

1992 Rice FFA Show & Sale Results



Grand Champion Steer

Heath Mahalic, center, is pictured with his Grand Champion Steer. To Heath's left is Billy Ray Krenck representing El Seven Ranch and Garwood Irrigation, purchasers. At right is FFA Sweetheart Kaci Klein.



Grand Champion Hog

Pictured with Chris Clemons, exhibitor of this year's Grand Champion Hog, are purchaser Jean Schrader (Sandy Creek Drive-In) and Sweetheart Kaci Klein.

STEERS				
Place	Exhibitor	Weight	Per Lb.	Buyer
Grand Champion	Heath Mahalic	1000	\$2.40	El-7 Ranch & Garwood Irrigation
Reserve Champion	Louis Mahalic	1090	1.75	Eagle Lake Rice Dryer
1st Place Light Weight	Clay Cerny	905	2.00	Coushatta Ranch
2nd Place Light Weight	Jesse George	885	1.40	Joe Mattingly
2nd Place Medium Weight	Brent Engstrom	960	2.00	Texana Seed, Garwood Farmers Coop
2nd Place Heavy Weight	Kurt Sunderman	1055	1.70	L.V. Duncan Ranch

3rd Place Heavy Weight	Justin Kutzer	1115	1.40	Joe Mattingly
4th Place Heavy Weight	Kevin Till	1135	1.50	Garwood Implement & Supply
	Chad Sunderman	875	1.75	United Buyers
	Dusty Leopold	795	1.39	Arthur Anderson & Son

HOGS				
Grand Champion	Chris Clemons	247	2.75	Sandy Creek Drive-In
Reserve Champion	Aaron Machac	243	2.40	David Wintermann
1st Place Light Weight	Leroy Shorer	200	2.20	Harold Baggett
1st Place Medium Weight	Adam Leal	206	1.70	Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Dupré, Mr. & Mrs. Warren Dupré
2nd Place Light Weight	Bryan Johnson	200	1.65	United Buyers
2nd Place Medium Weight	Parish Hodges	226	1.60	Eagle Lake Farm & Home
3rd Place Light Weight	Shawn Johnson	181	2.00	United Buyers
3rd Place Medium Weight	Darian Barrow	212	1.95	United Buyers
3rd Place Heavy Weight	Joseph Godley	241	2.00	Breeding & Son Hog Farm
4th Place Light Weight	Terry Carter	200	1.75	Joe Mattingly
4th Place Medium Weight	Lonny Hutchison*	222	1.95	First National Bank of Eagle Lake
4th Place Heavy Weight	Kerry Sims	245	1.90	Central Power & Light
5th Place Light Weight	Rodney Eaton	200	1.85	Harold Baggett
5th Place Medium Weight	Nick Casarez	206	1.85	Modern Fuels
5th Place Heavy Weight	Chris Jackson	249	1.95	Mr. & Mrs. Marc Jordan
6th Place Light Weight	Eddie Fields	154	2.00	Joe Mattingly
6th Place Medium Weight	Shawn Hurd	230	2.00	Joe Mattingly
6th Place Heavy Weight	Rick Thomas	233	2.05	First National Bank of Eagle Lake
7th Place Heavy Weight	Miguel De Santiago	202	1.85	United Buyers
	Marcus Dogins	213	1.90	United Buyers

*First Place Showmanship
 Resale Hogs: \$0.41 to East Bernard Meat Center
 Resale Calves: \$0.71 to Eddy Packing Company
 United Buyers: Raised all hogs to \$2.00; Raised all steers to \$1.55; Ineligible steer raised to \$1.54; \$25.00 premium to showmanship winners
 Chapter picnic table sold to Mr. & Mrs. Larry Cranek for \$135.00
 Sausage Roll Auction: Richard Seifert, \$10.00; Jim Wise, \$25.00; Columbus Livestock Auction, \$45.00
 Donations: Leslie & Kenneth Koehl Hog Farm, \$100.00; Schulenburg Livestock Auction & H.O. Strunk, \$200.00; Lake Oil Company, \$100.00; Columbus Livestock Auction, \$250.00; Modern Fuels, 85 gallons of propane (valued at 90¢/gallon)
 Donations & Auction Items: \$941.50 Total Sale: \$26,354.55



Reserve Champion Steer

Louis Mahalic, right, is pictured with his Reserve Champion Steer purchased by Eagle Lake Rice Dryer represented by Harold Ross, center. FFA Sweetheart Kaci Klein is at left.



Reserve Champion Hog

Aaron Machac, left, exhibited the Reserve Champion Hog. Carol Ripper, center, represented the buyer, David Wintermann. At left is FFA Sweetheart Kaci Klein.

Eagle Lake enjoyed World War I

An airplane landed in Kate Griffin's cow pasture January 17, 1918, and for several months Eagle Lake stayed in a state of delirium. It was a training plane that was used by the Army Air Corps during World War I. Two army officers had flown in from Ellington Field to find a suitable landing field for the cadets to use in their cross country training.

Eagle Lake was selected because the rice elevators made it easy to find and the lake made it easy to identify. A deal was made with Kate Griffin for the use of her pasture. Now the house on Melody Lane occupies the south end of that tract.

The plane was a Curtis-Wright J.N., commonly called a Jenny. Thousands were built during the war. The Jenny was a biplane with the top wing longer than the bottom wing. The wings were made of wooden spars covered with canvas stretched tight by being treated with highly flammable dope.

The wings were so thin, the gas tank was in the fuselage between the engine and the two open cockpits set in tandem. The engine was a water cooled 90 h.p. OX5. With a big radiator in front and all the wires used to brace the wings, the plane wasn't exactly streamlined.

After the war, the planes were sold as surplus for as little as \$300 each. They became the favorite of barnstormers who gave many Americans their first airplane ride. Because they were slow, (75 mph tops) "daring" stunts such as wing-walking and mid-air transfers were seen at air shows and in the movies. If a plane cracked up and it didn't catch on fire, it was usually set ablaze anyway, because it was cheaper to buy a replacement than make repairs.

The Eagle Lake Headlight reported that several hundred people came in cars, on horseback and on foot to see the plane that landed here that day.

From then on, 10 to 15 planes a day landed in the field. Rules had to be made to keep people from getting in the way and the parking of buggies and cars had to be regulated. A committee was appointed to enforce the regulations.

A rice farmer's camp house was moved in and placed about where the Sommerlate home is now. It became the Hostess House in which the ladies of the town could serve the cadets refreshments after their "grueling" one-hour flight.

One day, a week was all the different ladies were supposed to serve, but the boys were so cute with their flowing scarves and their shiny boots (if they could afford them), that some of the younger ladies, and a few older ones, couldn't resist making the Hostess House their headquarters.

Since the house was so small, the Headlight printed a request asking that no one come to the Hostess House except on the days they were assigned. My mother just came on her assigned day, but she did help pamper the flyboys while her poor brother was fighting the war in the muddy trenches of France.

Bruce McCarty, editor of the Headlight, lauded the ladies for the fine treatment they were giving the cadets. He also said that continuation of the service was highly recommended. He went on to say that the aviators were greatly pleased with their reception here and that all citizens should see that every courtesy possible was extended to the boys on their visits here.

McCarty was particularly exuberant in the Feb. 16, 1918 issue of the Headlight in which this headline appeared: "Eight Aviators Spend Sunday in Eagle Lake." The story went on to say, "They came Saturday afternoon and, on account of the rain, they rang up headquarters and got permission to spend Sunday here. As soon as they got permission to stay, they were guests of the town. There was a dance for them at the Drummer's Home Hotel. They were guests for meals in private homes. Sunday noon all eight were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Bowles. Sunday night they went to the Baptist Church. They said that next to their own homes, Eagle Lake was nearest their hearts."

Unlike the girls, the boys of the town were fascinated with the airplanes rather than the aviators. Many of them spent all of their spare time at the field.

The Green twins and another boy drove out in a buggy one day. They tied the horse to the fence between the field and Cat Spring Road. Since the buggy had no top, they had a good view of all the activity. A plane, losing power, glided so low over them (the pilot must not have seen the buggy) the boys fell out of the buggy and got under it. The plane just missed the horse's head, but since his bridle had blinkers, he didn't see it and he just bucked his ears as the plane swooped over. Even the end of the buggy whip moved.

There were other close calls and mishaps at the field. A possible wind shear caused the worst accident when a plane fell 200 feet. The aviator was badly bruised and cut but otherwise okay. It was the fourth ship damaged here. Another plane came in but because of the accident and the late arrival, both cadets spent the night at the home of O.J. Wintermann.

On April 6th, Chief of Operations put a sergeant in charge of the field. He arranged to have rafts placed in the lake so the cadets could use them for bombing practice. The bombs were made of baked clay with a hole up through the middle. When the bomb hit a hard surface, a plunger would ignite a tin gauge shotgun shell that in turn would set off a charge of black powder creating a lot of smoke. There was no smoke from the bombs that fell into the water.

One of the cadets failed to make his bombing run. After he landed at the far side of the field, he got out and removed the bombs. He hid them in the grass before taking up to the line. The sergeant didn't see what happened, but some of the ever-present boys did. They waited until the next day to tell the sergeant because they didn't want to get the cadet in trouble.

A few days later, when there was only one plane at the field, the sergeant got the aviator to give a bombing demonstration. After he took off for Ellington, he circled back over the field and dropped one of the bombs. The bomb created a lot of smoke, but it just left a dent in the ground the size of a hat.

Mr. Kate McRee said that she thought the real reason the sergeant was sent here was to turn the boys around and not let them use some lame excuse to stay in Eagle Lake over night. It was a fact that fewer stayed to enjoy the hospitality of our town. However, Mildred Bowles Boothe, who was a teenager at the time, said that those few months were the happiest time of her life.

Editor's Note: Gardner Duncan is a lifetime resident of Eagle Lake. He presented this story to the Eagle Lake Rotary Club at a meeting in December, 1991. He cites the Eagle Lake Headlight and his own memories as a boy of about 11 as his sources.

By Gardner Duncan

Support for Leadership Colorado County



Leadership Colorado County Chair Peggy Braden, at the lower left of the picture, Finance Chair Sandra Michna, at the upper left, and Treasurer John Brasher, at the upper right discuss their goals with Richard Heffley, right, president of the Tricol Colorado County Community Service Foundation. The foundation has funded a request for \$2,878 to help Leadership Colorado County kick off its pilot program of leadership development for county residents.

Club/Organization News

Wharton Community Concert Daughters of the American

Wharton Community Concert Series Association met in December to begin next year's planning. They are already working on the program of concerts for 1992-93.

The association board met with Community Concert musician representative, Kay Nolan of San Antonio, to discuss what programs would be available and when to schedule them. These will be finalized in time to announce the fall schedule at the beginning of the membership campaign in March.

The board has 21 members representing several area communities. The president of the board is Marion Hunt. First vice president is Harvey Stetzel who handles the arrangements for each performance; second vice president is Sally Sodequist who is in charge of membership; third vice president is Susie Jackson who handles publicity; Joyce Spring is recording secretary; Mary Frances Turner is membership secretary; and Jeanie Gunter is treasurer for the Wharton Concert Series Association.

The board includes Harry Anderson, Barbara Goodell, Becky Hays, Dorothy Hensley, Marjorie Hooper, Bill and Paulette Kirkpatrick, Marjorie and Virginia Pether, Peggy Spitzerberger, Shari Wilkinson, Dodie Williams and new members Martin Hunt and Christine Turk.

The next performance of this year's series is to be the Dallas Brass on Friday, Jan. 24.

After Ann Duncan gave the national defense report, new officers were selected. 1992 officer are Laura Ann Rau, regent, Millicent Cranek, vice regent; Ruby Catherine Isgrig, chaplain; Frances Seifert, recording secretary; Phyllis Voorhees, treasurer; Ernest Mae Seaholm, registrar; Sarah Uzzi, historian; and Mildred Campbell, librarian.

Hostesses for the meeting were Jean Thornton, Willie Maye Tate, Kathryn McRee and Ernest Mae Seaholm. The February meeting will be a luncheon at the Stafford Opera House meeting room, Feb. 10. Reservations should be made with Laura Ann Rau.

Hostesses for the meeting were Jean Thornton, Willie Maye Tate, Kathryn McRee and Ernest Mae Seaholm. The February meeting will be a luncheon at the Stafford Opera House meeting room, Feb. 10. Reservations should be made with Laura Ann Rau.

Hostesses for the meeting were Jean Thornton, Willie Maye Tate, Kathryn McRee and Ernest Mae Seaholm. The February meeting will be a luncheon at the Stafford Opera House meeting room, Feb. 10. Reservations should be made with Laura Ann Rau.

Hostesses for the meeting were Jean Thornton, Willie Maye Tate, Kathryn McRee and Ernest Mae Seaholm. The February meeting will be a luncheon at the Stafford Opera House meeting room, Feb. 10. Reservations should be made with Laura Ann Rau.

Hostesses for the meeting were Jean Thornton, Willie Maye Tate, Kathryn McRee and Ernest Mae Seaholm. The February meeting will be a luncheon at the Stafford Opera House meeting room, Feb. 10. Reservations should be made with Laura Ann Rau.

Hostesses for the meeting were Jean Thornton, Willie Maye Tate, Kathryn McRee and Ernest Mae Seaholm. The February meeting will be a luncheon at the Stafford Opera House meeting room, Feb. 10. Reservations should be made with Laura Ann Rau.

Hostesses for the meeting were Jean Thornton, Willie Maye Tate, Kathryn McRee and Ernest Mae Seaholm. The February meeting will be a luncheon at the Stafford Opera House meeting room, Feb. 10. Reservations should be made with Laura Ann Rau.

Hostesses for the meeting were Jean Thornton, Willie Maye Tate, Kathryn McRee and Ernest Mae Seaholm. The February meeting will be a luncheon at the Stafford Opera House meeting room, Feb. 10. Reservations should be made with Laura Ann Rau.

Hostesses for the meeting were Jean Thornton, Willie Maye Tate, Kathryn McRee and Ernest Mae Seaholm. The February meeting will be a luncheon at the Stafford Opera House meeting room, Feb. 10. Reservations should be made with Laura Ann Rau.

Hostesses for the meeting were Jean Thornton, Willie Maye Tate, Kathryn McRee and Ernest Mae Seaholm. The February meeting will be a luncheon at the Stafford Opera House meeting room, Feb. 10. Reservations should be made with Laura Ann Rau.

KNOW YOUR MERCHANTS AND BUSINESSES

For advertising information call 409-234-5521

Two Week Delivery WEDDING INVITATIONS and accessories

Laker Printing
123 N. McCarty • Eagle Lake • 234-3360

M&M Western Store

- Resistol & American Hats
- Hanes Socks, T-shirts, Shorts
- Acme Boots, "Nocona" Boots
- Wrangler Outerwear: Jeans, Shirts
- Jackets for Youth and Adult

217 E. Main • Eagle Lake
234-3986

Excellence Trophies & Awards

...for those who Excel

Engraving • Plaques • Signs

Custom Identification Products

409-234-2492 204 W. Center
Charles & Kate P.O. Box 456
Spalinger Eagle Lake, Texas 77434

MOSS Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Sales & Service

- Air Conditioners
- Walk-In Coolers
- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Ice Machines
- Ice Storage Boxes
- Furnaces
- Water Heaters

409-234-2793
Benny Moss
200 W. Center • Eagle Lake
TACLB00846

The right decision.™
Licensed YORK Insured

Salute to FFA

Our Congratulations to the Rice FFA on their Successful 1992 Show & Sale Over \$26,300 in Sales & Donations!

Wilcox Minimax 200 S. McCarty 234-2515	EAGLE LAKE FARM & HOME SUPPLY, INC. 234-2566 123 E. Main
LENNOX THE EFFICIENCY EXPERTS™ E.B. Air Conditioning 335-4262 East Bernard	EAGLE LAKE DRUGSTORE 702 S. McCarty 234-2502
Laker Printing 123 N. McCarty 234-3360	Prairie Rice East Bernard 234-2531
Sportsman's Restaurant & Catering 201 Boothe Dr. 234-3071	Jo Ann's 234-2580 121 E. Main
Truly Properties 123 N. McCarty 234-3776	Thomas Clinic 234-2551 610 S. Austin Rd.
Lake Motors, Inc. 234-5556 323 S. McCarty Eagle Lake	Winco Agri-Products, Inc. 234-5551 Eagle Lake
Eagle Lake Headlight 220 E. Main 234-5521	

Homemakers help Santa with toys

Barbara Praese, Colorado County Extension Homemakers Council Chairman, presents Combined Community Action Supervisor Cynthia Bell with toys donated by Extension Homemakers members for the Christmas 'Toys for Tots' program.