

Soil District Annual Report

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annual Conservation Awards Banquet, honoring the local conservation winners. There were double winners in the Loessin family, Jon Keith Loessin wrote the winning



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and then were treated to lunch at Jack's Restaurant in Eagle Lake. The District furnishes the ministers with information and material for use in Soil Stewardship activities.

As usual, schools in the area were serviced throughout the year with any requests for assistance with conservation education. Slide programs on varied topics and literature are available to any school or teacher needing help.

44 New Cooperators During the year, the District approved the conservation programs for 44 new cooperators. 44 basic plans were prepared and 38 plans were revised. In all 704 different landowners, operators and other landusers received assistance with conservation problems.

A sense of accomplishment for the District and the Soil Conservation Service can come from the fact that there are now 330,890 acres of land in the county adequately protected by soil conservation practices. Of this acreage, approximately 15,135 acres were treated for the first time this year.

Working together can make the solving of mutual problems easier. For this reason, the District is a member of the Gulf Coast Association of SWCDs and the Sam Houston Resource Conservation and Development Area. It is the hope of the directors that the Sam Houston RC&D will be very active in this area soon. It was recently approved and funded.

In Sam Houston RC&D The Sam Houston RC&D includes Colorado, Austin, Walker, Montgomery, Harris, Galveston, Ft. Bend, Brazoria, Matagorda and Wharton counties. The purpose is the total development and use of all the resources—natural and human—through self government at a local level.

Recreation and wildlife have become a major economic influence in Colorado County. Each year the number of acres that is cropped continues to decline. The need for a sound soil and water conservation program becomes even more important every year with the increase in the value of land and the need for greater food production to feed an ever growing world population.

Land properly managed and not abused can be of financial benefit to the landowner and to the consumer. Sound conservation benefits everyone.

The Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District directors look forward to working with the community to encourage programs which will help the farmer, rancher, landowner and operator. The cooperation of the Columbus Field Office of the Soil Conservation Service throughout the year has provided great assistance to district cooperators in the planning and application of conservation practices on their farms and ranches.

Assistance is provided for the Eagle Lake satellite of the Rice Experiment Station. The Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge operated by the U. S. Department of Interior is receiving assistance in carrying out its soil and water conservation plan. The Attwater Prairie Chicken is one of the endangered species of wildlife.

Thanks Extended Here at the holiday season, the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District would like to express their appreciation to the Colorado County Citizens, Weimar Mercury, Eagle Lake Headlight, Texas Farm and Ranch News, New Elm Enterprise, and Radio Station KULM for their continuing support in the interest of resource conservation.

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Eagle Lake Middle School Choirs



EIGHTH GRADE CHOIR The Eagle Lake Middle School's Eighth Grade Choir is shown attired in their new jackets. The choir has performed beautifully in several holiday events at ELMS. Shown are: bottom row, left to right, Michele Sibley (accompanist), Robin Lenz, Pearl Castillo, Julia Gonzales, Michael Cordova, Melinda Fernandez, Mrs. Jennifer Polnick (director); middle row, 1. to r., Steven Navarro, Justino Moreno, Alice Matus, Trula Brown; top row, 1. to r., Victor Davis, Mechell Powell, Linda Shorter, Patricia Banks, Rosemary Cordova. —Photo by Pirtle.



SEVENTH GRADE CHOIR Eagle Lake Middle School's Seventh Grade Choir, also in their new attire, is composed of: bottom row, 1. to r., Michele Sibley (accompanist), Alicia Gonzales, Nina Perez, Aracantha Smith, Mary Belancourt, Frances Cortez, Elysa Ann Romo, Mrs. Jennifer Polnick (director); middle row, 1. to r., Randy Soto, John Dawson, Rhonda Rott, Joyce Parker, Lisa Rodriguez, Susie Gonzales; top row, 1. to r., Kenneth Hemphill, Arlo Hewitt, Will Ella Powell, Emelie English, Edna Mae Spears and Irma Yunes. —Photo by Pirtle.

Maridee Batla Passes Board As Vocational Nurse

Miss Maridee Batla has received word that she passed her State Board Test in Austin and is now a Licensed Vocational Nurse. She attended Blinn Junior College in Brenham and was a student nurse in the Sealy Medical Center in Sealy. She is now employed by Dr. J. A. Fernandez at the Fernandez-Campo Clinic in Sealy.

Maridee is a 1975 graduate of Columbus High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Batla of Bernardo.

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Slow Down For Safety The hustle, bustle and excitement of the holidays are part of what makes the Christmas-New Year time a special season. That same exuberance can also lead people to drop their guard, and all too often the season is marred by the tragedy of an accident.

Slow down during the holidays and take time to be safe, advises the Texas Safety Association.



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Raider Review

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The Man Who Changed The World

(By Mark Hoover)

You are about to read a story. Make believe you have never heard it before, and be truthful with yourself that if you would hear this story and had never heard it before, would you believe it if it was supposed to be true?

Close to two thousand years ago on a certain planet, a child was born and he was never heard of before, and he was a virgin. This child was so great that a star appeared in the sky which drew kings, shepherds, and common people to a small town laden with gifts ranging from the richest of jewels to the poorest of clay pots to give to this small baby.

As the child grew in size, so did his power, and when he was a man he could cure blind men, cripples, lepers, aged people, dying people, every sickness he could cure, but the greatest disease he set out to conquer was evil.

This man could not only cure all diseases, but could feed thousands with just a few pieces of fish and bread, walk on top of the ocean, and have control of the weather at his fingertips.

Yet, with all this awesome power, this man was still as mortal as you and I, and when he was tortured, whipped, stripped naked, spat upon, and crucified, he prayed to his father to forgive the people who had tortured him, and the people who had lost their faith in him.

This man who had lived 33 years changed millions of people's lives, had books written about him, had movies and songs using his name, all because he had

broken 10, breaker 10. How bout that Christmas manna on that Christmas base line.

This here's my last 20, then I'll be coming home for shore.

So keep them home fires burning till we're finished. Check ya later, 10-4.

This poem was written by Marvin Thomas. Merry Christmas!

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A story told of a woman who complained her burdens were too heavy to bear.

One night she had a vivid dream, in which the Lord appeared and relieved her of her cross. He led her into a large field filled with many crosses of every conceivable size and shape. Her Lord said, "Everyone must bear a cross and bear it alone. Since your cross is more than you can bear, go and choose one you think is not too burdensome, yet worthy of your strength and courage." The woman went into the field of crosses, and searched diligently for the cross she thought she could bear. At last she chose one and said to her Lord, "I have found the cross I can bear. It is neither too heavy nor too light." So her Lord gave it to her and when she picked it up, lo, it was her own cross, the very one she had returned to the Lord.

Band Has Its Christmas Banquet

(By Debra Newson)

It is fast becoming tradition that the Raider Band have an annual Christmas Banquet and this year was certainly no exception. The band held the banquet on December 13th at the Community Center in Eagle Lake and it was a big success.

After the welcome and a delicious meal, a skit entitled "Life as a Raider" by Director Floyd Spensath was acted out by the members of the band council.

Four band members who have worked at doing extra jobs such as loading the band wagon for trips, etc., were presented with small tokens of appreciation. These band helpers are David Delgado, John Delgado, Pete Garcia and Brian Johnson.

Following this the band was entertained by the "Rejacks", a musical group made up of Major Benge, Jesus Gonzales, Gabe Pirtle, Eugene Polnick, Floyd Spensath and David White. All in all, it was a lot of fun and everyone enjoyed the banquet.

After showing their appreciation, the Council honored different ones by inviting them to their annual Student Council Appreciation Banquet. The banquet went across beautifully and the Council would like to thank everyone who made it possible.

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From the RAIDER REVIEW

Jack Grammer
Judy Spates
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Mark Hoover

Children's Holiday Project

Children can make an attractive wreath from tissue paper for a holiday project that is fun and easy. Tissue paper is available at most variety stores in many colors during the holiday season.

Cut strips of tissue paper that measure one inch wide by 7 1/2 inches long. Fold each strip in half. Wrap the center of each strip around a wire coat hanger that has been shaped into a circle, giving the center part of the paper strip an easy twist. The major part of each strip is left open. Keep strips close to each other on the wire frame for a full, pom-pom effect.

The wreath can be decorated with gold or silver spray paint, glitter, ornaments, pine cones or anything else that strikes your fancy.

Imelda Duarte Wins FTA Honor

First year member Imelda Duarte was chosen by her FTA members as the December Future Teacher of the Month. She played a major role in preparing and bagging the FTA Christmas gifts for the teachers and other working personnel and she worked on the Christmas tree cake for the student body.

Other Future Teacher members who were nominated for this honor were Debbie Balusek, Cheryl Crabb, Barbara Frybert, Kathy Hodde, Chris Lang, and Leland Williams.

paying the cost of 60 cents. The students would like to compliment the cooks on this wonderful salad.

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Rice Cooks Made the Salad

(By Judy Spates)

Rice's chef salad has attracted more students to eating in the snack bar on Tuesday and Thursday.

In order for a student to eat the chef salad as their lunch, he or she must sign up on a list that is placed in the commons. After he has signed up on this list, he may obtain the salad by going through the snack bar line and giving his name and

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