The Robby Cooks' shady yard chosen for July

July Yard of the Month

Civic Garden Club members Maxine Griffith and Kay Cook. Their home at 507 N. McCarty was selected Becky Anderson admire the yard of Robby and Mary for the July Yard of the Month by the Eagle Lake Club.
Headlight Photo by Susie Jackson

The Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club has chosen the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Robby Cook for special recognition in July.

Mary Kay and Robby Cook expressed their surprise and pleasure at having their yard selected as July Yard of the Month.

Approaching the home from either direction on North McCarty, pink and white caladiums offer a picturesque sight. The lush pink caladiums are planted along each side of the house accented with white periwinkles.

The huge white caladiums border the front sidewalk up to the porch. Lirope, now blooming, outlines the edge of the walkway.

Flowerbeds along each side of the porch are full of bright pink begonia against a rich green backdrop of holly shrubs and legustrum. More tropical ferns were tucked in among the begonias. At the south corner of the porch are giant elephant ears.

Four hanging baskets of Boston fern swing gently in the breeze from the ceiling of the front porch and a giant pot of hair fern sits near the top of the stairs to balance the entire picture. And over the whole yard is cool inviting shade from big old oak trees.

The Yard of the Month chairman for this year is Maxine Griffith.

Denley gives commencement address

Clifton Denley Jr., son of Belinda and Clifton Denley of Katy, graduated from Mayde Creek High School with honors on May 29.

He is the grandson of Jennie B. Hemphill of Eagle Lake.

Denley was the commencement speaker for the graduation ceremony which was held at the Astroarena in Houston.

Denley recently competed in Austin in the Business Professionals of America state contest. He made the finals in prepared verbal.

He was one of 24 seniors in the Katy School District honored with a dinner May 12 for special recognition. He was selected as the recipient of the theater, speech and debate award.

Denley received an academic scholarship to the University of Texas in Austin where he will attend in the fall.

MILITARY NEWS
Seaman Recruit Samuel Rubio

...son of Samuel G. and Lucille Rubio of Lissie, recently completed basic training at the Recruit Training Command in San Diego, Ca.

Recruits were taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further training.

Rubio is a 1991 graduate of East Bernard High School. He joined the Navy in Feb., 1993.

Demonstration tours to be offered on wildlife management

A self guided wildlife management demonstration tour had been established near Palestine. The Gus Engeling Wildlife Management Area has the tours available for people who want to increase their understanding and knowledge of Texas wildlife and associated habitats.

The tours provide basic information for th proper management of several important wildlife species according to Hayden Haucke, area manager. He said landowners who would like to improve wildlife numbers on their lands should find the self guided tour very helpful.

Educators and students will also find the tour broadens their understanding of wildlife management practices and habitat needs.

Topics covered include bobwhite quail cover and native foods, establishing food plots for white-tailed deer; pros and cons of coastal bermuda grass and establishing small wetland waterfowl units, as well as other aspects of wildlife.

The tour includes a booklet and accompanying map showing 10 locations throughout the area where actual practices or demonstrations can be viewed. All sites can be reached by conventional vehicles.

There is no charge for the tour and the management area is open during daylight hours seven days a week. For additional information call the Gus Engeling WMA at 903-928-2251.

CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

Rotary installs Jim Buckner as new president

The Eagle Lake Rotary Club installed the new officers for 1993-94 on Wednesday, June 30. The club recognized outstanding achievements of 1992-93 projects at the meeting.

Past Pres. T.J. Smith served as installing officer. The incoming president is Jim Buckner.

Blair Hickey was re-elected to another term as club secretary and Robert Griffith was re-elected treasurer. The president elect and vice president will be named at a future time.

Outgoing President W.W. Bill Shuart received an engraved plaque from incoming Pres. Buckner for his outstanding service to the club and the community for the past year.

Smith also presented a plaque for "Outstanding Community Service" to W.C. Alley, a non-Rotarian, for his great assistance during the Rotary sponsored City Tours project.

Past President Greg Fair presented a plaque to Fred R. Frnka who was named Rotarian of the Year for the second year in a row. Frnka has served as chairman of the City Tours project for the past two years.

Stephen Hines, representing Stewart-Stevenson Truck Assembly Plant in Sealy, was guest speaker for the meeting. He was introduced by Arthur Anderson, program chairman for the day.

Hines discussed work being done at the plant on a multi-billion dollar contract to update the U.S. Armed Services truck fleets. He stressed the fact that the company has many people from Austin, Colorado and surrounding counties to make up the 500 employees.

Hines predicted the plant will be used in the future for manufacturing and assembling other vehicles and could have over 650 employees in the near future.

Garwood Lions install officers

Tuesday evening, June 29, the Garwood Lions Club held their annual ladies night and officer installation. Members and guests enjoyed a steak dinner.

Following the meal, Henry Devin installed the 1993-94 officers. The new officers are President David Little, First Vice Pres. Madison Smith, Second Vice Pres. Billy Ray Krenek, Third Vice Pres. Jimmie Rees, Secretary Lawrence Stallman, Treasurer Ricky Brewer, Lion Tamer Lillius Schilling and Tail Twister Mike Michalka.

Directors are Billy Hefner and Harry Engstrom for one year terms, Parke Christenberry and John Mader for two years. Kenneth Danklefs, membership chairman and Robert Abell, past president, complete the board.

The Herbert Engstrom Scholarship was awarded to Jennifer Wied by Brad Engstrom. The scholarship will be awarded each year to a graduate of Rice High School.

Door prizes were won by several of the ladies to conclude the evening.

Incoming President David Little, left, receives the gavel Tuesday night from outgoing Lions Club President Robert Abell, right, during installation activities.
Garwood Lions Club Photos

Brad Engstrom, left, presents the Herbert Engstrom Scholarship to Jennifer Wied at the Lions Club dinner June 29.

A python, the world's longest snake, can reach a length of over 30 feet.

Native Plant Society to discuss oak wilt

The Columbus Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas will meet Thursday, July 15, at 7 p.m. They are scheduled to hear guest speaker Susan Crawford Tracy of Medina at the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints meeting hall, 1023 Milam in Columbus.

Tracy will talk about oak wilt. She learned about the disease the hard way, losing about 100 trees on her property to the dreaded disease between 1988 and 1990.

She began working with the Texas Forest Service and other state agencies to promote a more aggressive statewide campaign to slow the spread of oak wilt which has already ravaged many areas of central Texas.

According to County Agent Rick Jahn there has been one confirmed case of oak wilt in Colorado County and suspected cases in the New Ulm and Columbus areas. Jahn will also give an update at the meeting on the current situation in the county.

The public is encouraged to attend and learn about this disease in preparation for an outbreak.

Tracy will be available to answer questions after the meeting.

For information contact Betty Untermeyer at 409-732-3064.

Proud citizens raise the flag

A group of proud, patriotic citizens met at the Eagle Lake KC Hall July 5 at 6:30 a.m. for an inspiring flag raising ceremony sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8783 and its Ladies Auxiliary.

All those attending stood at attention as "Old Glory" was raised. They then were led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the singing of "America".

After a prayer, a continental breakfast of coffee, juice and doughnuts were served in the hall's conference room.

SCS News

The Soil Conservation Service reports the following activity:

David Hoelscher of the Borden area is constructing a pond and shaping eroded areas to control erosion.

District cooperator, Donald Bonham of the Glidden area, is repairing eroded areas by shaping and vegetating with bermuda grass.

Jerry Hudec, district cooperator of the Weimar area, has completed shaping and vegetating 6.3 acres of eroded areas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Manning of the Bernardo area are planning to construct a pond.

Robert Berger of the Glidden area is clearing brush and shaping and vegetating eroded areas.

Wayne Thumann of the Weimar area has completed construction of a pond.

Sidney Frey of the Bernardo area is constructing a pond.

Roy Jones of the Bernardo area is planning to construct a pond.

(See SCS News, Page 10)

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New Medicine Holds Promise for MS

Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a chronic and debilitating disease of the brain and spinal cord that affects as many as 300,000 Americans. Damage to nerve tracts in these areas of the body results in an impairment of various body functions. Persons with MS may experience tingling and numbness in their arms or legs or on one side of the body, muscle spasms, visual problems, difficulty walking, and poor bladder control. Sometimes there is an attack followed by a symptom-free period for up to three years. Symptoms may or may not return. Some individuals experience repeated attacks. Disability and/or loss of vision may occur. Severe disability does not occur in every case, however.

Although there is no effective treatment for MS at this time, a drug being evaluated in clinical trials may hold some promise. This agent is called *beta interferon*. Earlier this year the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), through its Peripheral and Central Nervous System Drugs Advisory Committee, reported that beta interferon is effective in reducing the frequency of neurological problems in patients with relapsing-remitting MS. According to *FDC Reports*, the Committee further indicated that the drug is safe for use in MS patients and recommended that the drug be approved. If appoved, beta interferon will be the first medicine available specifically for the treatment of MS.

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Commercial drivers must comply with Texas law

The Texas Department of Public Safety reports that in the nearly three years since Texas based commercial drivers licensing requirements have changed, some 412,000 persons have taken the test and gotten their licenses.

However, Inspector John Hall who administers the DPS commercial driver license program said, "Some drivers in our state who are required to have a CDL don't yet realize they are now considered commercial drivers."

The law requires that anyone who drives a vehicle designed to carry 16 or more people, including driver, is now considered a commercial driver. That includes drivers of vehicles used for church and day care.

Texas DPS began issuing the CDL in Sept. 1990 with the law mandating drivers of certain classes of vehicles to have them becoming effective April 1, 1992.

The Texas law conforms to the Federal Commercial Motor Safety Act which makes it illegal for an operator to have more than license and defines who is a commercial driver.

A CDL is also mandatory for drivers of vehicles weighing more than 26,000 lb. or carrying certain hazardous materials.

Exemptions are made for farm, military, emergency and personal use recreation vehicles.

The new law sets stricter penalties for commercial drivers who violate certain traffic and alcohol-drug laws as well.

Since the laws went into effect 16 months ago, DPS and other law enforcement agencies have issued citations to persons who are required to but do not have a CDL.

Anyone who needs or has questions about the CDL law should contact the nearest DPS drivers license office.

Generally, the theories we believe we call facts, and the facts we disbelieve we call theories. — Felix Cohen

Teddy bears take over library

There were 58 children and 36 teddy bears at the Wintermann Library Wednesday, June 30 to hear Leanne Waligura tell about "The Best Stuffing There Is Going". Waligura read Cupboard Bear by Jez Alborough and Can't You Sleep Little Bear by Martin Waddell. The children made dancing bears to take home.

Pictured are winners of the Teddy Bear contest Jessica Lopez with the cutest bear, Ms. Waligura, Clayton Bowen with the biggest bear and Yaneth Najera with the smallest bear. The program continues each Wednesday through July. *Headlight Photo by Wanda Center*

Peter 'The Rock' is theme for Community Bible School

Area boys and girls are invited to attend the Community Vacation Bible School to begin in two weeks. The VBS will be held from July 19 to 23 at the United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake.

The Disciple Peter, whom Jesus called "The Rock," will be the central theme for the fun filled week.

Children between the ages of three years and fifth grade are welcome to attend the classes from 9 a.m to noon each day.

There will be a $2 per child registration fee and each child is encouraged to bring canned goods.

A contest will be held between the boys and girls to bring the most canned goods during the week for the community food pantry. Prizes will be given to the winners.

County boasts new resident artist

The clean air and small community friendliness of Colorado County have enticed another talented artist to move to the area from Houston. Bobby Kirkpatrick and her husband are now residents of Columbus.

Her works are currently on display at the Live Oak Art Center through July 31. The exhibit titled "A Creative Journey" is in the main gallery of the center located at 1014 Milam in Columbus.

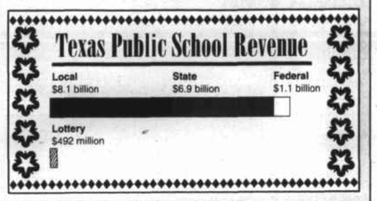
She is an artist who works mainly in oils and has earned a solid reputation in Texas and the southwest for her landscapes, florals and garden scenes. A teacher as well, many of her students come from Houston and Austin for her monthly seminars.

The show is open to the public Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 409-732-8398 for information.

Keeping an eye on Texas

The Lottery's contribution

Most money raised for Texas' schools comes from local sources, with state and federal support providing the rest— a total of an estimated $16.1 billion for the 1992-93 school year. In comparison, revenue from the Texas Lottery was estimated to be $492 million for the same period.



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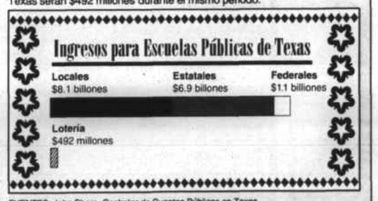
Echándole el ojo a Texas

Contribuciones de la Lotería

Las localidades contribuyen más de la mitad del apoyo económico que reciben las escuelas públicas de Texas, y la otra mitad procede de una combinación de fuentes estatales y federales—un total de aproximadamente $16.1 billones durante el año escolar 1992-93. En comparación, se calcula que los ingresos que proceden de la Lotería de Texas serán $492 millones durante el mismo periódo.



FUENTES: John Sharp, Contralor de Cuentas Públicas en Texas.

Taxes due to IRS for household help

Many people who employ others to do yard work, housekeeping, babysitting and related work are required to file a tax return and quarterly social security tax payment by Aug. 2, 1993. The regular due date is July 31 which falls on Saturday.

The IRS form 942 "Employer's Quarterly Tax Return for Household Employees" is a one page form which requires the employer's basic identification information, the amount paid to the employees and other calculations.

Anyone who paid another person wages of $50 or more in a calendar quarter is required to file this form.

It is important that these social security payments be made. If they are not, employees cannot get social security credit for their work.

Those who hire household help through an agency that sets the employee's salary, work hours and related matters do not have to make these social security payments. The person pays the agency for services and the agency is responsible for taking care of employment tax responsibilities.

Additional free information is available by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-3676. Ask for publication 926.

HIV (AIDS) ranked tenth in state as cause of death

For the second year in a row, infection by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) which causes AIDS was the tenth leading cause of death in Texas during 1991.

According to the Texas Department of Health's (TDH) Bureau of Vital Statistics, 2,065 persons, or about 12 per 100,000 population died from HIV infection or its complications.

National estimates indicate HIV jumped from 11th place in the nation's leading causes of death in 1990 to ninth place in 1991.

Tom Pollard, director of the bureau's Statistical Services Division, said that although the proportion of deaths attributed to HIV shows steady growth, four other causes of death still comprise more than 60 percent of all deaths, both in Texas and in the nation. "Heart disease has for years led the list, claiming 39,443 heart fatalities in 1990."

Deaths from cancer, ranked second most numerous, increased from 28,483 in 1990 to 28,960 in 1991. Similarly, third-ranked cerebrovascular disease claimed 8,399 lives in 1991, compared to 8,388 in 1990.

However, fourth-ranked "accidents and adverse effects" resulted in 6,091 deaths in 1991, a reduction from 6,225 in 1990.

Other leading causes of death in Texas last year were: (fifth) chronic lung disease, claiming 5,313 lives; (sixth) pneumonia and influenza, 3,709; (seventh) diabetes mellitus, 3,593; (eighth) homicide, 2,720; and (ninth) suicide, 2,161.

"Only the rankings for the last three causes on the list varied from the order of the nationwide list," Pollard said. "Nationally, homicide ranks tenth, after suicide and HIV."

Pollard said that the Texas list differs from the national list in part because the rates — numbers of cases per 100,000 population — reflect a more youthful population in Texas.

For example, heart disease, cancer and cerebrovascular disease, most commonly identified with older people, occurred at lower rates in Texas than nationwide. At the same time, violent deaths, commonly occurring among young people, from accidents, homicides and suicides occurred at higher rates in Texas than nationwide.

San Antonio show names new president

The San Antonio Livestock Exposition (SALE) announced the election of their new president May 25. Jimmie Ruth Wittenburg Evans became a life member and volunteer for the livestock show in 1986 and was elected a director in 1988.

Evans is a native of central Texas, born in San Antonio and raised on the Wittenburg ranch near Rocksprings. She is a partner in the Wittenburg Company. SALE puts on the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo each February.

SUMMER SCHOOL MENU

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Milk and juice are provided with each meal. Br=breakfast, L=lunch.

Thursday, July 8: Br: cereal, toast stick; L: stuffed spuds, seasoned corn, carrot sticks, fruit, hot roll.

Friday, July 9: Br: sausage pattie, toast; L: toasted turkey ham & cheese sandwiches, pasta salad, lettuce, tomato wedge, banana pudding.

Monday, July 12: Br: pancakes, syrup; L: tamale pie, carrot-raisin slaw, creamed peas, cornbread.

Tuesday, July 13: Br: scrambled eggs, toast; L: breaded steaks, rice, gravy, seasoned green beans, fruit jello, hot rolls.

Wednesday, July 14: br: sausage link, toast; L: pork McRibs on bun, BBQ sauce, potato wedges, apple halves, rice krispie.

Thursday, July 15: Br: honeybun, toast stick; L: chicken nuggets, honey sauce, rice-broccoli casserole, pear halves, angel biscuits.

Friday, July 16: Br: toast & jelly, fruit; L: stromboli, baked beans, salad, peach cobbler.

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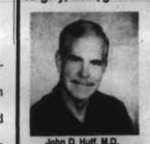

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SPORTS

Ladies golf tournament hosts 34 teams

The Eagle Lake Ladies Golf Association held their annual tournament June 16. There were 34 teams entered. The results were reported as follows:

First Flight: first gross with 67, Kelly Callahan and Brenda Hopson;

Second gross, 72, Carol Allen and Faye Poskey;

First net, 56, Doris Barnes and Betty Guterriz; Second net, 60, Margaret Horelica and Melba Blazek.

Second Flight: first gross, 75, Chris Koeblin and Shirley Chappel;

Second gross, 79, Par Faherty and Carol Dunnigan;

First net, 58, Carolyn Keaton and Kim Zapalac;

Second net, 62, Jeanne Hartzog and Julie Reynolds.

Third Flight: first gross, 84, Patsy Anderson and Anita Kubes;

Second gross, 85, Mayme Hamilton and Juanita Ray;

First net, 60, Karen Teichmann and Evelyn Stavinoha;

Second net, 63, Penny Henske and Mary Ann Wood.

Closest to the pin was Virginia Browne with 14 ft.

Sign up for Raider Boosters golf tournament

The Rice Raider Booster Club is sponsoring its first Scholarship Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 31.

The tournament will be at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center golf course with a four-man best ball scramble format. The golfer handicaps on the entry forms will determine the teams.

Entry fee for the event is $40 and goes toward scholarships for Rice High School athletes. The scholarships will be awarded at the end of the school year by the booster club.

Additional information and entry forms are available from Johnny's Sport Shop, the Tee-Up Pro Golf Shop or by calling Coaches Mark Johnson at 234-3543, Gary Epps at 732-6668 or Ray Reynolds at 234-3035.

Area golfers are invited to join the tournament and support the Rice Raiders.

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By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

WHEN THE BIG TOE CAUSES BIG PROBLEMS

The big toe has a thankless lot in life, going about its business unrecognized until something goes wrong. Only then do people realize how essential the first toe is to mobility and health. One of the problems that can bring about that rude realization is a category of conditions involving stiffening of the big toe. These conditions go by such names as "hallux extensus", "hallux elevatus", "hallux rigidus", and "hallux limitus", but the bottom line is that they can be painful and make movement extremely difficult. Treatment may include a change in shoe size and stiffness, use of padding, and steroid injections. In more severe cases, surgery may be necessary to relieve pain and free up the toes.

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