

COLORADO COUNTY FAIR NEWS

Y'all Come to the Fair...

September 9-12

Entries due for art, photo contests

The residents of Colorado County are encouraged to enter the various art contests held in conjunction with the county fair. The art show, photography contest and western art contest for school age children will be held during the annual fair Sept. 9-12.

Deadline for entries is Sept. 3. The art show will offer divisions for preschool, youth—elementary through high school, adult beginners, adult amateurs, semi professional and professional artists. It is open to all subjects and media including sculpture. First, second and third place will be awarded in each division.

For additional information about the contest call the art show chairman Charlotte Fox at 409-732-3472. The photography contest is open to youth and adults. Youth will be in three groups: primary ages 4-8, junior ages 9-13 and senior ages 14-18.

Adult work will be in three groups: amateur, semiprofessional and professional. Both color and black and white will be accepted. Entries must be 8x10 or larger.

For more information on the photo contest contact chairman Debbie Herring at 409-732-3227 or Robin Mueller at 409-732-6589. All elementary, junior and senior high students may enter the western art contest. All entries must depict a western theme. The three age groups will be judged separately. There is no fee for this contest.

Entry cards and fair catalogues with complete rules on all the contests are available at Potter's Western Store and the County Extension Office in Columbus, Weimar City hall, Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg, Bernardo Farm and Ranch Supply, First National Bank of Eagle Lake, Nada Grocery and Oak and Acorn in Sheridan.

Deadline for entering all events is Friday, Sept. 3.

Fair queen entries due soon

Contestants are still being accepted for the Colorado County Fair Queen contest and the Junior Queen contest. They are to be held Saturday, Sept. 4. There are two divisions of the contest, girls between the ages of 10 and 13 enter the junior queen category and girls 14 to 21 are in the fair queen contest. All entrants must be single and residents of the county or attend school within the county.

Junior contestants must sell \$160 in season passes to the fair to qualify for the contest.

The older category girls must sell \$400 in season passes to qualify.

Two queens will be chosen from among the older girls. The girl selling the most passes in advance will be named the Fair Membership Queen. She will receive a \$500 scholarship and lifetime membership in the Fair Association.

The County Fair Queen will be selected by out-of-county judges. She will be judged on appearance, personality and poise. The winner will receive the \$500 Leslie Schmidt Heard Scholarship.

Entry forms and complete contest rules are available by calling members of the queen contest committee: Pamela Potter at 409-732-2705, Deborah Hayward at 409-725-8325, Tanya Wiese at 234-7469 or Kim Crane at 409-758-3886.

Entry deadline is Saturday, Aug. 21.

Fewer bells this year at Primary School

According to a spokesperson at Eagle Lake Primary School, there will be no bells during the day. The only bells will be at the beginning and end of the school day.

ELPS will follow this time schedule for the 1993-94 school year. 7:40-8:05: breakfast.

8:10: school begins.

11:15: dismissal a.m. classes for early childhood, prekindergarten and kindergarten.

12:00: lunch for p.m. prekindergarten and kindergarten.

12:30: classes for p.m. prekindergarten and kindergarten.

Time to sign up for Little Mr. and Miss

There will be an annual contest for Little Mr. Colorado County Fair and Little Miss Colorado County Fair as part of the festivities. Contest Chairman Sylvia Brune announced the deadline to enter is Sept. 3.

The event is for children who are residents or who attend school in Colorado County.

Previous winners are not eligible to compete for the same title again.

The primary division includes ages four through six years by Sept. 1. The junior division is for ages seven through nine by Sept. 1.

Each division will compete and be judged separately.

Entry fee for the contest is \$10 and the children should wear western attire for the judging.

The Junior Mr. and Miss contest begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, at Eagle Lake Primary School and will be on-stage interviews.

This year's Little Mr. and Miss contest will be held beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5, in the Eagle Lake Primary School and will also have on-stage interviews only.

First place receives a trophy. First and second runners up get rosettes. Winners in all the events are expected to ride the fair float in local parades throughout the year and parents are expected to help with the float.

The Sept. 3 deadline will be for all entries.

For information and registration contact Brune at 234-2657, Lil Stallman at 409-732-2882, Lynda Appel at 234-5878, Lajuan Rowland at 409-725-8982 or Monica Lehrer at 409-758-3437.

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Fireflies shine for another summer

Approximately 100 kindergarten through third grade students in the summer school Firefly Program presented their closing performance, "Our Time to Shine" on July 30.

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Summer Firefly Program ends

Children in the Firefly Program for primary students stand for their part of the closing program July 30. The summer program enriched the education of primary students with the four weeks of activities.

Photo Courtesy of Firefly Program

Summer Safari comes to an end

The summer school programs at Eagle Lake Middle School have ended for another year.

The Summer Safari six weeks program involved students in several field trips.

Each trip focused on academic areas of interest and expanded the essential elements for the grade level.

July 2, Safari students visited Stephen F. Austin State Park in San

Felipe to study historical and botanical aspects of the park.

Hempstead Youth Center was the location of the July 13 trip. Students toured the facilities there.

Dr. John Williams, program director, presented the history of the foundation and its origins then answered students' questions.

Taking responsibility for one's actions was the focus of the annual Summer Safari Field Day held in conjunction with the primary Firefly Program.

Students had a morning of athletic, art and computer lab activities. Stories were read with puppets made by the primary children to compliment the stories.

Safari students were each responsible for a Firefly student and attended the various events with their Firefly. The middle school students served as role models for the younger ones.

July 22, students traveled to the Tait Ranch outside Altair. Events included a trail walk led by Game Warden Sam Center.

Center identified the plants and trees for the students. The walk ended at the cemetery where Civil War era relatives and workers of the ranch family are buried. The morning concluded with a tour of the Tait family home.

Hot dogs, soft drinks, chips and watermelon served by Center, David Perry, Glen Sachtleben and Mike Weiss rounded out the day.

School board members Kate Laby and Jack Vawter also attended the event.

Rice expands math program

The summer of 1993 proved to be a successful learning time for Rice High School.

The school offered geometry class for students who wanted to take advanced math later and needed geometry first.

The geometry class was seven hours a day.

Aug. 3, students took the final exam and all had very good grades. Teacher Jeanette Volkner said the students worked hard and did excellent work.

Dr. Barbara Williams noted the students showed that high expectations can be a great motivation.

More advanced classes are planned.

Did You Know...

The first teeth, the milk teeth, usually appear in infants between five and eight months of age. But a few babies are born with teeth, including the future King Louis XIV of France who had two teeth at his birth in Sept. 5, 1638.

Learn square and country dances

Square dancing and country line dancing lessons are to be offered this fall. The Country Squares dance club from Sheridan will be teaching the lessons for both dances.

Introductory lessons in new dances are planned for Aug. 23 and 30 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at no charge. The regular lessons will begin Sept. 6 at a cost of \$5 per couple per lesson.

For more information contact Traylor Walker at his office 409-234-3921, 234-3937 at home; Evelyn Dixon at 512-798-2662 or 512-798-2486 or Phyllis Pencil at 409-234-3564.

Laughlin votes against budget plan

U.S. Congressman Greg Laughlin cast his vote against the President's budget on Thursday, Aug. 5.

Laughlin cast his no vote on the agreement between U.S. House and Senate negotiators regarding the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. The budget passed the House by a vote of 218 to 216.

It was to go to the Senate for their vote on Monday.

"I strongly believe deficit reduction must be America's highest economic priority but I cannot support the budget conference's agreement with

its unfair gasoline tax, new spending increases and entitlements to automatic pilot," said Laughlin of his action.

"Unfortunately, during the last six months of deliberation of the reconciliation package, the package has lost sight of the President's original goals," he continued. "The tragedy is the conferees failed to bring the budget to the middle between spending cuts and taxes. It's time the federal government became accountable for its spending and started behaving like the people it represents."

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SPORTS

Runnin' Raiders...

Triumphant tracksters return

By Coach Dennis Jackson

Seven students from the Rice School district competed in the AAU Junior National Championship meet in Knoxville, Tenn. last week.

During the week of Aug. 2-7, Clint Mueller, Ruth Long, Nikki Chamberlain, Shea McClanahan, LaToya Parker, Rick Thomas and Rachelle Kallina represented our district against the top student athletes in the nation.

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Ruthie Long crosses the finish line out in front.



Ruthie takes her first place medal along with the national title.



Shea McClanahan stretches out for the hurdles.

Sign up now for hospital volleyball benefit

Teams are wanted for a fund raising volleyball tournament next Saturday, Aug. 21.

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Employee Trust Fund is sponsoring the mixed volleyball tournament to be held behind the Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Hall.

Entry deadline will be Wednesday, Aug. 18 and is limited to the first 18 teams registered. The fee is \$30 per team, refundable in case of cancellation for bad weather.

To register, contact Joe Lee Perez at 409-234-5571 ext. 5273 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 234-3939 after 4 p.m.

There will be a round robin on three nets kicking off at 8:30 a.m.

The top teams and bottom teams from each net will be grouped for an A and B Tournament, with the A as a double elimination and the B as a single elimination competition. First and second place will be awarded for each tournament.

There will be food and drinks available for sale at the event.

Proceeds from the tournament go to the employee trust fund at ELCH to be used for renovation of the hospital and purchase of needed equipment.

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