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April Fest announcement

City wins governor's Community Award

A surprise announcement that Eagle Lake has won one of the coveted Governor's Community Achievement Awards was made Friday evening just as April Fest activities were getting underway for the second year.

The announcement added to an already excellent weekend, and emphasized the potential and community pride in the city.

Friday afternoon Little Miss and Mr. Eagle Lake were named, then later in the evening, a banquet and auction was held to honor both those who established Revitalize Eagle Lake, Inc., and who conducted

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Basquet: New this year was the Friday night banquet at the Community Center, catered by the Sportsman's Restaurant, with Lois Davis cooking a delicious meal. Master of ceremonies Bill Harrison Jr., president of the First National Bank of Eagle Lake, summed up the purpose of the revitalization effort with his comment: "Revitalization is giving new life...and new meaning to life in Eagle Lake."

Another reason for the dinner was the honoring of the new businesses in town - 27 were named. "It's exciting to see new business and vitality in Eagle Lake; things are happening," he said.

Candy McCreary, April Fest coordinator for the past two years, was honored, and in turn expressed her thanks and appreciation for the many people who have helped organize various aspects of the activities. She presented Mrs. Klockman with a plaque in

appreciation for her work in helping found the revitalization committee. Mrs. Klockman then made the announcement about the coveted governor's award.

According to information from the Beautify Texas Council, the award is presented on a very competitive basis, and Eagle Lake won in the 2,500 to 5,000 population category. It is based on the overall plans for the community as represented by the revitalization effort and activities of the other organizations and

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Summer recreation program

A \$1,200 donation by the Eagle Lake VFW Post 8783 to the Rice School District this week means the annual Summer Recreation Program conducted for area youngsters will be held again this year. Receiving the check from post commander Melvin Stancik is Eagle Lake primary school principal Major Bengé, who helps organize the program. The month-long program begins May 23 at the middle school gym here, which will be open from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The program will include basketball, tumbling, and twirling. Others who will work in the program are Marilyn Thomas for twirling; Glenda Blair for tumbling, and with Bengé for basketball, Bobby Zander. More than 75 children participated in the program each day last year, Bengé said. He emphasized the program is only for students who are enrolled in the Rice School District.

Ron Stone to appear at Study Club luncheon

Ron Stone, Channel 2 Eagle Lake Community TV anchorman in Houston will be guest speaker at the Eagle Lake Study Club "Captain's Luncheon" this Friday, May 4. The luncheon honors present and past presidents of the Study Club, according to Beryl Cumberworth, current president.

Ambulance plans still sought; judge flares

Thomas Ontiveros, 18, of Columbus is in the process of drawing up a petition for residents in the Columbus telephone exchange stating their support for a paid ambulance service. Ontiveros proposes the hiring of three or four ambulance personnel to be on call 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

Ontiveros met with county commissioners March 26 in regard to incorporating a private ambulance service. He was attempting to purchase an ambulance unit since Brazoria Ambulance stopped service in January. He was denied action.

According to Ontiveros, the salary for EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians) in the State of Texas is approximately \$1,500 per month. To hire three, this would cost the county \$4,500 per year. He says that he has three persons, including himself, who will offer their services at \$600 per month. This would cost the county \$1,800 per month for all three, or \$21,600 per year.

There is a clause that can be granted to a "volunteer ambulance unit who are the sole providers of the service. Proper officials can request a variance from minimum standards that can be granted from a written request," Hartley said.

According to Judge Cranek, a verbal permission in a phone call two weeks to a Mr. Hodge in Rosburg, then followed up with a letter. Cranek said that he is an area Emergency Medical Service director. This enables the ambulance unit to roll with uncertified personnel.

Officials, the corps voted to quit. The only person who voted to keep the corps was Nancy Warner; even Ontiveros voted to down it, Dungen said. "Now there's all this concern," he said. "We have a service without qualified personnel. I would not let any ambulance corps member in Columbus work on me," Dungen said. Some people are even carrying cards stating in case of an emergency, please call another ambulance service, he said.

Currently in the ambulance corps eight persons are waiting for their ECA certificate, Ontiveros said. To date, there is one qualified EMT and one person who was an EMT in another state. She also is pending ECA certification, Ontiveros said. All of these persons were non-certified members of the "old" corps.

Ontiveros said that the certified individual is Pat Marek an EMT with Lifeline EMS of Brazoria County, a resident of Columbus. Marek helps out when needed on weekends.

ECA training is the minimum requirement acknowledged by state law, according to Louis Hartley, with the public information office of the Texas Department of Health in Austin. In emergency rules effective January 1, 1984, each ambulance is required to have at least one ECA on board, and have two ECAs by 1985, Hartley said.

After repeated questioning of Cranek by the Eagle Lake Headlight reporter, Cranek became ill tempered and said she had asked enough questions about ambulance and corps regulations. He verbally prohibited her from asking further questions. Shortly thereafter, he cutoff all questioning about the matter, and moved to another agenda item.

There is another local stipulation involving the Columbus unit and liability: no one under the age of 22 is permitted to drive the ambulance, according to former corps member Dodie Dungen.

Members of the Colorado County Commissioners' Court approved a resolution April 30, granting permission to Bruce Spitzengel to file an application with the Texas Community Development authorities to hopefully provide a sewer plant for Sheridan residents.

Tickets are available from any Study Club member and are \$6 per person. The luncheon will be held at noon at the

A new Columbus Volunteer Ambulance

papers and the funds were granted. Funds for the sewer project can be made available from a grant from the Texas Department of Community Affairs; however, there is no guarantee that the project be approved, Spitzengel said.

Spitzengel has worked with other rural communities preparing the

After it is built, a plant would have to pay its own way in operating and maintenance costs. That money would have to come from charges to sewer customers.

Commissioners also questioned Dwayne Kotrla of the Colorado Valley Company in regard to cleaning algae built up on the outside of the courthouse, according to Kotrla.

Court members requested Kotrla to draw up an estimated cost proposal to clean the heavily, mildewed north side of the building and one story of the east side.

Older Texan Fair set for Thursday

The annual Colorado County Older Texan Fair will be held today

(Thursday, May 3) at the St. Peter and Paul Catholic Parish Hall in the Frelsburg community.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. under the direction of Mrs. Irene Axel with the program getting underway at 10:30 a.m.

Jerome Wicke, Commissioner of County Precinct 3, Ed Woolery-Pries Colorado County at-

torney, will address the group with a presentation entitled "Planning Your Estate."

A highlight of the annual fair, which is sponsored by the Older Texan Committee in cooperation with the County Extension Service, is the recognition of the Older Texan Man and Woman of the Year. Mrs. Josephine Henicke, committee member, will present the honorees with an engraved plaque.

ADVANCED TICKET FORM
For The Eagle Lake Community Pool

Please Fill In, Sign and Return with your check to:
Wayne Zimmerman
610 Norris
Eagle Lake, TX 77434

Name of Father	Home Phone #	Work Phone #
Name of Mother	Home Phone #	Work Phone #

Children:

Age:	R/C	PVT
Age:	R/C	PVT
Age:	R/C	PVT
Age:	R/C	PVT
Age:	R/C	PVT

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Check One: (\$2.00 DAILY GATE PRICE FOR EACH PERSON)
 30.00 - 1 person PRE-SEASON PASS
 55.00 - 2 persons Pre-Season Pass
 75.00 - 3 or More Pre-Season Pass
 2 Pre-school age children FREE with 1 paying adult swimmer

After May 28, \$10.00 will be added to the cost of all passes.

*RED CROSS LESSONS ARE FREE. \$5.00 Pool Fee for each person.
 **PRIVATE LESSONS AVAILABLE. Contact pool manager, \$5.00 pool fee plus instructor.

TICKETS AND PASSES NOT TRANSFERABLE

Here is your opportunity to save money on swimming fees. Use this form to purchase a pre-season pass, and your cost will be lower. For additional information, see story on page 5.

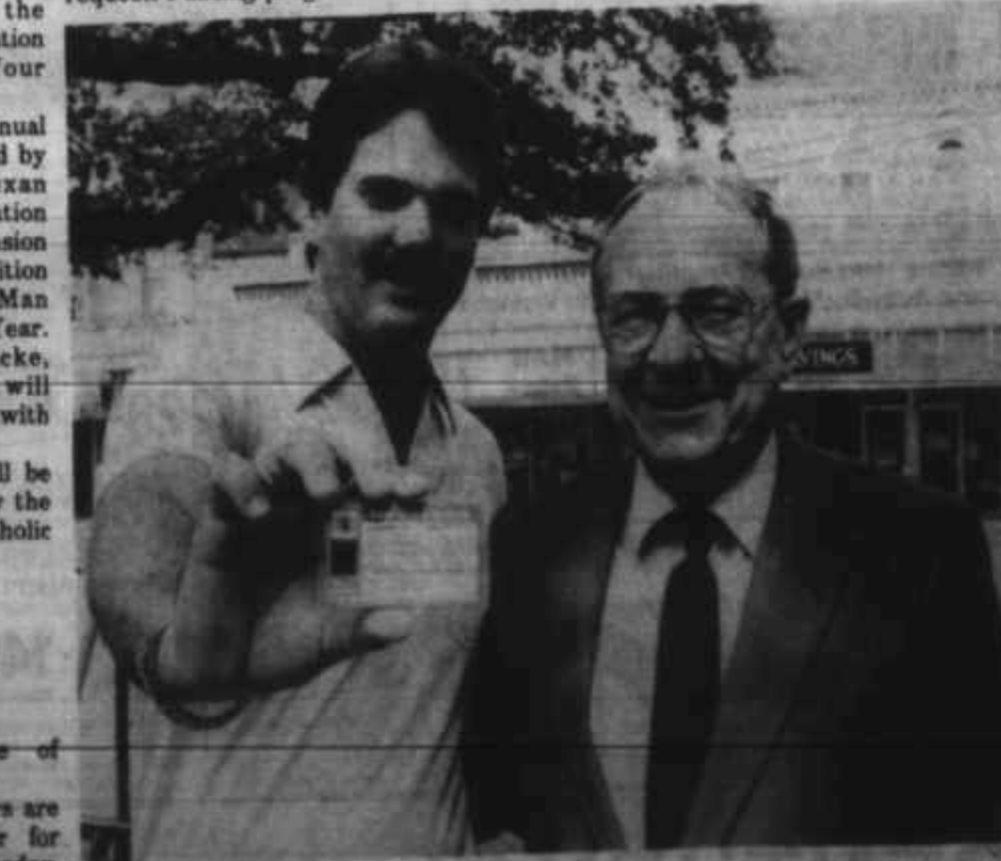
Judging at the handwork, needlework, baked goods, crafts, art work, woodworking, fresh and canned fruits and vegetables exhibits will also get underway at 9:30 a.m. All entries will be by individuals 60 years of age and older. The exhibits will be for sale after the judging with all proceeds going to the exhibitor.

The morning's program will include a welcome by

Self-defense presentation

Pointers in self-defense will be discussed by Sergeant Sue Nixon of the Harris County Sheriff's Department. Wednesday, May 9 at 2 p.m., at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The program is sponsored by the Eagle Lake Study Club.

Nixon is extremely well-qualified and sought after for this type of presentation.



The first "Save Your Life" card in Eagle Lake was given Saturday to Mayor Elmer Struss. Sales of the cards, which have your medical history on microfilm on them, are part of the medical awareness program sponsored by the Eagle Lake Lions Club. This Saturday, the club is sponsoring free blood sugar screening clinics at the municipal building, starting at 7:30 a.m.