

ATTWATER'S PRAIRIE CHICKEN FESTIVAL INFORMATION

MARCH DONATES ART

WORK TO SILENT AUCTION and give away her latest artwork, and children activities. "Summer in Texas". The watercolor collecting a potpourri of flowers from Commerce, 409-234-2780. a field.

Karen is a self-taught watercolorist from Dana Point, Calif., who visits creations. The colors, texture and idea for "Summer in Texas" came from her Texas. Discussion on Texas RICE, visit to Eagle Lake and postcard pic- and its efforts in the rice farmer's tures of the wild seed farms. "The alliance for education and enhanceflowers in and around Eagle Lake are ment the rice industry in the Gulf so beautiful-I just had to capture them Coast ecosystem to sustain natural on canvas" said Karen.

Auction and Social Event is also being held in the bank lobby from 5 until 8 p.m. To obtain tickets to the Social Event, call Laura Myres, 234-5172.

> 5K FUN RUN/WALK, KIDDIE KILOMETER

Kilometer will be Saturday, March 28, at 8 a.m.

Street near the First National Bank. contacting the Chamber of Com- nomic "fall out".

T-shirts will be given to the first 80 adults and first 20 kids who register.

Pre-registration (until March 24) be \$16; and the Kiddie Kilometer will be \$10.

Kiddie Kilometer is sponsored by

COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEONS

Help Celebrate the Easter Holy Season

Eagle Lake United Methodist Church

Attend Our Lenten Luncheons

Monday, March 2

11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

through

Monday, April 6

Enjoy soup, sandwiches and desserts along

with singing and fellowship

Non-Denominational

Everyone Is Invited!

Love offering accepted.

Half of proceeds to go to the Eagle Lake Community Food Pantry.

Come And Bring A Friend!

lena Corporation.

Karen March, watercolorist, will try! There will be lots to do... guided Chicken Festival March 28, to display and volleyball tournaments, booths

painting depicts a small, young child istration forms, call the Chamber of

FESTIVAL SPEAKERS

ment) owner of Pierce Ranch, Pierce, resources and to protect rice lands as Karen's painting will be displayed winter homes to migrant waterfowl viewing all day Saturday. The Silent and other wildlife dependent on the richness of these lands.

11:30: Dr. James Bergan, Coastal Texas Field Representative for The Nature Conservancy of Texas, Corpus Christi, Texas. To speak on "Alternative Use of Farm and Ranch Lands for Economic Benefits: Mad The 5K Fun Run/Walk and Kiddie Island Marsh Project, the Model".

1:30 p.m.: Cecilia Riley, Director, Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, Hous-The start line will be on Main ton, Texas. Slides and talk on "Birding Economics 101". She will focus on Registration time will be from 6:45 to conservation issues and benefits of 7:45 a.m. or forms may be obtained by nature tourism with its spiraling eco-

3 p.m.: Gary Woods, Ornithologist formerly with Houston Audubon Society, and more recently the 2X2 Program, Releaf Houston, Parks and Glueck, Charles and Mickey Glueck): detailing support for management will be \$12; race day registration will Recreation Department. Currently in specializing in container grown shade Graduate Studies. Clear Lake, Texas. To speak on "Eco-Tourism Pays! This year the Fun Run/Walk and Economic Impact in Texas".

4 p.m.: Johnson A. Campbell, etc. Shoppa's Farm Supply, Southwest Coordinator Sam Houston Resource Concrete Products, OneCare/Thomas Conservation and Development Area, Clinic, Johnny's Sport Shop and He- encompassing 10 coastal counties,

Come spend the day in the Countive Gulf Coast Prairie Restoration fish, circulating water pumps and ket-helping water and wastewater utili- A successful blending of wildlife Project", a program for private landbe attending the Attwater's Prairie birding tours, talent show, horseshoe owners setting up agreements with local Soil & Water Conservation Districts to carry out range management For more information and/or reg- with a 50% cost share for approved practices to control burning, etc.

And, Steve Arey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Clear Lake, Texas. washed by the artist. An expert on native prairie grass spe-10 a.m.: Laurance Armour III, cies, he will share specimens and Eagle Lake and surrounding commu- Chairman of the Texas RICE (Rice explain best planting practices and nities to gain ideas for her painting Industry Coalition for the Environ-production of drought resistant native

grasses for this area. And, Dennis Jones, park naturalist for 10 years with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, recently returned to Brazos Bend State Park where he digenous to the Amarillo area of earlier researched alligators. He will review the prairie's role in shaping Texas history: what the prairies were, in the lobby of First National Bank and and year-round homes to diverse how the prairies looked, how they is one of many items available for populations of shore birds, raptors, were altered, and what we can do to save this state's threatened natural coastal resource to the economic ankawa Plains. Information distrib- Cost prairies of Texas, showing the Saturday, led by ornithologist Doris benefit of farmers and ranchers.

FESTIVAL TRADE SHOW

Trade Show (exhibitors/sales) will all be located within Eagle Lake's City Square, Main Street and build-

(Richard A. Hulsey): small wren houses to large waterfowl nesting boxes, screech owl houses, bird and squirrel feeders, hummingbird nectar dispensers, etc.

(LisaGay Wright): native plants for the garden, flowering and herbal.

trees including Live Oak, Water Oak, Bald Cypress, Red Maple, Loblolly Pine, Loquat, Sweetgum, River Birch,

(George H., Purcha Jr.): specializing stop of their annual migration on the in native pecan trees and best grafted varieties for Eagle Lake, ie., Kiowa, riser devices for flooding lands. Pawnee, etc.; and shrubs that attract birds: Wax Myrtle, Savannah Holly, Fish and Wildlife Service's Private Black Cherry, etc.

radnick): specializing in Bougainvil- sion for those interested in preserving leas, single and double blooms, peren- or improving fish and wildlife habitat nial hibiscus, and crepe myrtles.

demann and County Chapter): featur- receives technical and/or financial asing native plants suitable for the Cou- sistance. nty in residential/business gardens.

Courtenay Wooten): art photographs hibit showing LCRA's services to the birds, neotropical bird species, and protecting the quality of the lower flowers, particularly roses and pan- Colorado and tributaries, offering sies. Matted, suitable for framing; many selections of fold-over photographic nature notes, singly or in packages.

8. Matched Mule Wagon Rides to Historical Homes in Eagle Lake (Kenneth and Jean Abel): driving tours in covered wagons with narrative by Fred Frnka; 30 minute rides in favorite neighborhoods.

9. Lilypons Water Gardens (Th-

tle drum ponds, water fountains and unique water garden related items.

10. Headlines (Artist Maren Phillips): fold-over notes with line drawings of frequent hummingbird species in coastal Texas; each drawing printed on quality note paper watercolor-

11. Petting Zoo: details can be Becky Anderson, 234-3522.

> Information/Educational **Exhibitors:**

(San Antonio Zoo): exhibit of the greater prairie chicken species, innorthwest Texas.

Industry Coalition for the Environment): presented by Ashley, an intern vation Districts): Exhibit on program with the Pierce Ranch and outfitting designed to restore, conserve, en- servations at Lakeside Irrigation company nature tour guide with Kar- hance and maintain the historic Gulf LCRA facility on Eagle Lake: all day uted on education and enhancement of opportunities for farmers and ranchers Laughlin. Drive yourself to the site; ecosystem by rice farmers who recognize the importance of sustaining our natural resources, and, in alliance, protect the upper coastal lands as winter home for migrant avian species 1. Birds, Squirrels and Others in the Central Flyway, as well as the year-round home of diverse populations of shore birds, raptors, and other wildlife dependent on the richness of this ecosystem.

14. Texas Prairie Wetlands Pro-2. Wright Landscape of Texas ject (USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Ed Ritter, Coordinator, Rosenberg): U.S. Department 3. Glueck Tree Farm (Curtis of Agriculture's information exhibit projects by farmers and ranchers producing man-made wetlands as "stopgap measures" for dwindling wetlands acres vital as winter feeding and roosting grounds for millions of ducks 4. Home Growers Nurseries and geese who make this area final Central Flyway. Use of flush board

15. Partners for Wildlife (U.S. Lands Program): Ron Jones with US 5. B&H Nursery (Allan Zah- F&WS exhibit and informal discuson their lands. Through Partners for 6. Native Plant Society (Ann Lin- Wildlife, in many cases the landowner

16. Riverfest 1998 (Lower Colo-7. Nature Notes (Jean Abbe and rado River Authority, LCRA): Exlandscape, waterfowl, colonial region, including managing floods,

water conservation programs.

17. Brazos Bend State Park Na- ranching operations! ture Exhibit (Texas Parks & Wildlife Department): Brazos Bend volunteers (U.S. Parks Department of Interior presenting species of wildlife and fauna living at Brazos Bend in a "handson" experience for young people.

supplied by Exhibitors Chairman on Fire Department-built Pond (R. bird species in America. Greg Mason): Fly Fishing Federationcertified instructor Greg Mason nounced in subsequent releases. shows how to become a master on the ing technique.

19. Native Gulf Coast Prairie 3522. Restoration Project (Sam Houston Resource Conservation & Develop-13. Texas R.I.C.E. (Texas Rice ment Area, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Local Soil and Water Conser- Square. the rice resource in the Gulf Coast to restore and manage native prairies binoculars and field guides provided.

Alvin, Texas. Will discuss "The Na- eresa Robinson): aquatic plants, gold- economic development assistance, sharing cost with the above agencies. ties, and providing soil, energy, and conservation and prairie re-establishment with profitable farming and

20. Attwater's Prairie Chicken Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge): Exhibit by Eagle Lake's 8,000 acre NWR highlighting 18. Fly Fishing Demonstration its efforts to save the most endangered

21. Antique shops: to be an-

22. Concessions (food/drink ven-12. Greater Prairie Chicken fly rod. Answers to questions; master- dors): participants and varieties can be supplied by Becky Anderson, 234-

> 23. Free tours of Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge leave on the half-hour from the

24. Free Birding and Nature Ob-

Grace Lutheran has interim pastor

La Grange is now serving as interim couple married in 1951 and are the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in parents of three daughters who have

He has been serving as an interim and supply pastor in several congregations since his retirement from fulltime ministry in 1993.

At the time of his retirement, he had been full-time pastor of United Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Swiss Alp community near Schulenburg, for 11-1/2 years.

Prior to that time, he was pastor of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Lancaster near Dallas from 1979-1982.

Rev. Richards received his Master

of Divinity degree in June 1979 from Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Illinois. He did his internship at St. John

Lutheran Church in Poughkeepsie, New York. Before entering the ministry, he

served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean conflict. He was engaged in farming for 23 ears in the West Texas area north of

His wife, Margaret, has a Masters Degree in English. She also received a Master of Arts in Religion from

L.S.T.C. in 1979. She retired in 1989 after 25 years of Glen Flora.

The Rev. Clements O. Richards of of teaching high school English. The blessed them with five grandchildren.



Amanda Lee Manciaz.

Randy and Elaine Manciaz of Garood are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, born February 24, 1998, at 9:15 p.m. at Rice Medical Center.

Amanda Lee weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces, and measured 20-1/2 inches at birth.

She was welcomed home by Alex age seven and April age six.

Maternal grandparents are Jesus and Martha Leal of Garwood, Paternal grandparents are Teodoro and Emma Manciaz of Garwood.

Her great-mother is Aurelia Leal

report any diesel spill immediately.' According to Elstner, he suspended Harrell for two weeks, or 10 days, without pay in regard to the

incident and told him to return to work tion.

showing the spillage, said, "We had quite a bit of diesel getting into the storm sewer system. There was approximately 150 gallons difference in our monthly report."

He also said Harrell brought up the subject of retirement at the time of their meeting, but he said that was not the time to discuss the matter.

Prior to the meeting, James Roznovak, a local citizen, spoke on Harrell's behalf. And, at one point in the meeting, Harrell's wife asked that they (Commissioners) "make him (Elstner) tell the truth."

'Again, the Court can take no official action. We can only conduct a hearing on the matter which we have just done," said Slominski in concluding the agenda item.

an executive session in regard to real property and consultation with the county attorney over possible litiga-

The Court also agreed to par-Elstner, who produced pictures ticipate in the Texas Department of Transportation's off-system bridge Smidovec of Garwood to sell alcohol program to upgrade six bridges in the County at a cost of slightly over \$2

The bridges in question include Cummins Creek on County Road 121, Cummins Creek on County Road 119, Crier Creek on County Road 113 and Boggy Creek on County Road 142 in Pct. 3; Cottonwood Creek on County \$19,639 to Dell Computers for new Road 397 in Pct. 2; and Coshatte computer equipment for the sheriff's Creek on County Road 171 in Pct. 4.

In other business, the Court:

defender's office; ·Agreed to allow the law firm of the transfer contract for the Alleyton both of Columbus.

Continued from Page 1 The Commissioners did conduct Wastewater Plant and residential

> ·Amended the contract with O'Malley Engineers of Brenham to remove the opening of Main Street in regard to the Sheridan park project;

·Approved a variance for Larry at the Chevron station;

·Tabled action on a contract with million with the County's share being Houston-Galveston Area Council for the transfer of 911 answering equipment to the County;

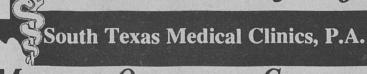
·Authorized proclamations declaring March as Red Cross Month and Mental Retardation Month;

 Awarded the bid in the amount of department;

•Granted the authority for Duncan Auctioneers of Llano to sell surplus •Received an update on the public County property at auction on March 21 in La Grange; and

· Awarded fuel bids to Hoelscher Bickerstaff, Heath and Smiley to draft Oil Co. and Colorado County Oil Co.,

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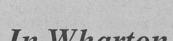


MEDICAL ONCOLOGY CENTER (Located in Wharton)

409-532-6731 South Texas Medical Clinics, P.A. is committed to providing you and the ones you love with affordable care and healing

in a comfortable clinic setting. Working closely with Gulf Coast Medical Center, STMC provides out-patient chemotherapy and infusion therapy, while GCMC offers radiation therapy and surgery facilities to accommodate all your medical needs.

Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Board Eligible in Oncology, Dr. Henry Lopez-Roman and his staff are dedicated to your comfort and well-being.



Henry Lopez-Roman, M.D.

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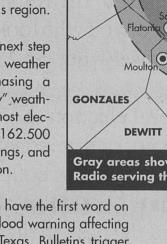
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LCRA Brings You NOAA WEATHER RADIO

he Lower Colorado River Authority is proud to join the National Weather Service in bringing NOAA Weather Radio, 24 hours a day, to the Colorado River Valley and vicinity.

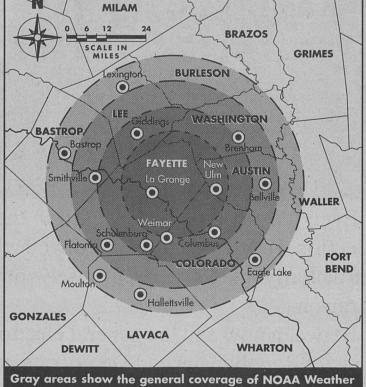
The LCRA has purchased and installed a radio transmitter at a tower near La Grange. The transmitter will enable the National Weather Service to broadcast NOAA Weather Radio with information unique to this region.

Now you can take the next step to protect yourself in weather emergencies by purchasing a special "seven frequency" weather radio, available at most electronics stores. Tune it to 162.500 MHz for watches, warnings, and local weather information.



With this radio, you can have the first word on any severe weather or flood warning affecting Central and Southeast Texas. Bulletins trigger an alarm so that you'll know important information the moment you need to know.

With NOAA Weather Radio, you won't have to be in the dark about severe weather and flooding, thanks to the National Weather Service...and the Lower Colorado River **Authority**



NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Contact Bob Rose, LCRA Chief Meteorologist, toll-free at 1-800-776-5272.



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