# April Fest another enjoyable weekend

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businesses in town. Mrs. Klockman prepared the city's entry, outlining the nearly two-year history of advancements revitalization has helped bring about.

A large metal plaque will be presented by Gov. Mark White at the annual Beautify Texas Council meeting this June in Greenville. The plaque will be mounted in front of the municipal building here.

"This award definitely shows Eagle Lake is a positive community, trying to do something for its future," Mrs. Klockmann said of the award.

Following the talks, Joe McCreary became auctioneer again, as those in the audience purchased donated items.

**Little Mr. and Miss Contest:** Lanette Powers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Powers was selected as Little Miss Eagle Lake, Friday, April 27. There were eleven young ladies competing for the title.

Lanette, 8, dazzled the audience and judges with her responses to hobbies, interests and school activities. She told of her experience in UIL storytelling, likes rock singer Michael Jackson, and enjoys snow and water skiing.

Amy Nicole Dornak, 7, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Curtis Laughlin was first runner up. She is a first grader at Eagle Lake Primary School. Leslie Center, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Center, was second runner up. Leslie, 8, also attends ELPS.

Donny Obenhaus was named Little Mr. Eagle Lake. Donny, 6, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Obenhaus. He is a first grader at St. Anthony's. The poised little boy talked about his pet racoon, playing in little league baseball and wanting to be a police officer when he grows up.

First runner up for Little Mr. was Ryan Thomas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas. Ryan, 8, is in the second grade at St. Anthony's. Second runner up was Christopher James Burrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Burrow. Randy, 8, is a second grader at ELPS.

Also competing in the pageant were Kelli Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Walker; Amy Jo Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Moore; Breana Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wood; Alesia Nicole Woolridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex B. Woolridge; Kristen Nachlinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nachlinger; Joy Gail Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson; Kari Seaholm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Seaholm; and Tara Joy Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Derwyn Johnson.

Competing for Little Mr. were Jonathan M. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor; Carlos Gonzales, son of Mercy Gonzales; Darian Barrow, son of Mrs. Jennifer Barrow; and Scot Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Jones.

**Walk-A-Thon winners:** Kay Moss, youngest and Judy Briscoe, oldest.

**Chili Cook-off winners:** First place: Frank, Billy and Bonnie Broesche's "Plain Old Chili." Second place: Fred and Charlotte Broesche's "Supperette Chili." Third place: James and Janet Walger, Brenda Steininger and Betty Manier with an entry entitled "Old Times Chili." Fourth place: Carolyn Baird and Becky Marsalia.

**Flounder Throw winners:** Men's division: Brian Rucka. Women's division: Linda Ferguson. Children's junior division: Fritz Beth. Children's senior division: Grady Crysel. And, Business division CP&L, represented by Charles and Shirley Garrett.

**Pumper Race winners:** Six man race: Eagle Lake Ladies Auxiliary with a time of 18.75. Second place went to the Garwood firemen with a time of 19.8, and third place was earned by the Eagle Lake firemen with a time of 19.9

In the three man pumper race Garwood team A was first with a time of 8.6, followed by Eagle Lake and Garwood team B with times of 8.65 and 8.9, respectively.

**Volleyball:** Eight teams were entered in the tournament with first place going to the team of Butch Jones. The team of Jesus Castillo placed second. Players on the winning team include Curtis Sencik, Jacque Sencik, Vera Reeves, Norma Hooper, James Williamson, team captain Jones and Dale Phillips.

The AprilFest volleyball team committee members would like to thank the additional teams that participated in the competition: First Baptist Church Adult I, First Baptist Church Youth, First National Bank, Gary Tise and Gethsemane Baptist Mission, Columbus Mexican Baptist Church, Candy McCreary and Joe Guerra.

**Children's Olympics:** The following kids placed first and second, respectively, in the 25 yard dash. 1st grade: Kurt Sunderman and Jason Noska; 2nd grade: Christopher Weeks and Lupe Hernandez; 3rd grade: George Hernandez and Kimberly Powers; 4th grade: Reginald Donner and Patrick Weeks. 6th grade: Keith Dowdy; 7th grade: Stephen Meineke and John Tillman; and 8th grade: Clarence Weeks and Kevin Brown.

The following athletes placed first and second, respectively, in the 50 yard dash. 1st grade: Kurt Sunderman and Jason Noska; 2nd grade: Christopher Weeks and Jason Brunner; 3rd grade: George Hernandez and Kimberly Powers; 4th grade: Reginald Donner and Patrick Weeks; 7th grade: Calvin Stovall and John Tillman; and 8th grade: Clarence Weeks and Kevin Brown.

In the sack race: Sunderman and Noska placed first for the 1st graders. Christopher Weeks and Patrick Weeks placed first in second grade and Jason Brunner and Lupe Hernandez were second. In 3rd grade, George Hernandez and Todd Mascheck were first and David Hicks and Scott Garrett, second. Franisco Lopez and George Hernandez were first for the 4th graders and Kevin Bendy and John Tillman were second. Keith Dowdy and Robert Tillman were first with the 6th graders. Calvin Stovall and Kevin Brown were first for the 7th graders, and Clarence Weeks and Refus Dowdy were first for the 8th graders.

**Window decorating:** The overall winner in this contest was Spalinger Hardware. Group winners included: Central Power & Light, The Custom Shop, Spalinger Hardware, Variety Values and Eagle Lake Insurance. Those receiving participation certificates were: Central Power & Light, Gifts of Distinction, The Custom Shoppe, Gulf Coast Savings, Spalinger Hardware, Variety Values, A Touch of Class and Eagle Lake Insurance Agency.

**A special thank you** to all who came by The Monogrammed Mallard during Open House on Saturday. Congratulations to the following who won duffle bags at the drawing. They include Mrs. T.J. Smith, Mrs. Leona Landry, Judy Brisco, Mrs. Melvin Fajkus and Miss Roxanne Ripper. Doug Schwemm is the recipient of the free monogram for the 7th weekly drawing held during AprilFest activities.

If anyone in Eagle Lake would like to lend a helping hand in planning and preparing for next year's AprilFest activities, please contact Candy McCreary. For residents interested in planning for the Waterfowl Festival to be held this November 17-18, contact Sandy Bendy.

**Pine Wood Derby:** An anxious crowd gathered in the First National Bank parking lot Saturday to witness the Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. Tension mounted as post time grew nearer beginning with registration, weigh in, practice runs and last minute adjustments on racers tuning it too optimum performance.

The Pack Championship was held following individual Den Championships running the top three cars from each den for a total of 15 scouts competing for the title. Darly Anderson captured first place honors, followed by Todd Mascheck and Jamie Marquart. They are members of Webelos Eagle Patrol, Den #1 and Den #2, respectively.

**Den champions were as follows:**

Den #1, Chad Sunderman, 1st; Keith Bendy, 2nd; and Todd Mascheck, 3rd. Best designed car awards were presented to Todd and Chad. Other entries were Robbie Klockman, David Hicks and Scott Garrett.

Den #2, Jamie Marquart, 1st; Shane Glaiser, 2nd; and Chris Maretka, 3rd. Best designed car awards were presented to Shane and Chris. An additional entry was from Brian Semora.

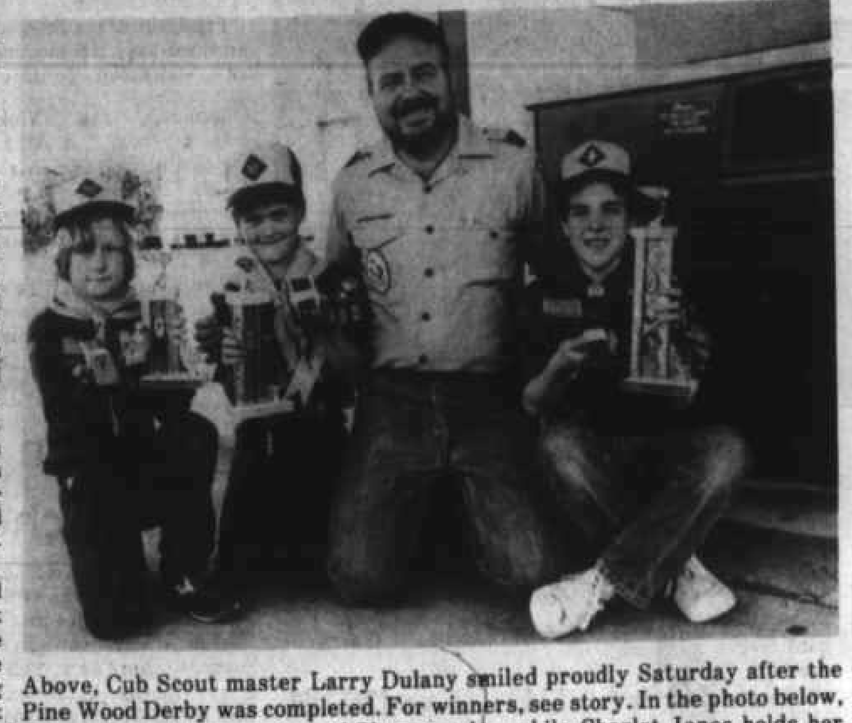
Den #4, Roland Hemphill, 1st; Kelly Chamberlain, 2nd; and George Hernandez, 3rd. Best car awards were presented to George and John. Other entries were Jamie Green and Joe Belmares.

Webelos Eagle Patrol, Noble Anderson, 1st; Daryl Anderson, 2nd; and 3rd Richard Beth. Best designed car awards were presented to Shane and Richard.

Webelos Viking Patrol, Patrick Powers, 1st; Brent Mathis, 2nd; and Wade Satsky, 3rd. Best designed car awards were presented to Patrick and Brent. Other entries were Jason Dulany, Darrell Estlinbaum and Dustin Hengst.

Participants would like to thank the following residents for their support and efforts: Ed Sunderman, construction of the race track and operation of starting gates; judges Ralph Truly, Major Benge, John Brasher and Louis Schorlemmer, members of the Cub Scout sponsoring organization and Eagle Lake Lions Club; and Fred Beth, for bringing the "toolbox" and helping kids in final adjustments on their racers.

Thanks also is extended to the First National Bank and the Revitalize Eagle Lake committee for the use of the Bank parking lot; to Janelle Mascheck and Cynthia Sunderman for administration of the race, and to Arthur Anderson for his "bicycle safety demonstration."



Above, Cub Scout master Larry Dulany smiled proudly Saturday after the Pine Wood Derby was completed. For winners, see story. In the photo below, Pecos Coble holds his Best of Show trophy, while Charlet Jones holds her People's Choice trophy. they were among the winners in saturday's annual art show sponsored by Xi Pi Psi. Works of students at Rice High School are featured.

Part of the Saturday morning April Fest schedule included dedication of the municipal square's landscaping project. Carey Shuart, Sandy Bendy and Mayor Elmer Struss were speakers. At right are the winners in the Little Mr. and Miss Eagle Lake contest.

*More photos and winners next week*

*Last week:* Easter was a happy one for many area residents. Above left, Frank and Barbara Pidgeon laugh with the Easter Bunny at the Sportsman's Restaurant, where the special holiday meal received rave reviews. Below, the several hundred kids swarm over the Rice Drug Store sponsored Easter Egg hunt. Above right, one of the hunt prizes was a live bunny.

## Republican polling places

There will be three voting locations for the Republican primary election Saturday, according to Mark Anderson, county chairman.

For the Eagle Lake and Columbus areas, the location will be in the American Rice Growers office at 124 W. Main, Eagle Lake. For the Garwood and Nada areas, it will be the Veterans Memorial Library in Garwood, and for the Sheridan and Rock Island areas, it will be in the Walker building in Sheridan.

The Republican precinct convention will be held at the polling places about 7:15 p.m., or as soon after that time as can be arranged. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Dilue Rose chapter changes meeting time

The Dilue Rose Harris Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas met at 2 p.m. April 15 at the home of Mrs. James G. Hopkins in Columbus, with 14 members, one associate member and two guests present.

Mrs. Kitty Gunn, chaplain, opened the meeting with a prayer. Mrs. Jeanie Mahon led the pledge to the United States Flag and the Salute to the Texas Flag. The chapter received correspondence from Mrs. Rex Arnold, president general of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, congratulating the Dilue Rose Harris Chapter on its fifteenth anniversary and thanking the chapter for contributing to the Sesquicentennial Scholarship Fund.

The chapter bylaws were amended by changing the time of the meetings from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and changing the April meeting to the fourth Saturday in March in order that the chapter can celebrate its anniversary date. The chapter voted to donated $25 to "Adopt-a-Blot Program."

Mrs. Wiley N. (Doris Ellinger) Anderson, Jr., director of Houston Baptist College presented a program on "The Texian Campaign China."

Co-hostesses were Mrs. Lela Wehner and Mrs. James G. Hopkins.

Reporter



# Chief Coulter striving for safety in Eagle Lake

After three weeks tending to duties as police chief of Eagle Lake Charles Coulter is well on his way to revising departmental procedures and implementing programs to ensure town safety. Coulter, 29, replaced chief Gil Steen, effective April 9.

The 6', 9 inch tall chief has a great deal of respect for the people and enjoys working in Eagle Lake. He was raised in a small town and is used to the down-home atmosphere.

Coulter believes that crime prevention is the key to safety. He plans to hold seminars for local merchants and businessmen, covering topics such as building and bank security, utilization of dead-bolts and shoplifting. The seminars also will include techniques to minimize employee harm or injury, Coulter said.

The chief explained a simple procedure of placing a broom or a brick against the rear entrance of an establishment. While on patrol, an officer can see if the item has been tampered with; if so, he would immediately investigate, Coulter said.

Coulter also would like his men to ascertain proper identification of persons who are "walking around in areas of town that they are not suppose to be in, especially near a business that is not open during that particular time." "I will make sure that every criminal and potential criminal know that he is being watched," Coulter said; and every call will be responded to.

Internally, Coulter is cracking down on technical procedures such as report writing. Shortly, the police department will be going to a new format [illegible] investigating officers to fill in every minute detail. For instance, "when an officer inquires about a possible burglary, I want the report to be so descriptive that I feel right with him the entire time, and observations must be noted." Only fully detailed reports will hold up in a court of law. A criminal can't be released because of our negligence, Coulter said.

Coulter recommends that officers read other officer's reports to keep track of possible "trails" that are produced in like crimes. It's essential to make that connection, he said.

"We're going to have a PD that we can be proud of, if not, I will resign myself," Coulter said. We have good people backing us (city officials). All of the officers are going to start working with the residents of Eagle Lake and we'll be looking at a real good police force. "I will not tolerate any type of police brutality or prejudice," Coulter said. We are trained to arrest suspects and crime violators in the way the law states.

Coulter foresees a Project Identification Program. This includes police department personnel engraving valuable items. Criminals are mainly after guns, stereos, TV's, jewelry and whatever money they can get their hands on. "They want items that they can turn real fast," he said.

Valuables are to be enscribed with a serial number or social secuity number, and items will be registered at the police department. Residents will place a sticker on their door or window stating that items in their home are protected by project identification.

Another way that Coulter plans to deter crime is a Neighborhood Block Watch. "We need a majority of the residents to participate for the program to be effective," he said. He doesn't feel that this will be a problem because of all the concerned citizens in this town. Columbus [illegible] has implemented a program of this nature.

Coulter holds a strong background investigation which is an asset to his position as chief. Previously, he was deputy sheriff in DeWitt County. Besides book work, he attributes a lot of his knowledge and skills to practical experience from watching FBI agents. Coulter, also a certified jailer, has attended various courses including crime profile, bomb investigation and child abuse.

*Broussard honored*

Colorado County Sheriff James Broussard, left, receives a certificate of appreciation from the new Eagle Lake Police Chief, Charles Coulter. Broussard was honored by city council, on behalf of city residents, for assisting the city while it was searching for a new chief.

## Farm and garden surplus can help feed the needy

"Harvest for the Hungry," a program intended to help feed the needy, was announced in the May/June 1984 issue of "Texas Garden" magazine, according to Chris S. Corby, editor and publisher.

This new program is designed to get surplus fruit and vegetables to those who truly need them, people just like you and me but with one big difference, they suffer from hunger and malnutrition, Corby said.

"As a rule, food banks are able to obtain day-old bread and expired canned goods from stores for distribution to the needy. The fact that these items are out-of-date has little effect on taste or nutritional value," he said.

However, the same cannot be said for fresh fruits and vegetables. Once green beans, tomatoes, corn, etc., are removed from the grocer's produce shelf, they are fit only for the garbage can, and are not very palatable or nutritional. And yet, fresh produce is an essential part of a balanced diet. "That's where 'Harvest for the Hungry' comes in," Corby said. We are urging gardeners throughout Texas to take whatever fresh fruit and vegetables they can spare to a food bank in their area.

Gardeners who would like to share their surplus harvest with those less fortunate should take their produce to the food bank or food distribution center nearest them. If you are unable to locate a food bank or would like to have a free listing of food banks throughout Texas, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Harvest for the Hungry, P.O. Box 9005, Waco, TX 76714.

## PUC to hold hearing

The Public Utility Commission will conduct three public comment hearings on the $304.2 million rate request by Texas Utilities Electric Company. This company is the result of the merger of Texas Electric Service Company, Texas Power and Light Company and Dallas Power and Light Company that ocurred on January 1, 1984.

The first will be in Tyler on May 2 at the City Council Chambers, 212 North Bonner, from 4-7 p.m.; a second hearing is set in University Park on May 3 at the City Council Chambers, 3800 University blvd., from 3:30-6:30 p.m.; the final hearing will be in Odessa on May 4 at the City Council Chambers, 411 West 8th St., from 4-7 p.m.

Judge Angela Demerle and Hearings Examiner Mary Ross McDonald will conduct the meetings. Other Commission staff members from the general counsel, consumer affairs and public information offices will be in attendance.

Judge Demerle has set the hearing on the merits for 9 a.m., June 20 at the Commission offices in Austin. Intervenors are Tex-La Electric Cooperative, Inc., Texas-New Mexico Power Company, St. Regis Paper Corporation, Southwestern Electric Service Company, Citizens Associations for Sound Energy, Texas Retailers Assoc., Texas Industrial Energy Consumers, Texas Municipal League, U.S. Air Force, Office of Public Utility Council, Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., Depaprtment of Army, Texas ACORN, Chapparal Steel Company, General Services Administration, International Brotherhood of Elecrical Workers, six rural electric cooperatives and the Cities of Bowie, Sherman, Irving, Odessa, Waco, Grand Prairie, Dallas [illegible].

Consumers who wish to comment at the three local hearings do not need to register prior to the proceeding. Written comments may be addressed at any time to the PUC's Consumer Affairs Office, 7800 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 450N, Austin, Texas 78757.

## Pecan field day scheduled May 7

The Annual Pecan Field Day sponsored by the Colorado and Fayette Pecan Committee will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, May 7 in the Charles T. Trefny and sons pecan botton. The Trefny bottom is located in the Osage community about 9 miles northeast of Weimar.

More specific directions to the field day location from Weimar are as follows: Take FM 155, 3 miles north from Weimar. Turn right onto Fayette County Road #485 to its connection with Colorado County Road #201. The Trefny operation is approximately 6 miles from the FM 155 turn off. All roads to the Trefny headquarters are paved.

The field day program will include discussions on trickle irrigation, nut casebearer control, disease control, sprayer calibration, and general pecan management.

Leading the presentations will be Dr. Charles Cole, extension entomologist; Dr. Jerral Johnson, extension plant pathologist; and Dr. George Ray McEachern, extension horticulturalist.

A program will be held regardless of the weather. In the event the soil is too wet to travel in the Trefny bottom, the program will be conducted at the Frank Kolek pecan bottom located 1½ miles south of Borden on Colorado County Road #217.

In the event of rain at the time of the field day, the program will be held in the Weimar City Hall council room.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio economic level, race, color, sex, religion, or national origin.

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## Colorado County Sheriff's Report

*By Jim Broussard*

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Next Saturday will be election day. The Sheriff's department urges everyone to exercise their right to vote for the candidate of their choice. It is not only a right and a responsibility to vote, it is also a privilege.

In addition to working the school traffic in the mornings and afternoons during the week, here is a report for the week of 4-23 through 4-29:

4-23-84: Assisted the Columbus police with a disturbance call. Removed livestock from the roadway near Bernardo. Assisted at the scene of an accident in Altair. Removed livestock from the roadway on 102. Issued eight traffic citations and served five civil citations.

4-24-84: Assisted at the scene of a fire on 71 North. Checked on a suspicious subject on 2761. Assisted at the scene of a grass fire on 102. Removed livestock from the roadway on 71 north of Columbus. Checked on a theft near Alleyton. Checked on a criminal mischief on Schobel Road. Issued nine traffic citations and served four civil citations.

4-25-84: Posted a citation in the Courthouse. Checked on a burglar alarm activating near Columbus. Investigated a burglary of a vehicle near Alleyton. Checked on a reported theft on 2434. Issued seven traffic citations and served four civil citations.

4-26-84: Assisted the Columbus police with a disturbance call. Removed livestock from the roadway near Garwood. Transported a patient to the San Antonio State Hospital. Issued seven traffic citations and served four civil citations.

4-27-84: Checked on a suspicious vehicle on County Road 105. Assisted in locating a lost child near Weimar. Assisted the Columbus police with disturbance call. Assisted at the scene of a grass fire on IH-10. Checked on a disturbance west of Columbus. Issued two traffic citations and served three civil citations.

4-28-84: Checked on a disturbance in Alleyton. Assisted at the scene of an accident near Eagle Lake. Assisted at the scene of an accident in Columbus. Transported a prisoner from Roshan to Columbus for court. Checked on a road hazard near Garwood.

4-29-84: Assisted at the scene of a disabled bus on IH-10. Checked on a criminal mischief in Altair. Assisted at the scene of an accident near Garwood.


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