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Eagle Lake welcomes you for the hunt, offers future location

Welcome to Eagle Lake, home of a community that has made extraordinary preparations to entice you to return with your business, should you be looking for a location for a new business or expansion for a current company.

It's not just a song and dance either, according to officials with three organizations working toward a better community. The sum of the effort by the Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation, Revitalize Eagle Lake Inc., and the city government shows a community can offer self-improvement without waiting for "someone else" to do the work.

Two organizations are perfect examples of that. The Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation recently co-sponsored an economic development conference with government and private sector business men and women from surrounding counties attending. Speakers were David V. Brandon, executive director of the Texas Economic Development Commission; S. David Freeman, LCRA's general manager, and Jim Hightower, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture. The main points of the conference focused on working as a team locally, making sure the local education system is tops and helping local business expand.

Revitalize Eagle Lake was put together five years ago as a committee to study application for a Main Street assistance program but the result was formation of a non-profit group organized by committee. One committee built the Prairie Edge Museum, open from 2 to 5 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday. Another has become the Civic Garden Club and is responsible for the landscaping of the city Municipal Building grounds and the triangle area at the corner of McCarty and Boothe Drive opposite Lake Motors Inc. which is known as Harrison Park.

Two annual events - "Come April Fest" in April and "Eagle Lake Waterfowl Festival" in September were also begun by the Revitalize committee.

All together, the two groups have worked with the city government to provide the atmosphere for expansion. The city also is applying for another federal community development grant.

This year the city expanded its efforts in widening and repaving the runway at the Municipal Airport with plans are to sell nearly 20 acres of land at the airport to Gulf South Airmobile of Houston. The project is still in the selling process.

The airport in Eagle Lake is the only one between Houston and San Antonio that has an Omni station, which is maintained by the FAA. The city also has recently reconditioned their airport beacon.

For more information, contact: Tom Reed, president of both Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation and Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, (409) 234-2511; Lanny Powers, mayor, 234-3832; Lucille Perry, acting city manager, 234-2640; and Roy D. Van Nort, president of Revitalize Eagle Lake, 234-7341.



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Meat smoking Bar-D Hunting Club at Lissie tips outlined in heart of duck, goose area

There are many ways to smoke meat. One is to build a small fire out of hardwood (pecan, hickory or oak) at one end of a closed type cooker, such as those made from 55-gallon drums. Burn it until only live coals remain, then put on a few hardwood chips.

Place the sausage or cured meats on the rack at the opposite end from the coals. Use enough water on the chips so they do not blaze, and smoke the meat with the cooker closed. Keep the temperature of the cooker between 130 and 150 degrees F.

Smokehouses can be made from any closed device, such as old refrigerators. An air inlet is needed at the bottom and a damper at the top. Some method for keeping the interior hot is needed. The whole smoking and drying procedure can be accomplished in one of these devices, but requires close watching.

In Eagle Lake, Eagle Market and the Sportsman's Restaurant can smoke your waterfowl for you, and Miller's Grocery can barbecue them on their pits at the store. See their advertisements in this issue.

Elaine's Grill open downtown

Many interesting and colorful aprons line the walls of Elaine's Grill, 222 East Main Street, downtown Eagle Lake. These aprons are like a trademark for the delicious, homestyle meals that are served.

Elaine's Grill is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The kitchen closes at 2 p.m., but the restaurant will remain open until 4 p.m. for soft drinks, coffee and desserts.

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Bar-D Hunting Club at Lissie in heart of duck, goose area

The Bar-D Hunting Club at Lissie, in the heart of the goose hunting country, is operated by Peter D. Gertson Jr. and managed by Earl Dutcher, and is known throughout hunting circles over the entire state for providing first class hunting facilities.

There are plenty of geese and plenty of territory to hunt at Gertson's Bar-D. The club extends over a territory five miles long with thousands of acres of rice stubble. In order to hold the geese in their area, they have provided deep water wells which provide the cool, clear, fresh water that geese love after a diet of rice and grass.

The Bar-D Club offers wooden and concrete pit blinds on flyways for geese; pit blinds on ponds for duck and goose combination. Each blind is well supplied with full-bodied decoys and silhouettes. They offer the popular white spread shooting with guides, if requested.

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