

Peter Pan is flying into town...

The Prairie Edge Juniors (P.J.'s) are about to begin rehearsals for its upcoming production of "Peter Pan". P.J.'s is a theatre group for children, ages five to 15, offered free of charge to the children of Eagle Lake and surrounding communities. Going into its 11th production, P.J.'s has performed...
1992-Ruby Red and the Elves (Snow White and the Seven Dwarves)

1993-Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves
1993-Pipe Piper of Hamlyn
1994-The Show Must Go On
1995-Tom Sawyer
1996-Last Chance High
1998-Beauty and the Beast
1999-The Wizard of Oz
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NEWSBRIEFS

Combined reunion is Saturday

The Rice High School (RHS) Classes of 1991, 1992 and 1993 will host a combined reunion at J's Treehouse Club in Eagle Lake this Saturday, Oct. 12, starting at 5 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish and/or snacks. Drinks will be available for purchase.

C&K Flower Shop grand opening is today

C&K Flower Shop at 108 W. Main (behind Royal Cleaners) will hold their grand opening today, Oct. 10. Stop by for all your floral needs.

Closing for the Columbus Day holiday

The First National Bank in Eagle Lake and the Colorado County Courthouse in Columbus will be closed on Monday, Oct. 14 in observance of Columbus Day. The City of Eagle Lake Offices will also be closed. There will be no trash collection on Monday. Mondays route will be collected Tuesday the 15th and Tuesdays route will be collected Wednesday the 16th.

Heritage House bake sale is Friday

The Heritage House will hold a bake sale, Friday, Oct. 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 751 Heritage Lane. The proceeds will benefit the resident's activity fund.

Lions Club BBQ is this weekend

The Eagle Lake Noon Lions will hold their annual barbecue dinner with all the trimmings on Sunday, Oct. 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Golf course. Cost is \$6 per plate. You may go through the drive thru line or eat in the park. For tickets, contact any Lions Club member or H.M. Bengel at 234-2795.

Golf tournament is this weekend

The St. Thomas Episcopal School in Wharton will hold their Soaring Eagle Golf tournament Saturday, Oct. 12 at Rio Colorado Golf Course in Bay City. The four-man scramble will have their shotgun start at 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$150 per man or \$600 per team. First place wins, \$1,600; second, \$1,000; third, \$600, plus door prizes. For more information call Judy at 979-532-3203.

Bernardo ISD school reunion is Oct. 19

All former students and teachers of the schools in the Bernardo ISD are reminded of the reunion to be held Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Bernardo Fire Station. Registration starts at 2 p.m. The Bernardo, Mentz, Bachelor Hill, Willow and Bertschneider schools were all included in this district. Everyone is asked to bring sandwiches, desserts or snacks for lunch. Drinks will be available. For more information contact Ruby Bell Henneke at 979-732-6178.

Girl's softball skills building training a possibility

Do you have girl that would be interested in skill building techniques for softball? It has been indicated that this type of fundamental teaching is much desired for our area girls. The age group includes girls that would be moving up from tee-ball to the pitching machine through the age of 12. Ages 13-14 will be considered if coaches are found. The thought is, that if these girls are subjected to the pitching machine or to live pitch BEFORE the season begins, they may be more apt to play ball. If your girl is interested in participating please call Karen Tristen at 234-2121. We need to know if there is enough interest in this idea to continue its pursuit.

Second annual craft, trade day is Nov. 9

The Second Annual Community Craft & Trade Day is Nov. 9 at the First United Methodist Church of El Campo, 1001 Ave. I, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Indoor and outdoor spaces are available. For more information, call Karen Ringleb at 979-543-7486 or Lynn Reed at 543-2978 to reserve your space early. Indoor spaces are limited.

FFA to hold fundraiser Oct. 22

The Rice FFA will sell chicken fried steak plate dinners, to go only, on Tuesday, Oct. 22. Cost is \$6 per plate. Serving starts at 5 p.m. For tickets or more information, contact any FFA member or call the school at 234-3535.

Strudel, pie orders being taken

The Parishioners of St. Mary's in Nada are once again sponsoring the annual apple strudel and pie bake. Strudels and pies will be made Wednesday, Nov. 6. Orders must be in no later than Friday, Oct. 25, to either Janet Mahalitic at 979-234-5148; Monica Staff, 979-758-3789; or Diane Spanihel at 234-3941. You will be called when your order is ready to be picked up at the Nada Community Center. Strudels are \$15 baked; \$10 unbaked; pies are \$8 unbaked only.

Harvest Ball is Saturday

On sale now... tickets for the Rice Medical Center Employee Volunteers' 7th Annual Harvest Ball! This year's Ball will honor Ms. Barbara Pidgeon for her vision, leadership and commitment to the health and well being of our community. The ball will be held Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The \$50 per couple ticket provides a complete evening of entertainment starting with a social hour at 6 p.m., dinner, salute to Ms. Pidgeon, and dancing to follow. A silent auction will be held throughout the evening. For more information or to purchase a ticket, call Bonnie Jones or Vicky Jo Pavlu at 979-234-5571.

RMC fundraiser is underway

The Rice Medical Center Auxiliary (better known as the Pink Ladies) is selling tickets for a remote control truck. The truck has headlights, coil springs, low and high gears, and oversized tires. Tickets are \$1 each for 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held Monday, Dec. 9, just in time for Christmas. This remote controlled truck is ideal for boys (and girls and big boys also). Tickets are available in the gift shop at the hospital or call Barbara Pidgeon, 234-2897.

Holy Cross Parish Bazaar is Oct. 13

The Holy Cross Parish Bazaar will be held Sunday, Oct. 13, at Riverside Hall in East Bernard. Barbecue beef, chicken and sausage with all the trimmings will be served 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be Czech pastries, refreshments and country store items as well as camel rides and games all afternoon. The Grand Auction starts at 12:30 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided by The Bobby Jones Orchestra (12-3 p.m.), Los Rayos de Luna (3:30-5:30) and Dujka Brothers at 5:30. The drawing for 90 prizes starts at 8. Mass will be held at Holy Cross Church at 7, 9 and 11 a.m. The public is invited.

Child Care Workshop is Oct. 19

Saturday, Oct. 19, a multi-county Child Care workshop will be conducted at the Student Center at Blinn College in Brenham. The conference is open to all interested child care providers and will offer a total of seven educational hours. Sessions will include information on a father's reading program, nutri-

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2002 Rice Varsity football team

Starting district competition this Friday in Palacios will be members of the 2002 Rice Varsity football team. In front, from left, are Anthony Palmer, Brandon Jenkins, Derland Sanford, Cleve Scott, Steven Moore, Jeremie Hemphill, Ricky Cunningham, Donovan King, Patrick Milentz and Michael Cooper. In the second row are Michael Spears, Nick Sharp, Jason Godley, Jermaine Williams, Zack Kloss, Charles Huffman, Joe Cooper, Tyreance Dabney, Jasmine Smith, James Johnson and Todd

Korenec. Third row, Dustin Krenek, James Jurica, Jeremy Ramirez, Chad Mahalitic, Jess Little, Laurance Vasquez, Jose Posada, Billy Shaw, Kevin Shimek and Garrett Flores. In back are Kris Abdi, James Ochoa, Reggie Ford, Carlos Gonzales, Robert Shaw, Andrew Varley, Emerson Dawson, Rusty Moore and Allan Greak. (Please note: this picture was taken before the school year started. There may have been changes to the roster since that time.)
Photo Courtesy of Rice Yearbook Staff

Only two weeks to wait!

By Betty Wilcox

All interested parties have only two weeks to wait until the 2002 Study Club Auction. Set aside Oct. 26 to attend two of our town's best fund raisers.

Start with the Firemen's Stew Supper, then move on to the fun of the Study Club Silent Auction. Many interesting and unique items will be available for bidding between 5 and 6:45 p.m.

Also, at five o'clock, the annual bake sale will begin with all kinds of holiday treats.

There are new offerings for the Main Auction this year.

Would you like to invite 30 friends for a fish fry? Bid on a feast donated by Jane Alley Mendahl and Steven Meinecke.

New to our Auction and also to Houston are tickets to Houston Tex-

ans football games. These tickets are donated by Rusty Spalinger.

For several years, we have had a plate of delicious pralines made by Jackie Middleton. Mrs. Middleton is also giving a picnic basket filled and ready to take on a picnic.

A long time favorite for little boys is a child's riding tractor. Joe Hlavinka of East Bernard has generously provided the tractor for your favorite little boy.

Is your cookie jar always empty? Come bid and buy Christine Herman Owen's donation of four-dozen cookies a month for a full year.

If you have an item you would like to donate, call Betty Wilcox at 234-3554 or drop your gift by the library.

Keep Saturday, Oct. 26, open to help support the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department and the Eula and David Wintermann Library.

Tickets on sale for Prairie Edge Production

Tickets will go on sale Thursday, Oct. 10, for the Prairie Edge Production of *Don't Mention My Name* by Fred Carmichael. Tickets may be purchased from any board member of Prairie Edge Museum or cast or crew member.

Once the ticket has been purchased, it must be presented at Wallis State Bank, 111 N. McCarty, to make table number reservations for the respective performance on Friday or Saturday night. Table reservations will be made on a first-come, first serve basis at the bank. A chart of the table arrangement will be on display in the lobby of the bank to aid in making a choice.

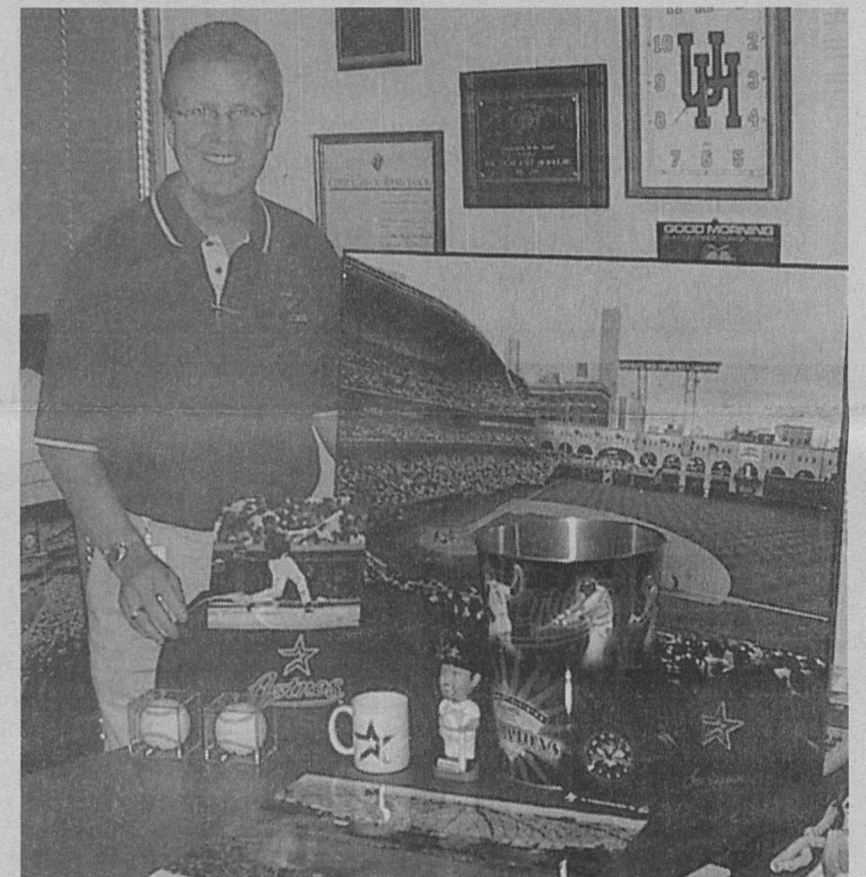
Please join in supporting our local talent actresses and actors and the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department by buying tickets early and making reservations as soon as possible.

Money raised by the event will benefit Prairie Edge Museum and the Eagle Lake VFD.

CCFA benefit is Saturday

Colorado County Firefighters Association will host its fifth annual benefit, Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Columbus Opry.

This year, the show coordinator,



From the Houston Astros...

On behalf of Drayton McLane and the entire Houston Astros Baseball Organization, Dr. G.A. "Bud" Seaholm, the Astros' Director of Business Development, said it was their pleasure to share the following items with the Study Club in support of the Auction: Astros gym bag, Astros umbrella, Astros Championship trash can, Lance Berkman bobble head doll, Astros official coffee mug, Astros 2001 official calendars, Souvenir 911 cap, Astros BBQ apron, Astros Championship swivel desk clock, Jose Vizcaino autographed baseball and cap, Craig Biggio autographed picture, Jeff Bagwell autographed baseball and a Houston Astrodome collectable picture.
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Arena Association to host fund raiser

The Colorado County Arena Association (CCAA) is having their first fund raiser called "The Tim Strunk Memorial Roping Fiesta" along with a "Backwards Draw" Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 26 and 27.

The proceeds will be going to improvements on the Colorado County Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena, to hold youth equine activities, team roping, calf roping, barrel racing, horse shows, and rodeos.

Also, they are giving part of the proceeds to have the arena named the "Tim Strunk Arena".

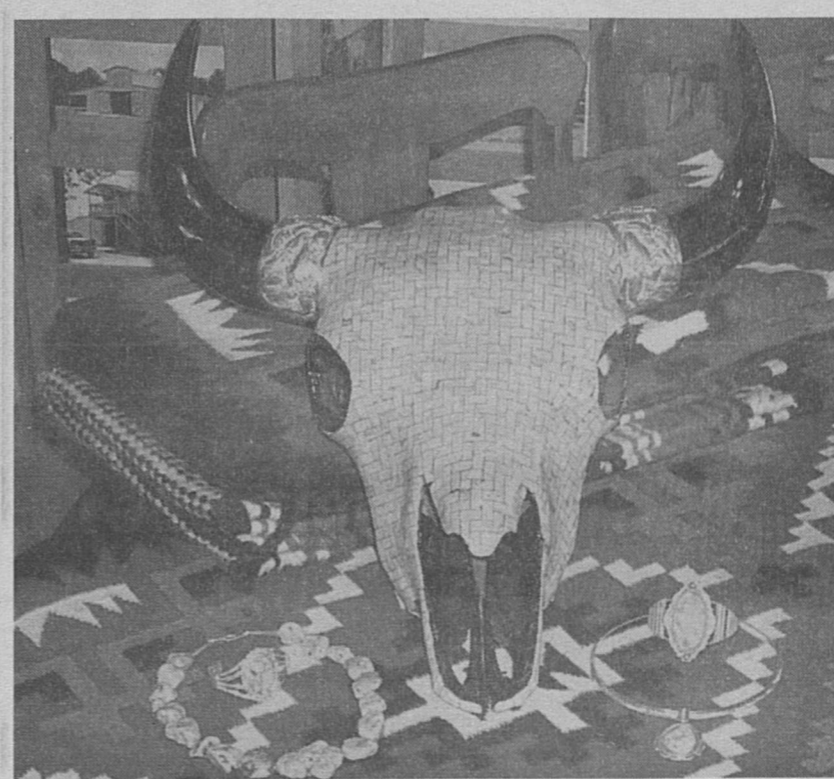
The weekend will begin with a Backwards Draw and Dinner catered by Poody's and a dance to be held at the KC Hall on I-10 at Glidden.

Saturday morning at 10 begins the Invitational Tejas Vaquero Team Roping, followed by a Chuck Wagon Lunch, then, at 2:30, Calf Roping Cutcutta.

At 4 p.m., they will be holding an open to the world 40 head calf roping with a featured match roping.

The Backwards Draw tickets are \$100 per chance with only 500 tickets being sold. The tickets will also

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One of items donated for the live auction at the "Backwards Draw" is a Buffalo Head with Blue Gem Turquoise that took 300 hours of labor to inlay (100 to polish the horns and 150 to make the silver bracelets that attach the horns to the head). It is valued at \$5,000.
CCAA Photo

Charlie Herchek, secured a special guest appearance by Art Rascon, news anchor for KTRK-TV, Channel 13 Eyewitness News in Houston.

"We are very pleased that Mr.

Rascon accepted our invitation. This show benefits all nine of our county's volunteer fire departments by contributing funds for equipment and training. Each year, we help send local firefighters to the Fire-fighting School at Texas A&M University," said Herchek.

Columbus Opry's owners and producers, John and Brenda Buehler, are proud to be a part of this annual event and invite everyone to come out and enjoy clean, family entertainment with no alcohol, while supporting local firefighters.

Columbus Opry is the winner of the Country Music Organization of America's American Eagle Award for "Opry of the Year" for five consecutive years.

The fifth annual Colorado County Firefighters Association Opry will begin at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 12, with appearances by Rascon and a line-up of talented musicians along with The Texas Sagebrush Band.

Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door for \$7 per person.

Contact Columbus Butane for advance tickets at 979-732-2074 or go by their location at 1340 Walnut St. in Columbus.