



Views Around The Lake

by Cindy Klopsteck

"People deal too much with the negative, with what is wrong. Why not try and see positive things, to just touch those things and make them bloom?" —T.N. Hanh

Something to think about - the positives and negatives of spring. The first official day of spring was March 20 and just 19 days later was an early Easter.

The coldest weather we've had for Easter in many a year had us wondering if it was still March, and kept us from seeing all the positive things about spring.

**I like driving into work and enjoying the refreshing view of new spring wildflowers popping up along the roadside.

**I dislike the zooming crop dusters as they climb up just at the power lines running parallel

to Hwy 90 and make me cringe as they quickly curve up, fast and powerful, right over my head.

**I like opening my sunroof as I slide into the Eagle Lake area from Lissie. After slowing in Lissie I maintain a slower speed so I can enjoy popping that luxury vent and inhaling the spring morning air.

One day recently on a county road between Eagle Lake and Simonton, I was enjoying that sunroof when I noticed a convertible right in front of me having an even wider open view of the green countryside.

At the same time, bicyclists were pedalling quickly in tandem on the shoulder to my right and a colorful parade of motorcyclists were passing me on the lane to

my left.

Every type of transportation that could enjoy the great spring weather was out on the open road doing just that.

**I don't, however, like opening that sunroof when the crop dusters fly overhead.

**I like doing my spring yard work and preparing the grounds for the heated, usually dry, approaching summer.

**I don't like the allergies that come with the yard work and breathing in the outdoor experience.

**I like checking those flowering wild dewberry vines, now sporting small green berries after the plenteous rain of late, anticipating days of berry picking and the promise of a good

dewberry pie.

**I dislike the tall rubber boots I must wear to ensure safety from snakes and whatever other critters are lurking behind those thick grasses and vines.

**I like the cute pink dress and shoes my little granddaughter wore to church Easter morning, despite the white sweater that was added to her ensemble due to the cold weather.

It made me remember some cold Easter mornings of my youth when I'd be decked out in my new pastel-colored Easter dress made by my mother.

New clothes were appreciated more back then. That was my one new dress for spring and summer. I'd wear it proudly and gratefully to every wedding, church service or social occasion of that season. And the new white patent leather shoes with white lace socks - how special I would feel.

Then I'd have to cover it with my winter coat or jacket, hiding the new dress I had been thinking about for days. I didn't have a dress coat, so my regular school coat or jacket would have to do over the pretty-patterned or seersucker dress. The church was usually pretty cool so the coat stayed on, too.

**I dislike hiding Easter eggs in the house and walking through chilled water puddles to cross the yard on cold and wet Easter mornings, like the one we just experienced.

But the air is already warmer this week, the flowers are picking up their bent, rain-drenched heads and the grass will be growing quickly, while the dewberries continue their steady, tasty growth. Perhaps we do need to just concentrate on the positive, to "...just touch those things and make them bloom."

"You know how it is with an April day when the sun is out and the wind is still, you're one month on into the middle of May. But if you so much as dare to speak, a cloud comes over the sunlit arch, a wind comes off a frozen peak, and you're two months back in the middle of March."

—Robert Frost

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Thank You The Colorado County Sheriff's Office Relay for Life team, Curly's Crazy Striped Outlaws, would like to express their sincere appreciation to everyone who participated in making our Moonlight Golf Tournament on March 30, a great success.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the City of Weimar and the Weimar Golf Course for allowing us to host this night golf tournament at their facilities. And a special thanks to Fore Seasons Carts for allowing us access to extra golf carts that were needed for the tournament.

An extra sincere thanks goes out to all of the businesses and individuals that participated by sponsoring holes. We also appreciate those of you that contributed by donating money, supplies, food and support. Thanks a billions to all the volunteers that worked so hard and donated precious time in this great fundraising event.

And last but not least, we can't forget to mention the forty-eight golfers that took part in our tournament. We surely hope that everyone had an enjoyable time.

Lordy, Lordy, Somebody's Way Over 40!!!
Happy Birthday, Carol
Thursday, April 12
aka "Boo-Boo Kitty"
Love, Mom and Dad Cardenas



At the 2007 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Best Bites Competition, Carol's at Cat Spring won the Grand Champion Title, with Chef Curren Dodd's creation of seared tenderloin atop jalapeno cheese grits, drizzled with maple vinaigrette. With over 60 fine cuisine restaurants represented and between the pouring and tasting of all 2007 championship wines, attendees tasted and cast their votes for the tastiest treats in the Houston area. Pictured are staff members of the restaurant.

Cat Spring Fire Dept. BBQ April 21

Saturday, April 21 is the date set for the Cat Spring Fire Department Annual BBQ and Auction. This will once again be held at the Cat Spring Agricultural Society Hall. BBQ chicken and sausage will serve as the main course, along with the usual trimmings of buttered potatoes, beans, corn

and of course the homemade gravy.

Serving will begin at 5 p.m. and continue through 7-7:30 p.m. inside the hall. The take out facility will be located outside in the tin building, for those wishing to bring their meals home.

The auction is scheduled to

begin shortly after the serving lines close. Auction items are always needed and will be readily accepted from anyone wishing to donate. To donate items, or have them picked up, please contact Tim Lapham at 979-877-0511 or Mark Hill at 979-877-4860. There will also be department members at the hall all day on the 21st to receive items. Also, feel free to call the hall at 979-865-2540, should you need any information.

The beanbag tournament begins at 4 p.m. Be there early to sign up. There will be barrel rides and moonwalk for the younger crowd.

The Cat Spring Fire Department Auxiliary will still supply all the delicious desserts as in years past. This will include a large selection of home baked goods. T-shirts, denim shirts and caps will also be on sale.

Come see how your past, generous donations have been able to provide substantial fire protection for Cat Spring and the surrounding communities. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and always needed to cover rising costs. Especially with this being the Fire Departments only fund raiser of the year.

Drawing tickets are available from any fireman. Ticket prices are \$1 per ticket or \$5 for a book of six. The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the auction.

More Pictures From The Soil And Water Banquet



Division I Essay winners, front, from left: Natalie Huebel, Columbus Elementary; Kayla Machart, Sheridan Elementary; and Shelby Hoelscher, Columbus Elementary. Presenters, Deborah Herring and Judy Winkler.



Coloring Contest winners included: front, from left: P-K, Sarah Randermann, St. Paul's Creative Child Care; First grade, Aaron Dunn, Sheridan Elementary, Angel Elizondo, Garwood Elementary; Second grade, Julianna Castillo, Eagle Lake Primary and back row, Kaylie Neuendorff, Columbus Elementary; Third grade, Cassidy Jane Smith, Columbus Elementary. Presenters, Milton Koennig and Deborah Herring. See Next Week's Headlight For More.

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