

Busy weekend finale will be Lions Club barbecue on Sunday

EAGLE LAKE LIONS



At The Eagle Lake Recreation Center

Sunday, April 24

Serving From 11:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Eat At The Park or Get Plates To Go

Tickets: \$4.00 Per Person

Tickets Available From Any Lions Club Member

The BBQ is being held in conjunction with the Lions Club
13th Annual Golf Tournament.
Rounds will start at 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. with the BBQ SERVED IN BETWEEN.

Come Out & Join The Fun!!

Proceeds To Benefit Community Projects I

Although there is a good chance that most everyone around Eagle Lake has been asked to purchase a ticket for Sunday's barbecue luncheon, there will be plenty to eat even if you haven't purchased your ticket yet.

Louis Schorlemmer, chairman of the barbecue ticket sales, said that this year, although ticket sales were lagging behind last year's sales, an extra 100 chickens have been ordered for the luncheon.

The extra order is in anticipation of a larger crowd being in town for the weekend. Those visitors, who will not have had a chance to purchase advance luncheon tickets, now can be accommodated, Schorlemmer said last week.

However, the club hopes the local residents who might not have planned on enjoying the outdoor meal now will be encouraged to do so.

Of course the big event tied in with the barbecue is the annual Golf Tournament. This will be the 13th year for the tournament, and more than \$4,000 in prizes will be given away.

Five flights are scheduled, with tee times at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., and the barbecue served between rounds.

"Where does the money go," always is a question that can be asked when any organization sponsors a sale of some kind. The Lions Club, like the other civic organizations in town, give their money away to worthy causes and needs.

The club sponsors a small portion of the tennis area in the city's Recreation Center. They strongly supported the Volunteer Fire Department when it needed to purchase a new rescue unit and associated equipment, and the club gave a large financial helping hand to Community Hospital — a medical facility that was paid for by many others in the community when it was opened.

HANDICAPPED CAMP FOR KIDS
Another area of support

is the sponsoring of children to attend Texas Lions Camp for Crippled Children in Kerrville.

Any Eagle Lake Lions Club member can obtain an application from club officers so that local area children may attend something they would never have the opportunity to do so otherwise.

Four different two-week sessions will be held throughout the summer, beginning June 19. Campers range in age from 7 through 16.

Eligible campers include blind or visually impaired children; deaf or hearing impaired children; or physical handicaps affecting one or more limbs, or epilepsy. Each two week session has room for 250 campers.

A child's IQ must be 70 or above to qualify. Normal bowel and kidney control and some degree of self help skills in eating and dressing also are assignment guidelines.

Campers are well supervised by college age counselors. Activities include swimming, horse back riding, crafts, nature study, and modified athletics. A variety of night programs also entertain children. The child's health care and safety, while at camp, also is a primary concern of the staff. Highlight of a session will be awards night, when every camper is recognized.

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Contact any Lions club member listed on this page, for an application.

OTHER ACTIVITIES TO RAISE FUNDS
Anyone who has been around the community knows long well remembers the fall Parade and Carnival the

1st Vice President: Joel Garcia, 2nd Vice President: Vic Gorman, 3rd Vice President: Paul Krupicka, Secretary: Jim Allen, Treasurer: Jim Nachlinger, Lion Tamer: Harold King, Tail Twister: Steve Edwards, Mike Barron, 2 year Directors: Willard Lang, 1 year Director: Ralph Truly, Past President.

83-84 OFFICERS
Henry Webb, President; Joe Garcia, 1st Vice President; Victor Gorman, 2nd Vice President; John Adams, 3rd Vice President; James Nachlinger, Secretary; John Fearing, Treasurer; Roy Dean Van Nort, Lion Tamer; Major Benge, Tail Twister; Clyde Farthing, Clarence Coldewey, 2 year Directors; Mike Barron, Louis Schorlemmer, 1 year Directors; Mark Anderson, Appointed Advisory Director; Abel Gonzales, Past President.

LION MEMBERS
Charles Abel, John Adams, Jim Allen, Dexter Anderson, Mark Anderson, Milton Anderson, Bill Appelt, Mike Barron, Don Bendy, Major Benge, John Brasher, Gene Brown, Clarence Coldewey, Jim Clippson Jr., Vic Gorman, San Davidson;

Henry Diven, Larry Dulany, Joe Duncan, Steve Edwards, Clyde Farthing, John Fearing, Rick Ferrill, Joe Frazar, Joel Garcia, Abel Gonzales, Frank Higgins, Case Holub, James Ishee, Mac Jones, Harold King, Alvin Kohlefeld, Paul Krupicka, T. Lang, Willard Lange, Glen Lockler, Tim Lueddecke, Joe H. McCrory;

Charles McMurrough, John Matthews, Carl Milentz, Jim Miller, Michael Mitchell, James Nachlinger, Frank Pidgeon, Jerry Pustejovsky, Joe Reed, Louis Schorlemmer, Rudy Spanihel, Donnie Stern, Edward Sunderman;

Henry Sunderman, Bill Thomas, Ralph Truly, Roy Van Nort, D. Villarreal, Davis Waddell, Raymond Waddell, Henry Webb, Travis Wegenhoff, Jim Wood.

PAST PRESIDENTS
Joe H. McCrory, 1980; Bill Appelt, 1979; Don Bendy, 1978; Bob Waddell, 1977; Clyde Farthing, 1976; Edwin Gay and Roy Dean Van Nort, 1975; T. Lang, 1974; Roy D. Van Nort, 1973; Mark Anderson, 1972; Travis Wegenhoff, 1971; Frank Higgins, 1970; R. L. Drake, 1969; E. A. Krivacka, 1968; Gene Brown, 1967; Billy Maness, 1966; Alvin Kohlefeld, 1965; Henry Sunderman, 1964; Dexter Anderson, 1963; V. J. Kana, 1962; Sam Davidson, 1961; L. H. Dye, 1960; George Causey, 1959; Raymond Waddell, 1958; R. L. Clippson, 1957; Bruce Waddell, 1956; Joe S. Reed, Jr., 1955; L. J. Muzny, Jr., 1954; R. P. Wilcox, 1953; R. L. Cook, 1952; J. C. Laughlin, 1951; E. J. Parma, 1950; C. P. Bogness, 1949; M. M. Jones, 1948; R. B. Powell, 1947; H. D. Larson, 1946; Joe Lee McCrory, 1945; Tom Waddell, 1944; Ed Causey, 1943; Charles D. Stephens, 1942; R. F. Spanihel, 1941.

Parrish Council

works for all in

Guadalupe Church

The Parish Council of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church of Eagle Lake are those persons, clergy, religious and laity, drawn from the parish members representative of its People of God.

The Parish Council is a structure in the parish community by which the clergy, religious, and laity exercise their shared and specific responsibility to continue the mission of the Church. The Pastor, however, has the ultimate authority within the parish because he is entrusted with the care of souls under the Bishop's authority.

The current commissioners of the church are as follows: Liturgy Commission: Mary Cordova; Community Life Commission: Archie Salazar; Religious Education Commission: Charlene Gonzales; Youth Commission: Michael Moia; Family Life Commission: Mary Yanez; Budget and Finance Commission: Dan Supak; and Building and Maintenance Commission: Basilio Rodriguez.

OBJECTIVES
As a body of representatives of the People of God in the parish community, the Parish Council seeks to foster the unity of the parish, to assist under the leadership of the Pastor the needs of the whole parish and its individual members, and to develop and implement a unified program of renewal which will

promote the common good of the parish. It also coordinates all parish activities in a manner that will serve the best interests of the people of the parish as a whole, to encourage whatever is spiritually and materially beneficial for the individual parishioner and the entire parish community and to promote programs and activities recommended by the Bishop, diocesan commissions and the Parish Council itself.

Perhaps the first attempt to produce sugar in Texas was in Stephen F. Austin's colony in 1829. Some of the colonists working together planted about one hundred acres of sugar cane. The yield was 140 hoghead (approximately one thousand pounds each) of partially crystallized molasses. The sugar product obtained through the 1830's was described as a brown or black sticky mass.

In 1834, William Stafford erected the colony's first

Sugar mill flourished here at the turn of the century

permanent sugar mill in Fort Bend County, Mrs. Dilus Rose Harris who later lived in both Columbus and in Eagle Lake and who was the grandmother of Milby, John and Cleveland Guynn and Mrs. W. A. Dallas, recalled Stafford's sugar in her memoirs, dated February 1834.

It was to Eli Mercer that Texas is indebted for "the origin of sugar doings." In the 1830's Mercer began planting sugar. His plantation was in what is now Wharton County, but that county was not organized until July 3, 1846 after it was created from Colorado, Matagorda and Jackson counties. When Colorado County was organized in 1837, the plantation was in this county.

About 1874, Captain William Duvolet and his sister, Adelia, natives of Chester, South Carolina, came to Texas and made their home in Eagle Lake. (His parents must have joined them later for both were buried in Lakeside Cemetery.)

According to the "History of Texas, 1894" Captain Duvolet was a comparatively poor man, and in debt, but he bought land on the bend of Old Caney (Matthews Bayou), became an extensive planter of sugar cane and was one of the wealthiest and most influential men in this area. In 1894 he was the only sugar planter on Caney. He had recently built a sugar house and it was well fitted to carry on the work. Later, he established outside Eagle Lake a town called Lakeside, designed exclusively for the promotion of his business enterprises.

In a few years a sugar refinery, a rice mill, and the general offices of the Caney Belt railroad were located there.

Captain Duvolet leased a tract of land on the bend of the Duvolet sugar house, March 1899, as a property loss of \$2,535. In 1902 Wm. Duvolet No. 1 was one of the seven farms worked on a share basis with the plantation.

Lakeside Sugar Refinery received its \$200,000 charter between January 1901 and August 31, 1902. It was located in the P. Reels Survey on what is known as Lakeside Drive in Eagle Lake, on property now owned by the William Waddell heirs. To furnish water, a permanent right to the water from the lake for industrial purposes was sold to the sugar mill. This right runs with the title to the land. The ingress to the lake is a 100 foot wide strip of land. It is between the Cal Gertson and David Winterman homes, and is easily identified by the clearance to the lake.

The sugar refinery was a one half million dollar plant and was constructed entirely of steel and iron. It was strictly fireproof in every respect. It was equipped with the best machinery, had a capacity of 1,000 tons of cane per day and employed about 100 men. It had an annual output of 5 million pounds of sugar. It was noted as one of the most modern mills of Texas.

In order to reach the large farms of William Duvolet and others, the Caney Belt Railroad Co. was formed and on March 10, 1898, W. T. Eldridge secured a charter for the railroad. Associated with Eldridge were William Duvolet, E. P. Newsom, Perry Clark, Thomas Boulden, John Thatcher and others of Eagle Lake. It was to operate from Eagle Lake to Bonham. After the track was completed, they decided to make a real railroad out of their enterprise and had their charter amended to include 15 miles north to Sealy and 89 miles southwest through Wharton, Matagorda and Brazoria Counties to the Gulf.

The Colorado Construction Co. did the work which was financed by the Lincoln Trust Co. of St. Louis. The Caney Belt became a profitable line and was bought by Santa Fe in 1902. Branches were built from Bonham to Calhoun and from Boedeker to Garwood. During grinding season a cane train, the "Wangdoodle," brought cane from the fields to the Lakeside Sugar Refinery. The mill affected the local economy. It gave employment to many people at a time when most of the other crops were in. During the harvest season railroad personnel were good customers for local merchants. Eagle Lake was an important city of the county and noted for its sugar mill and rice elevators.

Apparently the social life was also affected for the "Headlight" reported the sugar mill boy's ball which was the state from leasing convicts to individuals after January 1, 1914. This law took from the larger sugar plantations the supply of labor upon which the planters had become dependent.

An article in a special

"booster" edition of the "Headlight" of May 14, 1910 stated that the refinery was owned by St. Louis capital.

In April, 1912, the Lakeside Sugar Refinery went into receivership. Hon. George Herder of Weimar and later Eagle Lake was appointed receiver. The order for receivership was made upon the application of H. L. Guepel of St. Louis, a stockholder as well as a creditor of the company. He was represented by Judge J. J. Mansfield.

In March, 1913, Mr. Herder resigned and Mr. R. Barbe was named to succeed him.

In September, 1913, the mill and fifty-three acres of land sold at receiver's sale for \$71,000. Mr. Jacob Moershal of St. Louis was the purchaser. In addition to the mill, he bought 8,200 acres of the Bonus Plantation for \$275,000 and an additional 1,200 acres for over \$42,000.

The refinery remained idle for a number of years then in March, 1918, when it was owned by the J. D. White Co. of New York, a crew of about ninety men began to repair the machinery and dismantle the plant for shipment to Jamaica where it was to be rebuilt. One hundred cars were required to ship the equipment by rail to Galveston. It took almost a year to complete the job.

All that remains of the Lakeside Sugar Refinery today is the concrete foundation. Bruce and Raymond Waddell have erected a large barn on part of the foundation, but for the most part it is overgrown with grass.

Probably the most important reason for the decline in production of raw sugar was the loss of convict labor. After slavery was abolished, convicts were leased by Texas planters. In the summer of 1910, a law was enacted which prohibited the state from leasing convicts to individuals after January 1, 1914. This law took from the larger sugar plantations the supply of labor upon which the planters had become dependent.

An article in a special

Eagle Lake Rice Dryer

Supports the Work of The Eagle Lake Police Department

City of Eagle Lake

Salutes All Citizens

Involved in the Revitalization Efforts

Utilities Department

Look for full picture coverage of Come April Fest in next week's issue of The Headlight

The Parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Eagle Lake welcomes you, to the 42nd Diocesan Convention of Associated Parishes of the Spanish Speaking in the Diocese of Austin.

If you need any further information, you may call Mary Yanez at 409-234-3935 in Eagle Lake, Convention Chairman.

42 years ago, Lion charter was presented at banquet at high school

Reprinted from a 1941 edition of The Headlight. The noteworthy and outstanding event of the summer was the Charter Night of the Eagle Lake Lions Club last night at the High School Gymnasium at 7:45 o'clock. President R. F. Spanihel called the assembly to order. The pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was pronounced and club and guests united in giving the

salute to the flag. Lions and Lionesses joined lustily in the "Ice Breaker Song." The invocation was pronounced by Rev. K. R. Hemphill. Lion Emil Tejml of Rosenberg proved an ideal toastmaster.

The banquet was faultlessly served by the Band Booster's Club was a delicious and appetizing menu, consisting of cocktail

salad, fried chicken, creamed potatoes, gibelty gravy, string beans, hot rolls, coffee, tea and lemon ice box pie.

The presentation of charter was made by District Governor, Gus Whitman, of Alto, Texas. R. F. Spanihel, president of the local Lion's club, graciously accepted same.

The guest speaker for the evening was Lion Roy Keston, state secretary at Austin. The speaker brought a very interesting message on the topic "Work." He said work meant thrills and action and that work was as indispensable to man as breath was to his body. He admonished all present to not pity the man who has to work but to pity the man who does not work.

He spoke very forcefully of this essential factor in a Lion's Club. If the organization means anything to you, it is necessary to work to make it so. Work, stressed the speaker, to make your club mean something to your community. If Lionism teaches nothing else, it teaches a

man to be useful. He also reminded his attentive listeners that they may be criticized for trying to do things but one must learn in life to endure to the end all criticism. If you wish to accomplish something, select a busy man to do it, the other type of man won't work. In conclusion he admonished all to take their Lionism seriously and cultivate the habit of work and at the same time

give the other man credit for what he does and not criticism. His closing words were "Lion of Eagle Lake Work." Charter members and their business affiliations were: R. F. Spanihel, president, drug goods; Joe D. Luna, secretary, hardware; W. R. Terrell, southern sales agent; Carter Walker, grocery and meat; C. A. Ziegler, tailor; and E. M. Kevion, Gulf agent.

St. C. Cooper, service station; M. C. Fontenot, mgr. Shell Oil Co.; W. M. Hendry, A. B. Grocery; Dr. Lewis Kopecky, dentist; Joe L. McCrory, stockman; Frank Moza, feed store; Fred F. Nye, Jr., salesman; Buddy Randow, tin shop; W. L. Spangler, hardware; W. R. Terrell, southern sales agent; Carter Walker, grocery and meat; C. A. Ziegler, tailor; and E. M. Kevion, Gulf agent.

DISASTER SERVICES



"FIRST OF ALL, LET ME SAY I'M VERY GLAD TO BE HERE TEACHING THIS COURSE."



Together, we can change things.

One organization in the Eagle Lake-Colorado County area that many people hear very little about is the American Red Cross chapter.

That is they hear very little about it until disaster strikes and help is needed, as has occurred during past hurricanes.

Ella Thomas is the county chairman.

Nationally, according to a proclamation signed by President Ronald Reagan for Red Cross Month this past March, the services performed by Red Cross provide the most valuable benefits that otherwise would cost billions of dollars. Last year, volunteers — giving freely of their time, energy and talent — made it possible for the Red Cross to collect and provide the ill and in-

jured with nearly six million units of blood. Volunteers established shelters to feed and attend to disaster victims, conducted thousands of courses to improve the quality of life by teaching nutrition, first aid, water safety, home nursing and preparation for parenthood. The volunteer reached out to our young people, to members of the military, to veterans and to the elderly and through personal contact eased their loneliness and fears.

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS
In addition to Mrs. Thomas, who has led the local Red Cross Chapter are Elmore Baumgart of Columbus, secretary and treasurer; Mary Lou Szymanski of Columbus, chairman for services and veterans and their families; Janice

Wagley of Weimar, nursing and disaster nursing chairman; Bernice Richter of Weimar, Jeanette Canaris of Eagle Lake, and Wagley, disaster nursing volunteers; Ellis Cluett of Columbus, water safety chairman who serves with Tom Stallman of Columbus;

H. E. Tate of Eagle Lake, disaster chairman, and Bill Carpenter of Garwood, Kay Parham of Sheridan, Melvin Merrem of Weimar, Boyd Smith of Columbus, and Danny Hill of Barnard, disaster volunteers.

Joe H. McCrory of Eagle Lake is first aid chairman; Roger Colunga of Austin is a life director, and Bill Parris of Eagle Lake and Mike Yacobi of Weimar are local directors.

The Colorado County chapter is affiliated with the Texas Red Cross Division of the American Red Cross in Houston, telephone 713-526-8300. The office hours there are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SERVICES OFFERED
Throughout the country the American Red Cross offers many services that most people are familiar with, such as helping blood donors and during disasters.

But volunteers have much information about the disaster services in and how to prevent them or cope with them when they do happen.

For instance, one series of suggestions included tips on what to do when storms strike in summertime. The sudden onslaught of

storms in summer can unexpectedly threaten lives and cause considerable damage to property. Lightning frequently is associated with the thunder and rain.

On a yearly average, about 200 Americans are killed by lightning with most of the fatalities occurring in rural areas.

American Red Cross safety officials offer these tips to guard against death or injury: • If outdoors, move to a low place, such as a ditch or a hole in the ground. If you are struck by lightning, CPR. Get medical help as soon as possible. The physical effects of lightning always are obvious and first aid may be needed.

• If you must be outdoors, don't be isolated in a field or on a hill. Don't be near the water. In a wooded area, don't stand under a lone tree. If possible, get inside an all metal vehicle, but not in a convertible or open truck bed.

• When in an open area, move to a low valley or ravine, but be wary of flash flooding.

• If you feel your hair stand on end, drop to your knees and bend forward. • If you are with someone who is struck by lightning, do not touch the person. CPR. Get medical help as soon as possible. The physical effects of lightning always are obvious and first aid may be needed.

Storms also can mean that your electric service may be interrupted. Here are some suggestions for coping with a blackout: • First, check your neighbor's lights. If they are on, there's a good chance the problem is in your home, possibly caused by a blown fuse or tripped circuit breaker.

• If your neighbor's lights are out, too, call the electric company and give your name, address, and if you know it, the nature of the problem, such as a fallen tree on the wires. The information will help yet crews to the area quickly to restore service.

• Avoid all downed wires. • Be prepared for problems by keeping candles, matches and a flashlight in a safe, handy place.

Volunteer

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