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Colorado County

Sheriff's Report

Accept checks with caution

We would like to remind our citizens to be real cautious when accepting or cashing a check at this time of the year. There are many people moving around and passing through on vacation. Please obtain enough information to allow you to assist you in the event you do receive a bad check. The best information you can obtain is a driver's license number.

July 19: Investigated a burglary on FM109. Investigated a theft in Alleyton. Investigated the theft of gas from a vehicle near Columbus. Checked on an abandoned vehicle near Alleyton. Investigated a theft near Frelsburg. Assisted Columbus police with a disturbance call. Checked on a phone harassment in Garwood. Assisted at the scene of a truck fire on 90E. Issued five traffic citations and served eight civil citations.

July 20: Investigated a theft of services east of Columbus. Investigated a family disturbance near Columbus. Removed livestock from the roadway on IH-10 near Columbus. Assisted a stranded subject in Garwood. Had JP

court in the PM. Issued six traffic citations and served six civil citations. July 21: Had County court. Assisted the Weimar police with a disturbance call. Assisted DPS with a hit and run accident on Strickland Lane. Checked on a suspicious vehicle on county road 105A. Checked on a dog problem near Ramsey. Checked on a stranded motorist east of Columbus. Removed livestock from the roadway on 94B. Removed livestock from the roadway on 109. Checked on a reckless driver on 90E. Issued 10 traffic citations and served four civil citations.

July 22: Investigated a child bitten by a dog. Transported the dog to a Weimar vet. Checked with two subjects that received cracked windshields from gravel trucks. Had District court. Arrested one for assault. Assisted Austin County in searching for a wanted subject. Checked on a subject dumping trash in the roadway near Columbus. Removed livestock from the roadway on IH-10 east of Columbus. Posted a citation in the Courthouse. Removed livestock from the roadway on

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By Jim Broussard

WCJC provides
free bus service

A lack of transportation being unable to attend college this fall because of the free bus service provided by Wharton County Junior College in Wharton.

WCJC buses will again operate on a regular daily schedule according to Billy Griffith, director of student activities and Pioneer Student Center. Buses leave the campus daily at 4 p.m.

Buses make passenger pickups at designated stops but requests for additional stops can be directed to Griffith. The mailing address is 911 Boiling Highway, Wharton, Texas 77488. Phone (713) 532-4560, extension 320.

Area bus schedules follow:
Eagle Lake bus: Originates at driver's home to pickup at Eagle Lake at 6:30 a.m. on to FM 102 to Hwy. 850 on to Hwy. 2614 to Grove pickup at store at 7:05 a.m. on to pickup at

Hwy. Intersection 2614 and Hwy. 102 at 7:15 a.m. on to Elevator at 7:20 a.m. to Glen Flora to pickup at Service Station on Hwy. 102 at 7:25 a.m. to Hwy. 1301 to campus.

Wallis bus: Originates at Wallis pickup at Jimmy's Drive in at 7 a.m. down 90A to East Bernard pickup at Kleck's at 7:15 a.m. to Hungerford pickup at Exxon Station on Hwy. 59 at 7:20 a.m. down Hwy. 59 to Hwy. 1301 to campus.

La Grange bus: Originates at driver's home at 6 a.m. down Hwy. 71 to Columbus pickup at 7:11 Convenience Store at 6:30 a.m., down Hwy. 71 to Altair pickup at Bowling Alley on Hwy. 71 to Garwood pickup at Case Dealership at 6:50 a.m. to Nada pickup at Grocery Store at 6:55 a.m. to New Taillon pickup at Hall Parking Lot at 7:15 a.m. to Hwy. 961 through Crescent to Hwy. 59, on to campus.

Jim Broussard, Sheriff & Deputies Phones: 732-2388 & 732-2535 Home Phone: 732-3950

By Velma Kutzler

SHERIDAN NEWS

Phone 234-3988

Chris Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Williams, underwent minor surgery this week in the

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gohlke have returned from a vacation in Colorado. Part of their time was spent in Trinidad and Canyon City.

Visiting with the Gohlkes and the Quinney family last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. David Gohlke and sons of Alvin.

Mrs. Erlene Botard, Mrs. Munoz, Mrs. Mabel

County Agent's
Notebook

Calfhood heifer
brucellosis vaccination

One of the major questions relating to brucellosis control is vaccinating with the reduced dosage of Strain 19. A program to increase vaccination of eligible heifers is now underway in this area. Colorado county is one of several counties targeted for a special emphasis program on brucellosis control through calfhood vaccination.

Recently the Colorado County livestock committee, veterinary practitioners of the county and representatives of the Texas Animal Health Commission met to review the program status, level of infection in Colorado county and develop a plan of action to reduce the herd infection in Colorado county. Colorado county consistently has 25-40 herd under brucellosis quarantine.

The group concurred that the best approach at this time is through an intensive herd calfhood heifer vaccination program using the reduced dosage of Strain 19 brucellosis vaccine. Calfhood vaccination is free to the producer. The reduced dosage of

Strain 19 vaccine for brucellosis control is virtually as effective as the old strength. The old strength of Strain 19 contained about 90 billion organisms. The new reduced dosage has about one billion organisms. Experience over the years indicated the old strength might be too large and could overwhelm the younger calves' immune systems, resulting in no immunity being produced. In older heifers, this large dose produced persistent vaccinal titers which occasionally resulted in a Strain 19 infection. The reduced level of organism inoculation can not produce such an infection. The reduced dosage is sufficient to produce immunity.

Vaccination is a cornerstone of the Texas brucellosis program. Vaccination agents for heifers as official vaccinators are 4 to 12 months of age for all breeds. Bulls are not vaccinated.

Financial assistance is available for vaccination for eligible heifers. Contact your veterinarian for details.

prevention procedures at the school. All firemen and fire marshals attending the annual fireman's training school will participate in conferences conducted by the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies. These include "Interest in Rural Fire Protection" by Ed Drake, TFB Insurance Company director of administration; and "Preventing Rural Fires" by Ward Cross, former TFB Insurance Company administrative assistant.

Econo-Rice program aimed to increase farmer profit

By JAMES E. VANCE
Texas A&M University
System Dept. of Agricultural Communications
Texas rice farmers know they are in probably their most pressing economic bind ever, and are putting their money and faith into new and intensified research which they hope will ease the economic pressure being applied between higher cost of farming and low prices for their crops.

The new program is called Econo-Rice, an expanded or all-inclusive scientific approach to production or rice at the lowest cost per unit.

Farmers in many segments of crop production are learning that the "go for broke" approach by pouring more water, fertilizer and insecticides into a crop for maximum yields doesn't always promise a profit.

Lower input means lower total crop yield, but more dependable a profit. To support the program farmers organized the Texas Rice Research Foundation through which members will voluntarily contribute a nickel for every 100 pounds of rice they market, with funds going to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Barry Jeffrey of Devers heads the foundation. J. D. Woods, Jr. of Katy is vice president and Charles McQuahae of Liberty is secretary-treasurer. "Farmers face an ever increasing cost of growing rice, and we have reached our plateau of being able to consistently exceed yield per acre," Jeffrey assured. "Now we must accelerate and refocus rice research to overcome these problems."

Jeffrey described the Texas Rice Research Foundation as a "producer organization," formed as "our desire to solve the economic problems we face."

As a show of interest, and necessity for action, the foundation pledged \$500,100 before it was actually formed, as leaders assured they couldn't afford to wait another crop year.

Research, through the years, has kept the rice industry "ahead of the game" by developing new varieties providing higher yield and higher quality in a shorter growing season, but cost of land, equipment and other input, coupled with skyrocketing interest on money necessary to produce a crop has ac-

celerated faster than returns to farmers for their crop.

Dr. James Stansel, resident director of the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center at Beaumont, and a prime mover in the Econo-Rice program, said average cost of producing an acre of rice averages about \$600, of which he said \$375 to \$400 is out-of-pocket cost.

There are in excess of 2,000 farmers who raise rice in Texas. They harvested some 580,000 acres last year, averaging 4,500 to 4,600 pounds per acre.

Dr. Arthur Gerlow, area economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, predicted new crop rice price would open at about \$10 per hundredweight, down from about \$12.50 per hundredweight a year earlier.

He noted that the carryover was some 65.5 million hundredweight from the 1981 crop, compared with 54.8 million hundredweight a year earlier. Exports also are down 16 percent from a year ago. However, that should be reduced to about five percent, depending upon production, prices

and demands in other countries. A more recent survey indicated that only about 460,000 acres (low) to some 500,000 acres (high) were planted for the current harvest (first official acreage will be announced August 1), and yields per acre also will be down in some areas because of inclement weather during planting and growing season.

These conditions could touch off a slightly higher price for the new crop. Harvest is underway in south of the western sections of the 20-county "rice belt."

"The Texas Rice Research Foundation's funds will not only finance programs of expanded research, disease control and insect control," Jeffrey added, "but also a program of broader education to generate more profitable rice production."

Stansel said that the new financial support already has permitted acceleration of research through new equipment and personnel at the Center.

Dr. Dudley Smith, associate director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment

Station, said that currently about \$1.6 million of the Station's statewide funding goes to the overall rice research effort.

Projected need in new support for the expanded program was set at about \$1.1 million in 1983 and \$1.3 to \$1.4 million by 1984.

In the Econo-Rice program about half the funds will be spent initially for improvement of varieties of 1,000 pounds per acre within five years, and produced at a cost of about \$11 per hundredweight.

A forerunner of the Texas Rice Research Foundation is the Texas Rice Improvement Association, organized soon after World War II, by the late J. C. Dishman and E. T. Fuller, Jr. of Beaumont, Marcus Mauritz of Ganado, Pat Boyt of Devers, and Ray Hunsucker of Beaumont (the only surviving founder) as a production oriented organization which has strongly supported research with funds it receives from sales of foundation seed of new varieties of rice.

The association later assessed growers 1 cent per hundredweight of their

rice production which also assists in research. A program similar to Econo-Rice was developed by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station for cotton farmers, particularly in the irrigated areas of West Texas. Called Econo-cot, it is garnering success as farmers divert from the "go for broke" to lower input, lower yield and a profit.

Robert Bauer of Nome noted severity of the economic plight with an estimation that at least 25 percent of producers this year will be out of business next year if they don't get a bumper crop and higher prices.

Dale Hunt of Garwood, a trustee of the foundation, asked for a show of hands from rice farmers "who feel with confidence that they will produce a crop in

1982." The answer was a total "no show" of hands. "Research is the only optimism rice can show in the foreseeable future," Hunt assured.

Trustees for the 12 districts who will be representing the foundation and farmers is served include Arthur Anderson of Eagle Lake, William Dishman, Sr. of Beaumont, J. D. Evans, Jr. of Arcadia, Hal Koop of Edna, O. R. Kubecka, Jr. of Palacios, Gene Nelson of Anahuac, Layton Rann of El Campo, Jack Wondt of Richmond and Jeffrey Woods, McQuahae and Hunt.

Jeffrey assured that the agreement between the foundation and the research facility called for evaluations updated to make certain that the research work remains targeted to our needs."

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