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City square beautification fund raiser

Two members of the Beautification Committee, Michele Isenhower and Carey Shuart, join Mrs. Jose Ugarte in looking over items at the "Country Store," which were available for sale. Saturday was a perfect day for the party at the Shuart estate on Eagle Lake, as the committee sought to raise funds to re-landscape the city square grounds.

More details announced for County fair, Sept. 15-18

With the Colorado County Fair only two weeks from opening, a few more last minute details have been announced, including information on the opening night parade.

Details also have been submitted on the Children's Pet Show, the Junior Barnyard and the 1983 Queen contest.

When the gate opens on this years fair, it will mark the start of the fifth annual event for Colorado County. Fair dates are September 15 through September 18.

Mrs. "Lil" Stallman, parade chairman, said 19 entries are registered for the parade so far, with many, many more expected. Applications for parade entries may be picked up and returned to Mrs. Stallman in Columbus, telephone 732-2882.

The parade will start at 6:30 p.m. Line-up will be at 5:30 p.m. with the registration table in front of the Nesbitt Memorial Library, 529 Washington St. The place in line will be determined by the order of entries received. Judging will be completed by 6:30 p.m. Units not lined up in time will not be included in the judging.

Ribbons will be awarded for the best: marching band, twirling group, out-of-county entry, chamber of commerce entry, historical entry, education float, decorated bicycle, decorated automobile, queen's entry, commercial entry and service organization entry.

Special dignitaries will lead the parade, including the mayors of each incorporated city in the county, county officials, and the Colorado County Fair Association directors, officers and royalty (queens and kings from last year).

Entries received so far are from: Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan Association; Columbus Chamber of Commerce; Wal-Mart of Columbus; state representative Robert Saunders; Fayette County Fair Association; First National Bank of Eagle Lake; Bellville Potato Chip Factory; McDade Watermelon Festival; Weimar Chamber of Commerce; Colorado County 4-H clubs; Columbus 4th of July Miss, Little Miss, and Miss La Petite; Mrs. Russell Renich and 1949 Packard; Albert Solansky Gulf Service Center; Garwood Lions Club, and the Ellinger Chamber of Commerce.

Queen's Contest

By early this week, nine young women had entered the 1983 queen's contest. The girls and their sponsors are: Misty Ventura, Potter's Western Store; Patti Kahlden, American Legion Post 383, Columbus; Kendra Monroe, The Pilot Club of Columbus; Teresa Moeller, Lone Oak Ranch & Supply, Freisburg; Traci Snyder, Drymalla Construction Co.; Julie Ruffeno, Colorado County Citizen; Tonna Hill, Curtiss Automotive Supply; Lisa Corman, Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club, and Roxanne Ripper, Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Once again, two queen crowns will be available. One will be awarded to the girl who sells the most fair memberships, while the other will be worn by the winner of the pageant. One girl can win both crowns.

Junior Barnyard

Always a big attraction for the toddlers, the Junior Barnyard will be the feature for baby animals, small animals, or mothers with young.

However, the fair needs area residents to "loan" such animals for display on the fairgrounds. Contact Irvin Janik by calling 732-3996, or in the meat market at Stanley's Supermarket.

Children's Pet Show

Any child between the ages of three and fourteen years, that are residing in or attending school in Colorado County are invited to enter their pet in the Children's Pet Show. There are categories for dogs, cats and other pets, with ribbons awarded for first, second and third place in each class.

Pre-registration is not necessary, just check your pet in at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, September 17, in front of the Armory. Judging begins at 9 a.m. Rules and regulations are found in the Home Economics, Fine Arts and Special Events catalog.

Categories and their classes are:

Dogs, longest tail, shortest tail, biggest, smallest, best dressed, cutest, longest, curliest coat, dog tricks, and friendliest.

Cats, biggest, smallest, longest hair, best dressed, and cutest.

Other Pets, biggest, smallest, ugliest, cutest, and most unusual.

Children's Pet Show chairman is Robbie Lewis, box 1330, Columbus, 732-3268.

Country Store

The country store, where home-made items are sold, will be another big attraction this year. Many of the items on display can be purchased through the store. If you would like to sell your exhibits, or simply want to sell items in the store, check the home economics catalog for rules, or contact co-chairmen Olga Schmidt, Barbara Prause, Eunice Kickler and Deloris Zimmerman.

Mark your spot now for for Chamber flea market

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce reports that more individuals and non-profit organizations are invited and urged to make reservations for space in the chamber's rummage sale and flea market coming up on Saturday, September 10.

At this writing, the chamber has received less than a half dozen requests for space and more are needed inorder to make the event a success, reports the Retail Trade Development Committee which is making arrangements for the event. The chamber has received permission from the Eagle Lake City Council to close the portion of Commerce Street (in front of the First National Bank) from East Main north to the street behind the post office, as a site for the community-wide effort.

The chamber has divided the area into eighteen 20-foot by 20-foot spaces and the number of participants will be limited to that number. A sketch of the spaces may be found on another page in this issue. By making your reservations early, you will have a choice of the locations to be available, reminds the chamber of commerce.

There is NO charge for the spaces, however participants will be required to place a $10 deposit which will be refunded if proper clean-up is accomplished at the close of the sale. Also participants will be asked to sign a simple form releasing the chamber and the city of Eagle Lake from possible damages that might occur.

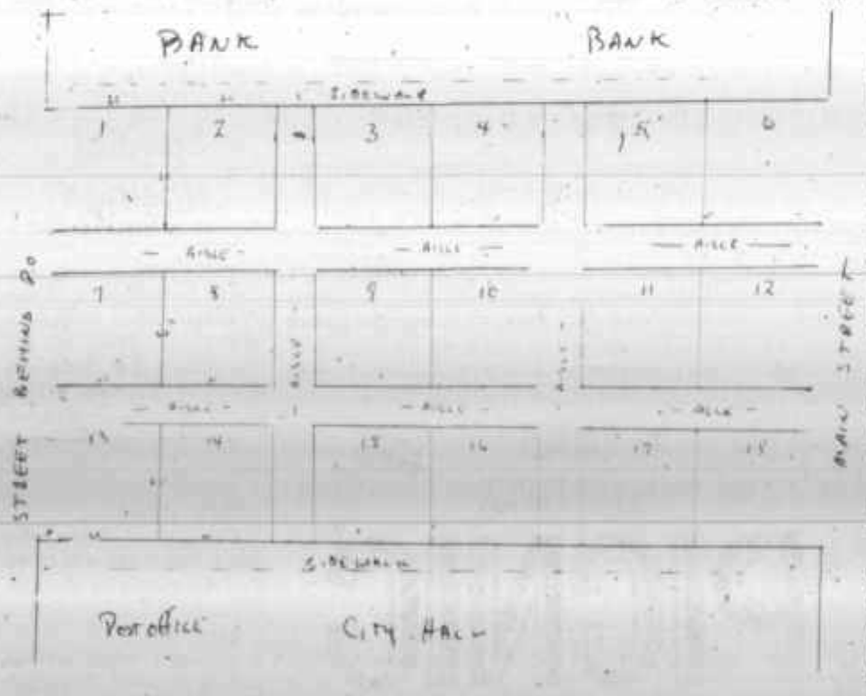
Some rules set out for the event include:

- Participants must furnish their own tables, racks, etc. and make own arrangements for electricity if it will be needed;
- Set up and sale of items will begin at 8 a.m. and the sale will end and all tables, etc removed not later than 4 p.m. The area used for the sale must be cleaned properly in order to qualify for the $10 deposit refund;
- The sale is open to all individuals and non-profit organizations only; no commercial entries will be accepted.

It is anticipated that food and drinks will be sold by some of the participants.

A wide variety of items are expected to be offered for sale or for swap. "Plan to take advantage of this unusual event and pick up some outstanding bargains or to even do some early Christmas shopping from handmade items to be offered for sale," commented the sponsors.

For reservations, contact the Chamber of Commerce office in the Laker Printing location, 123 North McCarty, Eagle Lake, or call 234-2780 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Closings announced for Labor Day

Sears Catalog Store

The Sears Catalog Store will be closed Saturday, September 3 and Monday, September 5 in observance of Labor Day.

Courthouse

The Colorado County Courthouse will be closed on September 5 in observance of Labor Day, announces Judge Lester J. Cranek.

Post Office

The Post Office in Eagle Lake will be closed for Labor Day on September 5.

First National Bank

The First National Bank will be closed Monday, September 5 for Labor Day Holiday.

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Sales still lag in County

While sales in Texas as a whole seem to be edging ahead of last year, sales in Colorado and Wharton counties continue to lag behind 1982.

According to reports from the Texas comptroller's office, "We are just a little ahead of 1982," for the state, in terms of the one-percent sales tax levied by cities and collected by the state.

However, in Colorado County, where the tax is collected only in Columbus, Eagle Lake and Weimar, the one-percent tax has netted only $77,356, compared to $80,978 for the same period last year. That is a 4.5 percent decline. Year to date, the decline totals 6.1 percent. The current period reported is for sales made in June, with the sales tax paid to the state in July by merchants.

Eagle Lake recently received a check for $21,376 for the period, an 8.9 percent decrease. So far this year, Eagle Lake is less than one-fourth of one percent behind last year. Eagle Lake received a very large check several months ago, representing a one-time, non-retail sale, which is the reason it's year-to-date record looks better than the other cities in the county.

Columbus received a check in August for $36,920, which is a 3.5 percent decline for the period; according to the report, the year-to-date figure shows a 6.85 percent decrease.

Weimar was only one percent below the same period last year, receiving $19,059 for the month, but is 13.28 percent down so far in 1983.

As for Wharton County, the August report showed tax receipts in Wharton down 4.8 percent for the month and less than one percent for the year; for El Campo, it is down 11.2 percent for the month and 10.7 percent for the year. Together, the county is down 6.2 percent for the year.

Sealy remains ahead of last year, with an increase of 11.3 percent for the month, and 21.1 percent for the year.

Houston sales for the year are reported to be down 7.9 percent.

Lion's Parade, Carnival set

Saturday, October 1 will feature a parade beginning at 3 p.m. through downtown Eagle Lake. Immediately following the parade, the carnival will begin at the Community Center area.

People interested in having an entry in the parade should call Major Benge at 234-3881 or Bill Appelt at 234-3808. Parade assignments will be given in the Headlight several days before October 1. The numbered positions will be on Stockbridge St., the usual beginning point.

It's a new season

At left is the Rice High School Raider junior varsity football team, ready for a new season. At right is the high school coaching staff, with Athletic Director Clifton Darden, center. From left, standing, is Mark Faldyn, Henry Gindratt, Finest Axel, Gary Wrinkle and Wayne Zimmerhanzel.