

Proper grass management essential

Proper management of range grass plants is essential if these plants are to remain healthy, vigorous and thrifty. Understanding how these grasses grow also is essential in order to properly manage these plants, according to the Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The leaves and green stems are the factories of grass plants. In fact, 90 percent of the total plant food is called photosynthesis which converts solar energy into simple sugars in the plant.

When the leaves of the plant are grazed too short, the ability of the leaves to make food is greatly

reduced. This results in the loss of roots and a reduction of plant vigor, thus making the plant weakened.

If grazing of the grass plant persists, the end result will be death of the plant simply because it cannot make any food to keep itself alive.

When continuous overgrazing occurs, this results in less available forage for livestock, and poorer quality forage. The final result of overgrazing is higher feed bills and less profit.

Undesirable plants replace the grass and eventually bare ground is the result with ugly scars of erosion showing up on the face of the land. This is why proper grass management and proper grazing height of grass plants are important.

As a rule of thumb, the percentage of a grass plant which can safely be grazed is about 50 percent. Using this rule of thumb, and

depending on the growing season factors, such as rainfall and climate, the plant will have enough leaf surface remaining to adequately produce forage and to keep itself healthy.

Storage batteries
The roots of the plant are used as storage batteries, so to speak, so the food reserves can be used to put out new growth the following spring.

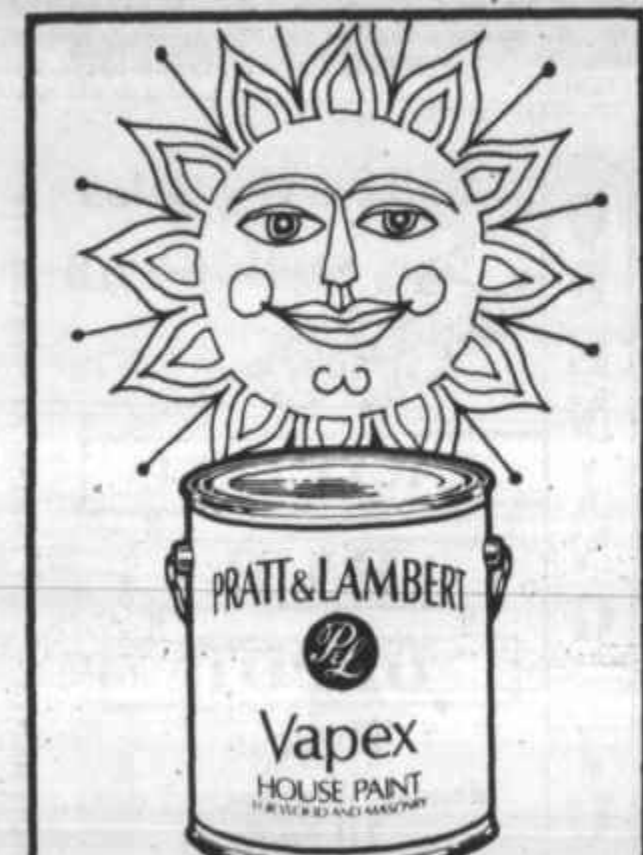
Another factor to consider in grass management is that about one-half of the roots of a plant die off each year and need to be replaced.

The best way to achieve proper grazing of grass on rangelands is to stock the livestock in numbers according to the available forage produced. Periods of rest from grazing are needed to allow new plants to start and develop. This will help to maintain a healthy and vigorous plant community.

Deferred grazing is another valuable way to improve all rangelands. It gives the land a rest for a period of time, such as three months each year during the heavy growing season.

This will promote natural revegetation by increasing the vigor of the grass stand and permit desirable plants to produce seed. It can provide a food reserve for fall and winter grazing or emergency use. It will improve the appearance of the range, and help prevent soil and water loss.

For assistance in determining range conditions, grass plant identifications, livestock stocking rates, and suggested systems of grazing, contact the personnel of the soil conservation service in Columbus, at 732-2773, or write P. O. Box, 778 in Columbus.



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The Reds

From left, front row, Coach Buddy Mascheck, Glaiser. Back row, Chad Sudorman, Shane Anton Clark, Noble Anderson, Todd Mascheck, Glaiser, Everett Ramirez, Robbie Klockman and Steven Polach, Eddie Strube, and Coach Gary Rodney Sosa.



Middle School annuals ready

Students of Eagle Lake Middle School may pick up their yearbooks this Thursday and Friday, according to principal Charles Abel.

He said the school library will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Best candy sales

Prizes were awarded Tuesday night for the best candy sales. From left is Bobby Wied, second place, winner of a stereo cassette portable radio for selling more than \$300 worth of candy; center is Todd Mascheck, first place, winner of a bicycle for selling more than \$400, and right is Amy Moore, third place, winner of a \$50 U.S. savings bond for selling more than \$150 worth. The candy sales by the Eagle Lake Little League is one of the major fund raising events for the youth sports program.

Style show and fellowship

Members of the Greater Rising Star Baptist Church gathered last Friday in the Community Center here for fellowship, dinner and a style show by the church's youth department. In these pictures, not only are the beautiful clothes shown, but the singing talents as well. The Rev. L. D. Spiller of Houston brought the message for the evening. The Rev. Ollie Scott, Sr., is pastor.



Dean's List
Gilbert C. Corella, of a 1981 graduate of Rice High School, has been placed on the University of Texas, College of Fine Arts, Dean's Honor List for the spring of 1983, according to a letter from the dean, J. Robert Willis.

He also won a \$250 award from the music department for creating a Dixieland Band that plays at school and for private functions.

Rice softball league prepares for tournament

Games on Tuesday and Thursday night of this week will conclude the round robin schedule for the Rice Area Men's Softball League as it prepares for its league tournament, which starts Monday night.

Duncan Ranch already has the round robin schedule in its pocket as it currently boasts an 8-0 record, two games better than its nearest foe with only one game left on its slate.

Winning the round robin gives Duncan Ranch one of two spots in the post-season playoffs to determine the league champion. The other spot will be earned by the winner of the league tournament. If Duncan Ranch also wins the tournament, the post-season playoff will be eliminated.

Parings for the tournament will be made according to how teams finish in the first round. So far, Duncan Ranch is the only

team to secure its spot. Action in the tournament opens Monday and will have the eighth place team playing the tenth place team at 7 p.m. The seventh and ninth place teams play at 8 p.m. and the fourth and fifth place teams start at 9 p.m. The final game of the night will start at 10 p.m. with the third and sixth place teams.

Duncan Ranch will play its first game at 7 p.m. Tuesday against the winner of the eighth and tenth place teams. The second place team will open play at 8 p.m. on Tuesday against the winner of the seventh and ninth place games. There will be four games played each night through Thursday with the final set for Friday at 8 p.m.

In games played during the past week, results include Yard Dogs beating Clod Busters, Duncan Ranch beating Cowboys, and Brewers beating M-G

Tire on Tuesday night. Thursday night, Bumper Crop won over Yard Dogs through a forfeit, the Clod Busters beat Devastation and the Federals topped the A's.

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Weekend home entered

A weekend home on Weishun Road was burglarized sometime between June 22 and July 1, according to a report by the Colorado County Sheriff's office.

The home, owned by Lloyd Helton, was entered when burglars broke a rear window, after they failed to enter through the front door.

Missing were a rifle, shot gun, hand gun, 18-inch color television, and miscellaneous jewelry and household items.



Tigers

From left, front row, Coach Jim Wiese, Laura Muzny, Keith Bendy, Coach Don Bendy and Coach Rodriguez, Reno Morales, Sebastian Munoz, Cam Roy Morales. Back row from left, Rebecca Marsalia, Christi Andell, Gregory Hernandez, Dede Valdez, Brandon Wiese, Carlos Gonzales and Darian Barrow. Not pictured is Ricky Rodriguez.

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