

Second Annual Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival now thing of the past

PAGEANT RESULTS

The 2nd Annual Attwater Prairie Chicken Festival festivities got underway with the crowning of the 1996 Royalty pageant which was held at Eagle Lake Middle School Thursday night. Results of the competition are:

Miss Eagle Lake
Sara Mann, 17-year-old daughter of David and Claudia Mann, sponsored by Rita's Beauty Shop, was chosen Miss Eagle Lake. First runner-up was Britni Wood, 15-year-old daughter of Jim and Mary Ann Wood, sponsored by Prairie Gator Farm; and concert queen was Robin Shavers, 16-year-old daughter of J.W. & Gail Shavers, sponsored by Unlimited Animal Artistry.

Also participating were: Frances Mrtwa, 16-year-old daughter of August (Junior) and Patsy Mrtwa, Austin's BBQ & Catering; and Daniell Witt, 15-year-old daughter of Larry and Laura Witt, Traffic Inc.

Junior Miss Eagle Lake
Misty Morales, 13-year-old daughter of Mike and Terry Morales, sponsored by Lake Lumber Company, was chosen Junior Miss. First runner-up was Jacqueline Thomas, 11-year-old daughter of Russell and Robin Thomas, Alpha Delta Phi Sorority; and, for selling the most tickets to the Eddy Raven performance, Leslie Waddell, 12-year-old daughter of Beth Waddell and Davis Waddell, sponsored by Gift of Distinction, was named concert queen.

Also participating were: Stephanie Jackson, 13-year-old daughter of Liz and Bart Jackson, sponsored by Larry Gore Hunting; Jessica Thomas, 11-year-old daughter of Mike and Sherry Thomas, John B. Myers, DDS; and Cindy Webb, 13-year-old daughter of Henry and Sharon Webb, Truly Properties.

Little Mr. Eagle Lake
Joshua Gertson, 5-year-old son of Mike and Donna Gertson, sponsored by My Friend's House, was chosen Little Mr. First runner-up was Rusty Moulder, 5-year-old son of Becky and Bill Moulder, sponsored by Winco Agriproducts of Texas Inc. Christopher Cordova, 6-year-old son of Leo and Hortencia Cordova, sponsored by Laker Printing & Trophies was named second runner-up.

Little Miss Eagle Lake
Hillary Johnson, 5-year-old daughter of Bruce and Roberta Johnson, sponsored by My Friend's House was crowned Little Miss.

First runner-up was Lisa Mari Rubio, 8-year-old daughter of Sam and Lucy Rubio, First National Bank of Eagle Lake; and, chosen second runner-up was April Marie Pagel, 6-year-old daughter of Dwayne and Monica Pagel, Darrell Page Trucking.

Others participating were: Jessica B.C. Godley, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mable Godley, Wilcox Foods IGA; Alyssa Hernandez, 7-year-old daughter of Imelda and Carlos Hernandez, Eagle Lake Sewing Center; Raychel Marie Jackson, 8-year-old daughter of Bart and Liz Jackson, Tire USA (Glen and Eva Locklier); Christina Montgomery, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Montgomery, Royal Cleaners (Billie Guthmann); Shelly Lauren Myers, 6-year-old daughter of John and Laura Myers, S&S Irrigation (Roxanne Schindler); Katlyn Thomas, 5-year-old daughter of Mike and Sherry Thomas, Wiese Insurance; and MacCesly D. Thomas, 5-year-old daughter of Malcolm Thomas and Marsha Thomas, sponsored by the Larry Duany family.

The winners were introduced on stage Friday night during the Eddy Raven concert.

Judging the pageant were Bill Carpenter, John Kroll, Shelley Hillman and Kelly Jansky.

The mistress of ceremonies was Lynda Appelt. Entertainment was provided by Darrel Appelt and Stephen Brown. Miss Eagle Lake 1995, Rachel Mathys, also performed for the audience.

Appelt was assisted on stage by: Miss Eagle Lake 1992, Joy Johnson; 1994 Miss, Sunny Gertson; Miss Eagle Lake 1995, Rachel Mathys; Little Mr. 1995, Clayton Bowen; and Little Miss 1995, Julie Jackson.

Chairperson for the event was Donna Gertson, while the beautiful decorations were provided by Creative Expression.

The event was sponsored by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce and the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club.

SILENT AUCTION RESULTS

The silent auction, held in conjunction with the Saturday afternoon wine & cheese tasting, netted \$1,569.

1. Southwestern place mats and napkins, donated by Ethel & Joe Lee McCrary; purchased by Betty Brooks, \$20.
2. "Good Women" sign, Ethel & Joe Lee McCrary; Robby Cook, \$30.
3. Weighted dog's dish, Steven Meisner; Robby Cook, \$10.
4. Prairie Chicken decanter, The Baumgart Agency; John Myers, \$15.
5. Book, "Songbirds in Your Garden"; Lesley Matthews; Cherry Cornas, \$25.
6. All-day birding tour to High Island, Gary Woods; Philip Huxford, \$35.
7. \$25 Gift certificate, Wilcox Foods IGA; Fair Wells, \$27.50.
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9. Tour of captive breeding facility, National Parks & Wildlife; Betty Brooks, \$25.
10. Naming and releasing of one bird, National Parks & Wildlife; Susan Tomchenon, \$15.
11. Refuge tour for 11, National Parks & Wildlife; T Lang, \$10.
12. Shirt and cap, Prairie Edge Museum; Chad Frank, \$22.50.
13. Children's book, "Butterfly Theatre"; Dr. William Giesel; Lucy Capps, \$6.
14. Book, "Butterfly Theatre"; Dr. William Giesel; Joana Bowen, \$5.
15. Video, "Along the Birding Trail"; Mike Simms, Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club; Evelyn Thomas, \$15.
16. Framed print, T Lang; Betty Brooks, \$25.
17. T-shirt and cap, Lower Colorado River Authority; Lesley Matthews, \$10.
18. Face of "Rose Medicinal" china, Dr. & Mrs. Elbert Whorton; Robin Thomas, \$100.
19. Wolf sponsorship kit, Lesley Matthews; Chad Frank, \$35.
20. \$25 Gift certificate, Wilcox Foods IGA; Fair Wells, \$25.
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22. Bath spare paper cover, Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Pasenik; Donna Sedgwick, \$5.
23. Alligator head, Prairie Gator Farm; Steve Bates, \$30.
24. \$100 Labor, Shindler Electric Service; Vic Cornas, \$50.
25. Book, "Butterfly Theatre"; Dr. William Giesel; Lucy Capps, \$10.
26. Book, "Butterfly Theatre"; Dr. William Giesel; Cherry Cornas, \$7.50.
27. Cat birdfeeder, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Balar; Allison Stevick, \$30.
28. Nov. evening of bird watching with wine and cheese, J.R. & Evelyn Thomas, Steve & Linda Balar; Cherry Cornas, \$75.
29. Small birdfeeder, Eagle Lake Drugstore; Robby Cook, \$40.
30. T-shirt, Houston Audubon Society; Lucy Capps, \$20.
31. T-shirt, Houston Audubon Society; Jean Wiese, \$15.
32. Prairie Chicken photo by Roger Tory Peterson; Mobil Exploration Co.; Philip Huxford, \$75.
33. Prairie Chicken poster, Nature Conservancy; Chad Frank, \$45.
34. Adopt-a-Prairie Chicken portfolio, Houston Zoo; Betty Brooks, \$30.
35. One membership in the Houston Zoological Society; Heles Craig, \$30.
36. Day of birding (choice of Bolivar Peninsula or Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge; time and date to be selected by successful bidder); Winnie Burkett, Houston Audubon Society; Heles Craig, \$30.
37. Ten manurehats "Fannie Munson" calcium bulbs, Garden Club of Scenic Galveston; Heles Craig, \$50.
38. Ten manurehats "White Queen" calcium bulbs, Garden Club of Scenic Galveston; Raymond Thomas, \$50.
39. One out-glass knife rest, in memory of Anna Louisa; Linda Balar, \$75.
40. Book, "Borns of the River" and t-shirt, Friends of the Colorado River Foundation; Lucy Capps, \$20.
41. T-shirt and river guidebook, LCRA; Marco Vargas, \$25.
42. Golf shirt and cap, Central Power & Light; Lucy Capps, \$15.
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44. Golf shirt and umbrella, Central Power & Light; Lucy Capps, \$25.
45. Umbrella, Central Power & Light; Robby Cook, \$15.
46. Flashlight, Central Power & Light; Lucy Capps, \$17.
47. Birdhouse + sack of birdseed, T.W. Outdoor Nature Club; J.R. Thomas, \$30.
48. T-shirt, Migration Celebration; Susan Tomchenon, \$18.
49. Small bird feeder, Eagle Lake Drugstore; Lucille Nehtkon, \$20.



Little Miss & Mr. Eagle Lake

Coming out on top in the competition for the little people were, in photo above, from left, Second Runner-up April Pagel, First Runner-up Rubio, Little Miss Johnson, Little Mr. Gertson and First Runner-up Rusty Moulder. Not pictured is Second Runner-up Cordova.

In the Junior Miss competition, Misty Morales, center, was chosen as the winner with Jacqueline Thomas, left, to serve as First Runner-up. Leslie Waddell, right, was named Concert Queen for selling the most tickets to the Eddy Raven performance.

Headlight Photos by Lynda Appelt



'In appreciation'

Lee Ann Linsam, right, part of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's Endangered Resources Branch, presented Royce Jurries, biologist, with a plaque of appreciation for his 25 years of service "to the conservation of the Attwater's Prairie Chicken..." during Saturday's reception.

Headlight Photo by Jeanine Fearing



Highlights

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Survey: Texans 'Growing'
The Office of Survey Research at the University of Texas - which also conducts the Texas Poll for Hart-Hanks Communications - has released figures that shed a little light on Texans' "figures."

According to the OSR, more than 28% of Texas residents were overweight in 1994, compared to just 18% in 1989.

Lack of vegetables in the diet may have something to do with those propensity for portliness. The survey found that only 16% of Texans in the 16-24 age group eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day.

About 1,500 Texans were questioned in the random survey.

Court Reverses UT Law Ruling
Race can't be used as a factor in admissions at the University of Texas, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans ruled last week.

The ruling reversed a lower court opinion that admissions policies at the University of Texas unfairly work against white students who apply to the UT School of Law.

The suit, filed by four white students who weren't granted admission to the law school in 1992, claimed the school didn't hold white and minority students to the same entrance standards.

UT System officials suspended admissions for a week to analyze the ruling. They said they would ask the Attorney General Morales to appeal the ruling.

Other Capital Highlights
• About 300 members of "Republic of Texas," a group formed in 1993 to nullify Texas statehood, marched peacefully on the State Capitol last week. The group claims a membership of more than 2,000 anti-tax, anti-federalist protesters who believe Texas was illegally admitted to the union 150 years ago. State leaders ignored the group.

• Federally approved patient trials of Dr. Jonas Salk's AIDS vaccine, "Remune," began last week in Austin at the HIV Study Group of the Central Texas Medical Foundation. Austin is one of 50 study sites nationwide and the only site in Texas. Salk, world famous for his polio vaccine, died last summer.

• Texas Parks and Wildlife nabbed 23 game-poaching suspects in a four-county undercover investigation in the East Texas counties of Jasper, Hardin, Newton and Orange. The suspects, accused of using dogs to round up deer for easy shooting on public lands, face 46 charges, each punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.

Is everything here?
Newly-selected Miss Eagle Lake Sara Mann, left, and Junior Miss Eagle Lake Misty Morales check over their supplies before the doors open for the wine and cheese tasting and silent auction Saturday afternoon.



No, I think this one should go there
Doug and Janie Schwemm decorate the table and set up the various cheeses for the afternoon reception and silent auction.



Scoping it out
Dwight Hadley, Ronnie Sedgwick and Susan Hadley, from left, were some of the first to arrive and get their bids in on the silent auction Saturday. Festival Photos by Jeanine Fearing

Fun for all
Clayton Bowen, left, and a friend enjoyed one of the carnival rides available this past weekend.

ART SHOW WINNERS
A student from the Richmond-Rosenberg area took first place in the high school division of the Festival Art Show. Jacque Harris was awarded a \$150 savings bond.

Each division winner received a \$150 savings bond.

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Presbyterians to celebrate Holy Week

The First Presbyterian Church of Eagle Lake will celebrate Holy Week beginning with activities on Palm Sunday.

On this day, there will be the examination of the Confirmation Class. Members of the class are: Kristie Leigh Moore, Tiffany Kaye Perry and Leslie Rae Waddell. These young people will complete the Order of Confirmation during the Worship Service.

The sermon for the day will be entitled, "When the Cheering Stops". Palm leaves will be distributed at the service.

Maundy Thursday Worship will be held on Thursday of Holy Week. The Confirmation Class will receive their First Communion.

The church will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The sermon of the day will be based on John 13: 1-7 and will portray the "Serving Christ". The time for the service will be at 7 p.m.

The "Risen Christ" will be the theme for Easter Sunday. The congregation will join in the celebration of worship and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The service will be at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

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