



Armadillo Race winners were Johnny's Sport Shop team, third; Pinto Brosche, first, and L&B Stables, second. From left are Pearl Meitzen, Everett Moore, Pinto Brosche, Anthony Blinks, Terry LeNorman, John Coldeway and race organizer John R. Thomas.

Armadillo races

Perhaps one of the most exciting events Saturday afternoon was the Armadillo Races. A large crowd gathered around the hand-built racing arena that gave three teams the chance to compete at once. It was standing room only, making the second row of viewers stand on tip-toes, and giving those in the third and fourth rows a hard time to see at all.

John R. Thomas, race organizer and caller, said it would have been difficult to conduct the races without the special help of Glen Sunderman, Edward Harborth, Terry LeNorman, Paul Vasut, Anthony Blinks, Buddy Mascheck and George Mathys.

Preparation for the races began the week before as Thomas and a team of volunteers scoured fields around Colorado County, hunting armadillos to race. Thomas showed scars of that campaign, with scratches on his face.

The technique of simply chasing the shelled animals until you caught one proved effective but somewhat inefficient. A particular armadillo Thomas was chasing zigged, but Thomas didn't. The armadillo had seen a tree which Thomas didn't.

As the races Saturday continued amid Armadillo and Lone Star Beer jokes, the field was finally narrowed to the last best. Pinto Brosche came up with the fastest 'dillo and was awarded the first place trophy. L&B Stables with Ryan Thomas as trainer, placed second, and The Johnny's Sport Shop team featuring trainer Maria Thomas, placed third.

Other team entries included Debbie Frenzeli; Buddy Mascheck; Frank Brosche with Pat Bradshaw trainer; Floyd Brosche with Bonnie Brosche trainer; Dan Froka; Mrs. Joe Reed with Tricia Thomas trainer; Doug Brown and Don Nelson of Channel 13; First National Bank; Charles Garrett with Scott Garrett trainer; Kevin Bendy; Pearl Meitzen; Mike and Gary Rucka with Charlotte Brosche trainer; The Ferguson family with Periwinkle Ferguson trainer; Richard Clipson; Sandy Edwards with Steve Keathley trainer; Ralph and Bobbie Johnson; Robbie Klockman; Ted Wiese with Shawn Wiese trainer; John Coldeway; Jim Ward with Jim Ward Jr. trainer; Annie Brosche with Lynn Rucka trainer; Shorty's Welding with Karen and Lynn trainers; Preston trainer; Kenny Mahalik; Kathy Stephens; Gail Gertson; Thomas Mathys with Ann Mathys trainer; another First National Bank entry; Armadillos Inc. with James as trainer; J. J. Schmidt, and Byron Baker with Richard Wiese, trainer.



Duck & goose calling

The Duck and Goose Calling event was held at 4 p.m. on Saturday afternoon under the direction of Bill Apple.

First place winner was Bill Blair who received a trophy for his efforts. Louis Schurlemmer received a duck head bottle opener for second place and Larry Rodgers in third place won a duck head desk cup.

Judges were Larry Gorge and Tony Balas. Both men have taught duck and goose calling. Guess you could say this was the "quackiest" event of all.



Little Miss, Mr. Eagle Lake

After two hours of answering questions, performing and looking their "Sunday Best," 15 girls and six boys in grades one through three were poised about 6 p.m. Friday to hear who would be crowned Little Miss and Little Mr. Eagle Lake.

Vicki Powers, chairman of the opening event of the "Come April Fest," announced the judges' decision. For Little Miss Eagle Lake 1983, Kimberly DeAnne Powers won the crown; Kristen Robin Nachlinger was first runner-up.

For the boys, Keith Bendy is Little Mr. Eagle Lake; Brandon Wiese was first runner up and Christopher Burrow was second runner up.

Lynda Appelt was mistress of ceremonies, questioning the children on their likes and dislikes, and activities, as well as helping them with their talent performance as needed. While the judges were pondering their decision, a difficult one according to one judge, the youngsters were well

entertained with a puppet show by the youth Baptist Church.

The contestants and their parents are: Kimberly DeAnne Powers, age 8, second grade; daughter of Clark and Vicki Powers, Willow Lane.

Kristen Robin Nachlinger, age 8, second grade; daughter of Jim and Kathryn Nachlinger of Walnut St.

Tara Joy Johnson, age 7, second grade; daughter of Ike and Shirley Johnson of

Eagle Lake.

Bonnie Bengel, age 9, third grade; daughter of Major and Sandra Bengel of East Prairie.

Lisa Lynn Gonzales, age 6, first grade; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gonzales Sr. of Lakeside Drive.

Leslie Kay Center, age 7, first grade; daughter of Sam and Wanda Center of East State St.

Lanette Delaine Powers, age 7, first grade; daughter of Laney and Claudette Powers of South McCarty.

Amy Jo Moore, age 7, first grade; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Moore of North Warwick.

Shanna Brunner, age 9, third grade; daughter of Diane and William Brunner of Lakeside Drive.

Key Elaine Moss, age 6, first grade; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Moss of W. Center.

Irma Mendoza, age 6, first grade; daughter of Maria Mendoza of Waverly.

Joy Gail Johnson, age 7, second grade; daughter of Ralph and Bobby Johnson of W. Center.

Pasha Ne'Cole Simmons, age 7, first grade; daughter of Melvin Simmons, Third St.

Misty Dawn Wilkins, age 8, second grade; niece of Dianna Lambert of Sempre.

Pori Ferguson, age 9, third grade; daughter of Linda and Phillip Ferguson of E. State St.

Keith Bendy, age 8, second grade; son of Sandy and Don Bendy of E. Prairie.

Brandon Wiese, age 7, first grade; son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wiese of Willow Lane.

Christopher Burrow, age 7, first grade; son of Randy & Carolyn Burrow of E. Waverly.

Jason Brunner, age 7, first grade; son of Diana and William Brunner of Lakeside Drive.

Jason Karl Jones, age 6, first grade; son of Earl and Martha Jones of E. Stockbridge.

Scott Allen Jones, age 6, first grade; son of Gary and Shirley Jones of Chapman.



Above are the boys who entered the Little Miss and Mr. contest, and below are the winners; from left, Brandon Wiese, first; Christopher Burrow, second; Keith Bendy, Little Mr.; Kimberly DeAnne Powers, Little Miss; Kristen Robin Nachlinger, first; and Tara Joy Johnson, second.



Bed races

A very interesting highlight to Saturday afternoon's activities at the "Come April Fest" was the "bed races."

Participants were the Green Backs from First National Bank, Laughlin Clinic, the Swangers from Thomas Clinic, Ugarte's Devils from Ugarte Clinic, the Ambulance Corp, the Bed Pan Brigade from the Heritage House, the Fat Farm Five from Rice Drugs, and a team composed of Channel 13 personalities and members of the Phillip Ferguson family called Media Baps.

As the races went there were four heats of two teams with run-offs between the winners of each heat. The course consisted of a station at which the "patient" was wrapped with an ace bandage, one where a blood pressure reading was taken, a station where a bed pan had to be picked up and held in the possession of the "patient" and finally a station where two pieces of cloth had to be joined with medical sutures. Once all these



stations were successfully completed each team raced for the finish line.

Winners of the first place award — \$25 given by Rice Drugs — were the Ugarte Devils. Second place winners were the Fat Farm Five.

Linda Ferguson, Festival Committee member who coordinated the activity along with Fred Bash of

Rotary Club children's olympics

It has been reported that the Children's Olympics, which were sponsored by the Rotary Club for the "Come April Fest" were a great success. As one Rotarian said, "We had as much fun as the children."

Brandon Wiese won first place in the 25-yard dash in the first grade category. In the second grade category, Chad Sunderman won first. Kimberly Powers won first in the third grade category. Monnie Nooka won first place for the third grade category. Reginald Donner won first place in the fourth grade category. John Coldeway took second and Jason Dulany won third.

In the fifth and sixth grade sack hop races the yardage increased to 50. Brian Amos won first place in the fifth grade category. Jesse Jackson won second place and Ira Jones took third. In the sixth grade category Dominique Isenhower won first place. John Tullman won second and Kimberly Garrett won third.

The final event was three-legged races which consisted of 25 yards for first and second grades, 35 yards for third and fourth grades and 50 yards for fifth and sixth grades.

Bryan and Brandon Wiese tied for first place in the first grade category. In the second grade category Jason Dulany and Scott

Garrett tied for first. Todd Mascheck and Chad Sunderman tied for second and Kimberly Powers and Keith Bendy tied for third place.

Third grade winners were Monnie and Jason Nooka. Reginald Donner and John Coldeway won first for the fourth grade. Scott Garrett and Jason Dulany won second.

In the fifth grade category Brian Amos won first place and Ira Jones and Charles Miller won second. Sixth grade winners of first place were Dominique Isenhower and Matthew Matthews. John Tullman and Kevin Bendy won second place and Renee Balas and Kimberly Garrett won third.

Thank You

Eagle Lake

We enjoyed our visit in your fine community. Hope you had fun — we did. See you next year.

The McDaniel Family
Mighty McDaniel Carnival

CONTEST WINNERS

Video Game — "Space Shuttle"
Grand Championship Trophy — Noe Belmares — Score 23050
Thursday Night — Cufflink Set — Noe Belmares
Friday Night — Radio — John Morales
Saturday Night — Tool Set — Alcario Barrios

"Name the Koala Bear"
Winner — Amy Flores — Name: Willie Walla Koala

Bicycle Drawing
Kay Moss — Age 6 — 200 W. Center, Eagle Lake

Pet Parade

1. Grand Champion — Suzanne Corman — Calf
2. Most Unusual — Suzanne Corman — Calf
3. Best Dressed — Chad Fucik — Dog
4. Tiniest — Patty Ann Stephens — Dog
5. Cutest — Kim Ward — Dog
6. Biggest — John Coldeway — Dog
7. Ugliest — Jim Ward — Dog
8. Most Cuddly — Robbie & Kristi Klockman — Dog

Chug-a-Lug
Frances "Frankie" Jobe