

Features

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Pink Ladies

They give their time—hours and hours of time

How many times do you stop to think about the many people in Eagle Lake who so willingly give of their time and energies to help their fellow man? Over time, actions tend to be taken for granted and one forgets to say a simple thank you or to realize how many people are working toward helping others.

In tribute to these people who care, the volunteers, and to renew awareness of these efforts, The Headlight will feature each organization — its beginnings, its present and its future plans — over the coming months.

Remember to extend a word of thanks as you are reminded of the good that these people do. Eagle Lake is indeed a fortunate community to have such people.

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary, more fondly known as the Pink Ladies, arose from a need for more patient services at the hospital. The ladies in Eagle Lake responded. On September 27, 1967 a meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Willard W. Shuart.

Ten persons representing five churches and the Study

Club were present along with Mrs. Gene A. Paschall, hospital administrator. Mrs. S. Shuart handed out an outline which listed the purpose of an auxiliary. The ladies present then took the information back to their respective groups to encourage volunteer participation.

Within a month a public meeting was held at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Mrs. Earl Rodgers, President of the Board of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital, introduced the first slate of officers:

Mrs. Willard Shuart, President; Mrs. Rupert Lange, Vice President; Mrs. Joe L. McCreary, Second Vice President; Mrs. Frank A. Higgins, Treasurer; and Mrs. Jack Willis, Secretary.

At that meeting 23 women became active members, ten became inactive, and two became life members.

By November the by-laws were approved and a memorial fund was established.

The services provided by the Pink Ladies began with such duties as feeding patients, delivering mail and flowers, and escorting patients to tests. Overall,

WHY BE A VOLUNTEER?

- It's not for money, it's not for fame;
 - It's not for any personal gain;
 - It's not for love of fellowman;
 - It's just to lend a helping hand;
 - It's just to give a tithe of self;
 - That's something you can't buy with wealth;
 - It's not for medals worn with pride;
 - It's not for that feeling deep inside;
 - It's that regard down in your heart;
 - It's feeling that you have a part of helping others far and near
- That make you a VOLUNTEER!



Mrs. Lena Broyles, one of the charter members of the Pink Ladies, tends to business in the gift shop at Community Hospital. The all-volunteer organization has donated 35,750.5 hours of time to the hospital during the group's short 15 year existence. Their work has brought many happy hours to patients, and the money they have earned has purchased a lot of equipment for the facility.

Other fund raising projects through the years have been an anesthesia ventilator, nursery equipment, portable EKG, and the furnishing of a room. A total of \$27,382.21 has been contributed to the hospital since the beginning of the auxiliary. Of outstanding significance is the number of personal hours which the ladies have donated so willingly. The total hours of service now stands at 35,750.5 and continues to rise daily as the ladies go about meeting the needs of patients, families of patients and hospital personnel. Currently, four ladies stand right at 3,000 hours of service.

The Pink Ladies are indeed a dedicated group of ladies and have done much to serve the people of their community. On this their fifteenth anniversary they deserve a hearty salute.



Members of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary pictured above include: front row, left to right, Secretary Letha Lundquist, Pat Behne, treasurer Viola Zboril, president Eunice Frnka, Ura Miller; second row, left to right, second vice president Barbara Davidson, Hattie Mae Dromgoole, Esther Sunderman, Gladys Pidgeon, Annie Margaret White, Rose Lange, Myrtle Vogelsang; third row, left to right, Isabel Vecera, Dorothy Hinton, Sydney Sheldon, Eleanor McCreary, Estrella Truly, Lena Broyles, Emma Pustejovsky, Willie Moore, vice president Chris Swords, Geneva Brown, Lora Thomas, Jimmie Scott and Luevenia Chavis; fifth row, left to right, Betty Hoover, Anna Lee Higgins, Mildred Kemper, Kate Spalinger and Mittie McBride.

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preparation of each book. To date 6,831 cookbooks have been distributed.

Other fund raising projects through the years have been bake sales, luncheons, and ticket sales for alfahags which were made by Mrs. A. J. Struss and

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Ed Sunderman, right, holds the "Brahma Trophy" won last week by Larry Dulany, left, cubmaster of Cub Scout Troop 3078 of Eagle Lake which is sponsored by the Eagle Lake Nood Lions Club. Sunderman is assistant district scout commissioner for Colorado County, for the Brahma District, Boy Scouts of America, covering Colorado, Wharton, Matagorda and parts of Ft. Bend counties. Dulany's award was announced last Thursday night at the district's awards program in Bay City. The trophy signifies the highest honor the district can bestow. Dulany won the trophy for Cub Scout work. The trophy for boy scout troop work went to Troop 33 in Ft. Campo.

KC's Las Vegas Night Saturday

Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus promise fun for one and all at the Las Vegas Night to be held in the Eagle Lake Community Center Saturday beginning at 6 p.m.

During the games the K.C.'s will offer soft drinks and beer, set-ups and food for sale.

An auction of valuable items, many contributed by local merchants and businesses, using the play money to be awarded during the evening, will climax the event at 10:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will be used by the K.C.'s to sponsor local community projects and volunteer organizations.

Maschecks visit San Antonio, museums



This set of "Maximilian Armor" is only one of the many historical displays the Mascheck's saw during their recent tour of San Antonio. Note the tiny waist.



The Attwater's Prairie Chicken was only one of 178 species of birds recently observed during the annual Christmas Bird Count in this area. The local count is generally regarded as the best inland count in the nation.

Rare, unusual birds sighted in annual Christmas count

The Attwater's Prairie Chicken, a rare bird, was one of 178 species of birds recently observed during the annual Christmas Bird Count in this area. The local count is generally regarded as the best inland count in the nation.

Other unusual birds sighted during the count included a Red-winged Blackbird, a Sparrow, an extremely rare, one Upland Sandpiper (probably the only sighting in the nation), one Western Tanager, and nine Bald Eagles.

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Naturally, Shifflett said, this recognition would not be possible without some of the observers who are internationally known for their "birding" skills. The refuge manager would like to express his appreciation to those property owners who permitted access to their lands. Without their

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4-H News
Be what you want to be in 4-H

Youth can take part in 4-H in many ways. In Texas, most youth in 4-H are in community 4-H clubs that meet in neighborhoods with local volunteer leaders. They study various projects and carry out group activities in community service.

Some youngsters are in special interest groups or project groups that study one special subject, such as horsemanship, livestock, photography or leadership.

Many youth enroll in a 4-H club in a school, where they receive a monthly educational program and select a project for outside-of-school group or independent study.

School curriculum enrichment programs on health, safety, careers, employment, and energy reach many children in public and private schools each year.

All this means that an interested youth between the ages of 9 and 19 can be a 4-H'er. He or she can choose how to participate based on individual interests and desires. 4-H allows members to be whatever they want to be in a way best suited to their individual needs and desires.

This year's 4-H theme, "Pathways to the Future," brings attention to the many things 4-H has to offer for today's youth and the many ways in which the 4-H program can help shape the future of each 4-H member.

Food projects

What do you do when you don't know what to do? Join 4-H. 4-H'ers are always doing something in a 4-H club, and they're doing it together.

These boys and girls take advantage of opportunities provided by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service which is in charge of the 4-H programs in Texas.

Food and nutrition is a project with the largest enrollment among 4-H youth 9 to 19 years old.

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Exciting times for ag research

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He said, "We face exciting opportunities as we move toward the year 2000. The problems facing agriculture are substantial, putting pressure on us to achieve and deliver the goods (new agricultural technology).

"Because of this, we face good and challenging times ahead. We're looking at a substantial amount of total change in the years ahead. However, we want to create and direct change rather than just react to it."

David Bairds welcome son January 12

Mr. and Mrs. David Baird of Eagle Lake proudly announce the arrival of their second child, a son, born Wednesday, January 12. Given the name Adam Wayne Baird, the little tot came into the world weighing eight pounds, fourteen ounces and measuring twenty-one inches long.

Welcoming Adam Wayne home is a Sister, Bridget Elaine, three and one-half years old.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowen of Eagle Lake and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Baird of Palacios. Maternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan of Georgetown.

The mother is the former Carolyn Bowen.

Cruise ship featured

If anyone is planning to take a cruise on the S. S. Norway in June or at anytime, you will have a chance to take a close look at the ship on television this week.

The ship will be a part of the show, Anne Murray's Caribbean Cruise, this Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. on Channel 11.

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