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These pictures show many of the scenes that took place at the annual Sheridan Ambulance Bene-Fair held recently.

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Sheridan Ambulance Bene-Fair results

Results of the annual Sheridan Ambulance Bene-Fair which took place on May 11 are as follows:

Parade winners: Chamber of Commerce division, Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce float, first place; Hallettsville Chamber of Commerce, second. Civic division, Sheridan Lions Club, first place; Colorado County Sheriff's Posse, second; Eagle Lake Lions Club, third. Comedy division, clowns Michael Grahmann and DeWight Dopslauf, first place; clowns Tami Hinze and Tami Fuller, second. Commercial, Rocky's Greenhouse of Sheridan, first place; Sher-Tex of Sheridan, second; Riceland Ford of Eagle Lake, third. Miscellaneous division, Rice High School Band, first place; Narissa Brisco, Indian princess, second place; WMU of Sheridan First Baptist Church, third. Sheridan Lions Club received the most outstanding entry ribbon.

Hairy legs [men] winners: Glen Kingrey, hairest legs; Herman Zickuhr Jr., ugliest legs; Mike Ryan, skinnest legs; Bryan Tesch, ugliest un-hairest legs. **Beards [men] winners:** Bobby Hillsinger, longest; Everett Clark, nicest; Michael Beyette, shortest; Everett Clark, grayest; Billy Wilson, worst.

Husband calling [women] winners: Aileen Peck, loudest; Janet Dupree, funniest; Robyn Hillsinger, meanest; Aileen Peck, weakest; Sharon Moore, worst. There were no competitors for the fastest talking in the women's division.

Sack races: First heat, Kaci Klein, first; Aaron Machac, second; Angela Melnar, third. Second heat, Todd Krenek, first; DeWayne Dopslauf, second; Jason Pausewanz, third. Overall winner, DeWayne Dopslauf.

Cabbage Patch drawing: Trish Chisum of Sheridan, girl kid; Rosalyn Gonzales of Houston, boy kid. Melton McCloud won a baseball glove which was given away by the Colorado County Sheriff's Posse.

Egg toss competition [no age division]: First heat, Angela Melnar and Tammi Fuller, winning team couple; second heat, Larry and Darnell Varley; third heat, Darrell Quinney and Cindy Gohlke. Darrell and Cindy was the winning team couple in the playoffs. Chris Jackson received the hard luck award by splattering the worst.

Long-john races [ages 9 and older]: Brian Balas and Tracy Klein, first place; Andy Leopold and Stacey Harned, second; "Cowboy" and "Lady", third. **Ambulance crew challenges:** Columbus Crew.

Archery tournament: First place, Skip Pustejovsky of Eagle Lake, 41 points; second, David Meyer of Hallettsville, 37 points; Randy Kershner of Sheridan, 32. **Team horseshoe pitching tournament:** First place, James Moore and Eddie Balusek; second, Earl Chomchala and Daniel Swoboda; third, Jon Wunderlich and Keith Peszuell.

Pet show winners: Longest tail, Justin Kutzer with collie named Jake, first and Kori Klein with shepherd named Duke, second; biggest pet, Justin Kutzer with Jake, first and Kori Klein with Duke, second; smallest pet, Julie Moore with Peeper, first and Sarah Hessong with baby duck, second; best personality, Amy Jahn with Buttons (small dog), first and Justin Kutzer with Jake, second; best dressed, Amy Jahn with Buttons, first and Sarah Hessong with Peanut (duck), second; most unusual pet, Jenny Hessong with duck, first and July Moore with Peeper; shortest tail, Kaci Klein with Narik, first and Sarah Hessong with Peanut, second; prettiest, Justin Kutzer with Jake, first and Jenny Hessong with her ducks, second.

Barbecue cookoff winners: First place, Nuts & Bolts, Oscar Tesch and Ben Smith, team captains with Judy Tesch and Harold Clark, team members. Second place, El Dorado Social Club, team captain Floyd Weishuhn and Jerry Janish and Dead Eye Sims as team members. Third place, Clowning Around, M.R. Brinkmeyer, captain; Ruth Brinkmeyer, Richard, Rachel and Rosalyn Gonzales, team members. Fourth place, Provident City Cats, E.G. Bartay, team captain; fifth place, Pasuaches Bro's, Ed Andel and John Pilkington, team captains; sixth, Independent Cookers, Mike Wrobliski, team captain. Showmanship winners were Clowning Around, first; Rainbow Cookers, Gary Kocurek, team captain, second and Pasuaches Bro's, third.

Volleyball tournament winners: First place, S&S Columbus with Gary Pflughaupp as team captain; second, Stevens Plbg. of Yoakum, Allan Stevens, captain; third, Broncos & Others, Henry Hagendorf, captain; fourth, El Campo Rebels, Brian Niemsier, captain; fifth, Silver Bullet, Gary Kocurek, captain; sixth, Mario Hernandez. John Miller of S&S Columbus was awarded most valuable player for the men and Bonnie Beard of S&S won the most valuable player award for women.

Winners in a drawing were: Patti New of Weimar, queensize quilt, donated by SEA; Norman Cole of Sheridan, $50 cash, donated by Dupre Lease Service of Sheridan; Jeff Franka of Eagle Lake, $50 cash, donated by First State Bank of Weimar; C.C. Jeans of Hallettsville, food processor, donated by Colorado County Butane of Sheridan; Charlie Hadac of Sheridan, $25 gift certificate; Jen Peterson of Sheridan, 30 quart Gott cooler, donated by Sher-Tex of Sheridan; Bea Barron of Columbus, 5 quarts oil, filter, grease job, donated by Shaw's Shamrock of Sheridan; Alton Balusek of Boling, 5 quarts oil, filter, grease job, donated by C&B Shell of Sheridan; Alan Kloss of Sheridan, $20 gift certificate, donated by B&N Corner Cafe of Rock Island; L.W. Otto, $15 gift certificate, donated by Sandy Creek Drive In of Sheridan; Dena Hartrow of Sheridan, two-slice toaster, donated by Sheridan Dairy Delite of Sheridan; Dot Wortham of Sheridan, Fry Daddy, donated by Zbranek's Food Market of Sheridan.

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Obituaries

Ethel Odell Austin

Ethel Odell Austin, 92, of Eagle Lake, died at 4:20 a.m. on May 9 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

Many friends and relatives attended the funeral which was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 11 from Dulany Funeral Home Chapel in Eagle Lake with Rev. Charles Runk, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake, officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Music selections included "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art," "Abide in Me" and "Whispering Hope."

She was born on December 24, 1892 in Groveton, Texas, a daughter of William and Mary Caroline Bennett Magee. She married Thomas Elisha Austin in August 3, 1913 in Eagle Lake. A resident of Eagle Lake since 1906, she was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake. A wonderful and great lady loved by all, she was a friend to everyone and helped all that were in need anytime of the day or night. She never turned anyone down who was in need. She loved gardening, sewing, crocheting and much more.

"At the time she was a young person in Eagle Lake, doctors were scarce and there were no hospitals in that time. A lot of people called on her to help them in sickness and child birthing. It didn't matter to her what time of the day or night it was, she always helped them all she could.

She was preceded in death her parents, her husband, Tom Austin on January 27, 1973 and a son, William David Austin on November 17, 1941.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. G.M. (Pauline) Clark and Mrs. George (Anna Mae) Brown, both of Eagle Lake; a son, Dewey Cordell Austin of Portland; three brothers, William Magee of Eagle Lake, Dewey Magee of Beaumont and Don Magee of Vidor; eighth grandchildren, Warren Austin, Janice Nell Colburn Laney, Pat Clark Walters, George Madison Clark, Jacquln Austin Kirpatrick, Grace Arlene Austin Sanders, Mary Sue Colburn Carr, Tom Austin; 27 great grandchildren and 12 great great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were grandsons and great grandsons, Rusty Sanders, Chris Sanders, Mike Thomas, Bubba Carr, Del Leatherwood, Lewis Johnston, Jimmy Wheeland, Chuck DuBose.

Sympathy is extended to the family in the loss of their loved one.

Seminar for women landowners

A special seminar on farm and ranch business management for women landowners will be held May 29-30 in San Antonio.

The seminar is designed to help women explore income-generating and tax-saving opportunities for their farms and ranches.

Discussions will center on income taxes, farm leases, business organization, estate planning and oil and gas leasing.

Farm leases and operating agreements take many forms, and many of these will be discussed at the seminar including benefits and restrictions to both landowners and tenants.

Regarding income tax planning, tax-saving opportunities will be explored for business growth, land sales, retirement income and helping out children and grandchildren.

A registration fee of $80 will be charged, which includes the cost of meals and materials. For registration information call Peggy Kalina, county Extension agent, home economics, at 732-2530.

Hospital News

Patients [May 20]

Eagle Lake: Minnie Hill, James Barclay, Lillie Mae Williams, Juanita Coronado, Sufronia Hemphill, Lillie Humphrey, Marlene Miller, Katie Williams, Hilda Holloman, Catherine Balusek, Telesia Williams, Kellye Gertson and Baby Boy, Lorenzo Israel, Melvin Fajkus, Modesto Castaneda;

Sealy: Maria Velasquez; from Hallettsville: Roland Campbell; from Garwood: Raymond Cooper; from Rock Island: Helen Ball, Chester Christian; from Edna: Mary Fella; from Egypt: Mattie Matthews; from El Campo: Manuel Vasquez; from Schulenburg: Kevin Bittner; from Wharton: Willie Schroeder.

Dismissals

Eagle Lake: Floyd Owens, Robert L. Baird, Anna Kocurek, Victor Cordova, Helen Arellano and Baby Boy, Sharon McTear and Baby Girl, Adela Emmel, Gottlieb Harborth, John Perkins, Mateo Navarro Jr., Eula P. Clark, Desiderio Gutierrez, Jamie Lynn Tillman, Jeremiah Middleton, Tillie Drymalla, Jonas Bluntson, Mary Hernandez;

Sheridan: Bufford Ashley Jr., William Goode, Dollie Botard, Frances Kahanek; from Columbus: Earlene Junious, Everett Moore, Rodolfo Tello, Lee Dungen; from Schulenburg: Elizabeth Shimek; from Garwood: Caroline Lehrer; from Rock Island: Elmer Larsen, Charles Sweat; from Hallettsville: Minnie Spittler; from Wallis: John Ward.

William S. Gordy

William S. Gordy, 90, of Hot Springs, Arkansas died on May 15, 1985 in Hot Springs due to a lengthy illness.

Services were held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with burial in St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery in Columbus with Father Brian Crookes officiated.

He was born on January 21, 1895 in Franklin, Louisiana. He was a one time resident of Columbus during the early 20's and then a resident of Eagle Lake until 1972 when he moved to Hot Springs. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of American Legion Post 108 in Eagle Lake for 65 years.

Survivors include his wife, Virignia of Hot Springs, Arkansas; a daughter, Mrs. S.T. Collie of Richardson; a son, Carl Gordy of Columbus; 2 sisters Mrs. Zade Hollenburg of Pasadena, Mrs. Joe Butera of South Houston; 8 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Mike Gordy, Tim Gordy, Ervin Heffley, all of Columbus; Craig Bryan of Richardson, Linn Gordy of Conroe and Billy Gordy of Nederland. Wilton Stallman and Marshall Windham served as the American Legion honor guards.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family in the loss of their loved one.

Annual Homecoming service in Rock Island this Monday

The Myrtle Cemetery Association's annual Homecoming and Memorial Day Service will be held at the former Rock Island school gym on Sunday, May 26.

A beef and sausage barbecue dinner will be served at the noon hour. Cost per plate is $5 for adults and $2.50 for children.

The memorial service and program will commence at 1 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

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