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Sports

Eagle Lake Lions Club annual BBQ and golf tournament set for April 28

The Eagle Lake Lions Club will be holding its annual BBQ and Golf Tournament on Sunday, April 28, at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center. A barbecue chicken lunch will be served with all the trimmings from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. You may eat at the Recreation Center park or curb service will be available for those who want their meal to go.

In conjunction with the barbecue the Lions Club will be hosting it's 15th annual invitational golf tournament. Over $4,500 in prizes will be awarded. The tournament will be an individual medal play with 5 flites and 5 prizes in each flite. Prizes in each flite will include: 1st, Spaulding Cannon Irons; 2nd, Top Flite XL medal woods; 3rd, Spaulding 91½" golf bag; 4th, travel bag; 5th, garment bag. Plus a closest to the hole contest on both par 3 holes for $100 each. The field will be limited to 128 players with shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Anyone wishing information on tournament entry amy contact Larry Dulany at (409) 234-2306 or 234-2011.

County Agent's Notebook

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County Extension Agent

Check bulls before buying

An infertile bull is dead weight to a cattle business and should be culled immediately.

It's expensive to carry open cows in your herd due to bull infertility. If you don't have a bull that's fertile and able to breed cows, you are going to lose money.

Fertility testing is one of the easiest and quickest ways to get into a good herd health program.

A breeding soundness evaluation of a herd bull should include an overall physical exam, measurement of the scrotum, semen evaluation and evaluation of mating behavior.

When buying a herd bull, get every bit of information you possibly can so that you will get a better buy.

Following are suggestions when buying a bull:

1. Know who you're dealing with — look for honesty and integrity.

2. Check calving yields — cattlemen need live, vigorous calves at birth.

3. Look for a bull that will sire calves with superior weaning weights. This means selecting performance-tested bulls.

4. Also look for superior yearling weights.

5. Try to find a bull with good feed coverting ability (feed efficiency).

You need to look at pedigree, performance (gaining ability), and carcass cutability and yield.

Structural soundness is especially important since it affects the longevity of the bull. Structural soundness is about 75 percent heritable while reproductive efficiency is only about 10 percent heritable due to the effects of many other factors, such as the environment. Muscling, on the other hand, is 40 to 50 percent heritable.

The main concerns of the commercial cattleman are percent calf crop and calf weaning weights, and those are the two key things to keep in mind when selecting a herdbull.

Prevent tractor overturns

With field operations "heating up" along with the temperature, farmers should make safety a prime goal for the upcoming season.

Each year tractors continue to be one of the most frequent sources of injury-producing accidents. This is especially true during the busy spring farm and ranch season.

The best preventive measure is safe operation from the start. An estimated 2,000 disabling injuries and about 25 fatalities related to tractors occur each year to Texas farmers and ranchers.

More than half of all tractor fatalities result from overturns. Other deaths result from falls from the tractor, tractor accidents on highways, victims being caught in the power-take-off (PTO) shaft, and operators burned from tractor refueling fires.

All of these tractor accidents can be prevented. When stuck in a hole or soft spot, a tractor can easily be upset backwards if the driver attempts to drive forward. The safest way to get out is to back out, if possible. If not, have someone pull you out.

A tractor may tip backwards or sideways when crossing a ditch. Therefore, avoid steep banks and cross ditches where banks have gradual slopes. Watch for sudden obstructions or ground depressions that might cause tractor to tip sideways. Also, stay clear of banks that could cave in.

Tractors are less stable when operating on a slope. Keep wheels spread as wide as possible and drive slowly, with no sudden turns. On steep slopes, drive up in reverse and drive down forward. Keep mounted equipment on the uphill side if possible.

Hitching mistakes also can cause overturns. Pulling heavy loads and hitching above the normal drawbar height may raise the front wheels off the ground and cause a backward overturn.

Don't think you can react to prevent an overturn once it starts. After the wheels begin to rise, even on level ground, the operator has less than a second to realize what's happening. Safe operation from the start is still the best preventive measure.

Opium poppies grown in India

About 170,000 families in India, in 6,900 villages, have licenses to grow opium poppies, says National Geographic. India supplies two-thirds of the opiates required annually by pharmaceutical firms in the United States, its best customer.

Entries needed for softball tourney April 27

Entries are sought for Mixed Double Slo-pitch Softball Tournament to be held April 27 at the City Ball Park in Eagle Lake.

The tournament will be sponsored by Gulf Coast Houston-Tillotson Alumni Association. It will be double elimination. To enter a team or for more information call Lynda Applet 234-5908 or Claudine Shorter, 234-2778.

Deadline for entries are April 24.

Register now for softball league

The Rice Area Men's Softball League in Eagle Lake is now taking applications for its 1985 summer season. Entry forms can be picked up at the City Hall in Eagle Lake between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Deadline for entering the league for 1985 is 5 p.m. Friday, May 3rd.

Action this season is anticipated to begin about the third week in May with games likely to be played on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Entry fee for entering the league will be $175 and is due prior to the May 3rd deadline.

Also available with the entry forms at City Hall will be rules and regulations for the league which basically will follow the same format as used the past six seasons. Teams are urged to register and turn in entry fees prior to the May 3rd deadline since no teams will be accepted after that date.

Saturn, Jupiter same as Sun

The giant planets, Saturn and Jupiter, composed of much the same material as the sun, emit more energy than they receive from the sun, says National Geographic.

Adult slow pitch softball leagues to begin June 13

The Columbus Softball Association will sponsor several adult slow pitch softball leagues this summer, beginning the week of June 3. Plans include men's, women's and mixed leagues.

Interested teams may sign up at Curtiss Automotive Supply in Columbus before May 13. Entry fees also are due at this time.

A meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20 at 8 p.m. at the Columbus City Park. All managers and interested persons should plan to attend.

Anyone wishing further information may contact Curtiss Schonenburg or Rusty Neuendorff at 409-732-2362 before 6 p.m. on weekdays, or call Trisha Teltschick at 732-5409 evenings.

Order and stock fish in April and May

Ponds are full of water and temperatures are rising, which means now is the time to stock fish. By June, water temperatures are usually too warm to safely handle fish. Fish farmers have been preparing all winter for the spring stocking season. Place your order now while the selection of species and sizes are good. Later, the species you want may be unavailable.

The USDA Soil Conservation Service normally recommends channel catfish, or blue catfish in ponds less than one surface acre. A commercially available catfish ration can be fed, or flathead minnows can be stocked for catfish to eat. If largemouth bass are already in your pond, stock catfish that are at least 8 inches long and do not stock flathead minnows. You can feed your catfish a commercial ration which largemouth bass will not eat.

In larger ponds, several combinations of fish may be suitable. Species often recommended include largemouth bass, bluegill sunfish, redear sunfish, channel catfish, threadfin shad, golden shiner and flathead minnow. For larger ponds and lakes, stocking recommendations should be tailored to each water body.

SCS personnel at 316 Spring Street in Columbus can help you with most aspects of pond management, including construction, stocking, fertilization, weed control, and harvest. The county extension agent and game warden also can provide helpful information.

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Eagle Lake Headlight

VFW donates $1,000 to Lifeline

The Lifeline project of the Eagle Lake Pilot Club received $1,000 recently from the VFW Post 8783 here. Post commander Melvin Stancik presented the check to Carolyn Austin, Pilot Club treasurer. The donation, earned from the VFW's weekly bingo games, will cover two Lifeline machines that allow the elderly and medically infirm to live independently at home, while keeping them in instant contact with Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The VFW also recently gave $200 to the Special Olympics committee to support the local team in the regional special olympics held recently in Columbus.

Bowling News

MONDAY NITE MIXED

The final results for Monday Night Mixed League were tallied up and Gamblers came out on top with 68½ games won. Team members are Jody Novosad, Joyce Morris, Charles Morris and Alton Novosad.

Bonus Lease followed in second with 66 wins, Who Cares in third with 62, Pinbusters and Lo Rollers tied for fourth with 61½ wins each, Wine Heads in sixth with 56, Pearl Lights in seventh with 55½, Lucky Ones in eighth with 52½, U.F.O.'s in ninth with 49½ and Sonntag Cafe in tenth with 47.

Wine Heads posted an 899 for high team game followed by Who Cares with 887 and Bonus Lease 885. Who Cares compiled a 2578 for high team series followed by Pinbusters 2526 and Wine Heads 2519.

In the men's series scratch event, Wayne Lipperdt posted a 590 series to win, followed by G.P. Webb with 565 and Lonnie Sommerlatte 562. In the game scratch event, Charles Morris bowled a 256 game for first with Al Novosad in second with 233 and Chic Stein third with 213.

For the women, Beverly Krenek compiled a 637 for first in the series scratch event followed by Elaine Sonntag in second with 589 and Susanne Andreas and Jody Novosad tied for third with 569. In the game scratch event, Susanne Andreas rolled a 225 for first, Sandy Schneider in second with 224, Elaine Sonntag and Beverly Krenek tied for third with 223 each.

In the men's handicap series, Frank Andreas compiled a 690 for first, Gayle Thomas posted a 689 for second and Leon Schneider placed third with 677. For the women, Alta Barten posted a 714 for first, Anne Webb placed second with a 696 and Sandy Schneider in third with 670.

In the women's handicap game, Theresa Sewell bowled a 266 for first and Alta Barten and Phyllis Thomas tied for second with 263 each.

The most improved bowler for women was Wanda Center plus 14 pins and for the men Michael Sonntag plus 16 pins. Beverly Krenek (637 series) received the Women's WIBC achievement award for highest scratch series.

Officers for next season are Charles Morris, president; Mark Boenisch, vice president; Sandy Schneider, secretary-treasurer.

SKULL CREEK MIXED

Bud Briscoe bowled a 220-542 for men's high game and Freddie Pelts compiled a 207-546 for men's high series in Skull Creek Mixed League action on April 9 in Alfair. Margie Knippel posted a 191-529 for women's high game and series. Rice Birds and Hard Times posted an 843 each to tied for high team game and Skull Creek Lanes compiled a 2375 for high team series.

Other high rollers were Donnie Rollins 512, Kenny Venghaus 530, LeRoy Janda 517, Carl Pesnell 511, Willie Moore 214-521, LaVerne Graham 515, Roy Rucker 507, Bubba Schrader 522, Erwin Knippel 518.

Wooly Boogers hold down first place with 84 wins, leading in second is Spurs with 72 wins, Oops in third with 71½ wins, in fourth is Rice Birds with 68½, Skull Creek Lanes in fifth with 68 wins, Stingers are in sixth with 62 wins.

MOONLIGHTERS

At Sealy Thursday night, April 11 in the Moonlighters League, Jack Leopold bowled a 232-551 for high game and Thurston Webb compiled a 221-561 for high series.

Other high bowlers were Stan Mitchell 217-523, John Garza 212, Richard Cortes 531, Joe Foster 523, Ray Sykowski 522, Johnny Prazak 514, Darrell Gertson 501, Dwayne Pagel 500.

Hot Shots hold down first place with 80½ wins followed by First Place Team in second with 79½, Cheap Thrills in third with 74, Tee Up Pro Shop and Bad News Bowlers tied for fourth with 69 wins each.

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