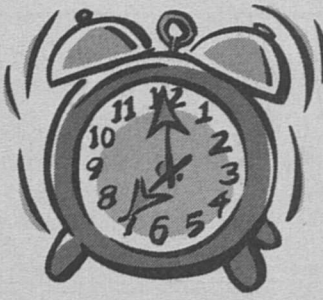


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NEWSBRIEFS

Country Peddler Show is this weekend

The Country Peddler Show will be held this weekend at the Fort Bend Fair Grounds, Oct. 25-27, with nearly 170 peddlers filling the fair grounds to capacity! Hours are Friday, Oct. 25, 1-9 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 27, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Adult admission is \$5; seniors (65+), \$3; and children under 12 get in free. One admission is good all weekend. For more information, call 1-800-775-2774; or go to www.peddlershow.com.

Czhlispel 30 is this weekend in Flatonia

Join the folks in Flatonia for Czhlispel 30 this weekend, Oct. 25-27. Enjoy music by different musicians all weekend, along with the BBQ cook-off. For information on what bands will perform and times or, to purchase advance tickets, contact the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce at 361-865-3920 or www.flatonia-tx.com/czhlispel.

Senior Citizen's Dance is Nov. 1

The public is invited to a Senior Citizen's Dance, a place to meet old and new friends, Friday, Nov. 1, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by The Lazy Farmers. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information call 979-234-3795.

Pardo Benefit scheduled for Nov. 10

A benefit for Colorado County Deputy Jeremy Pardo, who was involved in a serious vehicle accident Oct. 5, will be held Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Veteran's Memorial Hall in Columbus. The all-you-can-eat catfish meal will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., dine-in or drive thru. Advance tickets are \$8; at the door, \$10; children 12 and under \$5 (dine-in only). A bake sale and silent auction will also be held. If you are interested in purchasing tickets or donating items for the auction, please call 979-732-2388. Contributions may be made to the Jeremy Pardo Fund at Columbus State Bank. Pardo has required several reconstructive surgeries on his right leg and ankle and is not expected to return to duty for several months. He has a wife and newborn daughter who depend on him for support.

GCD informational meeting is Oct. 29

Precinct 1 is hosting a Groundwater Informational Meeting at the Nada Parish Hall Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. Come get information on the groundwater issue and meet the candidates.

Outreach is scheduled for Oct. 28-Nov. 2

Little David Ministries invites the public to join them for a Six-Night Outreach at 7 p.m. each night from Monday, Oct. 28, through Saturday, Nov. 2, at the "Lighthouse", 200 Ice Street in Eagle Lake. Refreshments and FREE food will be served. Come early Oct. 31 for games and treats!

Ministerial Alliance Halloween Festival is Sunday

The Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance will hold their 3rd Annual Halloween Festival Sunday, Oct. 27, 6 to 8 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church (the "Pink Church" at the corner of Lake and Stockbridge). A costume contest will be held a 7 p.m. All tickets are 10¢ with hot dogs and drinks on sale. The public is invited to attend.

Booster Club meeting is Monday

The Rice Athletic Booster Club will meet Monday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. in the high school commons. All parents and fans of Raider and Lady Raider athletes are welcome.

ELPA opening Norris Building

Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance (ELPA) will open the Norris Building from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month for anyone interested in preservation. Learn how to research historical property or just visit.

Band Boosters to meet Nov. 7

The Rice Band Boosters for Rice CISD will hold a general meeting Thursday, Nov. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the high school. Band parents of students at Rice High School, Eagle Lake, Garwood and Sheridan Middle Schools are all encouraged to attend. By-laws and future plans for the bands will be discussed and voted upon.

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.

Strudel, pie order deadline is Friday

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 Mahalic 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.

Hospice remembrance service is Nov. 12

A service of remembrance to honor those individuals served by the Hospice Staff who have died during the past year will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the First Christian Church, 205 W. West St., El Campo. The community is invited to the candle-lighting service. For further information, please contact Gloria Garcia at 979-578-0314.

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.

Chamber dinner is Nov. 10

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will hold a fried chicken dinner to salute our veterans. The dinner will be served Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Prairie Edge Museum from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You may dine in or take the meal home.

Understanding your dreams

In Nov., a class will be offered on understanding your dreams and channeling their power for positive development with meditation. Learn to open your heart to all the gifts the universe has for you, while releasing the fear and anger in your life. Allow your spiritual light to shine Thursday, Nov. 7, 14, 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. Please call 979-234-5936 for registration and/or information. Beverages will be served during the discussion period.

Maybe we do need to worry

For those of you who think or have said we don't need to worry about our groundwater being used by large cities, check this map taken from PureTex Water Works' website.

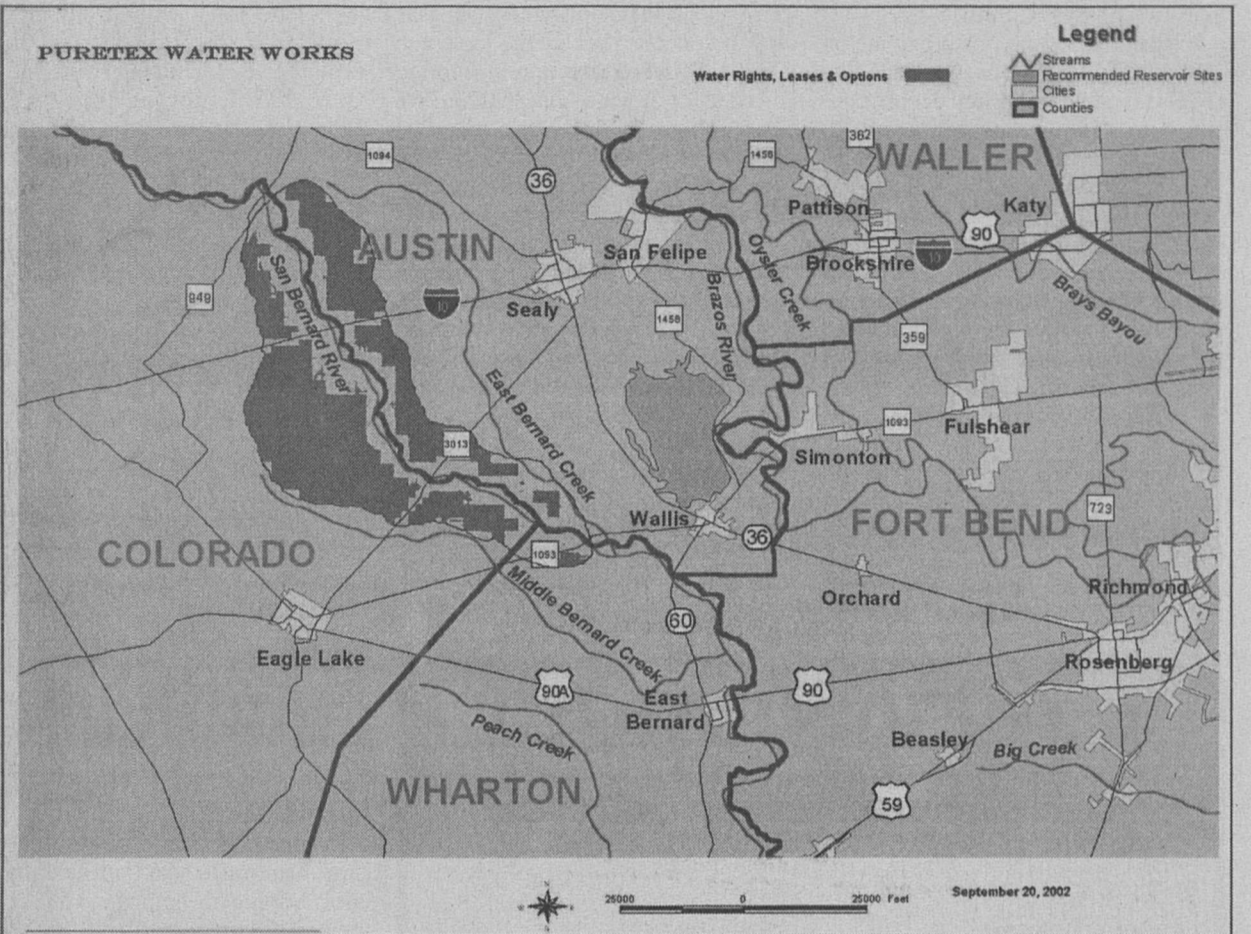
The dark areas around the San Bernard River are where they have water rights, leases and/or options. We're talking about part of our county.

If you'd like to see it for yourself, log on to www.puretex.com and check it out. According to their website, this map was current as of Sept. 20, 2002.

As Bob Pickens, president of the temporary board of the Post Oak Groundwater Conservation District, said, "This is the very thing we were afraid would happen."

"These people intend to have a pipeline, eight feet in diameter, delivering our water, water from Colorado County, to Houston in five years. They are already spending millions of dollars to make it happen. If we are left unprotected, without a groundwater conservation district, there will be no limit to what they can take."

"They are here, now!"



Three new thespians, five veterans make up cast

The Prairie Edge Players (PEP) welcome three newcomers along with five veteran actors for the dinner theatre production of *Don't Mention My Name* by Fred Carmichael.

Margaret Henry will appear on the Prairie Edge stage for the first time. Born in Houston, she plays the role of Wilma. She is presently a member of the faculty of Garwood School and has

two daughters, Amanda and Theresa. "This is my first acting experience, and it has been great fun."

Meredith Nethery plays the role of Kitty Carson. Meredith is a full-time mom now but plans to return to teaching after spending a year with her new son, Jacob, and her husband, ELMS teacher Eric Nethery. Meredith was born in Wharton and says, "It will be interesting to be on the other side of the stage this year. I hope the audience will enjoy the play as much as I have enjoyed the cast and our rehearsals."

Ronnie Sedgwick, born in Amherst, is the father of one son, Tim. He plays the role of Dexter Chandler and works at the First National Bank of Eagle Lake. He says of his role in the play, "Are you confused? I'm really confused."

Veterans who have returned for encore performances include: Darlene Argo, who plays the role of Verla Perkins, works as the Eagle Lake Primary School. She has been a member of many productions and also was one of the first curtain girls for the PEP production. She is a native of Eagle Lake and is married to Jeff Argo.

Janet Duncan has appeared in eight previous performances and was involved in drama in Houston, where she was born. She is married to Wesley Duncan, and her one comment is, "Fun!"

Glen Sunderman, who plays the role of Paul, has appeared in "maybe five" previous plays. He's a realtor and rice farmer and married to Steph. Glen was born in Germany and says that, "He enjoys the small role."

The husband-wife team of Lee and Deborah Politsch returns this year for the seventh time. Lee plays the role of Man while Deborah plays the role of Jane Ridgely. Rice High School employs Lee, born in Mendota, Illinois, while Bellville Independent School District employs Deborah who was born in El Paso. Neither one gave any comments other than to say they enjoy working in the local theatre production.

While the cast appears on stage, there are many behind the scenes who play prominent roles in making the play a success. Vicki Powes, who appeared as an actress for 11 plays, is in her second year as director. She stills gives Dr. Raymond Thomas, who served for many years as the director, credit for influencing her and giving her the ability to lead last year's production to such an outstanding performance.

Helen Craig, a long-time Prairie Edge Museum supporter, is in her 16th year as producer of the Prairie Edge Players. Her dedication to perfection always helps produce a memorable play. Powers added, "Helen is invaluable to the director and serves as a right-hand man and does a lot of work behind the scenes."

Victor Scott is the Chief of Production. He has transformed the stage of the theatre many times over the years. His skill and patience result in unique stage design for each performance.

Debbie Schmitt is Stage Manager. She prompts and guides actors through their paces at each rehearsal and sees (See Players, Page 5)

Groundwater District information session scheduled in Eagle Lake

On Nov. 5, voters of Colorado County will be asked to approve the creation of a Groundwater Conservation District and to elect a board of directors for that district.

In announcing an informational meeting in Eagle Lake, Mayor René Cooper-Scott said, "It is important that every voter be informed about this issue."

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The public is asked to attend to learn what a groundwater district is, what it can do and why it is needed.

Members of the temporary board of directors, advisory committee and candidates for the Post Oak Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors will be on hand to answer questions.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Raiders lose heart-breaker in overtime

The Rice Raiders came out on the short end of an overtime game with the Sweeny Bulldogs last Friday night.

The OT loss leaves the District 28-3A race up for grabs. Wharton leads at 2-0, followed by Sweeny, Rice, Edna and Needville at 1-1 and Palacios at 0-2.

The Raiders were victimized by untimely mistakes and a sterling performance by the Bulldogs reserve quarterback Sherrick Johnson. Johnson rushed 17 times for 113 yards and four touchdowns. He was also 2-4-1 passing for 43 yards and scored a two-point conversion.

The Bulldogs took a 7-0 lead at the 7:03 mark of the first quarter on Johnson's two-yard run and Ben Phillips' PAT.

The Raiders answered right back on a two-yard run by Jermaine Williams with 3:15 left in the first period. However, the try for two failed, and the Raiders trailed 7-6.

Johnson scored again, this time on a 45-yard run with 32 seconds remaining in the opening stanza. Phillips was again true on his PAT and Sweeny led 14-6.

The Raiders narrowed the margin at the 2:59 mark of the first half on a Patrick Milentz 32-yard field goal, leaving the score at half 14-9 in favor of the visiting Bulldogs.

Rice came out of the dressing room after half determined to take control

of the game. At 6:07 of the third quarter, it appeared they did just that as Michael Spears caught a Milentz pass for 13- (See Varsity, Page 10)

The time is now! Saturday, Oct. 26!

For 23 years, the Eagle Lake Study Club has sponsored an auction in support of the Eula & David Wintermann Library. These auctions have raised over \$320,000 for library support. We need to continue this support.

There will be gifts for anyone on your gift list. Vic Corman has built and donated a wooden garden cart that is decorative and useful.

There will be several items from the Brighton Co. that were donated by Esta Lippman. Included will be a wristwatch, billfold and belt. Also, given by the Twin Sister's Shop in Bellville, there's a ladies' hand bag in a leopard print pattern.

For your favorite little girl, there are Twin Baby Dolls from The American Girl Collection. The baby boy and girl dolls were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sunderman.

Another timepiece to keep you on schedule is the Atomic Clock given by Betty and Bob Wilcox. They bought one last year and will tell you (See Auction, Page 3)



You'll want to get in on the bottom floor of this young man's career in art as he sky-rockets to fame. Clayton Bowen has outdone himself this year for the Study Club Auction with this water color. Art by Clayton Bowen 2002 can be yours if the bid is right. Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas