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newsbriefs

Junior CYO bake sale Saturday

The Junior CYO of the Eagle Lake Catholic Churches will be having a bake sale this Saturday, May 30 in front of Bill's Dollar Store. The bake sale will get underway at 9:30 a.m. Proceeds from this sale will be used to defray the costs of the club's summer trip to WaterWorld.

If you are craving something good and yummy for the weekend, please stop by and check out the selection of delicious items for sale.

TAEMC donates to crime program

The Texas Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, Region 8, has been the first to donate to the Eagle Lake Crime Prevention Program by giving \$300 for the upcoming year.

Other donations may be sent or dropped by the Eagle Lake Police Department.

CCA board meeting tonight

Combined Community Action, Inc. will hold its board of directors meeting tonight, Thursday, May 28 at 531 Colorado in La Grange. The meeting will begin at 7:30 and all board members are urged to attend. The public also is invited to attend.

CPR course Saturday

A CPR course will be held this Saturday, May 30 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Ambulance Hall. The all-day course will be taught by Bobbie Johnson, certified CPR instructor. Anyone interested in participating may still contact Mrs. Johnson at 234-3302. There will be a \$5 charge for the course.

Graduation ceremonies at Rice tonight

Commencement exercises for the class of 1987 at Rice High School will be held tonight, Thursday, May 28 beginning at eight o'clock in the Rice High School Gymnasium.

In conjunction with graduation night, Lake Motors Inc. will again offer the no-questions-asked free ride home. Tom Reed, vice president of Lake Motors, said if a student feels he or she needs a ride, they should call collect, 234-2513, and they will be given a free ride home.

Airport bids accepted but will be negotiated this week

Bids from two groups seeking to buy land at the Eagle Lake Municipal Airport were accepted by city council Tuesday night, contingent on negotiations with bidders.

Council is seeking to sell some of the city land to pay for runway repaving.

Bids were received from Charles McMurrough and John Penter for two of the parcels for a total of \$26,020, and from Gulf South Airservice Corporation for all of the parcels (including the two bid on by McMurrough and Penter) for \$104,400. Both sets of bids met the city's minimum \$5,000 per acre requirement, but the Gulf South bid, signed by Phillip Ferguson of Eagle Lake, also included other stipulations. On a per-acre basis, the McMurrough-Penter bid was more than \$100 an acre higher than Gulf South's bid for the same two parcels.

Council eventually agreed to accept both bids on a contingency basis, and to meet with bidders this week to discuss arrangements. While Gulf South said its bid was good only if the city sold it all the land, some on council hope they can sell McMurrough and Penter the two parcels they bid on, and sell Gulf South the remainder. The two parcels in question include one at the west end of the old east-west runway, and at the "V" created by the junction of the north-south runway and Connors St. The idea is that if they can get the parties to accept their thinking, two developers improving the land would be more beneficial to the city.

Because Ferguson has told council his company is working on a June 1 deadline to purchase an aircraft maintenance company that it will move here if the city improves the runway, council agreed to try to meet with bidders Thursday, and have a special called meeting Thursday afternoon.

Council also will be questioning Ferguson's requirement that the money be spent only on airport improvements "at once" if the sale is completed. Mayor Lanny Powers and councilman Vic Corman will be the council representatives meeting with the bidders.

Street light policy
Council also approved a policy to guide the city in handling requests for the installation of street lights. Powers said that in the past the city's policy was not to install new lights.

The policy said the city should provide street lighting that promotes safety, security and convenience within the fiscal constraints of the budget. Priority will be given to requests for lights for street-highway intersections, 3-way and 4-way intersections, in middle of blocks where there are no lights on the street or where lights are more than 500-feet apart, and at dead end streets.

The city requires all requests to be in writing, and when suggested by councilman Case Hollub, council included the requirement that the city answer requests within 60 days. The city will not pay for any of the installation costs. That will be paid by the requesting parties.

In order to insure that the costs remain manageable, no more than 10 new lights a year will be added in any one fiscal year.

Kuykendall crowned Miss Black Colorado County

The second annual Miss and Little Miss Black Colorado County Beauty Pageant was held Saturday, May 9 at the Eagle Lake Primary School with 14 contestants competing for the titles. Miss Barbara Kuykendall was crowned Miss Black Colorado County and Geni N. Flowers was chosen as Little Miss Black Colorado County.

The six contestants in the Little Miss contest were April Johnson, age 4; LaPortia Miller, 3; Geri N. Flowers, 5; Tekeshia Stevely, 3; Tabitha Connor, 5; Chaundra Johnson, 3. In the Miss Black contest, the eight contestants that participated were Barbara Kuykendall, 17; Camille Mitchell, 17; Jacklyn

Parker, 21; Felicia Frazier, 17; Carolyn Brown, 19; Arleita Wingate, 17; Terri Jackson, 17, and Monica Vinson, 16.

Miss Kuykendall, daughter of Minnie Kuykendall, received a beautiful trophy, banner and a crown for being chosen Miss Black Colorado County. The first runner-up was Arleita Wingate of Weimar, daughter of Mrs. Robbie Wingate and the late Arlee Wingate. She received a beautiful gold plated plaque. The second runner-up was Carolyn J. Brown of Weimar, daughter of Raymond Dickens and Mrs. Margie McMillan. She received a beautiful set of earrings, necklace and a two-way makeup mirror.

Little Miss Black Colorado County Geri N. Flowers, daughter of Sandra D. Flowers of Eagle Lake, received a crown, trophy and a banner. The first runner-up was Chaundra Johnson of Eagle Lake, daughter of Ulah B. and Ruby Johnson. She received a beautiful gold plated plaque. The second runner-up was Tabitha Connor of Eagle Lake, daughter of Isaac and Patricia Connor. She received a doll and a gamball machine. Also, awards were presented to the most outstanding participants. Arleita Wingate received the Award of Merit and Geni N. Flowers received the Outstanding Participant Award.

The speaker for the program was Mrs. Bevelia Doyle of Houston, an educator with the Houston Community College. She has been associated with the college for 14 years. The theme for the pageant was "I Have a Dream." Emcees for the pageant were Dr. and Mrs. Jose Ugarte of Eagle Lake. The judges were Mrs. Bruneia Battle of Houston and Rev. Jimmie Flakes of Giddings.

This pageant was a non-profit organization for a scholarship fund. The coordinator, Bea Kuykendall of Eagle Lake, and vice coordinators, Evelyn J. Johnson of Weimar and Rev. Obie Rhodes of Eagle Lake, would like to thank everyone that helped support the second annual pageant.



Pictured, from row from left, are Carolyn J. Brown, second runner-up; Arleita Wingate, first runner-up; and Barbara Kuykendall, Miss Black Colorado County. In the back row is Dr. Jose Ugarte, master of ceremonies for the pageant.



Pictured, from left to right, are Geri Nicole Flowers, Little Miss Black Colorado County; Mrs. Jose Ugarte, mistress of ceremonies for the Little Miss pageant; Chaundra Johnson, first runner-up; and Tabitha Connor, second runner-up.

Swimming pool opens Saturday

The Eagle Lake community swimming pool, under the sponsorship of the Parks and Recreation Committee of Revitalize Eagle Lake Inc., will open this Saturday, May 30. Prices will remain the same as in the past: one person, \$30 for the season; two people, \$55; three or more from the same family, \$75. The daily rate for those who do not purchase season tickets will be \$2 per person.

On May 30 the season ticket prices will be \$10 higher, so buy now and save. Tickets are available from Frances Struss at Struss Auto Supply, 234-2020.

Adult swim nights will be from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday nights beginning June 3. Red Cross swimming lessons start June 2. Call the pool or Linda Friska if you wish to reserve the pool for parties.

Management of the community pool will be led by Linda Friska. Lifeguards for this season are Valerie Bengie, Sherri Friska and Shannon Postojovsky.

Broussard hearing continues

The pre-trial hearing of Colorado County sheriff Jim Broussard is scheduled to continue this Thursday at 1 p.m. in the district courtroom in Columbus. It was to be continued last Thursday but was postponed a week.

At the hearing held last month, Broussard's defense attorneys argued that the three indictments returned against Broussard last January were faulty. At that time, the attorney for the state, special prosecutor Jim Vollers, seemed to agree that there might be a problem with at least two of the indictments.

Visiting judge Thomas Blackwell could rule this Thursday on the defense motions to throw out all three indictments. In a news article concerning drug arrests reported in the Houston Chronicle earlier this month, Broussard's name was mentioned. The article said an airplane was seized by the sheriff's department last year after it was suspected of being used to transport marijuana to the Columbus area.

The Chronicle story said, "The airplane was allegedly sold back to (lower East) Keith Lindell later for \$50,000," said special prosecutor Jim Vollers of Austin. The allegations led

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Mrs. Lois Raabe, Middle School art teacher, is pictured with some of the art work displayed at the art show held Saturday.

Middle School holds art show

The Eagle Lake Middle School art show was held Saturday, May 23 in the Prairie Edge Museum. Lois Raabe, the students teacher, was on hand to welcome visitors and answer any questions.

The winners for the junior high Fine Arts Division in pencil are as follows: 1st place Rick Cash, Greg Vasquez, and Eddie Garza; 2nd place Becky Avery, Juan Roque, and Lorie Korno; and 3rd place Michael Cerrda, Louis Concha, and Laura Rodriguez.

In color: 1st Jaime Marquart and Gilbert Rodriguez; 2nd Miguel Cardozo and Greg Vasquez; and 3rd Juan Roque and Elaine Garza.

Winners in the elementary Fine Arts Division are as follows: Third Grade: 1st-Jodi Heard and Trinnny Lavin; 2nd-Jodi Heard and Jill Sanky; 3rd-Kristi Gerton and Tysha Tyler.

Fourth Grade: 1st-Jessica Rodriguez and Ricardo Roque; 2nd-Bennie Gonzales and Christal Lockett; 3rd-Amanda Alaniz and Neil Brosche.

Fifth Grade: 1st-Tony Romo and Elizabeth Stiles; 2nd-Scott Jones and Emily Galvan; and 3rd-Scott Jones and Marcus Dodgins.

Paper plate characters in the elementary level winners are 1st-Billy Schmidt, Amy Dornak, Tamra Hemphill, Brandee Connors, James Cotton, Bennie Gonzales, Sonia Rodriguez, Jill Sanky, Melvin Brown, Jessica Whisnant, Osvaldo Silva.

2nd-Urbana Vasquez, Lancer Spears, Maria Rodriguez, Sebastian Munoz, Jessica Rodriguez, Max Delgado, Shea McClanahan, Rebecca Buerro, Joe Camar, Ann Penter, 3rd-Alicia Dawson, Kim Marsalia, (Continued on Back Page)