

CCA looking for participants

Combined Community Action (CCA) Inc. has been awarded a grant from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to provide housing assistance for four to six families located in Austin and Colorado Counties. The Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program has been designed to transition families out of poverty.

TBRA may last up to two years, during which the

family must either be continuing education or improving job skills. Each family accepted into the program will receive a rental subsidy and, if funding allows, a utility subsidy.

Currently CCA is looking for families that are willing to sign a contract for up to two years, committing them to further their education or improve their job skills.

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Tri-County Flyers meeting is tonight

The Tri-County Flyers Radio Control Model Club of Eagle Lake invites all interested persons to attend the regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at the J.H. McCreary Auction Barn, 201 S. McCarty. Special family plan memberships are available and encouraged.

ELPA members selling tickets

It's almost time! Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance Inc. (ELPA) has been selling tickets for its annual fundraiser with the drawing scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18. Please contact Mary Ann Kaluza at Baumgart Insurance at 979-234-3712 or Pat Matula at The First National Bank at 234-5591 for information. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

'Walk for the Cure' is Saturday

The 5K breast cancer walk for the Cure will start at 8 a.m. in front of City Hall Saturday, Oct. 18. Registration begins at 7 a.m. The event is sponsored by the City of Eagle Lake and Rice Medical Center. Please contact Susan Hernandez at 979-234-5571 for more information.

RIVFD Halloween carnival set for Saturday

The Rock Island Volunteer Fire Department (RIVFD) will hold its Halloween Carnival Saturday, Oct. 18. The fun starts at 6 p.m. at the Rock Island Community Center. Many activities are planned and there'll be fun for all ages. A Halloween Costume contest will be held at 7:30. Check out the haunted house, pumpkin patch, country store, silent auction, cake walk, fish pond, lollipop tree and the great food.

MMBC to hold car wash, bake sale and BBQ

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (MMBC) of Alleyton will hold a car wash, bake sale and BBQ at the parking lot of Brookshire Bros. Grocery Store in Columbus Saturday, Oct. 18, from 8 to 11 a.m. For more information, call 281-342-7557 or 832-309-5780.

CCFA fundraiser is Saturday

The Colorado State Firefighters Association (CCFA) annual fundraiser will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18. Join the fun at Oaks Theater, 715 Walnut in Columbus. The fundraiser supports the Bernardo, Columbus, Eagle Lake, Frelsburg, Rock Island, Weimar, Oakland, Garwood and Sheridan fire departments. Lots of door prizes will be given. Y'all come out and support your county fire fighting heroes.

Bernardo school reunion set for Saturday

All former members and teachers of the Bernardo ISD are reminded of the school reunion scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Bernardo Fire Station. The schools in this district were Bernardo, Bachelor Hill, Bretschneider, Mentz and Willow. Everyone is asked to bring sandwiches or a dessert. Coffee and tea will be provided. Old school pictures and memorabilia will also be appreciated and fun to share. For more information, call Carolyn Foster at 979-732-3559.

E.H. Henry school reunion meeting scheduled

The E.H. Henry School reunion meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at White Cloud Missionary Baptist Church on Old Altair Rd. Anyone who attended E.H. Henry at any time is invited to attend. Each ex-student is asked to call someone else to get the word out.

Don't be late... for this very important date!

It's time to say "hello" to the first Prairie Edge Players (PJs) practice this Sunday, Oct. 19, at 3 p.m. at the Prairie Edge Museum. All children, ages five to 15, interested in being part of the PJs performance of "Alice in Wonderland" are invited to come have some fun! PJs will be hand-pressed to top the phenomenal success of last year's smash hit "Peter Pan". However, with this crew, anything is possible! Parents and interested adults are encouraged to participate as there are, of course, in a production, a plethora of required tasks that only the adults can handle. So let's get weird and spend some time in an alternate universe at the Museum.

Parish 2003 Fall Festival is Sunday

The Parish of the Nativity, 545 S. Austin Rd. in Eagle Lake, will hold its 2003 Fall Festival Sunday, Oct. 19. Chicken fried steak, sausage, green beans, rice and gravy will be served starting at 11 a.m. for \$6 a plate. The auction begins at 1 p.m. Enjoy live music by DJ John Morales from 11 a.m. to 1. Los Rayos De Luna will provide music from 5 to 9. Stay for the food, horseshoe tournament, kiddie rides and games, country store, cake walk, homemade candies, candy apples, handcrafted jewelry, plant stand and face painting.

TWONC fall outing set for Sunday

The Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club, aka TWONC, is gearing up for a season of birding. Everyone is invited to attend the First Fall Outing! Sunday, Oct. 19, the club will meet at about 7:30 a.m. (just after sunrise) at the Eagle Lake Park Gazebo for a walk along the Wintermann Trail & Creek to the lake. Afterwards, join them for a continental breakfast and visit about the club's exciting summer wildlife escapades. There should still be time to make it to church. They look forward to seeing you then. For more information, call Jane at 234-5981 or Doris at 979-732-8875.

Chamber lunch forum is Oct. 20

The next Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Lunch Forum will be held at Taco Tony's Monday, Oct. 20, at noon. The public is invited to attend this open forum. The guest speaker will be Dr. Ray Cantu of Rice Medical Associates. The Chamber looks forward to seeing everyone there.

Rice Project Graduation meeting is Oct. 20

A Rice Project Graduation meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the high school commons. During these next few meetings, Senior Serve, a major fundraiser, will be discussed. All seniors and their parents or guardians are urged to attend. Also, underclassmen and their parents or guardians are encouraged to attend. Everyone's participation will help make a successful Project Graduation. Hope to see you there!

Little League election of officers meeting is Oct. 20

Rice Little League will have an election of officers meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, at Eagle Lake City Hall. Anyone interested in being an officer should attend. If you have any questions, call Bryan Wiese at 234-7469.

Stew Supper is Oct. 22 in Garwood

A stew supper benefiting the Garwood Veterans Memorial Library is set for Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. Get a bowl of stew for \$5.50; children under 12, \$2.50; served with cornbread, crackers and tea. Desserts will also be sold for 50¢ each. Bring a container and you can get stew to go. For more (See Newsbriefs, Page 8)

Powerful Raiders hook Sharks 48-13

The Rice Raiders wasted little time last Friday night in disposing of the hapless Palacios Sharks. Rice scored on its first five possessions to cruise to a 34-0 halftime lead.

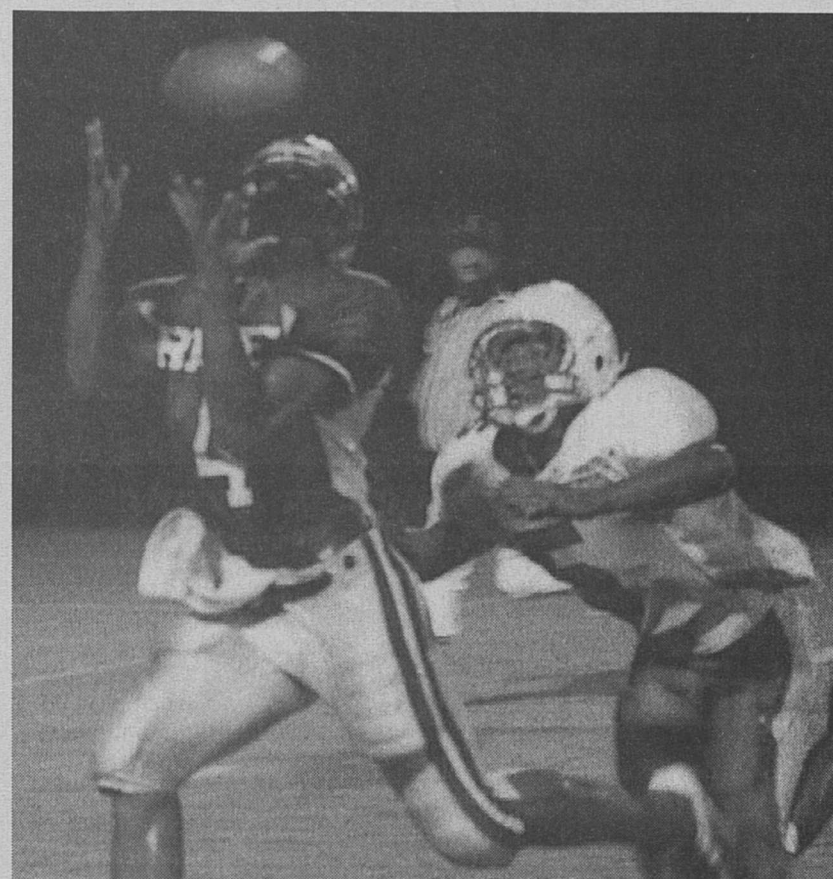
With a continual running clock (mercy plea by Palacios) in the second half, the Raiders only had the ball twice, but scored on both possessions to paste the Sharks 48-13 in the 28AAA district opener.

Quarterback Steven Moore, voted player of the game, had a big evening, passing for the 5-1 Raiders. He threw

four touchdown passes for 170 yards, finishing at 9 for 11 passing. He now has seven touchdowns for the season with no interceptions.

Three of Moore's aerial touchdown missiles went to Branden Jenkins, who finished the evening with 95 yards receiving. Jenkins was given outstanding offensive player honors for his effort.

Big guns Michael Spears and Charles Huffman each had fine evenings. The "thunder and lightning" tandem (See Varsity, Page 8)



Pulling down a pass from Rice quarterback Steven Moore for the Raiders' second TD was senior Branden Jenkins. The Palacios player was just a step too slow as Jenkins made the score 0-12 near the end of the quarter. This was the first of three TDs for Jenkins during the contest.

Headlight Photo

Ever seen a Hawaiian Christmas parade?

Meli Kalikimaka? That's Hawaiian for Merry Christmas.

Yes, it's that time of year again and the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce is preparing for a Hawaiian Christmas parade. The Chamber of Commerce is preparing for the community's participation.

The annual Spirit of Christmas Parade is going Hawaiian this year. This year's parade, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 13, is going to be bigger and better than ever!

Everybody needs to take out their Hawaiian shirts, skirts, leis and Hawaiian holiday spirit and start preparing for the "Huladay" festivities. Individuals, businesses, schools, service organizations, a group of friends, etc. can have a float, walk or march in the parade. This can be fun for all!

Judges will award prizes in the following categories: Annual Chamber President's Award (Grand Prize), Judge's Special Award (2nd), Grand Marshall's Award (3rd), Theme Award (Hawaiian Christmas), Traditional Christmas Award, Best Lights, Most Spirited, Most Original/Unique Entry and Best Musical Entry.

Judging will be between 5:30 and 6:45 p.m. Awards will be presented as entries pass the announcement stand. Lighting of entries is a must, but entries cannot include a live Santa or Mrs. Clause.

For safety reasons, candy and/or other items cannot be thrown.

Entry forms must be returned to the Chamber, 210 Golf Course Rd., Eagle Lake, Texas 77434 or faxed to 979-234-7516 by Monday, Dec. 1.

Placement in the parade is on a first-

come, first serve basis. A parade route map, the line-up and all other pertinent information will be forwarded to participants soon after the Dec. 1 deadline. No late entries will be judged.

Entry forms are available at www.VisitEagleLake.com, e-mailing parade @elc.net or by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 979-234-2780.

Don't miss out! Brighten your holiday season by being a part of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Holiday of Lights Parade.

Don't miss out on the circus!

Thanks to the sponsorship of The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus, America's Favorite Big Top circus, is coming to Eagle Lake!

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, Oct. 22, for the two scheduled performances at 5 and 7:30 p.m.

Don't forget the special FREE endangered species show at 10 a.m. circus morning.

Serving as Ring Master for both performances will be Rice CISD Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott.

SAVE MONEY by purchasing your tickets in advance. Advance tickets are available at Wiese Crop Insurance, First National Bank, Austin's BBQ, Eagle Lake Golf Course and B&B Foods.

Prices for advance tickets are \$5 for children 12 and younger, under two are always free; and \$7 for adults. Show day tickets will be \$2 more.

Buy your tickets early and save. For

more information, call 866-BIG Top 6.

Circus Day Schedule (times may vary): 9 a.m., Tent Raising; 10 a.m., Endangered Species Show (first day

only); 4:30 p.m., Midway Opens (elephant and pony rides, moon bounce, titanic slide, concessions); 5-6:30 p.m., First Show; 7:30-9 p.m., Second Show.



Mary Kay supports Study Club

Sherri Gould and Linda Balas, local Mary Kay Cosmetology representatives, show off the basket of "goodies" they have donated to this year's Study Club Auction. Make yourself look better than ever and be the top bidder on this item!

Photo Courtesy of Linda Balas

Oops, we're moving!

By Betty Wilcox

Let's get going! The Study Club Annual Auction is on the move! This year's Auction and Fireman's Stew Supper will be held at Didner Hall, located on Stevenson St. across from the Catholic Church. With lots of parking and room inside, let's rock the walls with bids and laughs.

One of the most unique items to be sold this year is the Folk-Art Bird House handmade by George Causey. On the porch of this camp house called "Duck Inn" are a handmade picnic table, grill, ladder-back chair, shotgun, fishing rod and reel and a dinner bell. The house has a front screen door and a metal roof. This one-of-a-kind birdhouse can be yours for a top bid.

Another special treat will be a two-night stay at the Pot Belly Stove Bed and Breakfast in Fredericksburg. The Pot Belly Stove is owned and operated by former Eagle Lake residents Buddy and Heidi Mills.

Eagle Lake native Wendy Herman is opening TZ's Catering and will be donating a large German chocolate cake for the main auction, a large basket of Grandma Reese's oatmeal raisin cookies for the silent auction and

loaves of homemade bread for the bake sale.

Another local cook, Martin Herman, will be making kolaches like mama used to make. These will be on the silent auction.

Robert Finney has made a beautiful red cedar quilt rack. He and his wife, Laura, have donated this piece for the main auction.

A new donor with artistic talent is Elaine Hickey, who has made a white ceramic Christmas tree which can add a special touch to your décor.

If you're expecting a new baby in the family, there will be a beautiful baby afghan given by Tamra and Harold Black.

There also will be a baby quilt donated by Mike and Sylvia Rucka.

Another donation from East Bernard will be a box of choice meats from Vincek's Smokehouse.

In addition to all the pictures and write-ups published in the Eagle Lake Headlight, Editor Jeannine Fearing is donating a half-page ad to be sold to the highest bidder.

So ya'll come and let's celebrate a new setting by topping last year's total of \$18,000!



Harvest Ball is Saturday

Dorothy Hyek of Nada Grocery & Vic's TV is busy making her delicious homemade rolls for the RMC Employee Volunteers Harvest Ball this Saturday. Don't miss this annual event.

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