

Four years old

Revitalize Eagle Lake preserving community

Revitalize Eagle Lake Inc. is now four years old, and much has been done in that time to improve, clean up and preserve our community. What follows is only a partial listing of our activities, but it should give the citizens of Eagle Lake an idea of what we have been doing for the past four years.

The earliest efforts of Revitalize Eagle Lake Centered upon painting and repairing several downtown buildings, giving new life to the general appearance of the downtown area. A city-wide drive to clean up trash, conducted in cooperation with the City of Eagle Lake, resulted in the establishment of specific trash pick-up routes which city trucks regularly followed through residential and business areas, and led to the removal of years-old piles of trash. At our request, the Santa Fe Southern Pacific Company did some "pruning up" of local railroad facilities, including re-roofing and painting the office that stands in the middle of town, and everyone has been delighted with the improvement in appearance the work produced.

Another early project of Revitalize Eagle Lake was the re-opening of the community pool. Closed for many years, the pool was reopened three years ago and has been available both for recreational swimming as well as for Red Cross classes in beginning and advanced swimming and lifesaving.

Several improvements in pool equipment have been made over the past three years also, including new chlorination equipment, new high-intensity lighting to make night use of the pool possible, and most recently, a new diving board.

The Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club, which began as a committee of Revitalize Eagle Lake and is now independent, has taken on and completed several major beautification projects. First, the club raised the money for the landscaping of the area around the Municipal Building in the center of the downtown area, and then designed and directed the execution of the landscaping project. Included as part of the landscaping project was the installation of an underground sprinkler system that has insured the continued beauty of the landscaping. The Civic Garden Club also developed plans for the landscaping of the small triangular piece of land on Highway 90-A where Booth Drive and McCarty Avenue meet, again including the installation of underground sprinkler equipment along with the plants, and the result is a delightful park for the traveling public to see as they pass through Eagle Lake. The Civic Garden Club continues to maintain both these landscaped areas. Other beautification projects the garden club has undertaken include working with Wildlife Inc. to plant native wildflowers in the grassy

areas in and near downtown Eagle Lake, and the planting of eighty oak trees through the business section of town.

Possibly the largest undertaking of all was the establishment of the Prairie Edge Museum. Many hours of real "hammer and saw" work were required to convert a former auto dealership into a full-fledged museum, while work proceeded to collect for display a fascinating array of artifacts having to do with the history of Eagle Lake and the surrounding area. The museum's board of directors and members have produced numerous fundraising ideas, among which are an annual theatrical production, or "melodrama," and frequent "garage sales," where the museum undertakes to sell items individuals no longer want for a percentage of the sale price. These fundraisers, plus generous donations from the community, have made it possible to retire nearly half of the original debt on the museum building.

Revitalize Eagle Lake's main fundraising efforts center around two annual festivals, AprilFest, which is the name inspired by the name of the festival, is held each year in April, is highlighted by contests of all sorts, such as a bridge tournament, Little Miss and Mister Eagle Lake contest, and a Miss AprilFest contest. In addition, there are arts and crafts booths, food booths and a carnival for the enjoyment of all. Each fall the Eagle Lake Waterfowl Festival is held to underscore Eagle Lake's claim to be the "Goose-Hunting Capital of the World." This festival, which is built around a first-quality wildlife art show and sale, draws artists and on-lookers from all over the State of Texas, and many from outside the state as well. Unique crafts are available for sale, and hunting dog field trials, a gumbo cook-off, a board game, and numerous other events are also held. Because of local economic conditions the Waterfowl Festival was not held in 1986, but it will be held this year on September 18, 19 and 20 and we expect it to be the best ever.

All this has been done in the four years Revitalize Eagle Lake has been in existence, and the money raised by the various events has been used exclusively to support activities here in Eagle Lake. In 1983 Eagle Lake will be 100 years old, and we are already developing special plans for events to celebrate our centennial. In the meantime, though, we hope to see you all at the Waterfowl Festival in September!

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Sheridan News by Velma Kutzer

Gilbert Holub underwent emergency open heart surgery early Tuesday morning because he suffered a heart attack at the beginning of surgery. He was listed as critical as of this writing. He was moved to a private room in prayer for a complete recovery for him.

Vickie Ashley, David Bujnoch and Johnny Jahn gathered at Bufford and Vickie's home Saturday afternoon to celebrate their birthdays. Other members of the Ashley family also enjoyed the get together and also a swimming party at the pool later in the evening.

Pat Davis and Bill Davidson, both Texas highway patrolmen, stopped in

home after serving two weeks in Corpus participating in Naval Reserve.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kalina and Hannah accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schiuring of Garwood to Houston Saturday. They went especially to attend the circus at the Summit.

Guests visiting with Gladys and Edward Noy over the weekend were Fred Keller, Manfred Mertz, Mr. and Mrs. Emmette Wolford, Mr. and Mrs. George Gummel, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Muehr, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bundy, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ross, Mary Pionoyak and Lillian Kinchell.

Dana Sanders recently returned

Sheridan Monday to have dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Klekar of Oregon spent some time here Monday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Ash-ley.

Get well wishes are extended to Emma Rabel, who is in the hospital in Katy, Mrs. Rabel makes her home with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rabel of Sheridan.

Mrs. Leah Lloyd, Michael, Matt and Melinda of Minden, Louisiana are here visiting with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Betty Bauer returned to her home Monday evening after spending a week in the Eagle Lake hospital.

New Arrivals

Melanie Rochel Ishee

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Ishee, of Eagle Lake, announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, born on Thursday, July 30 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The baby was named Melanie Rochel and weighed six pounds, 12 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

Melanie is welcomed home by two brothers, Bill, 5, and Jason, 3. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker of Eagle Lake. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Ishee of Eagle Lake. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Ida Veen of Eagle Lake and Mrs. Myrtle Wells of San Angelo.

The new mother is the former Sherry Walker.

John Jack Waddell IV

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Waddell of Eagle Lake, announce the birth of their third child, a son, born on Wednesday, July 15 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital in Eagle Lake. The baby was named John Jack Waddell IV and weighed eight pounds, 14 ounces and measured 19 inches long at birth.

He is welcomed home by a brother, Jason, 7 years old, and a sister, Shari, 5 years old. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James A. Nadeau of Eagle Lake. Paternal grandparents are Emily Waddell of Cat Spring and the late John Jack Waddell III. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Dymalla of Cat Spring. The new mother is the former Linda Mathis.

Dostals spend vacation out of state

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dostal and daughters, Carol and Jane, returned home last Saturday from a month's vacation trip. They spent a week in California and a week at the Flamingo Hilton in Las Vegas, Nevada. The rest of their time they spent in their mountain cabin in Cotopaxi, Colorado.

While in Los Angeles, they at-

tended the taping of the "Price is Right" show with master of ceremonies Bob Barker. Although they didn't get picked as contestants, they enjoyed it very much. The show they attended will be aired on Friday, October 16, on CBS. Carol and Jane also spent time at the San Diego Zoo in San Diego and Disneyland in Anaheim, California.

Registration for St. Mary's School in Napa will be on Thursday, August 13 at the Parish Hall. Registration will be from 8-11 a.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Beverly's Dance Academy will be opening soon in Garwood. Beverly Ripple will instruct aspirants in classes of tap, jazz and ballet. Registration for her classes will be on August 8 at 400 Burford Street from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Attention Catholic Daughters! Mrs. Beatrice Schoellmann reports that there will be a cleanup day at the school on Tuesday, August 11 beginning at 8 a.m.

An important vote for Colorado County citizens will be held on Saturday, August 8. The issue concerns sales tax and property taxes. We should all inform ourselves on the ramifications of this election, and by all means get out and vote. The polling places are at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Napa and Lions Hall in Garwood.

The Garwood Lions Club has received a certificate of appreciation from the Leader Dogs for the Blind school. This school was established in 1939 by Lions interested in helping blind men and women solve their travel problems. Eligible blind people are taught to travel with safety with the assistance of their leader dog. Instructors at the Leader Dog school in Rochester, Michigan, convert ordinary house pets into lifetime companions. The school provides mobility with dignity. Since Lions from all

over the world contribute, there is no charge for this service. Over 7,000 "teams" have been graduated - ten in 1986 from Texas. The men of the Garwood Lions are proud of their association with this fine program and that they are able to support those in need of this remarkable experience.

Due to harvest time, Lions Club meetings have been cancelled until Wednesday, August 19.

The eleventh annual Donor-

Ziegler reunion was held at the Garwood Irrigation Pumping Plant Park on July 26. About twenty-five family members gathered on Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McClothin for an outdoor ice cream party. On Sunday the main event was held at the river plant where a lunch of barbecue chicken and sausage with all the trimmings was served. The good weather and beautiful setting provided for a delightful day of eating, visiting and picture taking. It was also a good time to get acquainted with relatives from other states who were attending for the first time. Family members came from Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and from various towns and cities all over Texas. Family members were saddened that Ed Noy of Sheridan, Mrs. Connie Streth and family, and Mrs. Wilma Burris were unable to attend because of unfortunate accidents. The family would like to thank the Garwood Irrigation Co. for the use of their park.

Visitors in the John McClothin

From left are Barbara Harborth, president elect of the Pilot Club of Eagle Lake, and Ann Adams of Hartwell, Georgia, 1987-88 president of Pilot International, effective September 1.

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Early registration set August 13 at Wharton County Junior College

Students who plan to attend Wharton County Junior College for the first time this fall are reminded that early registration ends Thursday, August 13.

Anyone interested in enrolling must contact the registrar's office in advance since the all-day orientation, advising and registration process is by appointment only.

College hours during the summer are Mondays through Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The address is 911 Boling Highway, Wharton, Texas 77488, (409) 532-4560.

Counselors are on duty for personal advice and to assist prospective students in such areas as exploring career choices, choosing a major subject, and selecting a college for transfer if planning a four-year baccalaureate program.

Regular registration will be held

during the week of August 24 but college advisors recommend early registration when there is more time for counseling and a greater selection of course times from which to choose.

Free college catalogues, class schedules, financial aid applications, and other information may be obtained by contacting college officials.

A complete listing of evening courses at the main campus in Wharton, Richmond Satellite campus and the Bay City Extension Center is now available at the college.

Evening class registration in Wharton is August 24 from 6-7 p.m. Registration for courses offered at Richmond is August 26 from 8:30-10 a.m., 1-2 p.m. or 5-7 p.m. Bay City extension class registration is August 25 from 5-7 p.m. in the Bay City High School cafeteria.

Fajita cookoff at church picnic Sunday

A fajita cookoff is being held in conjunction with the annual picnic at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Eagle Lake this Sunday.

A \$10 entry fee per team is required. Cookoff rules specify that all

cooking must be done at the picnic grounds. The meat can be seasoned ahead of time, but no pre-cooked meat will be allowed.

Those wishing to enter the fajita cookoff can fill out the entry form

below and bring it by the Catholic Church office during office hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or give it to Mike Duarte.

Judging will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the church grounds.

Fajita Cookoff Entry Form

Entry fee of \$10.00 attached

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____
TEAM MEMBERS _____

New nonresident hunting license fee set

Effective September 1, nonresident hunters will be able to purchase a five-day license enabling them to hunt any game bird or animal except deer and turkey.

The 70th Texas Legislature authorized the Parks and Wildlife Department to issue the new license. The Parks and Wildlife Commission set the license fee at \$25 at a recent meeting. The annual nonresident special license costs \$75.

The commission set a fee of \$10 for the new nonresident banded bird hunting license, also authorized by legislation. The license is valid only on a shooting resort, private bird shooting area or field trial area. The new license will be required beginning September 1.

Another legislative bill created a "quick title" service allowing applicants for boat registrations to pay an additional sum to expedite processing. The commission voted to charge \$10 for the quick processing, similar

to fees charged by the Texas Department of Public Safety for vehicle quick title service. Effective date for the new service is September 1.

Anderson elected to board

Texas rice producers

vote yes on referendum

Texas rice producers voted in favor of an \$0.8 per hundredweight check-off for rice research and promotion at the rice referendum held July 31. This check-off follows the provisions of the Texas Commodity Referendum Act of the 60th Texas Legislature and replaces the current check-off system for these programs. The referendum passed by 87% with 623 votes in favor and 93 votes opposing.

The referendum, which was sponsored by the Texas Rice Research Foundation and the Texas Rice Council, calls for an \$0.8 per hundredweight check-off at the first point of

sale for all rough rice produced in Texas for commercial purposes.

Rice producers also elected a 12-member Texas rice producers board to administer the funds: District 1, William Dismann of Beaumont; District 2, Barry Jeffrey of Devine; District 3, Gene Nelson of Anaheim; District 4, Aaron Holbrook of Humble; District 5, J.D. Woods Jr. of Katy; District 6, Curt Mowery of Rosharon; District 7, Jack Wendt of Richmond; District 8, Harry Shannon of Bay City; District 9, L.G. Ruan Jr. of El Campo; District 10, Arthur Anderson of Eagle Lake and Frederick Leopold of Ganado; and District 12, Hal Koop of Edna.

Opening Soon

Beverly's Dance Academy

Featuring classes in •Tap•Ballet•Jazz

Ages 3 through adult
Tuition \$25⁰⁰ per month

Instructor: Beverly Ripple

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Home in Wharton In El Campo

Registration: August 8

400 Burford, Garwood

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