



Except for the wind, Saturday was a perfect day to enjoy Aprilfest activities at the Knights of Columbus festival grounds on FM 3013.

By late afternoon, there wasn't much of a crowd, but the flags on the penny arcade still stood nearly straight out.

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afternoon. Suzanne Corman was named first runner up and Valerie Benge was named second runner up. Other contestants were Kim Garrett, Leigh Ann Dutcher, Sherri Frika, Susan Kaluza, Leslie Heard, Lesley Matthews, Shen Cheatham, Stacey Causey and Sharon Harborth. Judges

were Don Dye of Houston, Johnny Meeds of the Houston Oilers, and Lil Sullivan of Columbus. Contestants were judged on beauty, personality, talent and stage presence.

Bridge tournament: Held for the second year at the Farris 1912, Jim Clipson Jr. and Everett

Anderson were the victors after an unexpected tie for first place developed at the end of regulation time. The Clipson-Anderson team and the team of Gardner and Anne Duncan each scored 4,770 points. In the four-round playoff, Anderson and Clipson won.

Outhouse races: The Rotary Club team was the winner, defeating several other teams including the Lions Club, Coastal Contracting and another team from the Sunderland family.

Barbecue Cookoff: first place, Double L Cookers; second place, Kay's Team, and third place, Steam Pit Cookers.

Bakeoff: Judy Cooper won first place for the best Iced Cake, and also for the best cake decorated in a sequin theme, and Liz Hodde was the winner of the best decorated cake award.

There also were other contests held, such as the rice eating contest, ice cream eating contest, and obstacle course race, but winners were not recorded.

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Renée Balas, center, was named Miss Aprilfest last Saturday during the pageant that was moved into the Prairie Edge Museum. At left is first runner-up Suzanne Corman and at right is second runner-up Valerie Benge. Their sponsors were Truly Properties, Kids Korner and the Lions Club. Other sponsors were: Chamber of Commerce, First National Bank, Eagle Tractor, Eagle Lake Insurance Agency, Jo Ann's, Xi Pi Psi, Coastal Contracting, Rice-land Ford-Mercury, and the Eagle Lake Pilot Club.

Council

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honor is being planned for former mayor Elmer Struss, who served the city for 18 years. Councilman Duncan suggested something be done for him, because whether you like him or not, he spent a great deal of time and personal energy serving the town.

Agreed that when the street improvements begin, as much of the work and employment as possible be awarded to those from the city. Klockman said the paperwork to sell the bonds will begin soon, then it will take from 60 to 90 days to sell the bonds. By that time, council probably will have a list of streets by priority where work will be done.

Agreed Baker urge the junk car and loose dog ordinances be enforced. Klockman reminded everyone that a car with an expired license plate or inspection sticker can be removed by the city, even if it is on private property. Owners must keep such vehicles behind a fence or out of sight in a garage if they want to keep them.

Aprilfest Poster winners named

Seven winners were named last week in the Aprilfest poster contest, sponsored by The Headlight and judged at Kids Korner. The winners are:

In the kindergarten morning class, Sarah Simms and Amy Obenhaus; kindergarten afternoon class, Morgan Causey and Michael Koteschek; first grade, Rocio Lago; third grade, Donny Obenhaus; and fifth grade, George Hernandez.

The Headlight is awarding a colorful T-shirt to the winners, with their first name on the front. Shirt sizes and colors may be picked out at Johnny's Sport Shop.

Ron Stone brings Sam Houston to life

Ron Stone, long-time newsmen on Houston's Channel 2, was the guest speaker last Wednesday for the Eagle Lake Rotary Club as a guest of Rev. Charles Miller, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church here. The men attend the same church in Houston.

It was a fitting occasion too, as Stone's presence attracted a near overflow audience of Rotarians, their wives and guests, including some students from the Eagle Lake Middle School as special guests.

As it happened, last Wednesday also was the exact 63rd birthday of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club, having been officially chartered on April 16, 1923. To mark the occasion, club president Jack Harrell lit candles on a symbolic birthday cake, and after a happy birthday song and the blowing out of the candles by Clara Mae Nash, Harrell presented the cake to Stone, who reportedly showed it on his 5 p.m. Alive-at-five program.

The sponsoring club for Eagle Lake was the Downtown Houston Rotary Club. The Eagle Lake club is No. 1403 of Rotary International. Long-time club member Albert Pustovsky and his wife Emma celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary earlier this year. He has been a club member, with perfect

attendance, for more than 50 years. Stone's appearance also was fitting because of his subject matter. Monday was San Jacinto Day, celebrating the anniversary of the battle that freed Texas from Mexico, making it an independent republic.

Sam Houston, who led that victorious battle, is a figure in history that Stone likes to study.

Because of that study, Ron Stone recounted Sam Houston's life with a captivating narration that made history come alive.

Houston ran away from his Virginia home at an early age and lived with the Indians in the mountains of Tennessee. He later became a teacher for two students at \$8 per term, and, because of his fascination with his childhood reading of the Iliad and the Odyssey, eventually joined a military operation in Alabama led by Andrew Jackson.

He may not have been the perfect example of a military man, but during one battle, after he already had suffered one wound, Houston decided the only way to victory was to charge into the enemy. After he did, Stone said he looked behind him and saw no one had charged with him. Houston suffered his second wound, but survived.

Later Sam Houston became governor of Tennessee, and married a woman named Eliza who left him after three months. To this day, Stone said, no one knows why the marriage didn't last.

From that time, to the time of the Battle of San Jacinto, Stone said Houston split his time between floundering around in Oklahoma, and becoming a lawyer headed toward Texas. At age 42 Houston was elected to Washington on the Brazos. He helped raise the Texas Army, but even then, had a difficult time.

After the group was mostly together, there was vocal rebellion as Houston marched the group eastward. At a fork in the road, that could have changed history in one direction, Houston turned south, toward San Jacinto, and his men numbering 600 or 100 strong, shouted and cheered.

Most everyone in Texas knows what happened next, but there was one twist newsmen Stone added. "Sam didn't like rules," he said. He fought the battle his way and considering that he was a egomaniac, he became bigger than life.

Stone closed with the comment that "We are a people with a rich heritage...and we ought to preserve that."



Many of the Rotarians and guests at last week's meeting took the time afterward to shake hands with television newsmen Ron Stone. Here, Jean McInteer takes her turn. Stone presented a historical rendering of the life of Sam Houston.

Prizes added to Minimax giveaway

Bob Wilcox and Michael Henry of Wilcox Motors have announced that additional prizes also will be awarded from the store when the Great Mighty Max drawing is held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29. The original truck giveaway was designed as a sesquicentennial celebration, the amounts of the gift certificates were chosen to continue that theme.

The prizes the store is adding, in the form of gift certificates, will make the April 29 drawing even more exciting. Already Wilcox and Henry have planned a festive occasion.

Crime Prevention...

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But Kuykendall, Sheriff's deputy Ray Raley, Eagle Lake fire chief Sonny Spanhel, police chief Johnson, county attorney Ed Woolery-Price, and others, including Tony Janish, representing Lake Lumber, Janish explained many of the security items he displayed at the seminar, and that also are available at the lumber company. Also on display were other security items from Eagle Lake Farm & Home Supply's True Value hardware store, and from S&W Auto Parts.

After Kuykendall detailed elements of the Texas Crime Victim reimbursement program, Deputy Raley discussed the many areas where a home and business owner can make improvements to increase security.

Chief Spanhel's concerns also were for increased security, but at the same time it is his position that home owners should not ignore safety. For instance, burglar bars make it more difficult for thieves to enter a building, but if they are just iron bars bolted to the structure, occupants inside have no escape route in case of a fire. Spanhel advocates "quick release" bars that will open from the inside when necessary.

Other security devices, especially for windows, also make criminal entry more difficult, but slow efforts at escape. The police department is aware of these aspects and can discuss them during the home

security survey. Operation Identification Police Chief Johnson also discussed a nationwide program called Operation Identification. Available from the Police Department, at no charge, are electric scribes that etch a name or number on items to help police find owners if the items are stolen. Johnson recommends the owner's social security number or driver's license number be used on all tangible, movable items.

You can borrow the scribes, and a policeman can show you how to use them. Call the police department at 234-2727 for more information.

Woolery-Price discussed what services his office does and does not provide as county attorney. In a criminal case, where investigation is handled by the local police department, Woolery-Price reminded the audience that a case in court is only as good as the information provided to the police. Therefore, he urged complete cooperation during an investigation.

Future programs Johnson said he was not discouraged by the low turnout last week, and is considering other seminars. Public awareness, he said, should increase as we move more programs for the public, and help them understand that they can do more for themselves in the areas of crime prevention. "After all, crime prevention is every's job," he said.

County groups win in Special Olympics' meet

The Texas Special Olympics Area III track and field meet was held April 12 at Ricebriar Stadium in El Campo. Patricia Giles, from the Eagle Lake Middle School, was among the athletes who carried the torch around the track before lighting the official Special Olympics torch. With the lighting of the torch, the games began.

Eleven schools, represented by 120 athletes from this eleven county area, participated. Among these schools were the Eagle Lake Primary School, Eagle Lake Middle School, and Alternate Education Center and Waldvogel Opportunity Center, both of Columbus.

Athletes participating were: Loretta Sims, Judy Holloway, Demont Holloway, and James Lewis of Eagle Lake Primary School; David Navarro, Irma Perez, Socorro Cano, Beth Lippert, Ricky Hemphill, James Santos, Dwayne Lopez, Larry Morgan, Sidney Lira and Roger Morgan, all of Eagle Lake Middle School; Rex McCloud, Julie McInteer, Denise Newsum and Larry Tillman, all of Columbus Alternate Education Center.

The AEC team is coached by Sandra Neundorff of Columbus and Judy Pustovsky of Altair. Coaches for the Eagle Lake Raiders is Linda Lippert with Ruby Darnell, Darlene Stancik, Andrea Stitzer, Veronica Daniels and Arva Berkes assisting her.

Winners and their ribbons are as follows: Rex McCloud, 100 meter dash, 3rd place and softball throw, 4th; Julie McInteer, high jump, 1st place and 100 meter dash, 2nd; Denise Newsum, 50 meter dash and shot put, 1st place ribbons; all from AEC.

From the Eagle Lake Raiders, Judy Holloway, 50 meter dash, 1st and softball throw, 1st and 100 meter dash, 3rd; Roger



Pictured are Eagle Lake Raiders, back row, from left, Arthur Hampson, Ricky Hemphill, Trudy McMurtough, David Navarro, Dwayne Lopez, Sidney Lira; middle row, from left, Jamie Gonzales, Roger Morgan, Loretta Sims, Patricia Giles, Larry Morgan, Demont Holloway; front row, from left, James Lewis, Socorro Cano, Beth Lippert, Irma Perez, Judy Holloway, James Santos.

meter dash, 4th; Loretta Sims, softball throw, 1st and 100 meter dash, 1st; Demont Holloway, 50 meter dash, 1st and softball throw, 2nd; Ricky Hemphill, 50 meter dash, 2nd and softball throw, 3rd; Socorro Cano, 50 meter dash, 3rd and softball throw, 4th; Irma Perez, 50 meter dash, 1st and softball throw, 3rd; David Navarro, high jump, 1st and 400 meter relay, 1st; Beth Lippert, 50 meter dash, 3rd and softball throw, 7th; James Santos, 400 meter relay, 1st, 100 meter dash, 3rd and softball throw, 4th; Larry Morgan, 400 meter relay, 1st, softball throw, 2nd and 200 meter dash, 3rd; Roger

Morgan, standing long jump, 1st, 400 meter relay, 1st and 100 meter dash, 2nd; Dwayne Lopez, softball throw and 50 meter dash, 3rd place; Sidney Lira, 100 meter dash, 3rd and softball throw, 4th.

The Eagle Lake Raiders would like to thank everyone who donated money for the purchase of new sweatshirts for the team. We are really enjoying them. We would also like to thank those who donated food and drinks for our trip. Those items were greatly enjoyed after a long and hot, but fun day.

Also, thanks to the family and friends of the team for their strong support and encouragement throughout the year as well as on Saturday. It is because of your love and support that the teams did so well.



Students and coaches from the Columbus AEC displaying their new warm up suits are, from left to right, Sandra Neundorff, coach; Larry Tillman, Eagle Lake; Julie McInteer, Eagle Lake; Rex McCloud, Sheridan; Denise Newsum, Eagle Lake; and Judy Pustovsky, coach.

Eagle Lake Community Hospital donates to Special Olympics

Several employees of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital recently gave a donation to the Columbus Alternate Education Center for the purchase of warm up suits to be worn during competition in Special Olympics events. A total of seven navy blue suits with orange lettering were purchased with the help of Mike Grigar of Johnny's Sport Shop.

The Columbus Alternate Education Center is a county-wide special education classroom serving the young adults of Colorado County. It is presently located on the south wing of the Columbus Elementary School. Students from the AEC participate in Area III's Special Olympic events such as bowling, basketball, track and field and swimming.

The students benefiting from this

generous donation include Rex McCloud of Sheridan, Julie McInteer, Denise Newsum, Larry Tillman and Manuel Trevino, all of Eagle Lake. Teaching and coaching the group is Sandra Neundorff of Columbus and Judy Pustovsky of Altair.

The following hospital employees are responsible for providing the greatly appreciated suits: Jack Harrell, Barbara Rucka, Tom Sherich, Jerri Fling, Barbara Pidgeon, Peggy Dietrich, Louie Gindi, Domingo Castillo, Juanita Waligura, Jane Blahia, Dorothy Newsum, Nelma Strey, Wilma Shorter, and Joe Noceta of the Owen Company. Mrs. Grigar and Mrs. Newsum are credited with recognizing the school's need and making the necessary arrangements to make the donation possible.

Eagle Lake men's softball league meeting set May 8

The men's softball league in Eagle Lake will hold an organizational meeting for the 1986 summer season at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 8 at the City Ball Park in the Rice Mill area.

Any teams interested in competing this summer must be represented since this will be the only meeting that will be held prior to the start of league play. A new slate of officers will be elected at this meeting who's responsibility will be to supervise league activities, set-up the league schedule and to help maintain the ball park.

"It is imperative that a representative from all teams interested in playing this summer be present at this meeting," emphasized current league officials, adding, "scheduling of games for the 1986 season will be set-up immediately following this meeting so it will be impossible for teams to be added later."

League Ledgers

Monday Nite Mixed
Setting off the pace in the Monday Nite Mixed League April 14 in Altair was Alta Barten with a 200-540 for women's high game and series. In the men's, Mano Graham completed a 212-218-618 for men's high game and series. High team game went to High Flyers with an 834 and Gutter Cleaners rolled a 2469 for high team series.

Other high bowlers were Marlene Shoop 194-510, Elaine Dromgoole 183-525, Jack Dromgoole 203-518, Carl Pessnell 198-531, Mike Henske 503.

In the team standings, High Flyers is in first place with 70 wins; 2nd, UFO's, 65 1/2; 3rd, Gutter Cleaners; tied for 4th, Who Cares and VORSL, 63 each; 6th, Garwood Inc., 61 1/2; 7th, Par 4, 59 1/2; 8th, Low Rollers, 58; 9th, Skull Creek Lanes, 56; 10th, Gutter Lovers, 47; 11th, Hucksters, 45; 12, Bits & Pieces, 43 1/2.

Men's slowpitch softball game set

The Columbus Softball Association will host a pre-season men's softball tournament the first weekend in May. The tournament will be played at the new Columbus City Park, located at the intersection of Montezuma St. and Lought Drive, across from the FFA arena in Columbus.

Entry fee is \$100 per team for the May 3 and 4 slowpitch, double-elimination, ASA event. Rosters will be limited to 16 players. Deadline for registration is Thursday, April 24.

Further information regarding the tournament may be obtained by calling Rusty Neundorff or Curtis Schwenberg at (409) 732-2362 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., or Beverly Anderson at (409) 732-6040 after 5 p.m.

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