

Last call!!

Members of American Legion Post 108 would like to remind citizens of the annual flag disposal ceremony next Tuesday, Sept. 21.

The event will be held on the concrete slab, site of the former White House Hotel, on E. Main Street beginning at 7 p.m.

If you have a flag which is unserviceable, torn, tattered or faded, and want the flag disposed of prop-

erly, leave the flag at Struss Auto Supply of the Furniture Shoppe.

Also, a Legionnaire will pick up your flag if you will call Hugh Sheridan at 234-5464 or Vic Scott at 234-2792.

The public, especially youth groups, are invited to attend this impressive ceremony.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Thrift Shop open this Saturday

The Prairie Edge Museum Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by and see what's new.

Rice Project Graduation meeting Sept. 20

The Rice Project Graduation Board will hold its first meeting on Monday, Sept. 20, at the Rice High School Commons at 7 p.m. They will elect officers, discuss fundraising, and be looking for chairman for fund raising events. Hope to see you there!

Harvest Ball tickets on sale now!

Rice Medical Center Employee Volunteers 4th Annual Harvest Ball tickets are on sale now. This year's ball will honor Mr. William H. Harrison Sr. for his vision, leadership and commitment to the health and well-being of our community.

The ball will be held Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The \$50 per couple tickets provide a complete evening of entertainment starting with a social hour at 6 p.m., dinner, salute to Mr. Harrison and dancing to the band "Hearts of Fire".

Each ticket also has the chance to be drawn for cash prizes and a silent auction will be held. Richard Nava, of Nava Photography, will be available to take pictures for \$5 a picture. For more information or to purchase a ticket, call Vicky Jo Pavlu at 409-234-5571 ext. 5216 during the day or 409-758-9002 after 6 p.m.

ELPS PTO meeting is Sept. 21

The Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) PTO will hold a meeting Tuesday, Sept. 21, 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria for all parents and teachers.

La Organacion de Padres y Maestros de la escuela Primaria va tener junta el dia 21 de Septiembre a las 6:30 de la tarde en la cafeteria. Tema: Carnaval. Todos estan invitados. Las juntas van a continuar cada tercer Martes del meiz.

E.H. Henry Alumni meeting tonight

The E.H. Henry Alumni will meet Thursday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. at White Cloud Baptist Church. All alumni are urged to attend.

Heritage House to hold bake sale

The Heritage House Nursing Home in Eagle Lake will hold a bake sale on Friday, Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the residents activity fund and Christmas activities. For more information call Linda Tillman, activity director, at 234-3591.

Masonic Lodge to honor members

The Eagle Lake Masonic Lodge will honor members Dr. D. Rea Allison, Robert Samuel Martin and William H. Harrison on Friday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. for 60 years of Masonic service. The lodge will be open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Friends of these distinguished brothers are cordially invited to help us honor them.

ELHS Reunion 2000 has website

Sidney Struss has constructed a website for our reunion in conjunction with his web site for the Austin Oldies radio station where he works. The e-mail address for our reunion website is: http://www.austinoldies.com/eagle_lake_high_schoolclass_reun.htm. (That "schoolclass" looks funny, but it is correct.)

Sign on to see what Sidney has done for us. You will find some pictures that are worth a look! Fill out the form on-line to let us know where you are. Through the work of Ralph Gertson, you can find the reunion website through Eagle Lake's home page, also.

An invitation to a Bible Shower!

Prairie Fellowship of Eagle Lake invites you to attend a Bible Shower (to raise funds for the purchase of Bible in the Portuguese language) for the benefit of missionary to Mozambique "Bush Bunny" Brenda Lange on Sunday, Sept. 26, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Gay Anderson, 600 Partridge Lane, Eagle Lake. For more information, call Anderson at 409-234-2376 or Linda Ferguson at 234-3551. They will be happy to help you!

Defensive driving course is Sept. 27 & 28

A state approved six hour defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel at the Agriculture Building, 316 Spring St. in Columbus from 6:30-9:30 pm. To pre-register call 409-732-2734 or arrive a few minutes early the first evening. Completion of the course can be used for a dismissal of a traffic violation and/or discount on your auto insurance for a three-year period.

Conference for Catechesis, Ministry is Oct. 2

The Diocese of Victoria will host the 12th Annual Conference for Catechesis and Ministry, Saturday, Oct. 2, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Victoria College. The conference will conclude with liturgy celebrated by the Most Rev. David E. Fellhauer, Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Richard R. Gaillardetz, associate professor of systematic theology at the University of St. Thomas School of Theology at St. Mary's Seminary, Houston. His representation will be "Imagining the Church of the 21st Century."

There will be 49 workshops offered with 17 exhibitors of books, videos and religious articles.

Band Boosters fund raiser set for Oct. 5

The Band Boosters are planning a fund raiser for Tuesday, Oct. 5 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The to-go only dinner will consist of roast beef with trimmings for \$5.50 per plate. Pick up locations are Eagle Lake Middle School, Garwood and Sheridan Schools. Contact Margaret Henry at 234-5918 after 5 p.m. or any band member.

Pink Ladies Game Party is Sept. 21

The Rice Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary, known as the Pink Ladies, will be having their annual Games Party Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church.

There will be dominoes, bridge and any other games people care to bring along and share with others. There will be a bake sale and pink elephant sale at the same time. Tickets are \$5 each and may be obtained from any Pink Lady. Please help support this fundraiser.

Eagle Lake KCs schedule dinner for Sept. 19

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Council #4843 will be serving a chicken fried steak dinner Sunday, Sept. 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 710 E. Main. Tickets for the to-go plates are \$5 each and may be purchased from any KC member or in the serving line. The Parish of the Nativity Catholic Daughters of America Court of Our Lady of the Fields #2465 will be selling dessert plates.

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Are you ready for the circus?

Culpepper & Merriweather Circus will be appearing in Eagle Lake Saturday, Oct. 2, for two performances at 4 and 6 p.m. on E. Main St. Sponsoring the circus is the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club.

Due to the public's renewed interest in the live family entertainment, Culpepper & Merriweather Circus is once again traveling from town-to-town delivering world class performances to sold-out crowds throughout the western United States.

Considered at one time to be a dying art form, the circus is enjoying a strong comeback with a new generation of children of all ages attending.

Featured on National Geographic's Explorer television series, Entertainment Tonight, Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, Arizona Highways Magazine and the full length documentary "Small Top," this traditional one-ring circus brings a focus on family-oriented entertainment.

This year, as an added feature, the circus is proud to offer to the public an "Endangered Species Seminar." This new concept was developed to teach

about the threat of extinction of certain animals from our earth.

Children can actually see and hear the amazing intelligence of the world's largest land mammals—two African elephants—right before their eyes.

This free show begins at 10 a.m. Saturday morning on the circus grounds, followed by a tour of the circus.

Come early and watch the raising of the "Big Top" as it was done two hundred years ago.

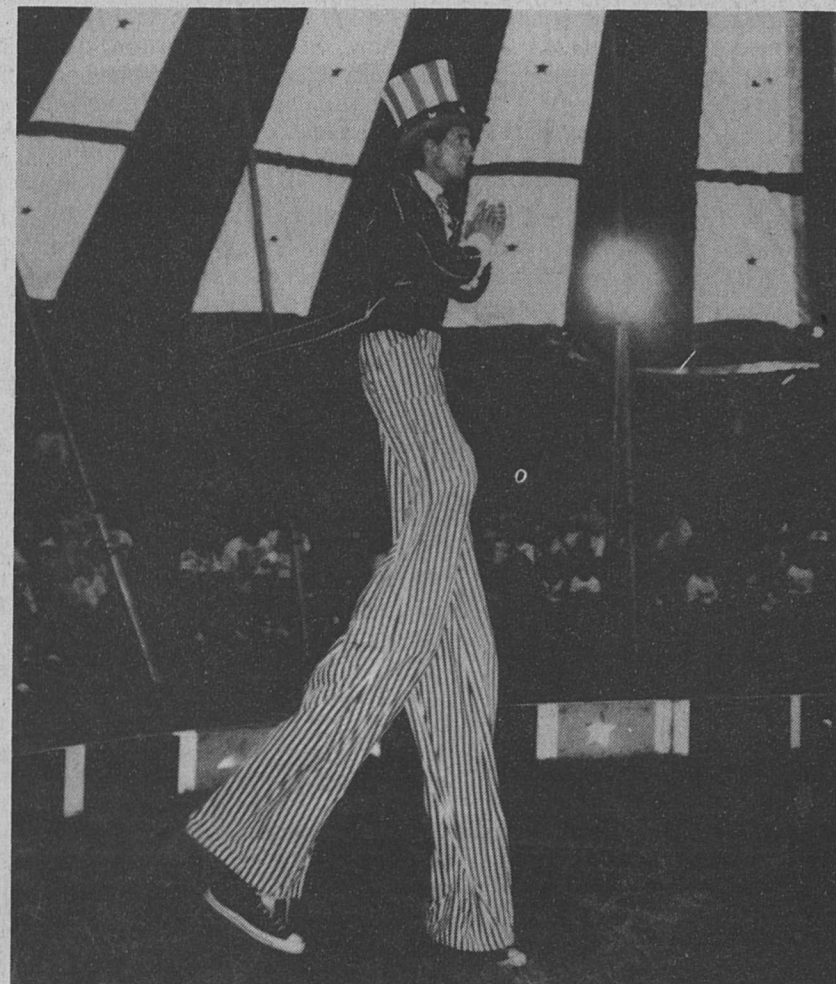
For more information, call 234-3045.

Advance sale tickets are available at the Eagle Lake Primary School office, E. Main Service Station or from any Lions Club member. Advance tickets are \$5 for children two to 12 and \$7 for adults.

Tickets purchased the day of the show are \$1 more.

Portions of all tickets sales benefit the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club.

Buy your tickets early and don't miss "America's Most Highly Acclaimed" Culpepper & Merriweather Circus.



Babbitt honors Texas landowners

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt honored a group of Texas landowners at the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge (APCNWR) near Eagle Lake for their efforts to conserve the endangered Attwater's prairie chicken, while highlighting new policies that encourage property owners to voluntarily manage their land to benefit declining species.

The eight landowners entered into a "Safe Harbor" agreement with the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) that guarantees they will not face any further restrictions under the Endangered Species Act if they take actions to improve the prairie chicken habitat on their property.

With this assurance, the landowners have taken steps to help restore more than 17,000 acres of native prairie that are home to the species. These actions include controlling or eliminating brush through prescribed burning and re-establishing native vegetation.

"The long-term conservation of endangered species cannot succeed without the voluntary partnership of the people who live on and work the land," Babbitt said at a ceremony at APCNWR. "These landowners are helping to make it possible to snatch a once-abundant species from the jaws

of extinction and restore its habitat so that it someday may once again flourish in the wild."

A Safe Harbor agreement provides incentives for private and other non-federal property owners to restore, enhance, or maintain habitats for listed species. At the end of a "Safe Harbor" agreement, landowners are allowed to return the property to its original condition if they so choose. This means they may develop, farm, ranch or make any other lawful use of the property, even if such use incidentally results in the loss of endangered species or their habitat so long as they at least maintain the original condition. They are required to notify the USFWS and give it an opportunity to relocate any endangered species expected to be adversely affected by such actions.

"It's a win-win situation for everyone," Babbitt said. "Landowners can improve their land for an endangered species while knowing that they will not face any greater restrictions on using their land in the future."

The Attwater's prairie chicken is a bird in the grouse family that inhabits native coastal prairie habitat. This chicken-sized bird was once numerous throughout coastal grasslands of Texas and southwest Louisiana.

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Learning

These young people from the Colorado County Juvenile Detention Center (Boot Camp) were very busy during the past week. They worked long and hard in the heat last Friday to thoroughly wash the fire trucks belonging to the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department. "They're learning to work and giving something back to the community at the same time," said Gary Lacina, Boot Camp director.

The group was scheduled to clean up the Eagle Lake Recreation Center's golf course Tuesday as well as take part in the Colorado County Fair parade last Saturday.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

Has it been 20 years?

Yes, it has.

In Nov. 1979, the Eagle Lake Study Club and the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department joined forces in a great money raiser.

The Firemen's Stew Supper, with drinks and desserts by their auxiliary, has been a great success through the years. Since the first auction, the Study Club has raised over \$250,000 to aid and support the library.

There will be some very interesting articles to be auctioned this year: dinners, parties, tickets and food items.

Also to excite the heart of any little girl, a Victorian three-story doll house will be given away. The house was built by Bob Wilcox and furnished by Fair Wells. Only 150 tickets will be available, so check at the library and get your tickets! They are \$5 each.

Every year, the Study Club also has a Bake Sale where all sorts of goodies can be found. Make room in your freezer for sweets for the coming holiday season.

Another exciting even is the Silent Auction, where a variety of items can be bid on from 5 to 7 p.m. You can bid as many times as your pocketbook will allow.

Come and join the food and fun Oct. 23 at the Eagle Lake Community Center!

Grand Jury issues indictments

The Colorado County Grand Jury issued 23 indictments Monday, Sept. 13.

Indicted were: James Lee Roy Jr., two counts of aggravated assault;

Fredrick Ellison, possession of a controlled substance;

James Green, unlawful labeled recording;

Eddie Dashann Williams, assault;

Nathan Kyle Munoz, burglary of a building;

Lawrence Allen Locker, forgery by making;

John Eddie Wright, possession of a controlled substance;

Richard Edward Cardenas, aggra-

vated assault;

Wayne Keith Thomas, possession of a controlled substance;

Christon Lashy Benford, possession of a controlled substance;

Early Jones, forgery;

Kenneth Earl McClain, theft;

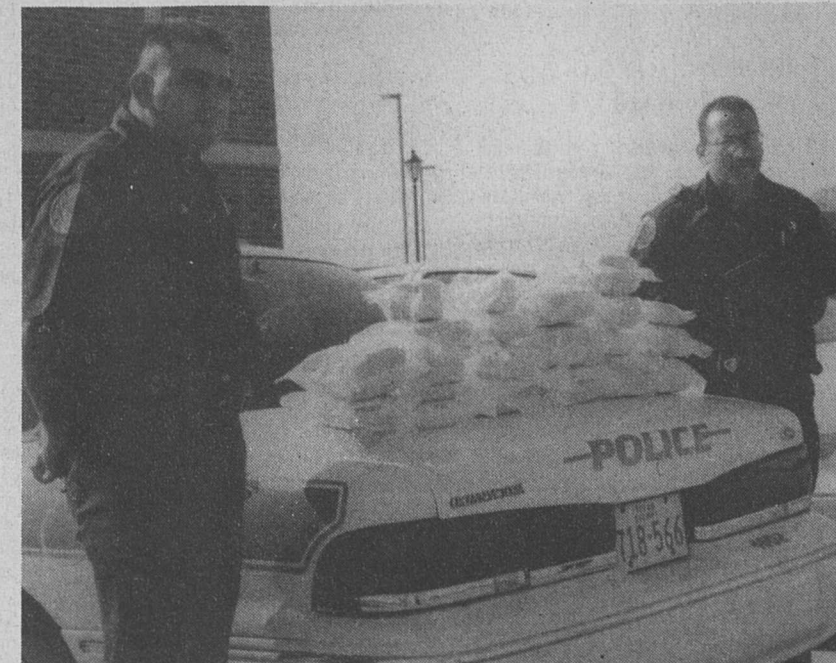
Kenneth Earl McClain, unauthorized use of a vehicle;

Tonny Anthony Clayton, assault;

Richard Edward Cardenas, aggravated assault; and,

Manuel Stephen Ebarra, burglary of a habitation.

Three indictments remained sealed as of press time.



Busted!

The 24 and 25th Judicial Task Force was on the ball Thursday, Sept. 9, when at 3:40 p.m. they made a traffic stop which netted approximately 61 pounds of marijuana.

The driver of the vehicle, Elias Martinez, 23, of Houston, stated that he was on his way from Eagle Pass to Houston. Martinez was stopped at mile marker 683 for weaving in the roadway and gave consent to search his vehicle. The marijuana, displayed by Julian Olvera and Daniel Castillo, Task Force officers, was found in a gas tank compartment.

The officers received assistance from the Colorado County Sheriff's Office and Weimar Police Department. Headlight Photo by Carol Nelson