

Vietnam veterans to meet

The regular meeting of the Eagle Lake chapter of Vietnam Veterans will be held next Wednesday, May 1, at the Eagle Lake municipal building. The meeting is open to the public, with Vietnam era veterans invited to attend.

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Thomas' ag committee handles all

Something can be appealed through the county committee to the state committee, and eventually to Washington if necessary. The Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service administers all of the farm programs, such as loan programs, deficiency and conservation payments, and the Commodity Credit Corporation for storage facilities and the loan program. "I don't know of anything involved in farming, except cattle," that isn't touched by the ASCS, he said. Even sheep and goat programs because of the wool and mohair, and the dairy milk programs are administered through the ASCS, he said. One of the unique situations the ASCS faces federally when agriculture programs are being written, such as now since the 1981 farm bill is expiring, is that most everything the agriculture industry produces in the country, also is produced in Texas. And, when it comes time to set some important dates, the size of the state presents problems. When growers in the Valley are harvesting, farmers in the Panhandle are just starting to plant. It creates interesting situations, he said. "The policies are pretty much set in Washington, but there are times when they really don't fit. We do have the privilege of going there and explaining why something won't work in our particular area or state—and generally we can get changes made to make them workable."

Although Thomas receives some reimbursement and the work adds to his busy personal farm schedule, he still finds it most enjoyable, especially meeting the many people he comes in contact with. On May 4, he is scheduled to have breakfast in College Station with Senator Phil Graham ??? "It would be fair to say we seem to be in a little closer touch with Senator Graham Tower, although Tower had such a veteran staff it really

wasn't necessary to talk to him," Thomas said, adding "It sure is nice to talk with the top man. Graham up to this point has been a delightful man to communicate with."

The state committee generally meets monthly in College Station, but does move the meeting elsewhere if a special situation arises. The magnitude of the farm program is seen easily by the fact that there are 800 ASCS county employees with a salary budget of \$29.8 million. There are 238 county

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PR firm hired

development for a year, and only charge the foundation their actual out of pocket expenses. In describing activity during the past year, and the probability for success in the near future, Harrison said a speaker at a Wednesday economic development meeting in Columbus said it takes a lot of patience and perseverance. There has been a lot of waiting and little materialization, Harrison said. Of the five prospects investigated last year, two never called back, there was a lot of discussion with another with no result, and there are two other prospects that appear interested.

"It was very interesting and reassuring to me," he said, "that the community was able to put together a contact team" on short notice when a prospect showed interest. "That shows real community cooperation and willingness to get things done," he said. Also in the past year, the foundation was able to pay the note it secured from the First National Bank for the down payment on the 50 acre in-

dustrial tract along FM 3013. The foundation generated the money to pay the note by leasing the land to the Powers farm for a hay crop, by leasing the land for oil exploration, and through the sales of shares. This month the foundation board approved borrowing another \$20,000 to pay the first year's note on the land, and 17 people from the community signed personal guarantees to repay it if the foundation is unable to do so through land sales or other means. About those people, Harrison said it was important to know that someone is thinking about the future of our city and our children, and what will be available to them in the future.

The foundation officially accepted the resolution adopted by city council voicing its support of new business development. The resolution creates an economic development team composed of the mayor, and presidents of the foundation, Revitalize Eagle Lake, Inc., the Chamber of Commerce and the city manager, with authority to

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negotiate with someone seeking to locate here. Council must give final approval to any action required by the city. In the board meeting that followed, a resolution was approved giving the president the power to appoint committees from the membership, rather than their being elected by the board from the board. Also, the board applauded the Lower Colorado River Authority for lowering irrigation water rates at its Lakeview Division here. Harrison said that should save farmers between \$150,000 and \$200,000 that they will not have to spend out of town.

Committees appointed are: Executive Committee: chairman T. Lang, Travis Wegenhoft, Ralph Truly, John Fearing and Don Bendy; Finance: chairman Travis Wegenhoft, Don Bendy, John Meitzen and another member to be appointed; Planning and Sites: chairman Ralph Truly, Charles Garrett, T.J. Smith and John Thomas; and Publicity and Promotion: chairman John Fearing, Fred Franks, Helyn Farris and W.H. Harrison Jr.



Land Bank recognizes Beckendorf, Higgins

The two retiring directors of the La Grange-Belville Federal Land Bank Association of Belville were recognized at the recent stockholders meeting of the Association. Pictured above are Cecil Beckendorf, retiring director from Katy with twelve years of service and William T. Higgins Jr., retiring director from Bastrop with twenty-seven years of service. Left to right are E.F. Borgstedt, vice chairman; Cecil Beckendorf; William T. Higgins Jr., and George R. Kalner, board chairman, who presented awards to the retiring directors. FLBA PHOTO

Volunteers needed at Golden age center

The Colorado County Golden Age Center is in need of volunteers for some of the services we offer. We need participants in the nutrition program, arts and crafts. Just general ideas to help the elderly to enjoy life a little bit better will be highly appreciated.

All interested parties may contact Mary W. Glenn, project director, Colorado County Golden Age Center at (409) 732-5006 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Mike L. Ross graduates from technician school

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Mike L. Ross, son of Pat Phillip of Sheridan, was graduated from Basic Electronics Technician School.

During the course conducted at Service School Command, Naval Training Center Great Lakes, Ill., Ross received introductory instructions on electronic circuit concepts, radar principles, and the basics of radio transmitters and receivers. He also studies the procedures for repairing amplifiers, transmitters, receivers and power supply lines.

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Development Program.

Place: Providence Baptist
Church, 1207 E. State
Date: Tuesday, April 30, 1985
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Weekend enjoyed, despite showers

Despite the weekend's constant showers, a large percentage of Eagle Lake area residents took part in the third annual Come April Fest celebration. Last week's beautiful summer weather was replaced Saturday and Sunday by spring storms that hurt attendance, but didn't drown the schedule of events. The Mighty McDaniel Carnival crowded the grounds around the Community Center with

the largest set of rides and midway concessions to date. It may have suffered the most from the rains, and from the turn of events Wednesday local railroad officials that caused four of the rides to be moved. But, the carnival played on, and the share for Revivalists Eagle Lake was more than \$2000.

AprilFest events opened Friday night at the Middle School with Little Miss and Mr. Eagle Lake. Christopher Burrow was crowned Little Mr., and Jodi Holden was named Little Miss Eagle Lake. Saturday morning, under threatening skies, the community center was jammed with local concessionaires and viewers. The Break Dancers held the attention of passersby, as did the other events there. The bridge tournament at the Farris 1912 was attended by at least 50 local and out of town players, and the bed and pumper races were completed in the sprinkles. Saturday night's dance was well attended, showing support with the fact that parking was hard to find, and Sunday, the small crowds returned with the youngsters watching Fred Cowan and his Puppets, and of course enjoy more of the carnival.

As can be expected at such a public event, there was at least one unfounded rumor that became the talk of the town. "Someone fell off a ride," was the untruth discussed among the teenagers, then some of the adults. There were no injuries reported around the grounds. The carnival did shut down some of its rides when water on the grounds made it impassable, but quickly reopened as it drained away.

E.J. McDaniel spoke to both the Rotary Club and Lions Club last week, explaining where his employees obtain their operating supplies. The motel, grocery stores, restaurants, the newspaper, fuel suppliers and other merchants felt the increase in business. McDaniel said Tuesday he signed a five year contract with the April Fest committee, but said the carnival and events probably will be held on the Knights of Columbus grounds on FM 3013 south of U.S. 90A.

Above right, Candy McCreary, Come AprilFest chairman, takes time out to talk to Harry McDaniel, president of the Mighty McDaniel Carnival. At right, this year's carnival included a huge 'penny' arcade under a tent.



Above, Fred Cowan and his puppets entertained three crowds Sunday under the pavilion at the Community Center. Below left, Amy and Carrie enjoyed their rides at the carnival, while at right, Jack Grammer and partner sharpened their knives.



Participants in the Little Mr. and Little Miss contest are, from left, front row, Jared M. Vawter, Blake Canaris, Christopher Burrow, Jodi L'rae Holden, Robbin Shea McClanahan, and Paula Barrow; back row, Anna Marie Schmidt, Leslie Kay Center, Rebecca Burrow, Alesia Nicole Woolridge, Meredith Anderson, Laulita D. Cunningham, and Kristi Gail Gertson.

Little Miss, Mr. named Friday

Christopher Burrow, 9, the son of Randy and Carolyn Burrow of Eagle Lake, was named Little Mr. Friday night, April 19. He likes playing video games, working with computers, playing baseball, cub scouts and collecting stamps.

Blake Canaris, 6, the son of Sun and Dan Canaris of Eagle Lake, was first runner-up. He likes playing T-ball, skating, snow skiing, swimming, climbing trees, riding and drawing pictures. He has two cats and three rabbits.

Jared M. Vawter, 6, son of Debbie and Jack Vawter of Eagle Lake, was named second runner-up. He likes riding his Honda 3-wheeler called George, swimming, swinging, outdoors and school. He has a dog named Sugar.

Jodi L'rae Holden, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Holden of Eagle Lake, was chosen Little Miss. She likes to draw, go fishing and animals. She has a horse named Paint, dogs named Trouble, Jr. and Clancy and a pet rabbit named Ashes. She takes twirling from Mrs. Thomas and dancing from Mrs. Balas.

First runner-up was Shea McClanahan, 8, daughter of Robbin and Richard Clippson of Eagle Lake. She likes swimming, collecting rocks, outdoors, fishing, watching alligators, twirling, riding bikes, little league, going to the field with Papa Rit, listening to music and singing and drawing. Her favorite movie is "The Last Unicorn" and her favorite book is "Olaf and the Dragon." She has a dog named Felix, a fish named Flippy and two birds named B.B. and Bobbie.

Paula Barrow, 6, daughter of Jennifer Barrow of Eagle Lake, was named second runner-up. She likes singing in church, playing with Cabbage Patch dolls, playing T-ball, watching cartoons, tumbling, break dancing. She has two brothers.

Kristi Gail Gertson, 7, daughter of Gail and Darrell Gertson of Eagle Lake, likes twirling and riding horses at Mim's. She is a member of the Blue Birds, twirls with Super Strutters and dancing with Mrs. Steve Balas. She is in Mrs. Shorter's first grade class. Laulita D. Cunningham, 7, daughter of Mrs. Brenda Cunningham of Eagle Lake, likes to sing and read. She has a pet rabbit named Miss Bunny.

Meredith Anderson, 7, daughter of Becky and Mark Anderson of Eagle Lake, like to swim, play with stuffed animals, turn flips, watch television and play the piano. She likes Kid's Korner and wants to work there. She has two dogs and a cat. She has one brother.

Alesia Nicole Woolridge, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Woolridge of Eagle Lake, likes to read, twirl and play the piano. Taking care of her pet fish keeps her busy.

Rebecca Burrow, 7, daughter of Randy and Carolyn Burrow of Eagle Lake, likes twirling, Blue Birds, playing T-ball and taking care of her baby sister, Leslie Kay Center, 9, daughter of Wanda and Sam Center of Eagle Lake, likes to baby sit, twirling, tap and ballet dancing. Her pets are named Frodo, Yoda, Deto, Kitty Jerry and Anna Marie Schmidt, 6, daughter of Bessie Schmidt of Eagle Lake, takes twirling, is in Campfire Girls, has two cats, three dogs, a new baby puppy and a hen named Chick-Cluck.

Thank You

Eagle Lake and Colorado County

We enjoyed our visit to your fine community.

Hope You Had Fun — WE Did!

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR.

E.J. & Harry McDaniel
& McDaniel Family

Special Thanks To:

The April Fest Committee

For Their Hard Work

The Officials of the City of Eagle Lake,
American Rice Growers, Central Power & Light

For Their Cooperation

Chief Ben Johnson

For The Excellent Security His Force Provided

And Everyone Who Braved the Weather
To Participate In and Support April Fest

**See Us Next Year...
Bigger & Better!!**
At Our New Location.

P.S. I enjoyed having lunch and meeting with the Eagle Lake Rotary Club and the Noon Lions Club
GREAT FOOD!

E.J. McDaniel