital by private vehicle.

On Feb. 25 at 3:54 p.m., Sgt. Knox was called to E. Main in reference to disorderly conduct. Information was gathered and a report was filed.

At 7:54 p.m., Sgt. Knox met with a complainant at the police department and took a report of a vehicle window being broken out by a juvenile. The case was turned over to the juvenile probation department.

On Feb. 26 at 12:11 a.m., Officer Tim Crume was dispatched to Fairview St. in reference to a fight in progress. Upon his arrival, one suspect was gone and no one wanted to file charges.

At 1:37 a.m., Henry Thomas was arrested by Officer Crume on an outstanding fugitive warrant, processed and transported to the County Detention Center (CDC) for confinement. (See Police, Page 10)

## City schedules 1998 vaccination clinic

The City of Eagle Lake will sponsor a rabies vaccination clinic Tuesday, March 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Fire Station.

Dr. R.H. Potter of Columbus will conduct the clinic.

Rabies vaccinations will be given to dogs as well as cats. The vaccinations will be \$8 per animal. Other immunizations will be available for dogs at an additional cost.

City Council recently deleted dog registration and licensing fees from the City's dog ordinance. However, the ordinance still requires all dogs be vaccinated against rabies annually by a duly licensed veterinarian.

There have been several confirmed cases of human rabies in the past six months.

All animal owners are encouraged to take advantage of this clinic or visit their own veterinarian annually.

If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 409-234-2640.



Two ribbons cut

The first of two ribbon cuttings held Saturday, Feb. 28, was at 3 p.m. at Dr. John Myres' new clinic, located at 700 S. McCarty. Joining John and Laura Myres for the picture above were Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce representatives Don and Sandy Bendy and Mary Ann Kaluza and Chamber President Sam Thomson; Sandy and Kevin Ray; J.C. and DeAnne Cooper; Anna and John Gertson; Myres' parents, Cathy and Jack; Bill and Roseann Harrison; Gloria Araque; and, of course, Little Miss Catherine Myres, being held by Dad.

Just about an hour later, Tony Tyler cut the ribbon on his art studio located on the square at 123 E. Main. Tyler's open house continued to draw visitors and well-wishers until after 8 p.m., including his art teacher from WCJC, Morna Nation. Present for the photo were the Bendys, Kaluza and Thomson, representing the Chamber; the Harrisons; Melva Hemphill; the Coopers; James Kearney; Jessica Black; his mother, Patricia Black; Troy Thomas; his aunts, Jerlean Black and Argienell Burns; Christine Moody and Nations.

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