

ELHS 1950-60 classes reunited

At four o'clock, Saturday, Oct. 11, a group of over 200 people gathered at Konvicka's Circle K Ranch for a celebration which would equal almost any ever held in Eagle Lake.

In order to qualify to attend this gathering, you had to be from Eagle Lake originally and had to be at least old enough to qualify for AARP.

Better still, this was a gathering of Eagle Lake High School classes of 1950-1960.

We all attended classes in the old school building which stood where the Methodist Church now stands.

The planners of this assembly, led by Ernestine (Davidson) Sommerlatte (Class of '53), Lonnie Sommerlatte (Class of '55), Grace (Sinclair) Cooper (Class of '54), Lewis Epps (Class of '54), Jo Ann Konvicka (Class of '58), and Kenneth Mahalite (Class of '55) had help from many others.

They fortunately included name tags in their planning for all high school graduates and any spouses who might have accompanied them.

Without the name tags, there still might be dozens wondering who "that bald-headed" guy was or who "that grey-haired gal" was.

Stanley Carroll (Class of '55), videoed the classmates and spouses as

they came in, as well as during the evening.

We gathered for convivial conversation and the perusal of class pictures displayed for each of the 11 classes.

Many came from local places in and around Eagle Lake while others traveled from as far as New England, Mississippi, Colorado, Illinois, Utah, California, New Mexico and many places in Texas.

The evening began with light refreshments donated by local alumni. As darkness settled on the beautiful lakeside setting, a service was held to dedicate a Memorial Plaque containing the pictures of the 31 deceased members of these 11 classes.

The moving (and short) service was led by Jack Pidgeon (Class of '58) who then introduced the members of the high school faculty who were present, including Tom & Bena Kirksey (Rosebud), Vic & Bea Scott (Eagle Lake) and Margaret Humphries (Calihan) (Houston). Stories of teachers and students abounded.

Several door prizes were awarded by Carey Hanly (Class of '54), were awarded, followed by a dinner catered by Austin's BBQ & Catering... absolutely great food in classic Eagle Lake style.

The remainder of the evening was spent in many conversations which flowed like changing tides around the various ranch house rooms and outside into the gazebo.

Attesting to the good memory of all present, only one umbrella was left white with green trim.

Rather poor weather could not dampen the spirits of the evening, although the late hours seemed to send many home between 10 and 11 p.m. But everyone adjourned with mixed feelings of nostalgia and excitement over renewing many old friendships.

Special thanks need to be extended to all the planners and workers for putting this together.

In addition, Mrs. Ethel Konvicka deserves laudits galore for use of her Circle K Ranch.

Perhaps it will not be too long until the next reunion.

Did You Know...

Tea is the most popular drink in more countries than any other beverage.



George and Marion Burke enjoyed the fall foliage in and around the Wostach Mountains.

St. Anthony having annual Halloween Carnival

St. Anthony School in Columbus will sponsor its annual Halloween Carnival this Saturday, Oct. 25, with the fun and festivities scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. The event, which provides attractions and entertainment for all ages, will take place on the school grounds.

Goblin burgers, sausage, tea, chips and cake will be served as refreshments beginning at 5 and continuing throughout the evening.

Registration for the Costume Contest is from 5 to 5:30 p.m. with the contest on the stage immediately following. A \$1 registration fee is required. All children, ages infant and up, are invited to take part in this contest as an individual or a group. First, second and third places will be

awarded in each category.

The Country Store is filled with Christmas and home decorations, crafts, canned goods and gift ideas for all ages; and, let's not forget those wonderful baked goodies and great decorated Halloween cookies.

A new feature this year will be our Country Kitchen Casseroles. Small casseroles are \$10. Advance orders can be placed by calling St. Anthony School at 732-5505. The casseroles available are chicken spaghetti, King ranch chicken, tamale pie, Mexican lasagna and meatless lasagna.

The auction, a favorite of many, will begin at 7 p.m. and provides an opportunity to buy unique items for yourself or special someone. Some of the bargains include quilts, home-

Burkes on the road again

George and Marian Burke recently returned from a trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, where they visited their daughter, Elizabeth Thomas, and her family for a week.

While in Salt Lake City, they attended an inspiring Sunday morning telecast in the Mormon Temple featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir giving their 3,354th performance. It was quite an inspiring spectacle with the tremendous organ accompanying the choir for the hour-long telecast

followed by several encore numbers.

The Burkes also took a couple of afternoon drives up into the Wostach Mountains to see the beautiful fall foliage. One, the "Alpine Loop Drive", was spectacular with the golden leaves of aspen and the red leaves of the maple trees.

They also took a canyon drive through the Unitas National Forest with its blue spruce pines intermixed with aspen and other brilliantly colored trees.

They had beautiful cool, clear low humidity weather from 45° to 75°, but returned Sept. 27 to Eagle Lake to find it wet, hot and humid... as usual.

Harvest Ball a big success

The Rice Medical Center (RMC) Volunteers 2nd Annual Harvest Ball was held Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Eagle Lake Community Center in honor of Dr. Raymond Thomas who was named the "1997 Texas Family Physician of the Year".

The community center was filled with nearly 300 people who came to congratulate Dr. Thomas on his accomplishments and dedication to the community. The community is truly blessed to have such a dedicated medical professional on staff at RMC.

State Representative Robby Cook served as Master of Ceremonies and Dr. Russell Thomas brought to light the fact that nowhere else would you find a more dedicated group of employees than at RMC. He spoke with pride of being able to work under and with his father for over 13 years.

Dr. Russell was followed by Susan Hernandez, RMC Director of Nurses, who read a speech written by Dr. Ronald Mahoney who could not be present. Dr. Mahoney commented on his friendship with Dr. Raymond and pointed out to everyone present in a humorous recount of events how Dr. Raymond displayed a "Dr. Jeckel and Mr. Hyde" personality.

The first anesthesia provider in Eagle Lake was Mrs. Jane Blaha Nelson, followed by Mrs. Hernandez. Mrs. Blaha worked for over 19 years with Dr. Raymond and she was quick to point out that no matter what, Dr. Raymond was always there for her and her family.

The last speaker of the evening was Dr. Harold High of Cuero. Not only is Dr. High a very close and dear friend to Dr. Raymond, but he was also the "1996 Texas Family Physician of the Year". Dr. High spoke of the two families growing up together and always being there for each other. It was quite touching for both Dr. Raymond and Dr. High.

Dr. Raymond then thanked everyone for showing their support for himself and his family. He said he felt truly blessed to have been able to serve this community.

Everyone present enjoyed a delicious steak and shrimp dinner catered by Staff's of El Campo along with music from all eras provided by E.J. Ramos of Houston.

The event was sponsored by Eagle Lake Drugstore, Steve and Linda Balas; One Care Health Industries Inc.; Edward Priesmeyer; Surgical Associates, Dr. Julio Arebalo & Dr. Herman Patino; Dr. T.M. Hughes-Adult & Pediatric Urology; The Baumgart Agencies; and Wyeth-Ayerst.

Door prize donations and winners were: cup of golf balls donated by Dan Waentz of TAP Pharmaceuticals Inc., won by Craig Desmond of One Care Health Industries, Inc.; \$50 savings bond donated by First National Bank of Eagle Lake, won by Victor & Dorothy Hyek; \$20 gift certificate to Royal Cleaner's won by Alma Larmer; \$25 gift certificate to Pappa's Restaurant donated by Robert Seals of Schwarz Pharma won by Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Spanihel; \$25 gift certificate to Marcy's Hair Salon, won by Nelma Strey;

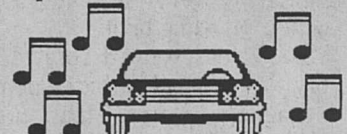
Also, one year subscription to *Eagle Lake Headlight*, won by Vic & Cherry Corman; one large specialty pizza donated by Simple Simon's Pizza, won by Eagle Lake Drug Store, Steve and Linda Balas; plant donated by Lake Crest Flower Shop, won by Todd & Lisa Krenek; \$20 gift certificate to Blue Goose Restaurant, won by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Mike Spanihel; hair dryer donated by Rita's Beauty Shop, won by Nancy Hattox; plant donated by Lake Crest Flower Shop, won by Frank Seals; scarecrow donated by RMC Employee Volunteers, won by Dan Prause.

Cash prizes were presented by RMC Employee Volunteers: \$100, Terry Sabatara; \$25, Terry & Yvette Mullins; Ted Radosz with Arthur Gallaher, William H. Harrison Sr., Thomas Clinic Partners, and One Care Health Industries, Inc., (\$25 was donated by Ricky Leopold of Nada Garage); \$300, Ernie Sommerlatte.

Silent auction donations and winning bidders were: Crocheted doll with stand donated by Gussie Harborth, Helyn Farris; lamp donated by Ace Rental, Helyn Farris; pumpkin table decoration donated by This Old House, Judy Cooper owner, Linda Balas; apricot roll donated by Nada Grocery and Vic's TV & Radio, Vic & Dorothy Hyek owners, Brenda & Wayne Corman; guided goose hunt for four donated by Garwood Hunting Club, Warren Beaty club manager, David Keith;

Also, Vavoom gift set donated by The Diplomat, Connie Keith; RMC golf cooler package donated by RMC Classic Golf (See Success, Page 10)

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***** FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

6:00 p.m. - Biergarten, Food Booths & Carnival Open
8:00 p.m. - Midnight - Music in the Biergarten Featuring "Lost Wolf"
(Co-Sponsors - Coors Light & Flatonia C of C)

***** SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Czhlispiet Golf Tournament
8:00 a.m. Tee Time • 1:00 p.m. Tee Time
Three-Person Scramble • (512) 865-2922
Czhlispiet XXV - 5-K Fun Run & Walk '97
8:30 a.m. - Start/Finish Flatonia State Bank
(512) 322-3460 • (512) 865-2934
(Sponsor - Lavaca Medical Center - Hallettsville)
Czhlispiet XXV - 1.5 Mile Roller Blade Run
10:00 a.m. - Start/Finish Flatonia State Bank
(512) 865-3920 • (409) 743-4259 • (Co-Sponsors - Advanced Health Services - Moulton & Ken Bigham, Jr. Law Firm - Schulenburg)
9:00 a.m. - Czhlil Cook Off Begins (Spon. By Miller Lite - Seeker Dist.)
Biergarten, Food Booths, Carnival, and Arts & Crafts Open
9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. - "Chris Rybak" - Czhlil Stage - (Spon. By High Sierra)
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Music in Biergarten - "Red Ravens"
11:00 a.m. - F.H.S. Junior Class Authentic German-Czech Walk
(Baked & Canned Goods)
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Showmanship Judging
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Music in the Biergarten - "Ken Brothers Band"
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - E. A. Arim Archives & Museum
1:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. - Registration - Ladies Screaming Contest
Main Czhlil Stage
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Registration - Cow Chip Throw & Egg Toss
at Northeast Gate

***** SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 (cont.)

2:00 p.m. - P.O.L.K. of A. Dancers, Czhlil Stage
2:00 p.m. - Cow Chip Throw & Egg Toss at the Northeast Gate
2:45 p.m. - Recognize Czhlispiet Court, Czhlil Stage
3:00 p.m. - Beard Contest & Ladies Screaming Contest Judging
3:00 p.m. - Turn in Czhlil to Judges
4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - "Texas Lovin' Cloggers" - Main Czhlil Stage
(Sponsored By Oak Manor Nursing Home - Flatonia)
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Music in Biergarten - featuring "Texas Fever"
9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Music in the Biergarten
featuring "Texas Unlimited Band"
10:00 p.m. - Fireworks Display (Co-Sponsors - Flatonia State Bank, Fayette Savings, Mr. B's & Flatonia C of C)

***** SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:00 a.m. - Food Booths, Arts-n-Crafts, and Carnival Open
10:00 a.m. - Cripple Creek Gunfighters
10:00 a.m. - Turn in Pies at Civic Center for Judging
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - "Ken Brothers" - Czhlil Stage
11:00 a.m. - Fry's Petting Zoo - (Spon. By Balcones Minerals - Flatonia)
12:00 p.m. - Biergarten Opens & Czhlispiet Parade
1:00 p.m. - Czhlispiet XXV Car & Truck Show
(Sponsored By Bud Light / Brown Dist. - La Grange)
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - E. A. Arim Archives & Museum
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Music in the Biergarten
Featuring "Original Velvets"
1:30 p.m. - Lions Club Auction of Pies, Main Czhlil Stage
2:30 p.m. - Lions Club Turtle Races
3:00 p.m. - Registration for Tug-of-War '97 - behind Biergarten
3:30 p.m. - Tug-of-War '97 - behind Biergarten
4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Music in the Biergarten
featuring "Johnny Dee & the Rocket 88's"

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• Cookie Monster

• Fish Pond

• Boo-Loon Bust

• Goblin Burgers

• Punk-N-Rock

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