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Public Meeting On Conservation Work This Thursday

Dr. Daniel C. Pisanstiel, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Office Station, will preside over a public meeting in San Antonio Thursday, March 6 to discuss the direction future soil and water conservation programs of USDA will take. The meeting, which will be held at the Marriott Hotel, will start at 9:30 a.m. and should end by noon.

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The four are the black-footed ferret, red wolf, Houston toad and Atlantic Ridley sea turtle.

Of the four, only the Houston toad appears to be maintaining a viable population, even though the USFWS calls it "the continent's most endangered amphibian."

An estimated 1,500 toad still live in scattered lowland habitat in East Texas, and the federal agency has designated portions of Bastrop and Burleson Counties as critical habitat. Habitat destruction and fragmentation are blamed for the decline of the species.

The red wolf formerly ranged throughout most of the eastern half of Texas, but the species has retreated to a small marshy grassland area in the state's southeast corner. Biologists estimate the approximately 50 red wolves still in existence there are the sole remnants of a population which formerly ranged as far east as the Mississippi River and beyond.

Although hunting and trapping probably were factors in the red wolf's decline, habitat loss, disease and inbreeding with coyotes and domestic dogs probably have been even more detrimental in the past few decades.

America's most endangered mammal, the black-footed ferret, was believed to have ranged in prairie dog town areas of West Texas. Massive poisoning of prairie dogs, on which the ferrets depend for survival, apparently extirpated the ferrets. Some unconfirmed sightings have been reported in the Panhandle area.

The Atlantic Ridley never was common in Texas, although some reproduction is believed to have occurred on the beaches at South Padre Island. The agency said as many as 40,000 of the giant sea turtles came ashore each year to lay their eggs along the eastern coast of Mexico in the 1940s. Because of predation on the nests by humans and animals, the number currently is less than 300.

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Homemakers' Reflections

By Donella Pantel, County Extension Agent

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Wilcrest is equipped to handle treatment of minor medical problems through major trauma. A physician and professional staff are on duty at all times and emergency triaged personnel, drugs and supplies are available for instant use, advises Hedy Ann Pastajewski, director of Public Relations and a nurse with the Center. Dr. Ralph F. Coleman is administrator and medical director of Wilcrest Emergency Medical Center.

The new facility includes in addition to emergency care, a pharmacy, family health care, industrial medicine services, physical therapy, X-Rays, laboratory work, a physical therapist, and a completely equipped mobile intensive care ambulance unit.

Soil Conservation District News

Soils information was provided to Danny Kautz of Columbus.

Information on the Resource Conservation Act of 1977 (RCA) was presented to the FFA students at Rice High School.

The regular monthly meeting of the Directors of the Colorado SWCD was held on February 19 with 4 members of the Board attending. Several items of business relating to soil, water, and related natural resources were discussed and acted upon.

Soils information was given to Jimmy Adkins on land which he farms in the Ramsey Community of Colorado County.

Assistance was given to Dr. Daniel Z. Girgis who owns a place near Rock Island. Dr. Girgis plans to establish 50 acres of coastal bermudagrass and build 2 ponds for wildlife habitat.

Now's Time to reutilize Fish Ponds

This is the time of year to consider needed fish pond fertilization. The Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District assists landowners with information concerning this fish pond management practice.

Commercial fertilizers are often used for the purpose of controlling undesirable water weeds and to promote fish growth. Fertilizer will cause the rapid growth of Plankton, which helps control undesirable waterweeds by inhibiting penetration of sunlight and, thereby shading out many undesirable aquatic plants.

It also will cause rapid phytoplankton bloom (floating microscopic plants) which is the starting point for fish.

The nutrients required by these water plants are the same as those required by plants which grow in soil, namely nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. To assure a continuous supply of a minimum amount of these nutrients, applications of fertilizer must be repeated.

When Water Warms. Make the initial application of fertilizer in the spring when the water temperature reaches 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Use approximately a ratio of 10 lbs. of phosphorus, and 2 lbs. of potassium per surface acre. Continue this application at 2 week intervals until a green color is established so that a white object cannot be seen 18 inches below the water surface. Continue to maintain this color during entire growing season until water temperatures decrease below 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

Fertilizer may be applied by broadcasting over the water surface or by placing whole bags around the edges of the pond. These bags should be slit, to allow wave action to distribute the dissolved nutrients. If plankton blooms become too heavy in hot weather, fertilization should be discontinued as this could cause fish kill resulting from oxygen deficiency.

Net Muddy Water. For efficient use of fertilizer, muddy waters should not be fertilized. Also, ponds should not be fertilized with an already established aquatic weed problem until the weed is brought under control, then proper application of fertilizer will help control the weeds.

For additional information, contact the Soil Conservation Service office at 316 Spring Street in Columbus or call 732-2773.

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Shawn Schoellmann Wins 3rd In Quarterhorse Show

Shawn Schoellmann took third place in Halter in the Junior Division of the Quarterhorse Show at the Houston Livestock Show. Shawn is the son of Lee Allen Schoellmann.

Robert Hunt New Pres. Of Garwood Co-op

Robert Hunt was elected president of the Garwood Farmers-Co-op Association at the organization's annual meeting February 21st at the K.J.T. Hall at Nada.

Hunt succeeded Jerry Janish who was elected to the organization's board of directors. Other officers are: Larry Doran, vice-president; Joseph Korenek, secretary-treasurer. Elected with Janish to the board was Laddie Krenek.

The meeting also included an audit report and manager's report by the co-op manager, Art Janke.

Gary Cernys Welcome Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cerny of Glen Flora announce the birth of a son, a baby girl, born on Sunday, February 17 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton. The baby weighed five pounds and eleven ounces and has been named Kristi Renee.

Welcoming Kristi home is a sister, Laura Diane, age two and one-half years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Shimek of Garwood are the maternal grandparents and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cery. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Justina Korenek of Garwood, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Mikewick of Hungerford and Mrs. Anton Cery, Sr. The mother of the baby is the former Diane Shimek.

In Hospital. Lester Bunge was taken to the Methodist Hospital in Houston last week. Friends hope he is at home now and doing much better.

Sister Dies. Friends extend sympathy to Mrs. Lee Glass whose sister passed away last week.

Weekend Guests. Weekend visitors here with Mrs. Lewis Kopecky were Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Roberts of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gibson of Bryan and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kopecky, Jr., Carol and Greg of La Porte.

Senior Citizens Enjoy Party

The Garwood and Nada senior citizens party, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, was held in St. Mary's Parish Hall Wednesday, Feb. 27 from 3 to 5 p.m.

There were three tables of 4 and two of 2. The month went to Mrs. Adela Popp and floor prizes to Leo Dill, Mrs. R. B. Shaw, Mrs. Adela Popp. The prize for high score in 42 went to Mrs. Ella Struska and the traveling 84 prize went to Mrs. Adela Popp.

Special guests at the party were Donella Pantel, County Extension Agent, and Mrs. Connie Lise, county senior citizen coordinator. Both spoke about their work in the county and how they can help you and about all the special events coming up in Colorado County this year.

Refreshments of lunch meats, cheese, variety crackers, and Angel Food cake were served.

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Daughter Born Feb. 5th For Kenneth Craneks

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cranek of Nada announce the arrival of their second daughter, Brooke Elizabeth, born at Canyon Valley Memorial Hospital in Wharton, Tuesday, February 5th. She weighed eight pounds and seven ounces. She was welcomed home by a sister, Misty Lynn.

Grandparents are Judge and Mrs. Lester Cranek of Nada and Mrs. Charles E. Bithers of Columbus.

Mrs. Ida Fuxa of Houston is visiting her sister, Mrs. Elise Krennek and other relatives and friends here this weekend.

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Pickup Hits Picked Car on 71 At Vox Populi

A 1976 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Leslie Tillman west on Highway 71 in the Vox Populi community went out of control at 1 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 1st and hit a parked 1976 Mercury Cougar. The accident was investigated by Highway Patrolman Andy Taccard.

He noted that the accident occurred near the intersection of Highway 71 and County Road 1925. Tillman told the officer he saw a vehicle coming toward him in his lane and he tried to avoid collision by going into a ditch and the truck struck the car parked on the shoulder of the road. The impact shoved the parked car some fifty feet before coming to a stop. Considerable damage was reported to the vehicles.

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The meeting was followed by a social hour and dance. The board of directors would like to thank all those who participated in and helped with the meeting, and suggest that the community take part in MAYC in 1980. Reported by Herbert Ramirez, Jr.

MAYC Hears Activity Reports; Elects Officers Feb. 23rd

The Mexican American Youth Council held its ninth annual membership meeting on Sat., Feb. 23rd in the Eagle Lake Community Center. The meeting was held to close the year of 1979 for MAYC and to make plans for 1980 activities and to elect 1980 directors for MAYC.

Robert response was good as most local citizens attended as well as a number of guests from surrounding communities. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Duarte and continued with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Veronica Salinas and invocation by Mary Salinas.

This was followed by a series of reports on 1979 activities by the board of directors. Vice-president Herbert Ramirez read the minutes of last year's meeting and reported on the financial condition of MAYC. Ramirez indicated continuing growth in MAYC's financial assets and invited suggestions from the community on projects to put much of the work in the community. He reported that in times of unfulfilled projects because of a lack of funds MAYC finds itself in the enviable position of having sufficient funding for all current projects and a reserve to handle any future projects that may arise in the community.

Mike Duarte followed with a report on the MAYC scholarship program and Gary Yanez reported on girls' projects for 1979, which included a charm class conducted by Mrs. Yanez and Nina Yaguel, which Mrs. Yanez indicated has shown increased participation and gave an optimistic view of the future of the project.

Mary Salinas gave a report on MAYC citizenship projects and during the course recognized city officials Mike Duarte, councilman, and Guadalupe Villarreal, Jr., chief of police. Duarte expressed his pleasure in being able to serve the community for the past year and reflected on it as a year of personal growth during a year of tremendous growth and change in the community.

Police Chief Villarreal gave a personal background and indicated a willingness to work in and with the community and expressed his office will always operate on an "open door policy" toward the people of Eagle Lake.

As a To Gov. Recognized. Also recognized at the meeting was G. G. Garcia, administrative assistant to the Governor of Texas. Mr. Garcia spoke of the governor's progress in the areas of Mexican American affairs within Texas saying that a governor has shown he is a governor of all the people and Texas' hispanics have not been overlooked by the governor's office but have been given the attention necessary in specific problem areas.

Mr. Garcia also spoke of the ties Gov. Clements has already established with Latin America and Mexico in particular. Mr. Garcia spoke of Mexico as a country with much to offer in general economic trade, exchange of political ideas and in the petrochemical industry, adding that Gov. Clements has already made tremendous strides in building a good working relationship and a true friendship with Mexico.

Voting rights discussed. The program of the day was presented by Dora Olivo of Rosenberg. Mrs. Olivo is voting rights chairperson for LULAC Dist. 8 and is associated with the South-west Voter Registration Education Project. Mrs. Olivo stressed to the audience the merits of voter education in the Mexican American community in order to achieve the political potential in our communities and across the country during a politically inclined year, giving specific examples of projects already successfully completed and a report of those still on the drawing board.

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Last Rites Held For Nelle Shell

Mrs. Dree (Nelle) Shell, a longtime resident of Eagle Lake, passed away in the Heritage House on Tuesday of last week, Feb. 26th at 3:00 a.m. following approximately three years of illness. Funeral services were held from the chapel of the Mill-Bauer Funeral Home on Thursday, Feb. 28th at 10 a.m. with the Rev. John Robinson, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake, officiating.

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2 Minor Accidents In City Limits

Eagle Lake Patrolman Roy Wilford investigated two minor wrecks in the city week-end before last.

On Feb. 22nd the officer was called to investigate an accident at 5:25 p.m. in which a 1971 Chevrolet passing through the East Main Mobil Station lost its brakes and collided with the Ashby Oil and Mud Co.'s brick building. Driver of the car, Luis Somanego of Eagle Lake, was ejected with no driver's license.

At 8:55 p.m. on Feb. 23rd the officer investigated the collision of two vehicles at the intersection of Lake and Main. A 1974 Ford driven by

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Arthur H. Brandt of La Grange, president of the co-op, Jack A. Campbell of La Grange is general manager.

Bill Barrow Rites Held Here Tues.

Graveside services were held in the Masonic Cemetery in Eagle Lake at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 4th for William H. (Bill) Barrow, a native and a long-time resident of Colorado County.

The Rev. Homer Davenport, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Balmarhor, Texas, conducted the graveside services. Henneke P. Barrow was officiating. Mr. Barrow was born May 16, 1898 in Columbus, Texas, the son of Vincent N. and Nannie Smith Barrow. He attended school here and later was employed for many years with the Ocean Accident and Life Insurance Co. with headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska.

His wife, the former Mary Gaye Womack of Kansas City, Missouri, preceded him in death many years ago. He was also preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Nora B. Womack; and a brother, Claude V. Barrow.

Surviving are: a sister, Mrs. Alice Dupree of Rosenberg; a brother, Monroe Barrow of Patton Village, Texas; and a number of other relatives and friends.

Old-time friends in the community will recall that for many years Mr. Barrow furnished white trousers and blue coats for all of the young men graduating from Eagle Lake High School.

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Social chairman, Martha Miller joined the chapter officially as she took part in the Ritual of Jewels. Everyone welcomed Marlene into the chapter and wished her a long time of friendship and happiness in all sorority activities.

Following the ceremony for Marlene, members enjoyed delicious refreshments served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Cherry Corman on March 11th.

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Social chairman, Martha Miller joined the chapter officially as she took part in the Ritual of Jewels. Everyone welcomed Marlene into the chapter and wished her a long time of friendship and happiness in all sorority activities.

Following the ceremony for Marlene, members enjoyed delicious refreshments served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Cherry Corman on March 11th.

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Pallbearers were: three nephews, Thomas Treby of Victoria, Wilbert Treby of Port Lavaca and Kenard Treby of El Campo; and Charles Stephens of Garwood and Milton Lawless and Dusty Warhan of Houston.

Among out-of-town relatives attending were Mrs. Corneal Austin of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Treby of San Antonio; Mrs. Erna Washburn and Mrs. Mable LaRue Stockdale, Mrs. Ruby Galloway, Mrs. Nora Brand and Mrs. Alma Treby of Robstown; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert L. Treby of Port Lavaca; Thomas Treby and son Glen and daughter Lauri of Victoria; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lawless of Houston; and local relatives and friends; and many of her co-workers at Foley's.

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