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Maximum rice acreage in Texas idled as farmers join Federal PIK program

A total of 285,000 rice-growing acres will be idled this season across Texas, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, by farmers who enrolled in the Payment-In-Kind program.

In Colorado County, 213 Rice farms enrolled in the program, according to Daniel Streckfuss, executive director of the Colorado County Agriculture Soil Conservation service.

Streckfuss said Tuesday that the base acreage in the county for rice is 56,465 acres, and that 12,368 of those have been signed up to be out of production, representing the 20 percent farmers were required to take out of production to be a part of the government program.

Although Streckfuss said he did not know exactly how many of the remaining acres would be out of production, he did say last week that all farmers who applied to cut their acreage by 50 percent, were approved.

Late last week the program was changed to allow only 45 percent of any county's acreage to be put into the program. The director said that 46 farmers had given bids to remove their whole farm from production, but those were not opened because of the 45 percent rule.

According to the figures from Washington, there are 626,000 rice acres in Texas, and 606,000 (97 percent) of them are involved in PIK. The spokesman for the government said about 3 p.m. Tuesday that the 285,000 acres of rice lands that will be idled represent about 45 percent of the state's crop.

As for corn sorghum, across Texas, 5.5 million of the 6.9 million acres are enrolled in the program, and 2.4 million acres (35 percent) will be idled.

In Colorado County, 28 percent of that acreage will be idled. Streckfuss said there is a base of 19,712 acres, and that 5,436 will be out of production. He said 251 farmers enrolled for corn sorghum.

Streckfuss also said that of the 44 farmers who grow cotton in the county, all of their PIK applications were approved, involving 84 acres. Nine farmers applied for PIK for wheat, and all but two farms were approved.

Festival plans well under way

The members of the Festival Committee have been hard at work finishing plans for the upcoming festival scheduled for April 23. Many different activities have been planned which will include citizens from all areas of the community.

Recently, a contest was held to "Name That Fest." Mrs. R.J. Armstrong had the winning entry: "Come April Fest," according to Candy McCreary, chairman of the committee.

The Festival Committee began its work last October when it was established as a subcommittee of the Revitalization Committee. It began with the goal of sponsoring a yearly festival which would not only promote business in the downtown area but offer a means by which all members of the community could participate in an event which would unite the community and be fun for all.

To date, the committee has scheduled many art exhibits, food and craft booths, demonstrations and bake sales. There will be a Little Mr. and Miss Eagle Lake contest for grades one through three, a Chili Cookoff, a "Cook With Rice" cookoff, and an ultra-light airplane demonstration.

Jeff and Valerie will be present to provide music and Houston personalities, Don Nelson and Doug Brown, are slated to be present. Also scheduled are armadillo races, a walk-a-thon, and Rotary sponsored Children's Olympics. Also, the Sonshiners and Sonbeam Choir of the Lissie United Methodist Church will present a mini-musical entitled "Kids Praise."

The committee is still seeking help with the Walk-a-Thon and someone to demonstrate quilt making. If anyone would be interested in helping in these areas, please contact Candy McCreary. Those needing information on the Armadillo Races should contact John Thomas. Annie Broesche should be contacted concerning the Chili Cookoff.

RICE COOKOFF

Margo Harrison, who is in charge of plans for the rice cookoff, announced Tuesday the categories for judging. They are as follows: Appetizers, Soups and Gumbos, Salads, Spanish Rice, Seafood & Rice, Pork-Ham & Rice, Beef & Rice, Rice (as a side dish), and Desserts With Rice.

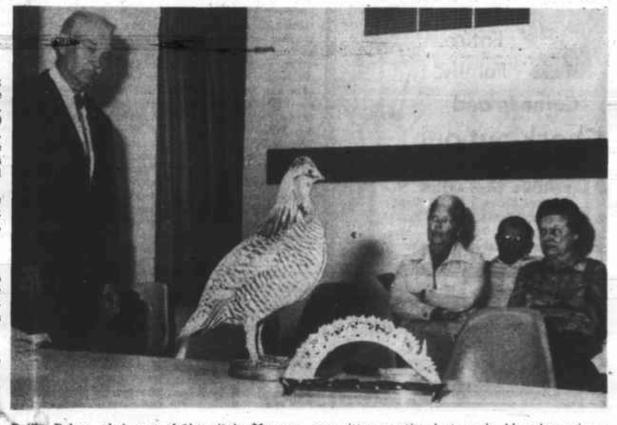
The contest will be held at noon at the Community Center. All entries must be prepared at home and brought to the Community Center prior to that time. Judging will be done by out-of-town judges. A person may enter as many categories as they desire; however, there may only be one entry per category. There will be a $1.00 registration fee per person. There will be a first place prize in each category and a grand prize for the overall best entry.

For information on the cook-off, please contact Mrs. Bill (Margo) Harrison, Jr.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

A tennis tournament also is scheduled, and an entry form is printed on the sports page of today's Headlight.

The Festival Committee and Revitalization Committee held a "practice run" for festival organization last Christmas when it augmented the Chamber of Commerce's Santa visit by having a parade and mini-festival. This event was attended by a large crowd.



Rollin Baker, chairman of the city's Museum Committee, shows a mounted Attwater Prairie Chicken during the "Show and Tell" portion of the committee meeting last week. Also shown is an intricate ivory carving that was explained by Louis Schorlemmer. See Page 9 for more pictures and the story.

Visit the Bunny Saturday

Citizens of the Eagle Lake trade area, 18 years of age or older, may begin registering this Saturday, March 26, for a number of in-store prizes and grand prizes to be awarded as part of the Chamber of Commerce's pre-Easter promotion. Registration will continue through next week with no purchase required to register.

You may register at Chamber of Commerce member-stores which display the large yellow Easter Bunny posters.

In-store prizes will be awarded at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 2, then the tickets will be collected for a grand prize drawing in front of the Municipal Building at 1:30 p.m. April 2 with the Easter Bunny conducting the drawing. First prize will be a $100 bill and second through sixth prizes will be $10 gift certificates redeemable at any Chamber of Commerce member-store. You do not have to be present to win the in-store prizes, but must be present at the time of the drawing to win one of the grand prizes.

A list of the Chamber of Commerce member-stores which will be awarding in-store prizes follows:

• Wilcox Minimax, two prizes of $25 food gift certificates each;
• First National Bank, George Washington Commemorative silver dollar set;
• Jo Ann's, stuffed bunny rabbit;
• Furniture Shoppe, electric can opener;
• Laker Printing, set of personalized stationery;
• Gulf Coast Savings, $25 savings account;
• The Farris 1912, Easter dinner table centerpiece;
• Eagle Lake Headlight, year's subscription in Eagle Lake trade area;
• Duncan and Son, $10 gift certificate;
• A. J. Struss Auto Supply, AM-FM stereo transistor radio with head set;
• Eagle Lake Dairy Delite, $10 gift certificate;
• Frnka Travel, first, goose hunting lapel pin; second, cookbook;
• Spalinger Hardware, Black and Decker 3/8" drill;
• The Snack Center, family dinner including four hamburgers, four French fries and four medium drinks;
• Eagle Lake Sewing Center, $15 gift certificate;
• Spanihel and Son, first, ladies overnight bag; second, men's sport shirt of your choice;
• Eagle Lake Dairy Queen, six prizes: first and second, fish basket, medium drink, small sundae; third and fourth, steak finger basket, medium drink, small sundae; fifth and sixth, one sundae supreme each;
• Dan's Minute Stop, six pack tote-chest;
• Sportsman's Restaurant, Sunday brunch for two; and
• Gifts of Distinction, tropical butterfly on silk flowers under glass dome.

Other stores where registrations will be taken for the grand prizes only include: Austin Grocery, Rice Package Store, Alamo Lumber Company, M & M Western Store, Eagle Market, Lake Lumber Company, Schindler LPG, Lake Motors, J. F. Miller Ford, Eagle Lake Drugs, Johnny's Sport Shop and Sears Catalog Sales.

County, schools divide funds

The Rice school district should collect more than $8,000 next month as its share of the money the federal government is paying because of its ownership of the Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge.

A total of $36,277, to be split by county commissioners court between Rice, the Columbus school district and the county, has been paid by the federal government as a reimbursement of tax funds lost because the lands no longer are privately owned.

Rice will collect $8,104.28, Columbus will collect $17,195.30 and the county's share will be $10,977.42.

Those funds were discussed during last week's county commission meeting, when commissioners learned that their vote last month to choose a county depository was not valid because of a federal regulation.

In February, commissioners voted to move county funds from the First State Bank of Columbus to the Columbus State Bank. During that meeting commissioners chose the bid from Columbus State Bank — a fixed interest rate of 9.15 percent on CD's of $100,000 or more and 8.64 percent on demand deposits — even though bid specifications called for a floating interest rate like the bid from First State Bank.

First State Bank informed Judge Lester Cranek that neither of the banks bids were legal because the federal regulation requires the interest rate to float on a base of nothing longer than 30-day CD's. New bids are being sought and will be opened at the April commission meeting.

In other business, commissioners:

• Condemned three pieces of property in the right-of-way acquisition for the building of U. S. 71 in the county. The property owners are Kermit K. Brune, Jerry Zatopek and Gilbert W. Brune, and others.

• Received a letter from Dr. Nina M. Sisley, director of public health region 11 of the Texas Department of Health, concerning public health activity in the county last year. It said that 3,668 individuals made 6,442 clinic visits, and that 62 percent of those people were there for the first time, "which is clearly indicative of the ever-increasing demand for public health services in Colorado County." A total of 2,005 doses of vaccine was administered at the Columbus clinic and sites in Eagle Lake and Weimar. Family planning services were initiated in April and by the end of the year 90 women entered the program. The letter also discussed other public health activities like meat inspections, visits to nursing homes and schools, inspections of solid waste and water treatment sites, and inspections of restaurants.

• Approved an amendment of the articles of incorporation for the Southeast Texas Housing Finance Corporation, then voted to withdraw from the organization that was to provide low-cost home loans in the county.

°° NOTICE °°

Organizations that have information to be printed on the monthly calendar of events, sponsored by the First National Bank of Eagle Lake and published on the last Thursday of each month in The Headlight, should call The Headlight Thursday before noon to have the items published.

The calender for April will be assembled this Thursday afternoon.

Luncheon March 25

Mrs. Marge Caldwell, a noted christian women's speaker from the First Baptist Church in Houston, is scheduled to speak at the United Methodist Ladies Luncheon on Friday, March 25. Mrs. Caldwell leads a women's bible study class every week and will be drawing on her many years of experience in christian circles when she speaks at the luncheon. The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary with lunch at 12 noon in the fellowship hall.

Police looking for man in connection with thefts

The Eagle Lake Police Department spent a busy weekend following up on several thefts, as well as pursuing an Eagle Lake resident named in a felony theft warrant issued by Judge M. M. Jones.

Len Carson Mathews, 29, was named in the warrant. Police chief Gil Steen said information he used to obtain the warrant involves the burglaries of Rick's Radio and Television service, and then burglary of Lake Kropica Leasing Co. in the 300 block of Clark Street.

Steen said Mathews has been seen in the city but has eluded police efforts to arrest him. "This clears the majority of recent burglaries," Steen said.

Investigations also have turned up information that two juveniles are involved in burglaries at Carter's Place and at the Western Auto store on Main St. No arrests have been made yet.

Since late last week, police have investigated the theft of $75 from the home of Mrs. Johnny Haverns, 82, of the 500 block of Norris. They also have investigated the theft of $5 from Johnny Joe Hernandez, 20, of East State St., who said two males attacked him.

About midnight Saturday, Dorothy Thomas, of the 800 block of C St., said someone kicked in the front and rear doors of her home and threatened her with a 2x4 board. Damage was listed at about $100.

Council asked to help fund youth programs

Support for youth activities, a new no U-turn ordinance, and other matters were the business of Eagle Lake City Council during its regular meeting Tuesday night.

The agenda, which according to Mayor Elmer Struss was the longest since he has been mayor, was lengthened by several residents attending the meeting concerning the budget. Council was about to adopt for its 1983-84 fiscal year which begins April 1.

Don Bendy, speaking for several at the meeting, asked council to consider financial support for youth activities in the community, especially for Little League baseball that involves about 250 boys and girls from ages six to 15.

Bendy and others spoke during the portion of the council meeting that was a public hearing on the budget which was completed two weeks ago. Council has been working on the budget for two months, and started out attempting to cut city expenses by up to ten percent because of the economic environment.

The final budget document ended up slightly higher than last year's, but the goal of not increasing personal property taxes was met. After council debated whether or not it was the city's responsibility to support youth programs out of taxes, Councilman Ralph Truly proposed that up to $1,500 be spent to pay the electric bill at the little league field. The money was to come from the city's $11,000 parks and recreation department budget that supports the recreation center and the city softball field.

Truly's motion was defeated 3-2. "I didn't mean to defeat this," councilman Alvin Kohleffel said. Council agreed with his suggestion that city manager Robert Klockman report at the next meeting if there was something else in the budget that might be deleted, so the $1,500 could be paid.

T. J. Smith also spoke during the public hearing portion of the meeting, suggesting to council that some expenses in the city budget might be getting out of hand. "I'm not here to complain or criticize," he said, but I wanted you to know that as a citizen I'm concerned that one portion of the budget is higher now than the entire city budget was several years ago."

After Smith spoke, Council explained what steps it had taken to keep the budget from growing this year, then speedily adopted the ordinance that approves the budget, and adopted the tax rate of 38-cents per $100 property evaluations, including automobiles. The $7,500 senior citizen exemption still applies.

The U-Turn ordinance, printed in its entirety on Page 12 of this issue of The Headlight, is a replacement for an older ordinance that Judge M. M. Jones could not enforce. The ordinance stipulates where U-Turns are illegal in the downtown section. The interpretation includes a turn across a lane of traffic into a parking space.

Council also approved an ordinance that bans parking on the east side of FM-3013 from its intersection of U.S. 90A to the southern city limits.

An agenda item on the sale of surplus city property brought an approval to sell the old, inoperable city police car for $128 to Paul Supak. All items that might be usable to the city in the future had been removed from the car.

Council also held its annual employee evaluation session to discuss the employee pay schedule, and discussed utility truck specifications for a vehicle it plans to purchase for the water and sewer department.

In other business, Council also talked with J. D. Staats about cable television repair service, and approved the closing of Walnut street from Main to Post Office, and closing the parking lot behind the municipal building, for the city festival on Saturday, April 23.

Margo Harrison made the request for the closings from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. that day, and said the festival may also request that Commerce Street and the street behind the municipal building be closed.