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Mayor Proclaims Nat'l Vocational Education Week



Mayor Elmer Struss, seated, is shown signing a proclamation designating National Vocational Education Week, Feb. 7-13. Witnessing the signing were Rice High School

students, left to right: Mary Lynn Kallina of the Future Homemakers of America; Kathy Ishee of the Future Farmers of America; Elva Ann Romo of the Office Education Association

(OEA); Ari Lee Spears of VICA (Cosmetology); and Randy Soto of VICA (Auto Mechanics). See the full text of the proclamation on page 14.

Sheriff's Race To Highlight Local Politics

15 Percent Reduction In 1982 Crop Rice Acreage

Most incumbents beat the 6 p.m. Monday deadline for filing for places on the Democratic Primary Election Ballot (May 1) with only one contest in county and precinct races.

According to L. J. Braden, secretary for the Democratic Party, Tom Adams of the Freisburg and New Ulm area in the north part of the county filed for the office of sheriff and will oppose incumbent Sheriff Jim Broussard on the ballot.

Sheriff Broussard was appointed to the office following the death of George (Doc) Mueller and has done an outstanding job in filling the position since his appointment early last year. The Democratic nominee is not opposed on the Republican ballot hence election is virtually assured in the 1982 general election. The term of office to be filled extends through Dec. 31, 1984.

Other incumbents who filed prior to the deadline were: County Judge Lester J. Cranek, District Clerk Harvey Vornasad, County Clerk Lester Schneider, County Treasurer Martha Bodungen, County Surveyor Leonard Frank, Precinct 2 Commissioner Rafael Veselka and Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles had filed.

Other local offices to be filled are those of Justice of the Peace and the latest to file were Mary Ordner, J.P.

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Father Tom Hanus Going To Rockdale

His Excellency Vincent Harris, Bishop of the Austin Catholic Diocese, announced last week reassignment of some area priests including The Rev. Tom Hanus, who has served as pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Churches since June of 1978.

Father Tom will assume the pastorate of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rockdale next Monday, Feb. 8th. He will be succeeded as pastor of the Catholic churches here by The Rev. Ray Widacki who has been serving with St. Mary's Church in Brenham. A priest from Austin, Father Albert Ruiz, will succeed Father Widacki in Brenham.

Father Hanus, who has come to be loved and respected by parishioners and citizens of the community alike, will be officiating at Masses for the final time here at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. A self-proclaimed "Texas Aggie," he is a native of College Station and attended Texas A&M at various times during his ministry.

Prior to coming to Eagle Lake, Father Tom served as pastor of the Catholic Church in Brenham, then was pastor of Guardian Angel Church in Wallis and was associate pastor at St. Mary's in College Station before coming to Eagle Lake.

Father Tom succeeded The Rev. Edward Geiser who retired in June of 1978 after forty-one years in the ministry.

Members of the two Catholic Churches and friends will honor Father Hanus at a farewell covered dish luncheon to be held at 12:00 noon this Sunday, Feb. 7th in Dider Hall.

Father Hanus has been active in the Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance and was an active member of the Rotary Club. Under his pastorate, both churches instituted active Church Councils and the pastor directed improved Catechetical programs for the youth of the community and improvements to the parish facilities at both Eagle Lake churches.

He will be missed by all. A reception is scheduled by the local Catholics, welcoming Father Widacki to the community, following the 7:00 evening Mass Saturday, Feb. 13th with a covered dish event in Dider Hall.

Also 15% Reduction In Cotton, 10% Feed Grain In New Farm Bill

Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block has announced a 15 percent acreage reduction program for 1982-crop rice; a 15 percent acreage reduction program for 1982-crop upland cotton; a voluntary 15 percent acreage reduction program for the 1982 wheat crop; and a voluntary 10 percent reduced acreage program for 1982-crop feed grains.

Participation is voluntary, but only those producers who take part in the program will be eligible for benefits, Block said. Also, participants will be required to devote the reduced acreage to conservation uses.

U.S. rice production was at a record level in 1981 when 185 million hundredweight of rice was harvested, compared with 146 million hundredweight the previous year. The carryover on August 1982 is expected to total about 54 million hundredweight, compared with 17 million last Aug. 1.

Target Price \$10.85

Participating producers will be eligible for target price protection of \$10.85 per hundredweight, and Commodity Credit Corporation loans on their rice at \$8.14 per hundredweight. Participants must reduce their acreage planted to rice by at least 15 percent from their established rice base. Generally, the base will be the higher of the 1981 rice acreage or the average of the 1980-81 rice acreages. However, for farms that have been following a definite rotation pattern, the base will reflect such rotations.

For example, a farmer with an acreage base of 100 acres must plant no more than 85 acres of rice for 1982 harvest for program eligibility. The 15 acres reduced (17.65 percent of 85 acres) must be devoted to a conservation use. Farmers planting less than the full 85 acres to rice would be permitted to devote fewer acres to conservation. If only 50 acres were planted, only 8.8 acres (17.66 percent of 50) would have to go to conservation.

The land taken from production and devoted to conservation uses must be eligible cropland, protected from wind and water erosion, and may not be mechanically harvested. Farmers will be permitted to graze this acreage, except during the six principal growing months.

Neither offsetting compliance nor cross compliance is a requirement under this program. This means that farmers owning or operating more than one farm will not be required to participate on all farms in order to obtain program benefits on participating farms. Also, participation in the rice program is not required to qualify for program benefits on other crops grown on the farm.

Full details of the feed grains, wheat and cotton programs will be published next week.

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Two Die, 3 Hurt In Weekend Accidents

Two persons were killed and three others sent to the Columbus Hospital with serious injuries in two wrecks during the past weekend, the first at 9:10 p.m. Saturday, and the other some time early Monday morning.

Highway Patrolman Sam Trammell of the Columbus station investigated the near head-on collision of a pickup truck and a Cadillac auto on Highway 90, 4 of a mile east of Columbus at 9:10 p.m. Saturday. A Glidden woman, Rita White, 31, was pronounced dead at Columbus Hospital from injuries received in the accident about an hour after reaching the hospital.

She was riding in the center of the pickup seat. The vehicle was driven by her husband, Cecil Ray White of Glidden; and also a passenger in the 1971 Chevrolet pickup truck was Glenda Sierra of Columbus.

Driver of the 1969 Cadillac was Jose Yeberino Ramirez of Weimar. White, Sierra and Ramirez were taken to the Columbus Hospital by the Columbus Ambulance Corps and were reported to be in stable condition early Monday. White received a broken leg, cuts and bruises; Sierra also had cuts and bruises; and Ramirez, a broken jaw and numerous other injuries.

According to the officers report, the pickup truck was traveling east on 90 and the Cadillac was going west on 90. The Cadillac went off the

roadway on the right side and the driver over-corrected and the vehicle crossed the westbound lane at about a forty-five degree angle and struck the left front side of the pickup truck. Both vehicles went into the ditch on the eastbound side.

None of the occupants were thrown out of the vehicles and no fire resulted, although the Columbus Volunteer Fire Department was called to assist at the scene and stand by in case of a fire.

Also assisting Trammell at the scene were Sheriff Jim Broussard and other deputies and volunteers.

Weimar Man Killed When Vehicle Hits Tree; Car Splits In Half

Robert M. Heinrich, 21, of Route 3, Weimar (of the Hattermann Lane area) was killed when the station wagon in which he was riding struck a large tree and split in half on Highway 90, near the intersection with FM 906.

The vehicle was traveling west when the accident occurred near Glidden but in the Columbus city limits early Monday morning. The wreck was discovered by Columbus police at around 2:15 a.m.

Investigation revealed the station wagon went off the highway on the north side and the driver apparently over-corrected and the vehicle crossed the highway and hit the large tree on the south side of the highway. The vehicle was split into two pieces and Heinrich was thrown from the vehicle.

Bad News Prevails At City Council Meeting

Chance For Traffic Signal At 90A & 102 Is "Almost Impossible"

(By Jeff Fraka)

The bad news outweighed the good as the Eagle Lake city council met in session Tuesday of last week and discussed what was expected to be a smooth and routine session.

The "bad news" included such items as a denial of requests for a traffic signal and railroad caution lights; equipment problems at the sewer plant and the new water plant; and an unexpected \$3000 additional payment for utility line extensions along 102 South.

Red Light Not Likely Despite numerous requests and several surveys that have indicated the need, the Texas Highway Dept. has recently indicated that a traffic signal at the intersection of Hwy. 90 East and FM 102 South is "almost impossible."

Mayor Elmer Struss told the council last week of the latest indication from highway dept. officials. The need for the signal is obvious to local residents using that intersection and was evident

Justice of the Peace Richard C. Schmidt held an inquest at the scene and ruled the man died of injuries received in the accident.

Heinrich was president of a wrecker service, formerly Blackies Wrecker Service of Columbus.

in highway dept. surveys. However, because of the railroad crossing at the intersection and the possible confusion with railroad lights, and the fact that FM 102 does not cross Highway 90A, the State has denied the constant requests by the city.

City officials are expected to continue efforts to improve the dangerous situation that is caused by the heavy flow of traffic in that area; however, any major project will depend on highway department action.

RR Caution Lights Denied

Southern Pacific Railroad Company has recently begun a project to re-open its line that branches off its mainline in Eagle Lake and crosses several residential streets near the "Rice Mill" area of the city. It is anticipated that Southern Pacific is planning to utilize the track on a regular basis and that traffic along the line would be heavy.

In conjunction with those activities, the city of Eagle Lake recently sought Federal funds for the construction of caution lights at several of the crossings that would be effected including Church, Dobbins, State, Milam, Beaks and Prairie Streets.

However, the city was informed that it did not qualify for the funds and that a priority system was used to choose crossings that did.

According to the response, to be eligible several facts would be needed, including: amount of train traffic and average speeds; amount of automobile traffic and speed; and history of the crossing (which according to city officials meant the amount of accidents that had occurred.)

No other action was taken

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Gov. Clements To Speak In Wharton Thurs.

Governor Bill Clements will be guest speaker for a non-partisan dinner to be held this Thursday night, Feb. 4th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Wharton. Governor Clements will conduct a press conference prior to speaking at 6:45 p.m. in the Wharton K. of C. Hall.

The dinner will begin at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$25 per person. Wharton County Republican Clubs are sponsoring the event but citizens from Wharton, Matagorda, Colorado and Jackson counties are expected to attend. Locally the tickets were on sale with Mark Anderson and Richard Clipson.

Econo-Rice Important To Survival Of Rice Industry

Meetings At RHS Altair, 7:30 Wed, Feb. 10, El Campo Feb. 11

A program which may help in turning around the economically troubled situation for rice farmers in the area, Econo-Rice (Economic Rice Production) will be explained at a public meeting to be held in the Rice High School which is west of Altair at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday, Feb. 10th. Other meetings to explain

the program in this area will be at the American Legion Hall in El Campo at 7:30 p.m. next Thursday, Feb. 11th; and at the VFW Hall in Katy at 7:30 p.m. Tues., Feb. 9th.

With Texas rice growers losing about \$2 per hundredweight on their 1981 crop, the rice industry is forming battle lines to turn conditions around.

Texas Agricultural Experiment Station scientist in charge of rice research for the western rice belt area.

Econo-Rice is being supported by a new producer organization, the Texas Rice Research Foundation, and producers will be asked to support the program with a 5 cents per 100 pounds checkoff from the 1982 rice crop.

Details about Econo-Rice, the TRRF and an update on new farm legislation as it affects rice growers will be explained at the series of meetings throughout the Rice Belt during February.

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RHS Vocational Classes Plan Activities Next Week

Assemblies Slated At RHS, ELMS Monday, Garwood, Sheridan Tues.

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At Grand Jury Hearing Tuesday 16 Indictments Include 2 For Marijuana Charges

7 Enter Pleas Of Guilty In District Court

Seven persons entered pleas of guilty before District Judge E. W. Patteson in District Court this week, three of whom were indicted on Monday of this week. Demetrio Delgado entered a plea of guilty to a charge of allegedly firing a weapon at Ynes Ortega in Weimar Oct. 3,

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