

1998 APC Festival well attended, auction raises over \$5,000

Silent Auction, Saturday, March 28; First National Bank Lobby

The APC Festival silent auction items, on display at the First National Bank from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., brought in a total of \$5,540 for the Festival.

Those purchasing the items are listed, following the item and its donor, below:

1. Boy's bicycle, Wal-Mart, Paul Supak, \$35; 2. Basket of food, H.E.B., Jean McIner, \$40; 3. Hand-made pillow, Mr. & Mrs. Willard Lange, Denise Cook, \$25; 4. Hand-made wooden bench (wood from old John Deere building), Dr. Elbert Whorton, Lalise Mason, \$50; 5. Lead crystal candlesticks from Poland, Evangeline Loessin Whorton, Robin Thomas, \$20; 6. Pewter chip and dip, Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Sommerlatte, Pattie Weatherly, \$40; 7. Basket of wine, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Wilcox, Jane Meldahl, \$47;

8. Flat of home-grown herbs, Lalise Loessin Mason, Rosanne Harrison, \$50; 9. Flat of home-grown herbs, Lalise Loessin Mason, Rosanne Harrison, \$50; 10. Wild flowers painting "Summer in Texas", Karen March, Dale Walker, \$400; 11. Fishing trip to Port O'Connor guided by John Myres, Dr. John Myres, Margo Harrison, \$300; 12. \$100 Savings bond, First National Bank, Lonnie Sommerlatte, \$70; 13. Prairie Chicken photograph by Roger Tory Peterson, Lesley Matthews, Judy Cooper, \$57; 14. Fly fishing donation, R. Greg Mason, Elfe Thomas, \$65;

15. Blooming pot plant, Canaris Nursery & Garden Center, Deborah Reed, \$42; 16. Ray-O-Vac Camo flashlight, TrafCo Industries Inc., Julie McIner, \$25; 17. Plant, Jean Williams, Grace Dell Cooper, \$30; 18. Plant, Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Wiese, Grace Dell Cooper, \$25; 19. "Team Roping" signed print by Darrel Appelt, Lynda Appelt, Charlene Rodgers, \$35; 20. Hand-made embroidered pillowcase doll with hand-made face, Cherry Corman, Sharon Wegenhoft, \$55; 21. Candle ring, Mary Lou Szymanski, T. Lang, \$14; 22. Microwave cooking dish, Mr. & Mrs. Doyle Waldrop, Lesley Matthews, \$15;

23. 1966 1st Edition Capitol ornament, North entrance, Rep. & Mrs. Robby Cook, Connie Lange, \$82; 24. Bunny planter, Baumgart Insurance Agency, Charlet Janow, \$37; 25. Basket of home-made jellies, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Broesche, Grace Dell Cooper, \$29; 26. Flower arrangement, Connie Webb, Michael Cooper, \$50; 27. Decorative brass-covered amber glass jar with music box lid, Myrtle Van Nort, Jane Meldahl, \$14; 28. Ceramic bunny, Nellie Frnka, Brenda Corman, \$42; 29. BBQ ham, Austin's BBQ & Catering, Joan Matthews, \$50;

30. Stag sculpture issued by the National Wildlife Federation, Fair Wells, Judy Cooper, \$45; 31. Hanging basket pot plant, JoAnn Gertson, Deborah Reed, \$14; 32. Humming-

bird feeder, JoAnn Gertson, Connie Keith, \$20; 33. Beanie Baby, Pugsly, Charlene Rodgers, Christie Mitchell, \$20; 34. Beanie Baby, Stripes, Charlene Rodgers, Pat Cook, \$19; 35. Beanie Baby, Chip, Charlene Rodgers, Shaina Bowen, \$16; 36. Coconut layer cake, Anna Lee Higgins, Mrs. D.R. Wintermann, \$75; 37. Four tickets to AMC Theatres, Dr. & Mrs. Len Bornstein, Deborah Reed, \$26; 38. Singing bird clock, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Harrison Sr., Sandy Thomson, \$45;

39. Gum ball machine on stand, Mr. & Mrs. Kirby Waldrop, Connie Lange, \$82; 40. Two \$25 gift certificates for the Taste of Texas Restaurant, Mr. & Mrs. Kirby Waldrop, Thurston Webb, \$60; 41. Two dinners, Blue Plate Cafe, Louis Schorlemmer, \$25; 42. Duck painting on marble, Rice Industries, Denise Janow, \$20; 43. Surprise out-guess the amount of the donor check hidden in the envelope, Mr. Jerry & Lynda Powers Adams, Jan Hargraves, \$259; 44. Triple tube bird feeder, Helen Craig, Denise Janow, \$35; 45. Wedgewood brooch, Helen Craig, Jane Meldahl, \$42; 15. Puzzle block, Helen Craig, Michael Canaris, \$15; 47. Plant watering pitcher, Helen Craig, Grace Dell Cooper, \$25; 48. Native plants, Mr. & Mrs. David Tomchesson, Deborah Reed, \$24; 49. Charcoal drawing of an auger cart, Trent Sansing Tate, Kirby Waldrop, \$500;

50. Great Blue Heron photograph, Mr. & Mrs. John Matthews, Judy Cooper, \$31; 51. Two person Teal hunt (must be used during Sept. season after opening weekend), Eagle Lake & Katy Prairie Outfitters (Larry Gore), Sandy Thomson, \$105; 52. Large white pasta bowl, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Thomson, John Vuicich, \$40; 53. "Dawn Patrol" signed, numbered print by Wendy Scarborough, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Farris, Clay Waldrop, \$85; 54. Jar of sour dill pickles, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Broesche, Mrs. D.R. Wintermann, \$75;

55. Stuffed pig doll, This Old House (Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Cooper), Helyn Farris, \$25; 56. Basket of Mammoth Caladium bulbs, Dr. & Mrs. Elbert Whorton, Rosanne Harrison, \$30; 57. Two decorative plates, Dr. & Mrs. Rollin Baker, Virginia Waldrop, \$22; 58. Cooler on wheels, Diana Brunner, Margo Harrison, \$70; 59. Umbrella, Gifts of Distinction, Rosanne Harrison, \$20; 60. Pasta canister set, Pattie Weatherly, Nancy Nelson, \$20; 61. Fern, Becky Anderson, Deborah Reed, \$40; 62. 3-Piece cooler set, Weatherly Anesthesia (Dick Weatherly, President), Laura Myres, \$35; 67. Two travel chairs, Weatherly Anesthesia, Laura Myres, \$45; 64. 1997 Capitol ornament State of Texas, Rep. & Mrs. Robby Cook, Robin Thomas, \$95;

65. Jewelry cleaner, Jan Harrell, Dan Canaris, \$10; 66. Wall hanging, Joyce Stancik, Barbara Roan, \$20; 67. AKC registered female German Shep-

herd puppy (14 weeks old), Lynda Appelt, Lisa Rose, \$52; 68. Pressed glass Verde bowl, Myrtle Van Nort, Elbert Whorton, \$10; 69. Small amber Hob Nail oil lamp, Myrtle Van Nort, Jennifer Yelin, \$7; 70. Lidded Christmas canister, Myrtle Van Nort, Grace Linke, \$15; 71. Moire taffeta table runner, Eagle Lake Sewing Center, Grace Dell Cooper, \$25; 72. Decorative mat, Wanda Gott, T. Lang, \$25; 73. Puppy (spaniel mix), Wharton Veterinary Clinic, Monroe Ripper, \$102; 74. Basket of goodies, Rice Medical Center, Susan Tomchesson, \$35; 75. Wreath, Eagle Barber Shop, Patti Weatherly, \$37;

76. Set of four insulated 12 oz. glasses, This Old House (Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Cooper), Mikey Corman, \$27; 77. John Wayne photograph, Andy's Custom Frames, Wharton, Dawn Horndt, \$45; 78. Angel photograph, Andy's Custom Frames, Janie Schwemm, \$47; 79. Item removed from auction; 80. Decorative basket, Eagle Lake Drugstore, Grace Dell Cooper, \$18; 81. Electronic snoozers bunny, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Balas, Virginia Bauer, \$20; 82. Musical shaky guitar bunny, Glenda Blair, Diana Brunner, \$20; 83. 1998 Prairie Chicken Festival tee shirt, Festival Committee, Elfe Thomas, \$20; 84. 1998 Prairie Chicken Festival tee shirt, Festival Committee, Elfe Thomas, \$20; 85. Basket of Mammoth Caladium bulbs, Dr. Elbert &

Evangeline Whorton, Helyn Farris, \$40;

86. Crystal vase, Mr. & Mrs. R.L. Cook Jr., T. Lang, \$50; 87. Commemorative plate, Prince Charles & Lady Diana's wedding, Valerie A. Jackson, Galveston, Glenda Blair, \$42; 88. Book, "The Queen-Life of Elizabeth II", Valerie A. Jackson, Laura Myres, \$20; 89. Pair of year-old Silky Bantams, Dr. Elbert & Evangeline Whorton, Donnie Wiese, \$22; 90. Item removed from auction; 91. Beanie Baby, Princess, Eagle Lake Drugstore (Mr. & Mrs. Steve Balas), Donnie Wiese, \$135; 92. Photograph, Little Girls, Wanda Gott, Denise Janow, \$51; 93. Child's recliner, Ace Rent to Own, Darrel Pagel, \$75;

94. "The Birds of Texas" book, Tom Waddell Nature Club, Doris Laughlin, \$40; 95. U.S. 1982 proof set, Earl Rodgers Jr., Al Jamison, \$35; Fish fry, Mr. & Mrs. Dave Meldahl and Mr. & Mrs. Dick Laughlin, Michael Cooper et al, \$250; 97. Begonia, Virginia Reed, Connie Keith, \$22; 98. Beanie Baby, Dobie, Virginia Reed, Pat Cook, \$23; 99. Fish fry, Mr. & Mrs. Dave Meldahl and Mr. & Mrs. Dick Laughlin, Joan Matthews, \$250.

Add it all up and put in \$20 more for an anonymous donation and Xi Pi Psi, who was in charge of this section of the Festival, did a tremendous job, raising over \$5,000.



The best way

Brook Rodriguez and Sarah Garcia had the right idea Saturday as they traveled the sights around downtown Eagle Lake during the APC Festival. The power was the girls' uncle, Eddie Jimenez of Victoria. Handling the refreshments was Sarah's mom, Margie Garcia, also of Victoria.

Brook, daughter of Gloria and Henry Rodriguez of Eagle Lake, was accompanied by her older sister, Beatrice, and aunt, Irene Jimenez, who were outside the frame of the camera.



Crafts abound

Almost anything you wanted to buy, from photographs and oil paintings to jewelry and knick-knacks, were on display during the Festival Saturday. One of the many craft booths set up inside the old Bill's Dollar Store as well as outside, was this beautiful stained glass assortment displayed by John and Elvie Lee Matejek who own Sugar Valley Stained Glass of Sweeney.

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Farmers

lack of prior insurance in determining their automobile liability premiums unless they have driven without insurance in Texas for more than 30 days out of the preceding 12 months. Beneficiaries of this rule include people who had no cars and, therefore, no car insurance before moving to Texas, newly licensed drivers and people who previously had relied on public transportation.

The consent order names Texas Farmers Insurance Co., Mid-Century Insurance Co. of Texas and Farmers Texas County Mutual Insurance Co.

Like many insurance groups, Farmers assigns policyholders to one of several companies based on their perceived risk of having accidents and claims. In Texas, Farmers assigns "preferred" customers to Mid-Century, "standard" customers to Texas Farmers and "high risk" customers to Farmers Texas County Mutual.

From July 24, 1996, to Jan. 27, 1997, Farmers used underwriting guidelines that required three consecutive years of prior insurance to qualify for its lowest rates and two consecutive years to receive its next-best "standard rates". Drivers with less than two years of insurance when they applied for coverage automatically were placed in Farmers County Mutual, at the group's highest rates. Included in this group were people who had not driven without insurance in Texas for more than 30 days out of the preceding 12 months.

Full restitution will consist of the difference between what these drivers were charged and what they would have paid in the absence of the underwriting guidelines that TDI alleged conflicted with the "no prior" rule.

Customers that had full-term policies of six months or more, and customers whose policies were cancelled - either by them or Farmers - after at least 90 days coverage will receive full refund without the need for any action on their part.

Another group affected by the "no prior insurance" underwriting guidelines consists of Farmers County Mu-

tual customers who might have been upgraded to cheaper standard or preferred policies had the guidelines not been in effect. The consent order entitles them to refunds, too. Farmers agreed to send its agents a bulletin directing them to identify customers who would have received upgrades if the "no prior insurance" underwriting guideline had not been in effect.

If any current or former customer believe they might be entitled to the upgrade benefit, they are encouraged to notify or contact TDI through their web site, www.tdi.state.tx.us, or at the following mailing address for details: Texas Dept. of Insurance, Complaints Resolution (MC 111-1A), P.O. Box 149104, Austin, Texas 78714-9104.

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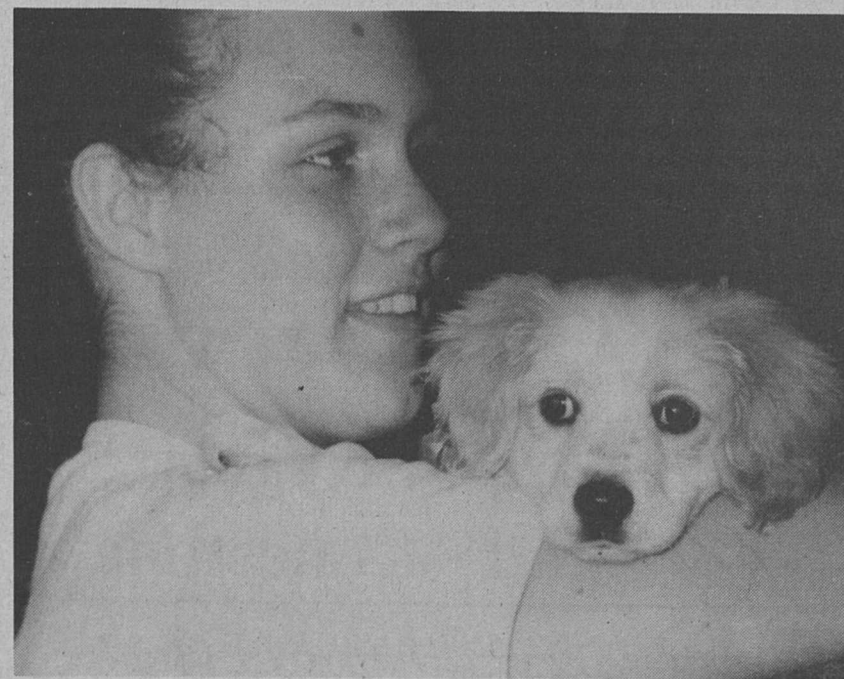
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Talented

Winners of the first talent show included in the Annual APC Festival Saturday were, from left, Lynde Nunes, 14, from Columbus who won the teen division and Best Overall; Ronnie Ford, 29, of Eagle Lake who took the top spot in the adult division with his saxophone; and Katie Schindler, 10, from Columbus who was tops in the youth division.

Judges for the event were Glenda Blair, Paula Richardson and Gaye Lynn Thomas. Mistress of ceremonies was Tanya Wiese.



A new home

This beautiful little puppy, a spaniel mix from what the buyer said, was donated to the silent auction by Wharton Veterinary Clinic. Even though Amy Fearing, pictured above, tried to fast-talk her mom into buying it, the top bidder was Monroe "Rip" Ripper.

After his granddaughter, Kaitlyn Schindler, informed another little girl and anyone else within hearing distance that the dog was hers and "my Pap Paw's going to buy it for me!", there wasn't much Rip could do when confronted with the sad face and big tears.

Kaitlyn is the daughter of Al and Roxanne Schindler of Eagle Lake.



Happy Anniversary
March 31, 1951 — March 31, 1998
Matthew & Effie Navarro

May God bless you with many more years together.

Love, Carol

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