



\$100 winner

Who is hugging whom was the question Saturday afternoon as Esther Contreras of Eagle Lake expresses her thanks for winning the \$100 grand prize in the Chamber of Commerce Easter promotion. At left is T. J. Smith who assisted with

the name drawing, and just behind the Bunny is Jo Ann Mahaltic, chamber president, who announced the winners. A list of all the names drawn accompanies the story.

Bunny busy awarding prizes, hiding eggs

Easter weekend was a busy one in Eagle Lake as residents attended church services Sunday marking the religious holiday.

The weather cooperated to allow Easter fashions to look their best, as well as help make festivities on Saturday a success.

Not only were more than \$150 in cash and prizes awarded by the Chamber of Commerce here, and at many of its member stores, but at least 150 children and 50 adults swarmed over a portion of the Primary School in search of 500 eggs hidden by Rice Drug Store.

At 11 a.m. Saturday, the stores participating in the Chamber's Easter shopping promotion drew names of in-store prize winners, then turned over all the registration slips for the grand prize drawings.

Esther Contreras was the winner of \$100 given away by the chamber at 1:30 p.m. Under the rules of the drawing, the winner had to be present for the grand prize drawing and Phillip Ferguson and Heyne Dromgoole had their names called but were not present.

When the Easter Bunny asked the big winner if she had ever won before, she said she hadn't, then gave the bunny a big hug.

Names then were drawn for five gift certificates valued at \$10 each and redeemable at any retail store here that is a member of the chamber. Winners were Aracely Sanchez, Carolyn Noska, Albert Pustejovsky, Connie Gertson and Emelia Payne, all of Eagle Lake.

Later, at the primary school, Bea Beth said it was impossible to restrain the anxious children who were crowding the starting line for the second annual Rice Drug Store egg hunt.

Eleven brightly colored plastic eggs containing a total of \$75 were among the prizes hidden. Mrs. Beth said although it took more than an hour to hide the eggs, it took the kids approximately 15 minutes to find most of them. Twenty more eggs contained certificates for ice cream cones or banana splits.

"It really was a community affair," Mrs. Beth said, and we are looking forward to the third annual hunt next year.

For the rest of the chamber activities Saturday, names drawn for the \$10 certificates, but not winners because they were not present, were Armando Ruiz of Columbus, Melba Higgins of Sulphur Springs, Helen Ball of Rock Island, Jessica C. Garcia, Joe Zapalac, Anita Leal, Billy Powell, Roland Harber, Danny Morales, Terry L. Kohleff, Virginia Snelling, Beth Waddell, Bonnie Austin, Darlene Nelson, Amanda Torres, Kathy Hodde, Richard Klekar, Robert Griffith, Martha Duncan, Cheryl J. Pellerin, Esperanza Flores, Margaret Amos and Obara Munoz.

The Easter Bunny drew the names, but was assisted by Chamber president Jo Ann Mahaltic and T. J. Smith.

In store winners were Boxie Kallina of Garwood at Laker Printing; Mike Barron of Eagle Lake and Alice Higgs of Sheridan at Franks Travel; Annette Fajkus of Eagle Lake at First National Bank; Mary Borkowski of Eagle Lake at Gulf Coast Savings; Nancy McGee of Eagle Lake at The Headlight; Judy Cooper of Eagle Lake at The Farris 1912; Candy

Dixon of Huntsville at Gifts of Distinction; Minnie Cortez of Eagle Lake at Jo Ann's; Terry Wooten of Columbus at A. J. Struss; Angie Contreras and Mark Anderson of Eagle Lake at Spanihel & Son; D. E. Pavlecek of Eagle Lake at Spalinger

Hardware; Mrs. Albert Pustejovsky at Eagle Lake Sewing Center; Angel Delgado of Lissie at The Furniture Shoppe; Leo Luna and Janet Schorlemmer at Wilcox Minimex; Virgil Crisal, Tommy Sutton, J. T. Frnka, Paul Perlard, Irma

Mendoza and Cristina Smith at the Dairy Queen.

Dennis Smith of Eagle Lake at The Sportsman's Restaurant; Sammy Brisco at Dan's Minute Stop; Alicia Castillo at Dairy Delite, and Bobby Johnson at the Snack Center.

Alley, Leopold election winners

W. C. "Dub" Alley and Frederick Leopold are the new public officials elected last Saturday by voters in Eagle Lake and the Rice school district, respectively.

Only 229 ballots were cast in the city elections, out of approximately 1,200 or more eligible voters. In the school election Steve Balas drew 507 votes.

In the city elections, voters were choosing three councilmen among the four candidates. Incumbents Alvin Kohleff and Mike Duarte drew 190 and 176 votes, respectively, to win re-election.

Alley and candidate Kay Clipson were vying to fill the council seat vacated by Ralph Truly who chose not to run after serving two, two year terms. Alley drew

153 votes and Clipson drew 89.

There were five people who drew write in votes. Fire Chief L. J. "Sonny" Spanihel, Isador Ramirez, H. E. Tate and Steve Balas each had one write-in vote, and Truly drew three write-in votes.

Monday, Alley said he appreciated receiving the votes for council, and will work for the next two years to serve the voters adequately and sufficiently. Alley said he had no "platform" for running, nor are there any specific policies he is supporting or is against. "If I don't believe (something) is right, I'll be against it," he said.

In the school elections, winner Leopold drew 314 votes to his opposition, Ralph Steinke, who drew

269 votes. Balas and board president Ted Wiese were unopposed, getting 507 and 502 votes respectively.

The vote count by school precincts were: Eagle Lake: Steinke 119, Leopold 96, Wiese 191, and Balas, 197; Garwood: Leopold 180, Steinke 142, Balas 268, and Wiese, 265; Sheridan: Leopold 38; Steinke 8, Balas 42, and Wiese 46.

The votes have to be canvassed by the respective governmental unit before candidates can be sworn in.

For Eagle Lake, that will be done at next Tuesday's regular council meeting. Then council addresses any "old business" which councilman Truly may have an interest in. Afterwards, new councilmen are sworn in.

Juvenile charged in murder

A sixteen-year-old white male was arrested last Thursday by the Eagle Lake Police Department and lodged in the juvenile detention unit of the Colorado County jail on an offense report charging capital murder in the death of Mrs. Gay Engelhard.

Tuesday morning, county juvenile judge Lester Cranek said the court has asked that a hearing be held next Tuesday on whether the teen should be tried in district court as an adult, or in juvenile court.

At a hearing Monday, Cranek ruled the boy should be held in the detention unit for ten more days, rather than be released. State law provides that in

juvenile cases, such a hearing must be held each ten days.

Last week Police Chief Gil Steen said the juvenile was picked up and taken to Gonzales where a lie detector test was administered. The test, according to Steen, indicated there was a question about the truthfulness of answers the suspect gave regarding questions about the Engelhard house.

Stains on the shoes worn by the boy when police picked him up were tested and were found to be blood, although details about the sample must be determined in the state crime laboratory in Austin. Steen said the overall

police investigation developed statements from two other juveniles which lead to the questioning of the youth in detention. However, Steen said, the investigation of the entire case will continue.

State law forbids publication of juvenile names in connection with police activity. The youth in detention is said to be in the tenth grade at Rice High School and his parents have retained attorney Durwood Self of Columbus to represent him.

At the hearing Monday Judge Cranek recommended to the county juvenile probation officials that the necessary steps be taken to conduct the hearing on

whether the case should be heard in district court. Those steps include psychiatric and medical examinations.

Although state law requires a detention hearing each 10 days, it does not provide release from detention on a bail bond. Adults are allowed to post bond and be released from jail. Another difference between juvenile and

adult applications of the law is that a juvenile can be sentenced to a term with the Texas Youth Council, but must be released on his or her 18th birthday. Adult sentences do not regard age in determining the length of the sentence.

What's needed for April Fest

The time is drawing near for the city's first "Come April Fest" festival, and as usual there are a few loose ends that need tying up.

For instance, "We'd love to find some old iron bedsteads," said Candy McCreary, festival chairman. For what, you might ask — so the clubs and groups in town can carry them in a race. You know, one team member rides in the bed and the rest carry them, they hope.

Then of course, the committee worries about whether the crowd will be large enough to support the event. Not that a lot of money is needed to enjoy

activities, many things are free.

"We still need someone to put on a quilt demonstration," Candy said Monday. And, if people want to enter the armadillo races, John Thomas is the man to talk to...if you want to rent a 'dillo. You can bring your own too. Thomas also is talking about a flounder throwing contest — although that sounds (or smells) fishy.

Several areas are really well planned and need only entrants. For instance, the Cook with Rice contest coordinated by Margo Harrison will accept entries from 11:30 a.m. to noon on April 23, with judging at noon. An entry blank is printed in this edition of the Headlight on the back page. There are nine rice categories.

For food lovers who like something a little hotter, Mrs. Annie Broesche is moving her annual fun chili cook-off from her home to the festival area downtown.

Making the cook-off public has been in her mind for a year or two now, and for this first public event, she will allow up to 30 entrants. Look for more information on Page 4, or call Mrs. Broesche after 2 p.m. at 234-3200 or 234-3220.

How about starting the weekend off with a Little Miss and Mr. Eagle Lake contest. Lynda Appel, who did an excellent job as mistress of ceremonies in a similar contest with the county fair, will be mistress here starting at 4 p.m. at the Middle School on April 22.

That contest is open to children in grades one, two and three, and the dress theme will be "Sunday best."

Saturday morning opening ceremonies are planned around a comfortable Walk-A-Thon under the direction of Melburn Sibley. Full details are yet to be announced, but early plans call for a walk through the community's residential area as a celebration of Spring and a community enjoying itself together.

Finally, Mrs. McCreary said more events are planned and a full schedule will be published in the Headlight's special edition planned for Thursday April 21. She did say additional booth space is available if you or your group has something to show or sell.

April 30 exemption deadline

Billy Youens, chief appraiser for the Colorado County Central Appraisal District, announces that personnel of the district will be at City Hall in Eagle Lake Thursday and Friday, April 14 and 15 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to take renditions for 1983 taxes for Rice Consolidated ISD, county, Garwood water ISD, City of Eagle Lake and accept exemptions for the 1983 year.

The chief appraiser warns that April 30 is the deadline for signing homestead and open space agricultural valuations for the 1983 tax year.

Reservations due April 11 for Pink Ladies luncheon

The Eagle Lake Community Hospice Auxiliary will meet Thursday, April 14 at noon at Anna Lee Higgins' for the annual luncheon and election of officers.

Reservations must be made by April 11. You may sign your name at the gift shop in the hospital or call

Woman arrested for forgery

A 28-year-old woman was arrested Tuesday afternoon on four charges of forging

checks belonging to Peggy Pohl.

Lodged in Colorado County Jail on \$2,000 bond on each charge is Dora Salinas Brown, of the 200 block of Waverly. She is unemployed.

The police report listed checks given to S&W Parts, Wilcox Minimex, Miller's Grocery and D&D Grocery, totaling \$1,500.75, as being forged last Saturday or Sunday.

Police also have investigated several reports over the weekend, involving minor thefts and personal assaults. No other arrests were made.



The bunny was a big hit after the kids combed the school grounds in search of the 500 eggs.