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WCJC Homecoming Planned Nov. 14

Homecoming queen nominees have been announced by more than fifteen student organizations at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton.

Nominations ended Friday, October 23 and the winner of student elections will be crowned Saturday, November 14 during halftime ceremonies at the WCJC-Blinn Texas Junior College Football Conference game at 7:30 p.m.

This years homecoming has been called "The Year of the Pioneer" celebrating the 35th birthday of WCJC's Pioneer mascot and marking the 35th year of Pioneer football action that began in 1947.

Festivities include a homecoming bonfire and pep rally in the parking lot east of the WCJC Agriculture Buildings Thursday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Homecoming Queen nominees and their clubs are also invited to participate in a homecoming parade through downtown Wharton Saturday, November 14 at 2 p.m.

The public is invited to the many pre-game events of homecoming week. General admission tickets to the TJCFC football game will be on sale at Tiger Stadium for $2.50; Reserved seats for $3.00. Children 11 and under are charged $1. WCJC students are admitted free with their identification cards.

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Golden Age Center Lists Events Calendar

The November Calendar of Events for the Colorado County Golden Age Center's units at Columbus and Eagle Lake include:

Thurs., Nov. 5: Exercise, Thin Thinkers, Christmas Decorating, Eagle Lake, 10:30.

Fri., Nov. 6: Arts & Crafts, Seniors Meeting, GED Class, Columbus, 10:00.

Mon., Nov. 9: Local Shopping, Weimar.

Tues., Nov. 10: Crafts, Quilting, Christmas Decorating, Eagle Lake, 10:30.

Wed., Nov. 11: Blood Pressure & Weight Check, Exercise, Thin Thinkers, Columbus, 10:00.

Thurs., Nov. 12: Blood Pressure & Weight Check, Exercise, Thin Thinkers, Eagle Lake, 10:00.

Fri., Nov. 13: Arts & Crafts, GED Class, Columbus, 10:00.

Mon., Nov. 16: Local Shopping, Weimar.

Tues., Nov. 17: Covered Dish & Birthday Party, Eagle Lake, 10:30.

Wed., Nov. 18: Covered Dish & Birthday Party, Columbus, 10:30.

Thurs., Nov. 19: Exercise, Thin Thinkers, Eagle Lake, 10:30.

Fri., Nov. 20: Arts & Crafts, Seniors Meeting, GED Class, Columbus, 10:00.

Mon., Nov. 23: Local Shopping, Weimar.

Tues., Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Program, Eagle Lake, 10:30.

Wed., Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Program, Columbus, 10:00.

Thurs., Nov. 26: Happy Thanksgiving Day!

Fri., Nov. 27: Arts & Crafts, GED Class, Columbus, 10:00.

Mon., Nov. 30: Local Shopping, Weimar.

Quilt Donated To Pink Ladies Benefit

Pictured above are Pink Ladies Mrs. Fred R. Frnka holding an afghan and Mrs. E. E Vogelsang holding a quilt. The afghan was made and donated by Mrs. A. J. Struss and the quilt was made and donated by Mrs. Vogelsang. These items are included in the fund-raising project of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary and can be seen on display at Spalinger Hardware at this time.

Contact a Pink Lady on how you may help the Auxiliary in this project. Proceeds will benefit the local hospital.

Drivers Will Need Insurance Proof

Highway patrolmen will begin enforcing the state's new mandatory auto insurance law Jan. 1 by asking drivers for proof of coverage.

Col. Jim Adams, head of the Department of Public Safety, has stated that motorists will have to show an insurance policy or proof of coverage whenever they are stopped by a trooper or are involved in an accident.

This year's Legislature made auto insurance mandatory. Motorists must carry liability coverage of at least $20,000 for medical expenses and $5,000 for property damage.

"Local police officers and sheriff's deputies also have the authority to request this information from drivers," Adams said. "I am sure most law enforcement agencies in our state will also be enforcing this statute in their jurisdictions."

Failure to have the mandatory coverage could result in a $75 minimum fine for the first offense and a $200 fine for later offenses. A conviction also could lead to suspension of a driver's license and motor vehicle registration.

Adams said drivers must carry an insurance policy or a document issued by the insurance company, showing that the required coverage is in force.

He said the DPS will give driver's license tests only to applicants who show up with an automobile that has the required insurance.

Out-of-state vehicles are not covered by the new law.

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The Colorado County Farm Bureau is now taking orders for:
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AUCTION ITEMS For Eagle Lake Study Club AUCTION

7:00 P.M.

Saturday, Nov. 7

EAGLE LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER
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AUCTION ITEMS AND DONORS:

1. **Embroidered Shirt**, size Ladies M, donated by Darlene Dornak
2. **Afghan**, crocheted by Irene Mehner, donated by Mrs. John Chumney
3. **Quilt**, "Sunbonnet Ladies", donated by Mr. and Mrs. David Wintermann
4. **Cocktails and Dinner for Four**, donated by Marvin's Restaurant
5. **"Sneakers", Watercolor**, 24x30 by Clay McGaughy, donated by Mr. and Mrs. David Wintermann
6. **Two Tickets - Oilers vs. Falcons**, Sunday, Nov. 29, 3 P.M., donated by Superior Sand and Gravel
7. **Hunter Fan**, 52 inch, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kell
8. **Basket of Homemade Bread**, donated by John Waddell
9. **Needlepoint Pillow**, donated by Mrs. Dittman Harrison
10. **Electric Rice Cooker**, donated by Prairie Rice
11. **Cobalt Blue Cut Glass Bowl** on pedestal, donated by Gifts of Distinction
12. **Tray of Divinity**, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reed, Jr.
13. **Antique**, donated by Sybil's of East Bernard
14. **Quilt, "Dove in the Window"**, donated by Mr. and Mrs. David Wintermann
15. **Ladies' Nightie**, donated by JoAnn's
16. **Painting**, donated by Marilyn Dannels
17. **Traditional Chinese Banquet**, featuring Peking Duck, donated by Rev. and Mrs. Couvillion
18. **14K Gold Heart Pendant Set with Emeralds**, donated by Eagle Lake Drugs
19. **Gasoline Weed Eater**, donated by Eagle Tractor
20. **"Primetime", Oil Painting**, 24x30 by James B. Robinson, donated by Mr. and Mrs. David Wintermann
21. **Afghan**, 72x54, crocheted by Mrs. Oscar Ballew, donated by Thursday Afternoon Bridge Club
22. **Antique Italian Cache Pot**, donated by Design 3
23. **Smocked and Embroidered Dress**, size 3, donated by Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews
24. **Carson City Silver Dollar 1884**, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cassady
25. **Etching, "Loch Tod"**, 23x30 by Alisha Kennedy, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Willard Shuart
26. **Tablecloth from Spain**, three yards, with 12 napkins, donated by Dr. and Mrs. Jose Ugarte
27. **Afghan**, donated by Mrs. Violet Mooney
28. **Electric Train and Village**, mounted and wired, donated by Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Joe N. Frazar, Jr.
29. **Needlepoint Picture**, donated by Mrs. Nelson Isenhower
30. **Quilt, "Distelfink"**, donated by Mr. and Mrs. David Wintermann
31. **Seven-course Gourmet Dinner for Eight**, donated by Dr. and Mrs. Ray Thomas
32. **Ducks Unlimited 12 Gauge Shotgun**, donated by Mr. and Mrs. David Wintermann
33. **120-second Shopping Spree for Groceries**, donated by Wilcox Minimax
34. **Christmas Needlepoint Ornaments**, donated by Mrs. Gardner Duncan
35. **"Cathedral Window" Quilt, Queen Size**, made by Orlean Williams, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. McCreary, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Waddell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wells, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wiese
36. **Pastel Painting** of two girls and boy by Marie Stobbe, 24x30, donated by Mr. and Mrs. David Wintermann

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FREE DOOR PRIZES

1. Four Plates Mexican Food, donated by Mrs. W. F. Meitzen, Jr.
2. Four Plates Mexican Food, donated by Mrs. W. F. Meitzen, Jr.
3. Decorative Bottle of Wine, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. McCreary
4. Fishing Rod with Garcia Reel, donated by Mr. and Mrs. David Wintermann
5. Gorham Silver Tray, donated by JoAnn's
6. $25.00 Gift Certificate, donated by Miller's Grocery

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Light Vote In Const. Amend. Elect.

Only ten percent of the qualified voters went to the polls in Colorado County Tuesday to cast ballots on seven amendments to the Texas Constitution and they went along with voters over the state in defeating two of the seven amendments, propositions three and four.

In Eagle Lake, 163 ballots were cast with the following results:

No. 1 Development of tax relief, 98 for, 59 against; No. 2 Patents for free school fund land, 120 for, 38 against; No. 3 Establishment of a finance management committee, 69 for, 83 against; No. 4 Use of state surpluses for water projects, 79 for, 81 against; No. 5 Include livestock and poultry in tax exempt farm products, 124 for, 37 against; No. 6 Tax relief for residence homesteads, 111 for, 39 against; and No. 7 For additional bonds for Veth Land Program, 112 for, 49 against.

Countywide the voting went as follows: No. 1 534 for, 474 against; No. 2 790 for, 233 against; No. 3 354 for, 628 against; No. 4 384 for, 640 against; No. 5 865 for, 175 against; No. 6 745 for, 267 against; No. 7 651 for, 372 against.

More Library Benefit Auction Items

Here are more of the thirty-six valuable and unique items which will be offered for sale in the benefit auction to be staged at 7:00 p.m. this Saturday by the Eagle Lake Study Club for the benefit of the Wintermann Library. A complete list of the auction items is listed on page 2 of this issue.

At the left above is Marilyn Dannels, owner of Dannels' Designs, and she holds a beautiful painting which she donated to the auction. At the right is Liz Waddell, owner of Gifts of Distinction, who donated the Cobalt Blue Cut Glass Bowl on pedestal for the auction.

Other auction items shown above include: a Gorham silver tray donated by Jo Ann's as a door prize; the tilt-top pie-crust mahogany table, donated by Sybil's Antiques of East Bernard; twelve needlepoint Christmas ornaments [The Twelve Days of Christmas] donated by Mrs. Gardner Duncan.

Other donated items, but not shown, are cocktails and dinner for four at Marvin's of Altair donated by Marvin and Gladys Tyler; a 52" Hunter Fan donated by the William Kell Family; two tickets to the Houston Oiler-Atlanta football game in the Astrodome donated by Superior Sand and Gravel; an embroidered shirt donated by Darlene Dornak; and a Weed-Eater donated by Eagle Tractor, Inc.

The auction items may be viewed this week in the windows of Gifts of Distinction, The Custom Shoppe, Jo Ann's, Spanibel & Son and the Eagle Lake Sewing Center.

Door prizes which were donated but not pictured in previous pictures in this paper include: plates of Mexican Food (4 plates on each of two items) donated by Mrs. W. F. Meitzen, Jr., a fishing rod and reel donated by David and Eula Wintermann and a $25 gift certificate donated by Miller's Grocery.

Perez Facing Additional Theft Charge

Robert Perez of Eagle Lake, who was arrested last week as a suspect in five burglaries in Eagle Lake and an arson case in the New Town area, is expected to be charged with still another theft charge, following a continuing investigation by the Eagle Lake police department with assistance from the sheriff's department.

Perez was arrested last week and has been charged with theft at the Robert Klockman home and is expected to be charged with other burglaries, at the People's Cleaners, an old Masonic lodge and church building, the Precinct 4 county barn; and a fire at the Bibbs property in New Town. He remains in county jail under $5000 bond on the Klockman theft.

Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner said that investigation revealed that Perez was involved in a shoplifting incident at Bill's Dollar Store in September, and likely will face this additional charge later.

Officers have recovered more clothing which was taken at the People's Laundry Sept. 18th (in fact Perez was wearing a stolen coat when he was arrested October 26th).

The investigation continues by Chief Winebrenner and Sheriff Jim Broussard and may lead to additional arrests.

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Vandalism, Malicious Mischief Investigated By Sheriff's Dept.

The Colorado County sheriff's office investigated malicious mischief which damaged a school bus parked in Rock Island and also vandalism to some equipment near Columbus.

At 8:31 p.m. Saturday, October 31st, Alfred Ewald of Rock Island reported some damage to a school bus parked near his residence in Rock Island. Ewald stated that they had observed about five boys running away from the bus and when he checked the bus he learned that there were some broken eggs inside and one of the seats had been cut.

Later that night someone came back and cut the left front and left rear tires on the bus.

Sheriff's officers have the names of the boys that were near the bus just before the damage was noticed and the investigation continues.

Vince Buxkemper of Columbus reported to the sheriff's department at 10:30 a.m. Mon., Nov. 2 vandalism to some equipment near the North River Bridge. Buxkemper had a tractor with front-end loader and rear blade parked near the river bank where someone broke the wiring off the "engine," removed the oil dip stick from the motor and threw it on the ground.

One of the tires was flat on the tractor; however, when air was pumped in the tire it was learned that there were no punctures.

The investigation continues.

Local Man Fined For Shoplifting

An Eagle Lake man, Anderson Thompson, 36, paid a fine of $56.00 in city court last week on a charge of shoplifting and was transferred to Sealy where officers reportedly have at least sixteen other warrants for his arrest, mostly on check charges.

Thompson, who resided at 401 East C Street, was arrested at his home for shoplifting some cans of beer and a bottle of wine from Dan's Minute Stop on East Main Street. He was arrested at 8:20 p.m. Saturday by Patrolman Gil Steen and arraigned before city judge M. M. Jones who set the fine of $56 on the charge and ordered Thompson held to answer warrants in Sealy.

Another Shoplifting

Eagle Lake police also investigated a shoplifting at the M & M Western Store in the downtown area. Massey Duncan, owner, reported a belt was taken by a juvenile girl without paying for it and she was picked up and will appear before the county juvenile officers in Columbus.

The incident was reported to the Eagle Lake police at 11:24 a.m. last Friday, Oct. 30th.

El Campo City Manager John Lee Resigns

[By Fred Barbee, El Campo Leader News]

An otherwise routine El Campo City Council meeting was jolted Thursday evening when City Manager John Lee tendered his letter of resignation, effective Jan. 31, 1982.

Lee's letter, which came as a surprise to everyone except Mayor A. G. "Red" Miller, stated, "I plan to retire Jan. 31, 1982, and I hope that giving you this three-month notice will allow for a smooth transition for the city administration."

Lee took over the city manager's position April 1, 1980, after serving for 21 years as Victoria city manager.

His resignation sends Council searching for its third manager in as many years since the resignation of 16-year veteran Danny Hyden Nov. 1, 1978, with H. R. Macomber serving for nine months between Hyden and Lee.

Gene Austin Home On Leave From Navy Duty

(GMG1 Gunner's Mate Guns First Class Gene Argia Austin, son of Clifford Austin of Altair, is home on leave after returning from a seven months' overseas deployment aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Kitty Hawk (CV-63) with a crew of 5,200 men.

GMG1 Austin was assigned to Weapons Department as the Work Center Supervisor for three work centers, to supervise (3-M) maintenance material management, to maintain maximum equipment operation readiness within Weapons Department.

During the deployment GMG1 Austin received the Sea Service Ribbon, Humanitarian Service Medal, and his second Navy Expeditionary with a Bronze Star.

The ports the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk visited were Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Subic Bay, Philippines, Singapore, Western Australia and Hong Kong.

GMG1 Austin has extended his enlistment for one year to give him nineteen years of Naval service.

Austin will report to an overseas assignment with Security Department in Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean territory, after returning from leave.

Petty Officer First Class Gene A. Austin graduated in the Class of 82 at E. H. Henry High in Eagle Lake.

SHERIDAN NEWS

By Velma Kutzer (234-3968)

Winners Named At Sheridan PTS Carnival

Congratulations to the P.T.S. on the huge success of the annual Halloween Carnival. Even though the weather was awful and the event was moved indoors, a record was set in all areas of the carnival.

Winners of the prizes were as follows:

Ceramic pitcher and bowl from Honey's Ceramics won by K. R. Koncaba; 5 quarts oil from Parham Shell won by Leslie Wood; $7.50 gift certificate from Sheridan Dairy Delite won by James Schonhoeft; 3 pc. bowl set from Fink's won by Abbie Schilhab; hand mixer from Furniture Shoppe, Mike Kossa; transistor radio from Paul's Supply, Lois Vawter; Mirror from Eagle Lake Drugs, Aileen Peck; $10.00 from Mr. Dickey, Wayne Rabel; blanket donated by Spanibel & Son, Wanda Zbranek; $10.00 certificate donated by Sandy Creek Drive Inn, Gus Beck; $10.00 cash donated by Columbus State Bank, Vera Means; $10.00 certificate donated by M & M Western Store, William Gohlke; pot plant donated by Appelt's Greenhouse, Charlene Viodorsky; $10.00 gift certificate by Mikulenka, Gary Branene; $10.00 cash donated by People State Bank, Arthur Querner; two catfish dinners from Smokehouse, Clarence Matula; 24 cup coffee pot from Ben Franklin's, Aron Noel; two boxes rice and two bags rice from Vernita Dopslauf, Mary Ashley; Zim Zam from Johnny's Sport Shop, Wanda Querner; towel set from Duncan & Son, Stacy Rodrigues; screw driver set from S&W Parts, M. A. Hammons;

$15.00 gift certificate from Wilcox Minimax, Karen Berger; package of tupperware from Barbara Brisco, Fred Harcrow; throw pillows from Jim's Upholstery Shop, J. D. Ashley, Jr.; planter from Gingerbread Place, Onie Mae Hornd; travel tumbler and sketch jug from Gindler's, Stacy Wilson; pot plant from Hallettsville Florist, Marcie Kutzer; Speidel ID bracelet from Eilers Pharmacy, Marta Morales; Remington hair dryer from Grahmann's, Keith Nance; $20.00 cash donated by First State Bank of Weimar, Wanda Zbranek; two skip steel loaders from Eagle Lake Implement, Traylor Walker; electronic football game from Rice Drug Store, W. B. O'Neal; Mirro coffee pot from Spalinger Hardware, Shannon Owers; can opener and hand mixer from Alamo Lumber, Stacy Rodrigues; Kool Rest ice chest from Sheridan Package Store, Cathy Conner; stuffed animal from Hansel and Gretel's, Jeremy Jones; farm set from Eagle Tractor, Edward Soto; four waterfowl mugs from Gifts of Distinction, Maria Minto; four leather checkbook covers donated by First National Bank, Ted Wiese; eight tea glasses from Courthouse Square Floral & Gift Shop, Jan Roberts; ring from Vic Gheesh Flea Market, W. D. Querner; pot plant from Canaris, Curry Ester; watch from F & W Food Store, Chrissy Mayes;

Norelco toaster range from Colorado County Butane, Harvey Laake; socket set from Main Auto Supply, Harold A. Querner; Indian craft donated by Rawhide Corral, Vic Gheen; clock radio from Sears, Mrs. Ed Burda; $50.00 savings bond from First National Bank, Bob Eaton; hat and coat rack, from Ehlers, Eugene Garza; socket set and toy donated by Garwood Implement, Vernita Dopslauf; silver tray from Jo Ann's, Vera Means; 48 qt. Igloo ice chest from Zbranek's Food Market, Bill Wallace; garden wheel barrow, rake and hoe from Sheridan Lumber, E. R. Hearn; 6½ in. Skil saw from Lake Lumber, Shara Querner; and R.C.A. 12 in. color TV donated by the P.T.S., T. E. Combeste.

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Last Rites Held Nov. 1 For Herman Maxie

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, November 1st from Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church for Deacon Herman E. Maxie, 57, a native of Eagle Lake. He passed away on Monday, October 26th after only a brief illness in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

Deacon Maxie was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Maxie on February 18, 1924 and attended E. H. Henry School. He served three years in the United States Army.

Deacon Maxie joined Mt. Olive Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. L. E. Brown. He served as chairman of the deacon board, counsel of Royal Ambassador Boys and financial secretary of the church and served faithfully until his death. He also served as a volunteer in the Eagle Lake Volunteer Emergency Ambulance Corps.

In the year of 1967 he married Miss Olivia Gant.

His father, one sister and one brother preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn a devoted wife, Olivia Maxie; his mother, Sophie Maxie; four sons, Joe Nathan and Terry of Houston, Lester Ray of Rosharon and Freddie of Eagle Lake; also a play daughter, Paula Barrow; two sisters, Hortense Cain of San Antonio and Earnestine Sutton of San Diego, Calif.; one brother, Raymond Maxie of Los Angeles, Calif.; one brother-in-law, G. C. Cain of San Antonio; one God-daughter, Mary Jo; six grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Suit On Account

A suit was filed Oct. 30 by Johnnie Schmidt Inc. against Geocan Resources, Inc. for an account for services rendered to the plaintiff. The suit asks for judgment for $4,489.94 which is allegedly due and owing plus interest, attorney's fees and costs of court.

Keep up with all activities of the Rice School District by reading the Headlight.

1981 Christmas Seals Have Drawing By Norman Rockwell

Christmas Seals from the American Lung Association this year present a nostalgic drawing by the late Norman Rockwell.

Some 92 million sheets of Christmas Seals are being mailed into 60 million homes this year. The proceeds are used by the Lung Association for public and patient education programs about lung diseases; research; and the combatting of air pollution, and the health hazards of cigarette smoke.

The Rockwell drawing originally decorated a holiday cover of the Saturday Evening Post. The 1933 painting shows a cherubic grandfather, riding his grandson's hobby horse. He's enjoying every minute of it; his grandson, hanging on behind, is wary – and a little scared.

Christmas Seals are considered an American tradition. They can be placed on cards, seal letters, packages and presents. Anyone who needs more Christmas Seals should contact the American Lung Association of Texas, 7701 North Lamar, Suite 104, Austin, Texas 78752-1088, 512/458-2206.

Visit Pustejovsky's Sunday

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pustejovsky were Lucy Payne Bannahan and Leslie Legros.

Deed, Jerry Pustejovsky et ux to M. D. Keyes 0.682 Acre G. Strawsneider League 8-20-81.

Deed, Richard L. Higgins et ux to Edward K. Behne et ux 0.260 Acre P. Reel's Survey 8-21-81.

Agricultural Observations

From
TEXAS A&M RESEARCH SITE
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Date	Air Temp 2/ Max	Air Temp 2/ Min	4-Inch Soil Temp Max	4-Inch Soil Temp Min	Evap (ins)	Rain (ins)
Oct						
27	72	40	72	55	.113	
28	79	41	73	56	.139	
29	80	43	75	58	.122	
30	79	52	71	60	.112	
31	72	64	72	65	O.F.	3.25
Nov						
1	69	52	62	62	O.F.	2.60
2	77	48	71	57	.326	

Dry, mild conditions will be the rule for the remainder of the week in the Coastal Plains. The deep low pressure system in Oklahoma is not expected to affect this part of the state. Lack of any other weather systems through Saturday should keep the chances for showers on the slim side. Not much change in temperatures is forecast the next several days.

In the Rice Belt...good drying conditions will continue for the rest of the week and allow soils to firm up for heavy equipment. Peanut growers as well should have several days of favorable curing weather. The dry air should also allow soybeans to dry to acceptable moisture levels for combining. Light winds and open weather will give flexibility for scheduling chemical applications.

For the Coastal Bend...much needed dry weather is expected to continue this week. Some lighter soils may support heavy equipment by weeks end but most delays will likely carry through to next week. Small grain producers with newly planted fields should be ready to reseed if necessary where washing occurred. Winter pastures and established stands of small grains should continue to make progress under sunny, mild conditions this week.