

## TWONC plans trip to High Island

Members, prospective members, and friends of the Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club (TWONC) will make their annual trip to High Island Sunday, April 26. At that time, participants will visit the fabled Smith, Smith Oaks and Bolivar Flats sanctuaries with members of the Houston Audubon Society as guides. Please bear in mind that this will be a two-day trip

(except for very early risers) with most participants making plans ahead of time to overnight Saturday in the Galveston area.

Plans are for the group to meet Sunday at 8 a.m. on the Bolivar Peninsula in the parking area at the landing of the Galveston-Bolivar Ferry and proceed to the sanctuary (See Trip, Page 6)

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# Eagle Lake Headlight

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Sheridan town meeting tonight

The Sheridan Lions Club will host a town meeting Thursday, April 23, at 7 p.m. at the Sheridan Community Center. The meeting is to establish a crime watch program. Sheriff R.H. "Curly" Wied will conduct the groundwork to get the project started. The community's input is important and without you it can't work. Please attend this important meeting!

### Museum Thrift Shop open Saturday

The Prairie Edge Museum Thrift Shop will be open this Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for your shopping. Be sure to stop by and check out what's been added to the diverse inventory.

### Senior Citizens' dance is May 1

The public is invited to a Senior Citizens' dance from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Friday, May 1, at the Eagle Lake Community Center with music provided by Daniel and The Country Boys. Admission is \$5 per person; door prizes will be given.

### Rally for Curry scheduled for Saturday

A rally to allow citizens to meet Dave F. Curry will be held Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Come by and meet Curry and eat a free hot dog and snowcone. Everyone is invited.

### Volunteer recognition luncheon set

A Volunteer Recognition Luncheon will be held Thursday, April 23, at 1:30 p.m. at the Heritage House in Eagle Lake. The award presentation will take place first with a luncheon to follow. RSVP by calling Linda Tillman, Activity Director, at 409-234-3591.

### Mt. Moriah Baptist Church to celebrate

An invitation is sent to the public to join the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church for the First Anniversary of Pastor and Sister Davies on April 25 at 6 p.m. and April 26 at 4 p.m. at the church located on FM 102. Special guests on Saturday include, Cheryl Carter and Rock of Salvation Mass Choir of Houston, Rev. Darrell Jackson and True Praise of Brazoria, Dr. George Harrison-Inspirational Speaker of Waco and on Sunday Bishop Kurt Thompson and Church Assemblage of Praise of Bryan. For more information call 234-7267 or 281-342-7557. Come out and celebrate this joyous occasion!

### CCA energy assistance available

Combined Community Action Inc. (CCA) has funds available under CP&L program to households that are customers of CP&L needing energy related assistance. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, CCA will be taking applications at the various CCA satellite locations throughout the county. Please call the Family Services Department 512-237-4824 or 1-800-688-9065 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday to make an appointment. This program is based on household income, size and need for assistance. Eligibility for participation is established according to federal income guidelines.

### So you'll know they belong...

Seismographic crews from Boone Geophysical and Venture will be working in the City of Eagle Lake over the next two or three weeks. Crew members will be wearing orange vests and hard hats and will be in various parts of town.

### Polling change for May 2 School Board election

There has been a change in the polling location for Precincts 3 and 17 (Altair and Eagle Lake) in the May 2 Rice CISD trustee election. The new polling place will be the Eagle Lake Primary School, 600 Johnnie D. Hutchins Drive, instead of the Eagle Lake Community Center.

### Study Club President's luncheon is May 8

The President's Luncheon of the Eagle Lake Study Club will be held May 8 at the Eagle Lake Community Center at 12 noon. Professor Joe Tom Davis, professor of history at Wharton County Junior College, will be the guest speaker. Professor Davis will speak at 12:30 p.m.; his program is "Sam Houston and the Women in His Life".

Tickets for the luncheon are on sale at the Eula & David Wintermann Library.

### Sheridan Lions Club schedules Health Fair

The Sheridan Lions Club will host a blood drive and health fair on Thursday, April 30, at the Sheridan Community Center from 3 to 7 p.m. Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will be on hand. You must provide a photo ID to give blood.

Doctors and nurses will be there to give out information and answer questions. Learn new things at the information booths and receive free giveaways as well. The following are just a few of the many exhibits and tables with information: Dietary-Dieting information, cookies and punch; Eagle Lake Drug Store-Herbal information; RMC Lab-prostate testing and blood testing (nominal fee); Gero-Psy-information on Classic Senior Program; Dr. John Myres-Dental Information and giveaways; and Home Health information.

### CCA CEAP help is available

Combined Community Action, Inc. (CCA) has funds available under the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) to households that are 60 years of age or older or for disabled individuals needing energy related assistance. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, CCA will be taking applications at the various satellite locations throughout the county. Please call the Family Services Department 512-237-4824 or 1-800-688-9065 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday to make an appointment. This program is based on household income, size and need for assistance. Eligibility for participation is established according to federal income guidelines.

### Birthday, calendar tea is this Saturday

White Cloud Baptist Church is sponsoring a Birthday and Calendar Tea on Saturday, April 25, at the Eagle Lake Community Center, starting at 7:30 p.m. with special guest "The New Soul Invaders" from Industry.

### 38th Annual Brune reunion planned

The 38th annual Brune Family reunion will be held Sunday, May 3, at the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Dining Hall in Frelsburg.

Ludwig, George, Edward and Henry Brune immigrated to Texas from Germany back in the 1840's and 50's. This reunion includes all Brune descendants from these early immigrants.

A noon meal will be served. Everyone is asked to bring a basket lunch that includes a meat, vegetable and a dessert dish. Eating utensils and drinks will be furnished.

Mark your calendar and ya'll come for an enjoyable day in the country and meet your Brune relatives. Guests are also welcome.

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## Juvenile boot camp is reality

Amid statements of praise for and appreciation of those who worked tirelessly to make April 17 a reality, the Colorado County Juvenile Detention Center officially opened in Eagle Lake.

Among the 200 plus in attendance were members of the Eagle Lake City Council and Chamber of Commerce; Colorado County Commissioners, Judge Vince Slominski and County Attorney J. Julian Moore; Rice CISD Board of Trustees, Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott and members of the Rice CISD staff; as well as citizens of the area and numerous elected officials.

Serving as master of ceremonies, Judge Slominski began the story of how the boot camp came to be, praising those who were originally involved in the effort.

State Senator Ken Armbrister continued by adding how his office was contacted and participated with then mayor Robby Cook.

State Representative Cook told of the five and a half years of work, travel (See Open, Page 8)



As Colorado County Judge Vince Slominski attempts to cut the ribbon to officially open the Colorado County Juvenile Detention Center Friday, officers of Correctional Services Corp., elected officials from Colorado County and Eagle Lake, members of the Rice CISD administration and staff and the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce gathered around for the event.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

## City adds to police force with COPS grant

By Lynda Appelt  
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The Eagle Lake Police Department has a new officer — the result of a COPS Grant. The announcement was made by Eagle Lake Police Chief Keith Webb at the April 14 meeting of the Eagle Lake City Council.

Webb announced that Tobin Thomas, who has served as an auxiliary officer in the department for the past 14 months, has accepted the full-time position.

Thomas' appointment brings the total police force to eight, a goal Webb set for the department when he assumed the chief's position.

This marks the second COPS Grant awarded to the Eagle Lake Police Department.

According to Webb, the addition of Thomas and the promotion of Officer Bill Lattimore to a sergeant's position will allow the department to operate with two three-men teams. Each team will work 12-hour shifts with a

four-day on, four-day off format. A team will be comprised of two officers and a sergeant.

"The men are excited about the new program," Webb said.

A discussion of amendments to the truck permit ordinance was held. Further discussion of the item will be considered at the April 28 meeting.

The elimination of designated

truck routes and parking of commercial vehicles on any public street or alley within the City are two major ordinance items subject to change.

It was noted that any commercial vehicle found parked on private property which had to travel on a City street to park on that property will be in violation of the truck ordinance unless a truck permit for such purpose has

been obtained.

All commercial truck permits will be approved by the city manager with the advice and consent of the police chief and public works director.

Council agreed that changes in the truck ordinance are necessary in order to protect the street improvements that will be complete in a few months. The street improvement program has begun on State, Clay and Davitt Streets.

Home Grant Program assistance was awarded to applicants Eola McTear, Eva Lee Abram, Ruby Long, Steve Almanza Jr., Ida Rose, Rowena Earls and Arturo and Maria Hernandez.

According to John Montoya, seven of the 14 home applications were disqualified due to severe deterioration.

Guidelines state a home must be in repairable state within a limit of funds set by the Home Grant Program.

Contractor bids were awarded for each home.

In other business, Council:

- Approved the submission of a grant application for the purchase of a chipper;

- Approved Wm. Pierce Arthur Jr., CPA, to conduct the audit report;

- Learned of the resignation of Reserve Police Officer Misty Lange and Jerry Schuenemann from the Public Works Department; and

(See Council, Page 6)

## Cooper chosen as 'Teacher of the Year'

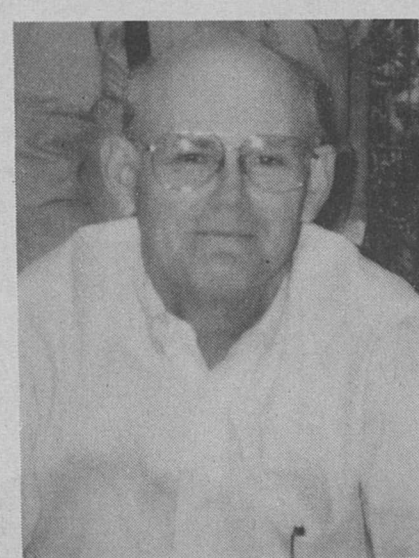
Eagle Lake Mayor Michael Cooper was named Teacher of the Year of the Lamar Consolidated School District at a ceremony held Tuesday, April 14.

Every year, for nearly 20 years, members of the Lamar Consolidated High School National Honor Society have selected a Teacher of the Year. The NHS has about 125 members.

This year that recipient was Cooper, chairman of the Lamar English department.

Cooper is one of only two teachers to receive this honor twice.

According to Cooper, it is gratifying to receive an award from students because they have an opportunity to judge teachers' effectiveness during the entire school year.



## E.H. Henry tutorial sets open house

The E.H. Henry Tutorial Program has scheduled an Open House for Monday, April 27, from 6 to 7 p.m.

The Tutorial Program has been available since Aug. of 1997 to all students. The goal of the program is to teach study habits, reading skills and self esteem.

Special guest for the Open House will be Mrs. Eula Wintermann.

The public is invited.

For more information, contact the Director, Mrs. Veronica Curry; President Obie Rhodes; or Chairman Dave Curry at 409-234-3800 or 409-234-2467.

## Board wants alternative center in Altair

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees made plans for an alternative center at its meeting last week, April 13.

The Board voted to hire an architect to develop plans for the district's alternative center, which is presently housed at Vox Populi. It houses students who are disruptive in the classroom or exhibit other behavioral problems that hinder the educational process of fellow students.

Plans are tentatively set to construct the center on school property at Rice High School.

(See Board, Page 5)

## Rotary has Chilean visitors

Eagle Lake was toured by a small group of visitors from Chile this week as participants in the Rotary Group Study Exchange. The group toured local rice farming operations and the LCRA's pumping station.

The team leader, Carlos Botten, is a mechanical engineer from Arauco, Chile.

The group's translator was Paula Riquelme from Loto, Chile.

Rodrigo Romero, an agricultural

and civil engineer, was interested in the LCRA pumping station.

Romero is the administrative engineer of an irrigation company providing 50,000 acres of irrigation water.

Two forestry engineers, Andres Perez and Heder Torres, also took part in the tour.

Area Rotarians involved in the tour were Roy Kreitz of Pasadena and John Matthews and Ronnie Sedgwick of Eagle Lake.



Touring local rice farms as part of the Rotary's Group Study Exchange were, from left, Ronnie Sedgwick, Roy Kreitz, Andres Perez, Rodrigo Romero, Heder Torres and Mark Roth. Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas

## Prairie Edge Players performances set for early May

Another great production by the talented Prairie Edge Players is being readied for the public.

Dirty Work At The Crossroads (or Tempted, Tried And True) by Bill Johnson, is a gay 'nineties melodrama reminiscent of the very first production by Prairie Edge Players in 1984.

The play tells in laughable style the tear-jerking story of Nellie Lovelace, an innocent country girl; of Adam Oakhart, the stalwart blacksmith's son; and Munro Murgatroyd, the villain from the big city of New Haven, Connecticut.

Munro, the viper, has a wife in Ida Rhinegold, the belle of the New Haven Music Halls, but that doesn't prevent him from pursuing the innocent Nellie and tearing her from the arms of her dying mother. Many other colorful characters round out the cast and twists and turns of plot will keep the audience on the edge of their chairs.

This 14th production of the Prairie Edge Players will be performed (See Players, Page 5)