

Prazaks awarded July 1998 'Yard of the Month'

By Bernice Bornstein

I have been a member of the Garden Club for the past two years. Last year they asked me if I would be in charge of selecting the yard of the month. "Sure," I said.

My term of office started this summer... one of the hottest and driest in recent history!

I applaud all of the lovely yards I have seen in Eagle Lake for it surely has been a struggle to keep them nice. Many of you, like myself, manage

to keep a few flowers blooming near the front door while the rest of the yard is just trying to stay green.

So, you can imagine my delight when Dick and Patti Weatherly recently told me about a lovely yard they had spotted on a recent drive.

Patti took me for a look-see and they were right. My mouth formed a soundless "Oh-h-h-h..."

The profusion of flowers and well-tended yard was an oasis during a sweltering July.

The "Yard of the Month" for July 1998 goes to Johnny and Sharlene Prazak who live at 807 Austin Road.

The couple have lived there for 30 years and take pride in their home and the community.

Johnny is owner of Eagle Barber Shop at 111 E. Main, where he has been working as a barber since 1964. He also farmed until last year and continues to help other family members with the farming at times.

Sharlene works for Lissie Flying

Service.

Johnny states that all the family help in the yard but admits to doing about 90% of the yard maintenance himself. He thinks he got his start in gardening as a youth from helping his mother who was an avid gardener and was often buying and planting flowers.

Johnny said that impatiens are probably his favorites because they do so well here, giving off a lot of color for most of the year.

He planted many of the trees on his property through the years and likes plants that will volunteer year after year.

He states that the secret to his pretty yard is "plenty of water and tending them." He tends to his about three times a week.

Johnny said that he pulls out weeds and unwanted plants by hand so as not to destroy the root system of the plant with the hoe. He also uses compost and finds that "cotton trash" works well and keeps the weeds down when you can get it.

He put about 20 yards on his plants this year.

Although he buys some plants, he does use a cold frame that was made from an old sliding glass door, to form a hot bed to grow bedding plants.

Congratulations to the Prazaks for a lovely yard.



St. Mary's 8th grade graduates

Moving on up from St. Mary's School to Rice High School as freshman next year are, in front, from left, Meagen Staff, Lana Engstrom, Mandy Rodriguez, Heather Shanke, Kinsey Hoffman, Ashley Hooper and Shelley Boenisch. In back are Jessica Spanihel, Kristin Thompson, Kevin Shimek, Trent Korenek, Lance Bittner, Jared Korenek and Garrett Cranek.

St. Mary's School Photo

Summer reading program draws to close

The Eula and David Wintermann Library held the closing program for the Texas Reading Club's "Furry Tails! Funny Tales!" last Wednesday, July 15.

Fifty-five children registered for the program this summer.

The children were required to read 12 or more books to receive reading certificates along with other prizes.

Twenty seven children accomplished this goal.

Forty-one children attended the closing program where they played pin the tail on the "bunny" before they had their refreshments of lemonade and cookies.

The children who read at least 12 books were awarded certificates, books and a token for a free "Kiddie Cone", donated by the Dairy Delite.

All of these children had their names entered into a drawing for prizes of t-shirts and book bags each time they read 12 books.

The winners of this drawing were Jonathan Contreras, Shawn Politsch, Candace Romo and Gerardo Zabala.

Upon departing, each child was given a bag filled with goodies for participating in the program.

We would like to thank the following people who made the program a success: Story Hour Volunteers Mary Mims, Michelle Lopez, Rowena Watkins, Edelia Mota, Deborah Politsch and Ricky Gott.

And a special thank you to David and Connie Keith, owners of Dairy Delite, for donating the Kiddie Cones.

Looking for youth farmers and ranchers

Applications for the 1998 Outstanding Young Farmer and Rancher (YF&R) Award Program are now available, according to Dean Venghaus, president of the Colorado County Farm Bureau.

"Young farmers and ranchers 35 years of age and under are eligible to apply for the Outstanding YF&R program, aimed at preparing participants for future leadership roles in agriculture," said Dean.

Thirteen Farm Bureau district (See Youth, Page 8)

Soccer

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"Friends and family members involved in little league are asking me to help organize soccer. This is a great opportunity to get the program up and running," said Young.

The tentative league (dubbed "Eagle Lake Soccer Club") is intended to provide soccer opportunities for children six years of age and up.

According to Gregg Fernald, the league will follow South Texas Youth Soccer Association rules, policies and guidelines.

Individuals interested in volunteering and assisting in the formation and development of the soccer league should contact Carlos Hernandez at 234-5946; Richard Saucedo, 234-7328; or David Keith, 234-5571.

The next meeting of the Eagle Lake Soccer Club will be held at Rice Medical Center in the conference room this Thursday, July 23, at 6 p.m.

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Insect Repellants: Useful But Can be Dangerous

Bites and stings from insects are common during the summer months in many parts of the U.S. For those who are allergic to insect venom, the problem can be significant. An estimated 30 to 50 allergic Americans die each year from such stings. Many people apply insect repellants before going outdoors. Repellants work by discouraging insects from attacking the skin. They do not kill the insects.

According to the *Handbook of Nonprescription Drugs*, the best all-purpose repellent is DEET. Most repellent products contain from 15 to 20 percent DEET. Adults and children can be at risk from the toxic effects of this and other repellants. The major toxic effect is on the central nervous system. Toxic symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, and a drop in blood pressure. The most serious problems, which occur after prolonged use, include manic psychosis, rapid pressured speech pattern, seizures, coma, and death.

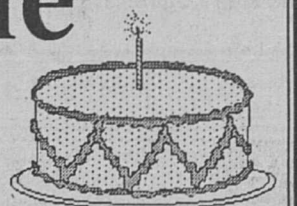
The Centers for Disease Control recommends that repellants be applied only to exposed areas of the skin. Products with high DEET concentrations should be avoided. Do not inhale or ingest repellants or get them in the eyes. Use repellants sparingly since applications can last up to 8 hours. Wash repellants from the skin after going outdoors. Call a physician if a toxic reaction is suspected.

Anniversary Sale

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The Eagle Lake Dairy Delite has been under new management for one year this July. Connie and David Keith and all their employees want to thank the community for their support by offering the following coupon special:

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Recording album

Paula Barrow-Richardson of Eagle Lake will hold a live recording concert Saturday, Aug. 1, at 7 p.m. at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 1207 Alleyton Road in Alleyton.

Also featured will be the Voices of Praise from Sealy, Bro. Don Pope of San Antonio, and Cynthia Smith of Houston.

Come ready to praise and rejoice with Paula in her debut recording session. Admission is free!

For more information, call Pastor Larry Davies at 281-342-7557.

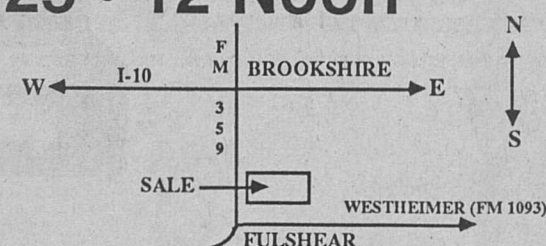
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Approximately 1 mile north of Fulshear on FM 359.



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| Medical supplies | 40' Container |
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| PVC fencing | Water storage tank |
| Homemade brooder | Beds |
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| Assortment of fencing | Tables |
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Preview: All Day Friday, July 24;
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