

Colorado SWCD Banquet honors district winners

District winning students, their parents and teachers, as well as other Outstanding Conservationists were honored at the 49th Annual Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District Banquet held at the Nada Community Center Thursday, March 19.

The banquet also celebrated the 50th anniversary of the District.

Special guests included county officials, representatives of financial and contributing business organizations, members of the news media and members of the Environmental Education Committee.

NRCS Assistant State Conservationist Dexter Svetlik from the Corpus Christi Zone Office discussed NRCS field structure reorganization and the effects on the District and Colorado County.

District Secretary Beverly Tuck gave a brief history of the District and a report of District activities. The certificate that was signed by the State

Secretary in 1948 upon the creation of the District was displayed along with a copy of the first "Program and Work Plan of the District".

The Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District sponsors a Coloring, Poster and Essay contest for students, pre-kindergarten through third grade. Entries from each category are judged and district winners are selected from all blue ribbon winners.

Urissa Green, member of the environmental committee announced the winners of the Coloring Contest: pre-kindergarten, Cherish Henry, Columbus Elementary (CE); kindergarten, Kolby Scardino, Weimar Elementary (WE); first grade, Isabel Rosales, WE; second grade, April Pagel, Garwood Elementary; and third grade, Ryan Kulhanek, St. Anthony School, (SA)

Columbus.

Poster winners were: first, Myles Neuendorff; second, Paul Heffley; third, Christopher Glynn; fourth, Michele Wostarek. The four poster winners are students at St. Anthony.

Joyce Loessin of the environmental committee announced the winners of the Essay Contest in the elementary division: first, Jill Kloesel, St. Michael's School (SM); second, Naomi Mays, CE; third, Warren Winkler, (SM).

Junior high essay winners included: first, Penny Bayer, SM; 2nd, Megan Sainz, SMS; third, Heather Shanks, St. Mary's, Nada.

The Conservation Minister Award was presented to Rev. John Hunsicker of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbus.

William "Bill" Pavlicek of Co-

lumbus was the recipient of the Conservation Business Award.

The Conservation Absentee Rancher was presented to Jerry Cook of Houston and Columbus. Ranch Foreman Clayton Wallin accepted the award for Mr. Cook.

Travis Wegenhoft of Columbus received the Resident Conservation Farmer/Rancher Award given by the Columbus Lion's Club and the District.

The Conservation Homemaker Award was presented to Mary Mahalic of Eagle Lake.

Rodney Flud of Eagle Lake Middle School was awarded the Conservation Teacher Award.

The Eagle Lake Headlight was the recipient of the Conservation Media Award.



Judy Winkler, representing Hill Bank & Trust of Weimar (the sponsor) presented the trophies to the winners of the Coloring Contest: Cherish Henry, Kolby Scardino, Isabel Rosales, April Pagel and Ryan Kulhanek. Photos Courtesy of Colorado SWCD



Barbara Hahn of the Columbus State Bank presented the trophies to the winners of the Poster Contest: Myles Neuendorff, Paul Heffley, Christopher Glynn and Michele Wostarek.



Winners of the Essay Contest in the elementary division received their trophies from Rusty Ray of LCRA, at left. Winners were Naomi Mays from Columbus Elementary and Warren Winkler of St. Michael's. Not pictured was Jill Kloesel, also a student at St. Michael's.



The Conservation Homemaker Award was presented to Mary Mahalic of Eagle Lake, at right, while Rodney Flud, center, a teacher at Eagle Lake Middle School, received the Conservation Teacher Award. The awards were presented by Joan Coufal, representing Coastal Banc-Weimar.



Jerry Cook of Houston and Columbus received the Conservation Absentee Rancher Award. His ranch foreman, Clayton Wallin, right center, accepted the award. Travis Wegenhoft of Columbus, left center, received the Resident Conservation Farmer/Rancher Award. Presenting the awards were Clarence Rainer, left, Columbus Lions Club president, and Carole Oncken, representing Flatonia State Bank-Weimar.



The Conservation Minister Award was presented to Rev. John Hunsicker, right center, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbus. William "Bill" Pavlicek of Columbus was the recipient of the Conservation Business Award. Presenting the awards were Clarence Friedrich, at left, representing Colorado Valley Telephone Cooperative, and Lynette Vyyjala, Coastal Banc-Weimar.

Olympic-qualifier, partner to hold Sealy rally

Sealy Assembly Word and Worship Center continues to prepare for their upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. This annual event, which drew approximately 3,000 people last year, has become the largest outreach of its kind to children and their families in Sealy's tri-county area.

Over 40,000 candy-filled and prize eggs will cover the Sealy High School football field Saturday, April 4, at 10 a.m.

Many prizes, such as 50+ bicycles, 200+ prize baskets, baby chicks, food coupons and more, will be given to those who find prize eggs.

Pastor Rusty Griffin is very pleased to announce some very special guests at the egg hunt this year. Bill Lowery and Jeff Coker of the Commandos for Christ will take the field by storm, demonstrating their super feats of strength.

Hunt attendees will witness a preview of the upcoming Commandos' rally to be held Sunday, April 5, at

6:30 p.m. in the Sealy High School auditorium.

The Commandos for Christ have gone into hundreds of public and private schools throughout the U.S. They usually enter the stage area on a "zip line" suspended high in the air or by dropping 30 feet out of the rafters of a gymnasium.

Those who attend their rallies hear a motivational message, "The Making of a Champion".

Young people today need to hear the truth about who they are, the potential they have and the country in which they live.

A Commando Rally is designed to be a life-changing experience. Topics such as peer pressure, alcohol and drug abuse, and lack of hope for the future are just a few of the topics covered.

Issues of today are presented in a unique way as to not bring condemnation but rather to exhort those in attendance to carefully examine their motives in making a particular choice.

"Kids today must realize that they have the opportunity to become whatever they desire. However, they must realize that there are consequences to the choices that they make," says Bill Lowery.

During the rally, the Commandos demonstrate spectacular feat of human strength, such as exploding hot

water bottles with pure lung power, ripping huge telephone books in half, snapping baseball bats, squeezing pop cans until they explode and bending steel bars in their teeth.

Many times Billy will have 600 pounds of ice placed on his chest, only to have partner Jeff smash it with a sledge hammer.

Audiences stand amazed as automobiles are lifted off the ground with brute force or as Jeff slams 315 pounds to full extension over his head.

The Commandos are based in Sugar Land and were founded in 1989 by Bill Lowery, a former college football player, police officer and successful business man.

He is currently a qualifier for the U.S. Olympic Weight Lifting Team and may possibly compete in the next Olympics in Sydney, Australia, in the year 2000.

He and his wife, Tami, have seven children, ages 10, 8, 6, 5, 3 and twins born this past Jan.

Bill's Commando partner, Jeff Coker, and his wife, Kim, have four children, ages 18, 15, 5 and a new baby boy.

The Sealy High School field and auditorium are located on Hwy. 90 just west of Hwy. 36.

For more information about the egg hunt or the Commando Rally, please call 409-885-3113.

ABOUT TOWN...

*Two meetings held recently gave Farm Bureau leaders of Congressional District 14 an update on Loy Sneary's showing in the March Primary. Sneary, who has the endorsement of Texas Farm Bureau AGFUND, received 40% of the vote. He will be facing Tom Reed in the April 14 run-off. Leaders from Colorado County Farm Bureau attending the March 23 meeting at Bastrop were President Dean Venghaus, Glenn Weishuhn and Leon Hattermann. Another seminar meeting was held in Edna on March 24.

*Congratulations to Heather Kie-

borz and Bonnie Navarro for participating in the APC Festival Talent Show. Even though they didn't win, we're sure there will be competitions in the future in which they will come out on top.

*Lydia Cardenas is up and around and doing a whole lot better since her open heart surgery in Jan. After a few bouts with pneumonia, bronchitis and dehydration, she seems to be back to her old self.

Thanks to all of you for your help, prayers and most of all, just for being there.

May God truly bless you.

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Class of 1946 planning reunion

The Eagle Lake High School Class of 1946 is planning a reunion for June 12 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. They will also honor the football squad of 1945 (bi-district champions). For more information, contact Melvin Selph, 740 Willowick, Port Lavaca, Texas 77979; call 512-552-2704.

Sixth Lenten Luncheon set for April 6

The United Methodist Church will have the sixth Lenten Luncheon Monday, April 6, at 11:45 a.m. with guest speaker Rev. Barry Bauerslag. There will be soup, sandwiches and desserts available. A love offering will be accepted with half the proceeds going to the Eagle Lake Community Food Pantry. You are invited to come and bring a friend.

Nada KCs continue Friday fish fries

The Nada Knights of Columbus are holding a fish fry every Friday through April 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Nada Community Center. The all-you-can-eat meal of catfish, French fries, slaw and trimmings, is \$7 for adults, \$3.75 for children (6-11) and children under six eat free. Plates to go are \$5.75.

Drinks and desserts will be sold by the Catholic Daughters and PTC. Also, come and enjoy St. Mary's Penny "Raffle" going on during the K.C.s fish fry. For more information on the drawing, call 409-234-5202.

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Happy 30th Anniversary Robert & Hope Morieda

March 31, 1998

From Mom, Dad & Your Family

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Help Celebrate the Easter Holy Season

with

Eagle Lake United Methodist Church

Attend Our Lenten Luncheons

beginning

Monday, March 2

11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

through

Monday, April 6

Enjoy soup, sandwiches and desserts along with singing and fellowship

Non-Denominational

Everyone Is Invited!

Love offering accepted.

Half of proceeds to go to the Eagle Lake Community Food Pantry.

Come And Bring A Friend!

Families Are the Focus at First Baptist!



A week long Easter Celebration is planned at First Baptist Church, 527 N. Lake at Prairie Street. All families from Eagle Lake and surrounding communities are welcome and encouraged to come.

On Palm Sunday, April 5, Dr. George Gaston will discuss Triumphant Entry in the main worship service at 10:45 a.m. Palm Sunday evening at 6 p.m., the Church will reflect on the cross with an observance of the Lord's Supper.

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 11, at 3 p.m. on the Church playground.

Separate hunts will be held for toddler through kindergarten and first through third grades with guaranteed goodies for all participants. Older children who would like to participate may help set up and serve as "Border Guards".

The First Baptist congregation will join with other Eagle Lake churches to celebrate a glorious Easter morning with a 7 a.m. Sunrise Service overlooking the lake at the home of William Harrison Sr., 122 Laughlin Road.

The family centered celebration will continue at 9:30 a.m. in the First Baptist Church fellowship hall as member families welcome visiting families with singing and a continental breakfast of juice, coffee and sweet rolls. Dr. George Gaston will present a brief message of the new beginnings, of the hope and healing that can come from an Easter celebration.

Families are then invited to complete the Easter Celebration in the main worship service at 10:45 a.m.

For details or more information, call the Church office at 234-2571.

Come Celebrate with Us!