

Rose Fajkus honored with wedding showers in April

Rose Fajkus, bride elect of Bill Lobnitz, was honored with a wedding shower on April 27 at 2 p.m. at the home of Becky Hardin in El Campo. Hostesses were Becky Hardin, Judy Motta, Becky Kutac and Theresa Harton.

The honoree was pinned with a spring bouquet corsage upon arrival. Becky Kutac read the toast.

Refreshments of Italian cream cake, chips, Mex-TeX dip, cheese dip, mints, nuts and punch were served.

Special guests included Phyllis Lesak, Linda Gonzales, Barbara Hubenak, Donna Blaha, Marilyn Pounder, Annette Fajkus and Gloria Fajkus.

The hostesses' gift to the honoree was a slow cooker.

On April 28, eleven hostesses honored Rose Fajkus with a shower at 1:30 p.m. in the Thomas Edison Room of WCEC in El Campo.

The room was decorated in the peach color with lace table cloths and spring flowers.

Special guest was the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Melvin Fajkus of Eagle Lake.

Refreshments of a cake inscribed with "Rose and Bill," sandwiches, chips, nuts, mints and punch were served to approximately 30 guests.

The hostesses presented the honoree with wicker accessories for her bath.

Rose was honored with an engagement party on April 27 at 8 p.m. at the home of Marilyn Pounder of El Campo.

Eagle Lake Police Chief Ben Johnson was honored recently with a certificate of appreciation by the Rice Area Memorial Post 5783 Ladies Auxiliary.

Chief Johnson made an interesting and valuable program about drug abuse in March. The talk included a film, pamphlets and a demonstration. The program was sponsored by the auxiliary, and included presentation of a certificate of appreciation to former city patrolman Andy Munoz for his past assistance to the auxiliary.

In other auxiliary news, the group has elected officers for the 1985-86 year. Helen Supak was elected president for her third consecutive term; Bobby Johnson is senior vice president; Gwen Paschall is junior vice president; secretary is Marilyn Riley; treasurer is Betty Kana; conductress is Elizabeth Kana; guard is Dorothy Kohlfel; patriotic instructor is Lila Armstrong; and historian and chaplain is Joyce Stancik. Trustees include Helen Pikkington and Jerri Fling.

Officers will be installed on May 21 at the fire station meeting room at 8 p.m. Installing officer will be Helen Pikkington.

The auxiliary has made recent donations to the fire department, \$200; boy scouts, \$200; special olympics, \$200, and the Little League, \$200.

Miss Cynthia Renee Balas, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Balas of Eagle Lake, has been selected to compete in the Texas Miss Teen Pageant to be held at the Loews Anatole Hotel in Dallas on August 30, 31 and September 1. This pageant is the official state-wide finals for the Miss Teen Pageant to be held in November of 1985.

Miss Balas is sponsored by Eagle Lake Drugs, Johnny's Sport Shop, Don Bendy, P.C., JoAnn's Department Store of Eagle Lake, and Kaitex Supply Co.

Her hobbies include dancing, twirling, piano, flute and water skiing. She will graduate from Eagle Lake Junior High School this month with an "A" average and will be a freshman at Rice High School this fall.

Contestants from all over the state will be competing for the title. All contestants are between the ages of 14 and 18 and must have at least a "B" average in school. They are required to participate in the Volunteer Service Program of the Miss Teen Pageant. Through this program many young ladies are becoming in-



Cynthia Renee Balas

Renee Balas enters teen pageant

involved in community activities by contributing at least 12 hours of time to some worthwhile charity or civic work. The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation is the national charity organization for the Miss Teen Pageant.

Texas Miss Teen will compete for \$3,000 in cash, a self-improvement scholarship, to Barbizon School of Modeling, and all expense paid weekend for her and her family at the fabulous Loews Anatole Hotel and a personal appearance contract. In addition to these prizes, the Texas State Queen will receive an expense paid trip to represent the State of Texas at the National Miss Teen Pageant in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Over \$25,000 in scholarships and prizes will be awarded at the National Pageant in November, 1985.

Contestants will be judged on scholastic achievement, volunteer service achievement, appearance, poise, personality, personal interview, speech or talent and formal presentation. Contestants have their choice of presenting a speech or performing a talent on stage.

Middle School students of the month

The following students have been selected by the Eagle Lake Middle School teachers as students of the month for May. Students are selected by the teachers based on the following criteria: academic progress, attendance, citizenship, attitude, cooperation and dependability.

Fourth Grade: Michelle Valles, Nicole Robinson and Juan Roque.

Fifth Grade: Joe Rodriguez, Trudy Richter, Demetria Dancy, Sylvia Trevino.

Sixth Grade: Richard Beth and Aurelia Leal.

Seventh Grade: Efrain Gonzalez and Stephanie Causey.

Eighth Grade: Scott Ripper and Lisa Escamilla.

These students' pictures will be displayed in the hallways at the Middle School for the entire month of May. Congratulations to these students for their efforts here at school during the past month.

Popp, Schneider reunion set for June 2 in Nada

The 29th annual Popp-Schneider reunion has been scheduled for June 2 at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada. Mass will begin at 11 a.m., St. Mary's Grotto. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Everyone attending is asked to pack a lunch for your brunch. Utensils and drinks will be provided.

A meeting will follow lunch. After the meeting, an afternoon of horseshoes, baseball, volleyball, cards and dominoes will be enjoyed by everyone.

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State twirler

Erica Castillo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Castillo Jr. of Sealy, attended the 1985 USTA Texas State Championships and Open Competition, which was held in Huntsville on April 13 and 14. In the Open Competition, Erica won first place in solo and first place in 2 Baton in her age group of eight year olds. In the State Championships, Erica advanced to the preliminary rounds and placed fourth in 2 Baton and fifth in Solo. Erica will be attending the 1985 USTA-South Central Regionals which will be held in Beaumont on June 8 and 9. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Castillo Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Roberto Montemayor of Eagle Lake.

Altar Society plans church picnic

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Altar Society met in Diner Hall on May 2 at 7 p.m. Father Ray Widacki opened the meeting with prayer. President Melinda Kuchera welcomed. Sandy Thomson as a guest and thanked the hostesses, Carolyn Naska and Andrea Delgado, for the delicious refreshments. Secretary Connie Gertson read the minutes and they were approved as read.

Under new business the church picnic was discussed. The Altar Society will furnish the donation cards for the parish. It was stressed that donating and mailing the cards is all the society does. All proceeds from the parishioners' donations and cash contributions go directly and only to the church.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 10-15. Interested parents with children who will be four before September 1, 1985 should call Melinda Kuchera or Jeanie Leopold as soon as possible.

Father Ray Widacki reminded the Altar Society that they will serve refreshments at the Heritage House on May 26. Hostesses for the occasion are Emily Stiles (chairperson), Pat Cook, Annette Fajkus, Carolyn Naska, Mrs. Hollas and Mrs. Semmer.

Queen, Little Miss and talent find contest set

The Colorado County Farm Bureau has announced that its year's queen contest and talent find contest for June 1 at the Columbus High School Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Participants in the contests must be between the ages of 16-21 as of September 1 and single (defined as never been married). In the queen contest, eligible participants must be the daughter or sister of a Colorado County Farm Bureau member. The membership must be in the county of participation. In the talent find contest eligible participants must be amateurs and Colorado County Farm Bureau members or member of a Colorado County Farm Bureau family. An amateur is defined as someone who has not received direct remuneration for the performance of the talent.

In the queen contest, contestants will be judged on appearance, poise, personality and speech, although other qualities such as grace and charm will be taken into account. They will be required to speak from one to two minutes on a Farm Bureau current event question. Farm Bureau employees, dealers, service agents and their families and past State queen winners are not eligible to enter.

In the talent find contest, each entry is limited to five minutes and a penalty will be charged for overtime. When an accompanist is required, each entry should make his own arrangements.

If any of the district and state winners are a group of more than one person, the scholarships will be limited to the total amount payable to two people.

Winners in the queen and talent find contests will compete at the district level later on in the year. District queen winners and their escorts will receive an expense-paid trip to the state convention in Fort Worth, December 14. Each district winner also will receive a \$500 college scholarship.

The state winners will be awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship and the state runner-up will receive a \$500 college scholarship.

Deadline to enter is May 24.

Little Miss parade The Little Miss entries must be a daughter of a Colorado County Farm Bureau member and must not have participated in this event before. The little girl must be between 8 and 6 years of age as of June 1.

Deadline to enter is May 24.

Also Fajita Dinner Special Daily Open Monday-Saturday 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. US 90A West, Eagle Lake

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Live Oak Art Club announces winners; to be recognized at Rice awards ceremony

Janet Zbrank, Patrick Isenhour, Randy Cumplian and Johanna Kubena, seniors at Rice High School, received first, second, third and honor mention, respectively, in a competition sponsored by the Live Oak Art Club on April 6 in Columbus.

The Academic Awards ceremony at Rice High School on May 9 will recognize these students as well as others receiving honors and scholarships during the school year.

Janet, a second-year art student, took first place, a blue ribbon and a \$500 scholarship offered by the club. She plans to attend Wharton County Junior College and major in commercial art. Her works showed originality and innovation in choice of subjects and media. One of her entries was a collage of silver "drops," each painted with a cat or a dog in water-base paint, suggesting to the viewer the title of "Rainin' Cats and Dogs."

Another was a magnum glass holding a spoonful of alphabet cereal.

Janet has won many firsts and seconds in competitions sponsored by the Colorado County Fair, Houston Livestock Show and others and she had two pictures in a New York show for judging.

An alternate senior student was chosen in the event Janet will not be able to use the scholarship. He is Patrick Isenhour, who plans to attend Texas A&M University, majoring in architecture. His honors have included Best of Show at the Houston Livestock Show, blue and red ribbons at the Colorado County Fair and the Garwood Lions Fair.

Third place went to Randy Cumplian, third year art student who has won many blue and red ribbons and is a Gold Key ribbon artist. He also will major in commercial art.

Honorable mention went to Johanna Kubena, who wants to attend Texas A&I at Kingsville, specializing in interior design.

Mrs. Carolyn Hoffman of La Grange, artist and owner of her own art show and gallery, did the judging. Mrs. Sandra Derge is art teacher of these students at Rice High. The Weeks of the Live Oak Club was chairman of the competition and Mrs. Nancy Wooten was co-chairman.

Colorado County Resource council provides service

Numerous public and private agencies exist in Colorado County which provide services to our citizens. In 1984, the Colorado County Resource Council was organized to help unite these agencies and their efforts.

The Resource Council is a non-profit corporation open to any group or individual interested in improving the general public health in Colorado County. The members promote and make more accessible various resources while striving to develop new ones. They are working together to meet the needs of all citizens.

The current members are: Eagle Lake Community Hospital-Nelma Strey; Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance; Father Ramon Widacki, Eagle Lake; Youens Hospital, Weimar; Weimar Ministerial Fellowship; Sweetheart Nursing Home, Columbus; Colleen Wilbrodt, Texas Department of Human Resources, Columbus; Sutp Gormley, Texas Department of

Health; 4 County Council on Alcohol and Drug; Cynthia Mueller; Sid McAllister, Mental Health, Mental Retardation; Sharon Rowser, Texas Rehabilitation Commission; Gerie Darr, Texas Rehabilitation Commission; Peggy Kallins, County Extension Service.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Colorado County Resource Council and their efforts to promote better health, contact Sid McAllister at 732-6126. Membership fees are \$10.00 a year. Call today.

270 endangered species

There are now 270 species officially listed as "endangered" in the United States, reports National Wildlife magazine.

Among the endangered species are 35 mammals, 72 birds and 71 plants.

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