

Another successful dinner theatre production for Prairie Edge Players

The large audiences on both Friday and Saturday nights marked another success for the Prairie Edge Players. *Don't Mention My Name* by Fred Carmichael was well received by those in attendance.

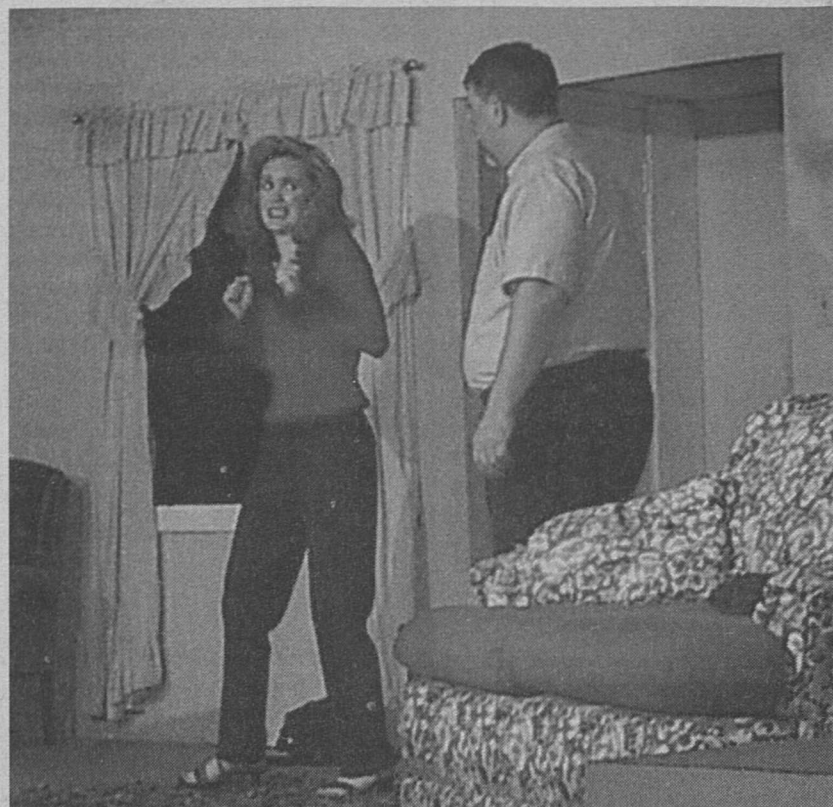
Each evening, the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department (ELVFD) and the ELVFD Auxiliary served a delicious meal at 7 p.m.

At 8 p.m., the curtain rose for a well-rehearsed and polished production of the comedy.

The superb cast, supported by a dedicated crew, drew much spontaneous laughter, applause, excitement and surprise as which person was the actual villain.

Vicki Powers, in her second year as director, Helen Craig, in her 16th year as producer, and members of the crew all contributed to the success.

The cast, crew, Prairie Edge Players, Prairie Edge Museum and Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department and its Auxiliary wish to express their gratitude to all who supported the production. The dinner theatre presentation in the Raymond Thomas Theatre of the Prairie Edge Museum was a great success.



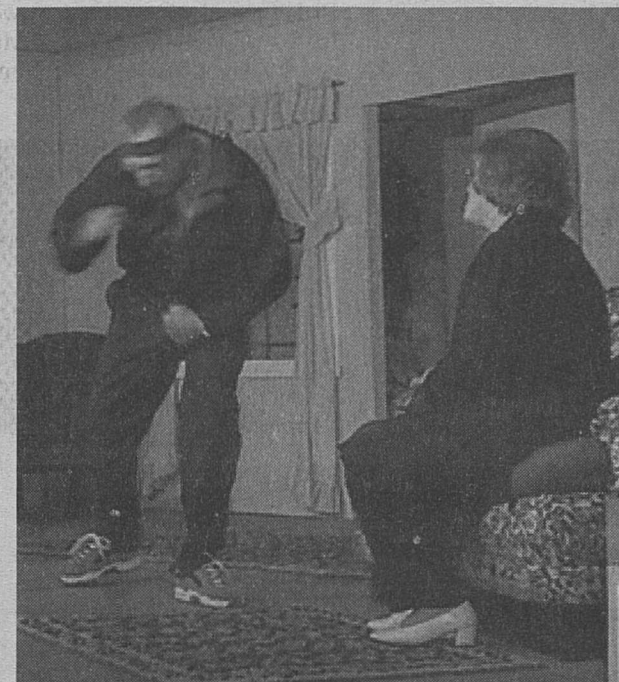
Doing an outstanding job her first time with the Prairie Edge Players was Meredith (Anderson) Nethery. She wasn't the shy, quiet girl we've known for years, but played the vamp to perfection. *Headlight Photo*



The cast for this year's Prairie Edge Players' production are pictured with Producer Helen Craig, left, and Director Vicki Powers, right. The crew were, in back, from left, Lee Politsch, Ronnie Sedgwick, Margaret Henry, Glen Sunderman and Darlene Argo. In front are Debbie Politsch, Janet Duncan and new-comer Meredith Nethery. *Photo Courtesy of Joe Wendel*



Some of the members of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. and its Auxiliary who helped with the dinner last weekend were, from left, Betsy Glaiser, Gretchen Wilkerson, Traci Writer, Jeff Argo, Tim Jones, Gus Seaholm Jr. and Todd Mascheck. *Photo Courtesy of Joe Wendel*



Glen Sunderman played the part of a macho, dare we say conceited, runner who was always moving. He is shown here with Debbie Politsch.



Producer Helen Craig and Director Vicki Powers were presented gifts and flowers by the cast and crew following Saturday night's performance.

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Working in Sheridan delivering were Miss Jr. Eagle Lake Courtney Andrejczak, Chrissy Andrejczak and Mrs. Billy Mayze.

Working in the Garwood were Pageant Director K. Supak and Eagle Lake Ambassador Morgan Perry.

A big thanks also goes to you, our community. See our improvements to the float as the Eagle Lake Royalty will ride in the 2002 Spirit of Christmas Parade Dec. 7.

And a special thank you goes to

Pageant Director K. Supak for all the support, effort and time she has put into this fundraiser and pageant.

Kara has brought back something to Eagle Lake that helps represent our community. This pageant has been fun for our kids. The kids have also learned responsibility. They have done a great job. The children earned over all first place in the Colorado County Fair Parade held in Sept. Way to Go!

We're proud of our kids and our community should be too.

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Call 979-532-6303, 281-239-1544 or 281-243-8410 for more information.

Spirit of Christmas 2002 is Dec. 7

The Eagle Lake 2002 "Spirit of Christmas" Parade sponsored by the City of Eagle Lake will be held Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6:45 p.m. **Deadline for entries is Monday, Dec. 2.** Contact the Chamber Office for an entry form by calling 979-234-2780. You also should return your entry form to the Chamber Office, 121 N. McCarty or fax it to 979-234-2780.

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 or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held Monday, Dec. 9, just in time for Christmas. Tickets are available in the gift shop at the hospital or call Barbara Pidgeon, 234-2897.

Legion to distribute Christmas toys

American Legion Post #108 will again distribute toys to needy children in Eagle Lake. Parents or guardians may come to the Prairie Edge Museum from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Saturday, Dec. 21, to receive toys for their children. Donations of toys and money are needed by the Legion. New or very gently used toys and monetary donations may be left at Struss Auto Supply, Wallis State Bank or the Furniture Shoppe.

Senior Serve is Jan. 18

The 2003 Senior Serve is set for Jan. 18. The Class of 2003 are preparing their Invitation List. If you would like to attend the Senior Serve dinner please call Diane Spanihel at 234-3941 or Abby Hammermiller at 234-5219.

Childbirth classes offered at GCMC

Will your baby arrive between Feb. 15 and April 15? Come join other moms and coaches for Childbirth Classes at Gulf Coast Medical Center (GCMC) in Wharton! Classes begin Monday, Jan. 6, through Feb. 10, 7-9 p.m. in the GCMC classrooms. Cost is \$60. To register or for more information call 979-282-6280.

Drawing to benefit Youth & Family Services

In addition to the Holiday Homes Tour Dec. 1, the Columbus Christian Women's Organization is selling tickets for a seven-foot decorated Christmas tree. The "Lone Star Tree" is on display at Columbus Health & Fitness Center on Milam. It has many hand-crafted ornaments as well as a complete collection of the official State of Texas collectible ornaments. Two-dollar tickets for the drawing may be purchased at Corner Drug Store and The Style Shop in Columbus, The Collection and Creative Expressions in Weimar, Heinsohn's in Frelsburg and Schultz's in New Ulm. This fundraiser benefits Youth and Family Services.

Agriculture scholarship available

Monsanto, in association with the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture, has established the Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program. The program recognizes deserving students with a long-term career interest in agriculture and rewards them with funding for their college education. Students may contact their FFA advisors about the program; call the Colorado County Farm Bureau Office at 979-732-2383; or at www.farmsource.com or www.agfoundation.org. All applications must be postmarked by Feb. 15, 2003.

Senior Friends holiday trip is Dec. 3-5

The Senior Friends Annual Holiday Tour will be Dec. 3-5 to Marshall, Texas, and Natchitoches, Louisiana. Imagine illuminated rivers, historic houses glistening with lights, fresh green garland and holiday music filling the air. Dine in a romantic Victorian setting in a historic home, tour the Wonderland of Lights and have lunch at Beau Fort Plantation. Enjoy a trolley ride to view the Christmas lights in Natchitoches and have lunch at the Melrose Plantation. Cost is \$270/double occupancy, \$15 insurance, \$345/single occupancy, \$20 insurance. Cost includes 2 continental breakfast, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, hotel accommodations. All attractions per itinerary and motor coach transportation. Call Robin TODAY at 979-282-6808 if interested!



Filling in for Margaret Henry and learning the part in just two weeks was Gloria McCain who did a great job of being the "scorned wife". *Headlight Photo*

Council

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Chief Lattimore announced the new police car had arrived and was on the street.

Mayor Cooper Scott said Dr. Ray Cantu wanted to start a soccer team for the kids this summer and was interested in starting a remote control airplane club in Eagle Lake.

Of you're interested in helping, I'm sure Dr. Cantu would take all the help he could find. What super ideas!

Council was adjourned after hearing reports.

Speaking of Dr. Cantu wanting to start these clubs...

We have umpteen organizations and committees in Eagle Lake all trying to do different projects to improve our city. Not one of those organizations or committees can accomplish what one single person can do when that person puts his mind to creating something new.

Some of you reading this don't belong to one organization for the betterment of Eagle Lake and yet you still do your thing to help improve our town. The Eagle Lake Pageantry winners helped Chamber of Commerce serve dessert at the Chamber lunch; Christ Episcopal Church saw a need for an ESL class and started one; and Morales took an apartment complex that was in sad shape and made it inviting. The Light House is looking better than ever.

These people just saw a need and did it. My hats are off to all of you out there who does his/her own thing.

That includes the Rice Raiders who saw something that needed to be done and they are doing a great job!

GO, RICE RAIDERS! Keep up the good work and Happy Thanksgiving... *Joe & Candy*

Friends of Main Street holding drawings

Friends of Main Street is selling drawing tickets. You can be the winner of a new gun!

Twenty-four guns will be given away Friday, Feb. 28, 2003. The odds are good that you could be a winner!

The guns consist of 10 shotguns, 10 rifles for deer/elk and four 22 rim-fire rifles.

Tickets can be purchased at Johnny's Sport Shop, Sportsman's Restaurant, Austin's BBQ, B&S Taxidermy, Lake Lumber, Baumgart Agencies, Wiese Crop Insurance, Truly Properties, Eagle Lake General Store, Guides and Outfitters throughout the area, Friends of Main Street Members or the Main Street/Chamber office.

The individual selling the most

tickets will win \$400 toward their own gun from Johnny's Sport Shop.

Special thanks to Mike Grigar and Doug Schwemm for assisting us in

this endeavor.

For more information, please call the Main Street office at 979-234-6933 or e-mail lestiel@flash.net.

Xi Pi Psi meets

Xi Pi Psi met Nov. 12 in the home of Jo Ann Gertson with nine members present.

Minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given and accepted.

The group voted to donate to the Family & Friends and Community Care Emergency Fund for Colorado County.

The Christmas party will be at the

home of Ernie Sommerlatte on Dec. 17.

The Jan. 7 meeting will be held in the home of Jean Williams.

Members will decorate at the Heritage House on Dec. 3.

The Birthday Calendar for 2003 was discussed. Everyone who ordered a calendar should have theirs by Jan. 1.

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The Jeremy Pardo Family and the employees of the Colorado County Sheriff's Department would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all the supporters who helped in raising money for the Pardo Family.

Thanks to the following for providing supplies or helping in making the Jeremy Pardo Benefit an overwhelming success:

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The Weimar Mercury Newspaper
The Banner Press Newspaper
The Citizen
The Eagle Lake Headlight and those who made cash donations and all the Volunteers who participated in the benefit.

Thanks to the following for donating a silent auction item(s):

Sportsman's Restaurant
Taco Tony's
Tommy & Carol Richter
Kathleen's Florist
Potter's Western Store
Farmers Co-Op, Garwood
Jaime & Jennifer Cruz & Family
Skip & Doreen Vail
Steve & Nancy Nelson & Family
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Texas Star Cafe
Columbus Animal Clinic
Johnny's Sport Shop
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Darrell & Christi Stancik
Jeff & Darlene Argo
Mike & Linda Hoffman
Joanna Rinn

Dr. Chris Cenac
Hoffman Kennels
Eagle Lake Drugstore
Steve & Linda Balas
Ceri & Carl Williams
Helen Jurries
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Colorado Feed
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