

Homes tour to benefit CCHFH

A variety of lovely homes, from both the early 1900s and more recent times, will be open for viewing during the Fifth Annual Eagle Lake Prairie Chicken Festival, April 10-11.

While the festival itself supports the endangered Attwater's prairie-chicken and the nearby preserve where the last of the rare birds reside, the homes tour proceeds will benefit the Colorado County Habitat for Humanity (CCHFH), which helps provide housing for underprivileged families.

Five homes will be on tour on Saturday, April 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 11 from 2 to 5 p.m. Admission will be \$10 per person.

Two of the five homes featured on the tour were built in the early part of this century and two others are set on lakefront lots. The fifth home features a charming garden room, complete with fountains. Lovely grounds with gardens and mature trees grace each of the properties.

The two older homes are in the oldest residential area of Eagle Lake.

The home of Steve and Beverly Taylor was built by Steve's uncle in 1917. Designed in the "new" Prairie style, this brick home has remained essentially unchanged from when it was built, and many of the present furnishings are original to the home.

The spectacular interior features a grand dining room and kitchen, which overlook the gardens and crepe myrtles. Exquisite chandeliers, cherry wood bookcases, cabinets, moldings, and doors — all under 12-foot ceilings — give the home rich, warm elegance.

The home of Larry Lippman was built in 1912. The exterior of this 3,500-square-foot house is quite elaborate with several beautiful porches. Beautiful wood details, including pocket doors and many of the venetian

Silent auction, wine and cheese social scheduled

A silent auction, and wine and cheese social will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the "old Spaniel building" in downtown Eagle Lake on Saturday, April 10.

Admission is \$10.

For more information, call Lesley Matthews at (409) 234-7863.



blinds, are original to the home.

The Pergo floors and granite countertops of the recently remodeled kitchen blend well with the original cabinets, which feature elegant rolled-glass fronts. The one-acre property also includes a carriage house and a summer kitchen.

The lake that gives the town its name is private, and two waterfront homes on tour offer a rare opportunity to see the lake's natural beauty and plentiful wildlife. The owners of these homes welcome visitors to explore the grounds and perhaps spot an alligator or one of the many species of shore birds in the area.

One of the homes belongs to Dr. Russell and Robin Thomas, and was designed to capitalize on the gorgeous lake views. Almost every room in this house, including the family room, breakfast room, kitchen, and master bedroom and bathroom, offers a spectacular view of the lake.

A large deck overlooks the lake, perfect for lingering and enjoying the serenity of the water and numerous large live oak trees.

Bill and Helen Farris own

the second of the lakefront homes on tour. It is set on eight and one-half acres of beautifully landscaped land highlighted by 150 live oak trees.

Originally constructed in 1955, the exterior was built from petrified wood. The home was remodeled in 1987, doubling its size and taking greater advantage of the lake view.

The entrance to the home features a lovely garden, and beautiful decorations inside combine comfort with Louis XV antiques. All of the rooms are very sizable...with the living room alone tallying in at 65 feet in length!

The large, formal home of Steve and Linda Balas was built in 1967. The entire back of the house is a wall of windows overlooking their lovely pool. An Eagle Lake 1800s bank teller window that has been remodeled into a bar highlights the family room of this house.

Another unique feature is the Balas' 1,200-square-foot garden room — a huge glassed-in area with two wonderful fountains.

Beverages and baked treats will be offered to viewers at the Balas home.

Tickets will be available dur-

ing the festival at the information booth in downtown Eagle Lake. Advance tickets can be purchased during regular busi-

ness hours at Eagle Lake Drugstore, Wallis State Bank, The First National Bank and Truly Properties.

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Chili cookoff to be held

A chili cookoff will be featured on Sunday, April 11 at the Fifth Annual Eagle Lake Prairie Chicken Festival in Eagle Lake.

The event will begin at 12:30 p.m. with judging slated for 4 p.m.

Cooks will be asked to provide at \$10 entry fee, along with their own cooking utensils, table and butane burner. The chili must include at least three pounds of meat, but no beans.

First, second and third-place awards will be presented to the chili cooks with fare featuring the best taste, color and aroma.

For more information, call Annie Broesche at (409) 234-3200.

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