



A Taste Of Spring...

Fresh asparagus is one of the signs that spring is really here again. The season for fresh asparagus is short, so enjoy it often. Look for those fresh green stalks that are crisp, yet tender with compact, pointed tips. Fresh asparagus should be kept cool—below 45°F—and moist. Wrap the base of the asparagus in a damp paper towel, and store in the coldest part of the refrigerator for two or three days. To use, wash the tips carefully to be sure all traces of dirt and sand are removed. Pay special attention to the scales, too. These are favorite hiding places for sand to hide. Break each stalk as far down as it snaps easily. Steam or simmer the asparagus in a small amount of water just until tender, about 10 minutes. Season as desired.



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Here's what's going on at the festival

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A time schedule of activities and explanation of events has been compiled by Margo Harrison of the Eagle Lake Festival Committee for the "Come AprilFest" scheduled the last weekend in April. Saturday, April 24, includes almost a full day of activities for children and adults.

Early activities include The Little Mr. and Miss Eagle Lake contest as well as the opening rounds of the Tennis Tournament.

While entries in the tennis tournament have closed, the courts at the Recreation Center will provide viewers plenty of sports action, especially if you want to see

your neighbors in action. Watch next week's headlight for pairings.

The start time for Little Mr. and Miss is 4 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Eagle Lake Middle School. Lynda Appelt, who has done a marvelous job being mistress of ceremonies for The Colorado County Fair little mr. and miss contest, will see to it that Eagle Lake's contest is outstanding.

Youngsters in grades one through three can enter, and wear their "Sunday Best." Judges for the event will be Bill Carpenter from Garwood, Brenda Stelzel from East Bernard, Patsy Hodge from Columbus, Corky Altenburg from Wharton,

and Mark Faldyn of Columbus.

Pageant chairman Vicki Powers said the deadline for entering your youngster has been extended to April 20. Entry forms are still available at The Headlight office, and arrangements will be made to give them to children in those grades so they can take them home to the parents.

Monday morning, the ribbon cutting ceremonies scheduled at 10 a.m. in front of the Community Center not only will mark the beginning of the festival but also the start of the Walk-A-Thon scheduled to cover a two-mile section of the residential area. Perhaps the most well

known walkers will be Don Nelson and Doug Brown of television channel 13 from Houston. They will be here not only to participate in the walk, but to help judge various events throughout the day.

As the ribbon falls, walkers of all ages will be sent out Walnut St. past the United Methodist Church and continue on to Melody Lane. Once down that beautiful street, walkers will turn down Burns, and head back to the community center and more festival activities. Rev. Melburn Sibley is in charge of the walk, and asks that walkers pay a 50-cent entry fee to cover the cost of ribbons that will be awarded.

During the walk, participants will have a good view of the Children's Olympics scheduled for the Middle School grounds. That activity will start at 9 a.m. Saturday. It is sponsored by the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club, and club member Wayne Shilleste is the chairman.

The events are for all children in grades one through eight; each child will compete with children in his or her own grade. Ribbons will be given for first, second and third places and participation ribbons will be given to all others.

Parents, relatives and others are encouraged to cheer the youngsters on.

As a reminder to all cooks of the area, don't forget the "Cook with Rice" contest. Here is a terrific opportunity for all rice farmers wives and other good cooks to promote the use of Rice. Entries are accepted from 11:30 a.m. until noon, when judging begins. After the winners are chosen, the Walk-A-Thon scheduled to cover a two-mile section of the residential area will be held.

Excitement seems to be growing over the parade races scheduled for the front of the Community Center at 1:30 p.m. John Thomas and Paul Johnson will see that all is in order as the first heat gets underway.

Individuals or groups may participate in the fun. Planners especially are inviting teams from businesses, school classes or clubs, and maybe even neighborhoods, to challenge each other with the races.

Thomas says that if you

are unable to furnish your own armadillo, there will be a "rent a dillo" booth available. Entry fee in the race is \$1 per team. This is an event none of you can miss, Thomas said.

If you have never seen a "flounder throw" just be around at 2:30 p.m. Thomas is teaming up with Bill Harrison Jr. to oversee this event. "If you can throw a flounder, then you can throw a flounder," they say. Winners will be chosen for distance and accuracy. Distance and accuracy are important items too in the horse shoe throwing contest at 3:30 p.m. Of course the distance is set, but the ringers count for accuracy. This sport was added to the afternoon's events because of its popularity in the area.

Duck and Goose calling is scheduled at 4 p.m., and with all the professional hunters and guides living in the area, this event ought to be a hotly contested one. Bill Appelt is the chairman. It will be held under the pavilion of the Community Center. Appelt asks, "shouldn't the Goose Hunting Capital of the World, have a champion goose caller?"

Other events throughout the day will include an aerobics demonstration by classes of Eagle Lake and East Bernard; also, Ted and Valerie are donating a free concert. Ted Wiese will demonstrate horse shoeing for youngsters (and adults) who have never seen it done before.

There will be various arts and crafts booths as well as food booths open all day. A restaurant in Austin, Fajitas Flat, will have a booth selling their famous fajitas. Xi Pi Psi sorority will sell balloons. The Eagle Lake Study Club will have a used book booth and there will be an ultra-light airplane displayed.

Over in the parking lot behind the Post Office and Municipal Building, Mrs. Annie Broesche will be bringing her annual chili cook-off out into the public. Entries are being accepted, and trophies will be awarded. Judges, in addition to television personalities Nelson and Brown, will be Dr. Ray Thomas and Donella Pantell, Colorado County Home Demonstration agent.

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and spend the day in Eagle Lake, Tx.

Come AprilFest
A celebration of Home Town Texas
in Eagle Lake - 60 minutes
west of Houston on U.S. 90A

Festival Schedule

Friday, April 22nd

4:00 Little Mr. & Miss Contest, Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS)
4:00 Tennis Tournament, Eagle Lake Recreation Center

Saturday, April 23rd

8:00 Tennis Tournament Continues
9:00 Children's Olympics, ELMS
10:00 Ribbon Cutting at Eagle Lake Community Center (C.C.)

Walk-A-Thon Booths Open

11:00 Aerobics Demonstration, C.C.

11:30 "Cook With Rice" Entries Taken

12:00 Judging begins, Cook with Rice, C.C.

12:10 J. & Valerie, Pavilion, C.C.

1:00 Presentation of Little Mr. & Miss Armadillo Races, C.C.

1:30 Aerobics Demonstration, C.C.

2:30 Flounder Throwing Contest, C.C.

3:00 Chili Cook-off, Parking Lot of the Post Office (on the square)

3:30 Horseshoe Throwing Contest, C.C.

4:00 Duck/Goose Calling Contest, C.C.

Sunday, April 24th

Tennis Tournament, Golf Tournament, Barbecue, Eagle Lake Recreation Center

Golf Course and Grounds



Linda Wiese is working on her needlework to get items ready to display at the upcoming Come AprilFest. Many other booths will be set up also.

Parents speak to board

Darden offered counseling position

Athletic Director and head football coach at Rice High school, Clifton Darden, was offered another staff position at the school Monday night by the Rice district board of trustees.

According to Superintendent Harold King, the board, in a closed executive session, discussed offering the job to Darden, which would mean the superintendent then would have to hire another athletic director and head football coach for the fall season. The board then voted to offer the job to Darden.

The position Darden was offered was that of counselor at the school, a position that will be vacated at the end of the school year by Bill Carpenter who has taken a job with the Rice district school system. As a result of the last school board meeting where personnel were discussed in closed session, Darden and the remainder of the district's athletic coaching staff (with the exception of basketball coach Jack Grammer) learned that the possibility exists they could be replaced at the end of the next school year. Grammer's contract was extended.

Although the story in The Headlight at that time said that winning games was the criterion for making the decision, many members said they understood that was not the major reason contracts were not extended. As of 9 a.m. Wednesday morning, Darden had not accepted the counselor position. His other option is to remain in the coaching position for another year. At that time, the board could make the decision to retain him, or replace him. He then would have to look for another job in another school system.

Council talks about funds

Eagle Lake's city council on Tuesday night finished up "Old" business with four-year veteran Ralph Truly, then made the city election vote official so W. C. "Dub" Alley could take Truly's seat.

The old business included the second reading of a no parking ordinance on FM 3018 south of its intersection with US 90A; accepting a bid on a police car, and agreeing not to charge for water, sewer or garbage service for the Little League field as council's current contribution for youth activities.

The little league organization had asked council for money to support its activities, but council turned to the donation of the city services instead. The city does not own the field, which little league plays, but does own a softball field in town, and does not charge users of that field for such services either.

The police car bid acceptance was necessitated because J. P. Miller Ford, Inc., has resigned its dealership with Ford Motor

Co., and no longer is able to provide the police car council ordered earlier. In keeping with its policy of buying locally, council awarded the purchase to Lake Motors.

As council canvassed the election results from April 2, it found no changes, thereby making the election official. Alley was sworn in, as were incumbent councilmen Alvin Kohleffel and Mike Duarte.

Truly was presented a plaque by Mayor Elmer Struss, recognizing Truly's service as a councilman the past four years.

With the new council officially in place, Mayor Struss made his annual council appointments for the year. Kohleffel again was named mayor pro-tem, to serve the city as mayor in Struss's absence.

The city's library representative will be Roy Dean Van Nort. The equipment committee will be chaired by Alley, with councilmen Kohleffel, Gene Baker and city manager Robert Klockman.

Baker will chair the rates and revenue committee,

with Duarte, Van Nort and Klockman. Duarte will chair the insurance and retirement committee with Kohleffel, Alley, Klockman and city secretary Lucille Perry. Van Nort will chair the city's alley, right-of-way and property committee, with Alley, Duarte and Klockman.

Struss said the rates committee would have to face the problem of increased costs of city services, such as electricity at the sewer plant, and almost certainly should recommend an increase in sewer rates during the year. As for the insurance committee, his charge was to see if insurance could be consolidated in one package at a reduced cost to the city.

With that out of the way, council turned to discussion of the use of revenue sharing money the city will obtain this year. It has been council's policy to use such money for capital outlay, rather than mixing it into the city's operating revenues. Such use would not hinder services, or cause an immediate tax increase when funds no

longer are available. Fire Chief L. J. "Sonny" Spaniel asked that \$5,000 of the money be spent to help the department construct a 25 by 50-foot addition to the fire station on Main St. This would provide storage space for the rebuilt American LaFrance fire engine, as well as provide other storage and bad-weather training.

Spaniel said the construction would cost about \$10,200, and that the department could afford to pay the difference. Struss then suggested that \$15,000 be dedicated to youth activities in the form of establishing several "rain racks" in the city. Several pieces of property remain unsold and unwanted from the city's recent tax collection process. Although Struss said full plans are not yet announced, it is his intention to blacktop the surface and construct some sort of basketball goals.

Another portion of the money was suggested for

the future of the school system might be in jeopardy if the community does not grow. New industry here, he said, would bring additional children into the system, to help balance the student population, and also help increase the overall IQ of the students. However, he did say that he felt most students that transfer into his school from another district are at a lower educational level than students that have been in the Rice system.

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told the board that there are fewer problems this year with traffic around school buses. He also told the board that the problems continue with lunch menus. Hamburgers are great and vegetables are great and continue to grow unteased.

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Commissioners again choose depository

Columbus State Bank will be the county depository for the next two years, according to action taken Monday afternoon by Commissioners Court.

The bank bid to pay 9.1 percent for the three types of savings instruments suggested by the court—certificates of deposit in \$100,000 amounts for 14-30 days, 91-180 days, and more than 180 days. The First State Bank of Columbus bid 8.01 for the shorter period, 9.01 for the medium period, and 9.51 for the long term.

Both banks told the court that funds idle in the checking account would draw 5.25 percent interest.

In other business, commissioners agreed to place the courthouse on the tour of historic sites and allow restroom facilities to be open to the public, and allow the courthouse square to be used for various public functions.

*Agreed the courthouse should be used for elections, when the building is open during the weekdays.

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