



Eagle Lake Primary remembers 9-11

Eagle Lake Primary School remembered 9-11 by honoring our local firemen and policemen. It was a touching ceremony to see the students quietly in line paying respect to our local heroes. The flag was raised, the pledges were said. Everyone remembered that freedom is not always free. Shown above is Sue Weller, thanking the members for attending. Deputy Jeff Argo, Constable Darrell Stancik, Fireman Peter Canaris, Fireman Gus Seaholm, Fireman Alex Ramirez, Commissioner of Pct. 4 Darrell Gertson, Fireman Greg Contreras, Fireman Mark Contreras, and Officer David Wiese. Each introduced themselves and stated whom they were related to at the Primary School.

A job well done, Eagle Lake Primary! Photo Courtesy of Candy McCreary

CHS essay entries being accepted

The Czech Heritage Society (CHS) of Texas is sponsoring an essay contest promoting Czech Heritage among high school students in each of the CHS chapter areas. The essay contest will be initiated and administered by each chapter for its own area according to the following guidelines:

- A. Each participating chapter president appoints a committee to administer the essay contest for its area.
- B. The chapter committee selects a high school(s) in their immediate area for contest participation.
- C. The essay topic, "What Makes Me Proud to be Czech?"
- What do you recall about people, cur-

rent events or history?

- Is there someone who is Czech within our family in your community, or government who won an award or honor?
- Support during wars or wars.
- Music, art, motion pictures, Olympics, gymnastics, etc.
- Scholars, teachers, priests, ministers, politicians, doctors, astronauts.

D. The essay is to be a minimum of 500 and a maximum of 1000 words, excluding citations, typewritten and double-spaced using 12-point font and Times Roman or similar type. Grammar and spelling will count.

E. On the essay sheets, there will be no student name, but each sheet will contain the title of the essay, the date, and page number.

F. The essay will be submitted with an entry sheet. The entry sheet will contain the student's name, age, address, high school name, the sponsoring chapter name and the date. Contest period is Sept. 15 to Dec. 31, 2003.

G. All essays are to be submitted to the chapter essay committee by Jan. 19, 2004.

H. The chapter essay committee will select the winner for their area. All students in grades 10, 11 and 12 are eligible. Select a winning essay and forward the essay to the CHS Marketing and Promotions Director by Feb. 16, 2004.

I. At their own discretion and expense, each chapter may choose to award a prize to the winning essay in their own area. This will be the decision of the individual chapter.

J. The CHS of Texas will award: \$250, \$100 and \$50.

K. The state winners will be announced at the Spring CHS State Executive meeting.

L. The CHS Marketing and Promotions Director will notify the winners by mail.

M. The state winners will be invited to receive the award at the 2004 Spring CHS State meeting.

N. The winning essay will be published in the *Cesky Hlas*.

For more information, contact Paul J. Watthuber Jr., Marketing and Promotions Director, CHS of Texas, P.O. Box 727, Sealy, TX 77474-0727 or call 979-627-0266.

Nativity changes Sunday Masses

In order to celebrate with a greater unity, the Catholic Parish of the Nativity, Eagle Lake, has reduced the number of Masses on Sunday from three to two. "There are now parishioners praising God together where they hadn't before on a weekly basis," said Cynthia Sunderman, pastoral musician. Sunday Eucharist is now celebrated at 8 a.m. in Spanish and 10 a.m. in English in the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. There has not been a Mass on Saturday evening for over 10 years in Eagle Lake. Eddie Winkler, pastor, said, "It's wonderful to celebrate with full assemblies every Sunday."

Also, the Sacrament of Penance is (See Nativity, Page 8)

By Candy McCreary
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About 120 bikers were in Eagle Lake recently at the El Zarapé having a good time.

To the casual observer, it appeared that the bikers may have stopped to get out of the rain. Most citizens thought they were just passing through since Eagle Lake is not the destination for your usual motorcycle clubs.

They looked to be a tough bunch, but when I saw all the Harleys, I thought there might be a story in the making. Harleys are not cheap and a lot of interesting people enjoy their freedom riding these machines on the weekends.

Turned out, there was a story.

The group was the North Houston Chapter of Los Carnales which is a law enforcement motorcycle club. The president, Rico Garcia, told me the interesting story amid all the noise and merry-making of the bikers.

Rico said he had ties with Eagle Lake that go way back. His ancestors and family are buried at Lakeside Cemetery.

In 2000, they had been riding their

bikes and stopped in Eagle Lake. A fellow biker by the name of John Pineda had been with Rico at the time.

Rico had a heart attack and was taken to our local hospital. He credits the doctors and nurses with saving his life.

What he remembered the most was the kindness and caring the people in Eagle Lake showed to him and his friends during his stay.

Rico, John and others continued to come back to Eagle Lake and were always impressed with the kindness of the people of Eagle Lake.

John always enjoyed the ride out and the hospitality of our town.

John, who was a 24-year veteran of the Houston Police Department, died of cancer in May 2003.

This recent ride was a Commemorative Run in John's name, ending in the town he loved.

Happy riding, John, from all of Eagle Lake.



2003 Calf Scramble was success

The Colorado County Fair Association, along with the Calf Scramble Committee, had another successful scramble at the 2003 Fair.

The Calf Scramble was held Saturday night during the rodeo with 19 contestants trying their luck and skill at catching a calf. 10 Calves are turned out into the arena at one end and, at the opposite end, 19 contestants eagerly awaiting the flag drop and the start of the race. The first 10 who successfully put a halter on the calf and got it into a square in the middle of the arena were awarded a \$500 certificate with which they will be able to purchase a heifer to show at the 2004 County Fair. This year, another award was added and given to the first scrambler to cross into the square. It was not an easy task but did not take long for Gene Tuttle to drag the calf, or maybe it was the calf that was dragging Gene, into

the square and win the cash certificate.

The 19 contestants were from various FFA chapters: Rice FFA, Bernadette Jurica, Noelle Jurica; Columbus: Kasey Fuchs, Misty Jacobs, Stacy Jobe, Cassie Urban, Denise Polasek, Garret Schlatte and Jenna Schlatte-Page; Weimar: Chance Kansteiner, Jason Paul Oncken, Aaron Pesak, Kyle Poppe, Gene Tuttle, Kendall Field and Steven Stock; and 4-H members, Terri Prihoda, Steven Poncik and Madison Laird.

Their sponsors, were Oncken, Colorado County Arena Association; Kansteiner, Mikeska's BBQ; Pesak, Jerry Cook Cattle Co.; Tuttle, AL&M Building Supply; Poppe, SW Storage; Fuchs, Bill & Sue Krenke; G. Schlatte, Twin Oaks Ranch; B. Jurica, Texas Irrigation & Pipe; Prihoda, Valenta Farm & Ranch; and Laird, Jim & Martha Hunt.

This year, a hard luck calf was given to the scrambler whom showed hard work and determination with an uncooperative calf. This year's hard luck calf was awarded to Polasek. Her sponsor was N&J Services.

The sponsors for the 2003 Calf Scramble Show were Mike and Gloria Weather; the 2003 Scramble Event sponsors were Colorado County Farm Bureau, Hillmer Brothers Cattle and

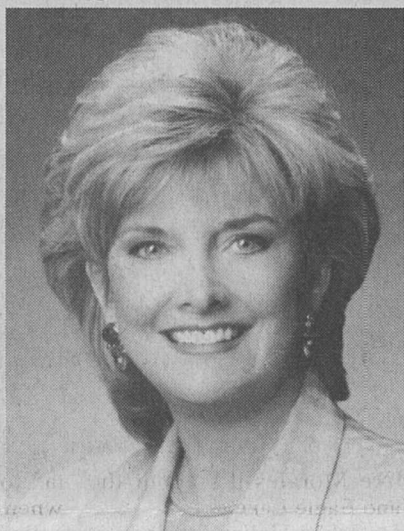
Johnny's Sport Shop. Mike and Melody Grigar donated the 20 t-shirts for the contestants.

This was the second year a calf scramble has been held. Last year, there were 10 contestants who were successful. They brought their heifers back this year and showed in the 2003 Scramble Heifer Show. The heifers were shown in two different groups according to their weight. The first place winner in the light division was Ryan Henske; first place winner in the heavy division was James Chollett. Overall winners were chosen from the heavy weights. The grand champion was Chollett; reserve went to Cody Besch.

There were awards presented to the top two record books. First place went to Damon Faldyn, second to Henske. The top scrapbook winner was Chris Kulhanek. Awards were presented to all the top winners. Sponsors were M&R Cattle, Mike and Ryan Henske.

A new award will be given at the 2004 show... "supreme scrambler". This will be given to the person who shows outstanding work throughout the 10 months they have their heifers.

We would like to congratulate each one who took part this year and look forward to another successful year.



Shara Fryer

in the area have long awaited the arrival of Ms. Fryer for a special event. Now is their chance to see and possibly visit with her."

Fryer will be introduced by local radio personality Carl Geisler, general manager of KULM and KNRG Radio Stations, who will serve as master of ceremonies. During the evening the 2003 Christopher Columbus Award will also be presented. The recipient has been selected by a panel of judges based on his or her contributions to the city of Columbus.

Throughout the weekend, contestants and visitors from Columbus sister cities across the U.S. will enjoy a Texas-style cookout at the Tait Ranch, kolache breakfast hosted by women's groups from Columbus churches, a home tour by Columbus Historic Preservation Trust Inc., a visit to the Leyendecker Longhorn Ranch and the pageant-dinner-dance at the historic Stafford Opera House.

"We at the chamber are very excited to host this Columbus, Texas Miss Columbus USA Pageant. The contestants are themselves honored guests, being title-holders from sister cities across the United States. We cannot wait to show them our Texas pride and hospitality," Ross said.

For more information about the 2003 Miss Columbus USA Pageant call 979-732-8385 or contact any committee member including Ross, Tracy Olivarez, Deneice Smith, Mary Stavino, Lil Stallman, Lana Miller, Stephanie Jones, Dale Heinsohn, Brandy Heinsohn Divin or Rita Ruffeno.



Curry ordained

Dave Curry was ordained as a minister at White Cloud Baptist Church by Pastor Obie Rhodes.

Curry's ordination entitles him to perform all duties in the church from baptism to administering communion. Rev. Curry has been licensed for 2-1/2 years.

Rev. Lawrence Robertson, pastor of Greater Union Baptist Church, delivered the ordination sermon on Aug. 23, 2003.

Curry looks forward to the great opportunities which lay before him.

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