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Rice FFA sale, ride this Saturday

The annual Rice Future Farmers of America market calf and swine show and sale is Saturday at the high school show barn.

The annual Trail Ride will be conducted that morning, under the direction of Roy Van Nort.

He said that all riders and queen contestants should meet at the Sandy Creek Drive-In grocery before the riders leave at 8 a.m. They are scheduled to arrive at the school about 11:30 a.m.

Ron Roberts said there are 45 calves and 35 hogs to be sold on a market grade basis, with the auction to begin at 1:30 p.m. After the

auction, the animals may be resold for the new owners to the Columbus Livestock Market or the Hallettsville Livestock Commission, or if retained, they will be delivered by the FFA within 50 miles of the school.

Livestock judging will be from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday, with a barbecue scheduled at noon. The call showmanship contest will be at 11:30 a.m.

The public is welcome for the day. The show and sale is sponsored by the Lions Clubs in Garwood, Sheridan and Eagle Lake.

Airport 'may' get state aid

Representatives of several local organizations met here last week with the Texas Aeronautics Commission's airport development section to discuss changes and improvements the state is suggesting.

Until a meeting several months ago, to discuss air-

port development on a regional basis, the Eagle Lake airport was to be deleted from the state system. However, because many of the same local organizations testified at that Sealy meeting, it was reinstated.

Last Wednesday's session was an update on that reinstatement, with information on changes the city needs to make to keep the airport qualified.

Again, the state officials said they were impressed with the local support the airport here is receiving, which is the reason they put it back on the map.

The meeting last week outlined the local changes, as well as other improvements that might be possible with state money. However, state aid may be as many as four years away, since only \$2.9 million a year is available for such grants.

Dana L. Ryan, an airport development specialist with

the aeronautics commission, chaired the meeting with a commission engineer. City manager Robert Klockman assisted.

Among those attending were Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles; Ralph Truly, Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation; Fred Frnka and Larry Dulany, Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce; Mayor Elmer Struss and councilmen Alvin Kohleffel and Roy Van Nort; David Wintermann; T. Lang; Bill Harrison, Jr. and Travis Wegenhoft, First National Bank of Eagle Lake; Jimmy Thomas, and other.

To qualify for state assistance, Ryan outlined several problems his agency identified:

The state feels that the east-west runway (parallel to the city limits and Airline Drive) should become a taxiway only.

Vehicle access to the runway and taxiway areas must be blocked. Obstructions at the north end of the north-south runway need to be removed. And, through some fencing and gate arrangement, the airport needs to be separated from the residential area.

Although there is some cost to those items, it will have to be paid by the city to qualify for its state rating.

In a written development plan the commission gave to the city, \$250,000 in improvements were outlined, but some of those included purchasing land already owned by the city. Other items mentioned were the fencing, extending the usable runway by 200 feet, and rebuilding or preserving the existing paved areas.

The industrial foundation believes the airport is integral to development of its manufacturing park land on FM 3013, very near the airport. The chamber told Ryan that the facility is crucial to the city's annual fall goose hunting economy, and Lang said that it is not rare when his company, Eagle Tractor, delivers parts to the airport for flight to its distant customers.

More than likely, an application will be made to the state for funding, perhaps for as much as \$250,000. Such grants already have been made for 1984. This application would be considered for 1985, but it will be in competition with the 300 other such airports around the state. If and when granted, it would be on a local matching basis, with the city providing 75 percent of the request, and the state providing the remaining 25 percent. The local portion does not have to be in all cash, as local services and materials already available may be included.

Ryan told the group that the state is classifying the Eagle Lake airport as a basic service facility. The airport in Columbus is classed as a commercial service facility, which is a slightly higher rating. Sealy has applied to the federal government to fund an air-



Airport plans were discussed last Wednesday in the Municipal Building. Facing the audience are two representatives of the Texas Aeronautics Commission, and city manager Robert Klockman. Local officials heard state suggestions for improvements, and how to apply for state aid.

Stiles on Texas council

Bill Stiles, precinct four commissioner and one of 18 members of the new Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for Texas, said the group met in Austin last Friday for its first session.

Several hundred people attended the first meeting, held in the state Board of Health building. It was their opportunity to present problems pertaining to their section of Texas.

Stiles will serve for two years, and may be called on to meet four times per year to help advise the state board of health on ambulance service issues as they arise. Other members of the council represent medical, legal, educational and technical fields, as well as city government.

The last legislature approved a bill calling for the council, with two of the 18 members to be representative of county government. The other representative is Judge George Briant of Dalhart. The council will formulate qualifications of personnel, procedures and rules to be used in upgrading

emergency medical services.

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Local group tells state: Steel shot is bad

Eight local men associated with the waterfowl hunting industry in the Eagle Lake area testified last Thursday in Beaumont at a state legislative hearing on the effects of steel shot on the hunting season which just ended.

Man for man, including Bill Appelt, they told the legislators that steel shot was as detrimental to the birds as it was to the businesses.

The session was held to assess the effects of the first season of steel shot on the Gulf Coast, and to give local hunters and local conservationists the opportunity to tell their stories. Biologists presented facts about studies, and hunters related their experiences.

The eight from Eagle Lake who testified were Johnny Meitzen, Marvin Tyler, John Fields, Jimmy Thomas, Wayne Corman, Clifton Tyler, Appelt and Doug Schwemm.

Meitzen said the hunters in the room almost unanimously told the group steel shot was more detrimental to the birds, because of what they felt was a much greater increase in the incidence of crippling. Such birds often do not recover, but are not retrievable by the hunters. Steel shot was implemented because it is felt the lead that birds ingested was a greater threat to their life because of lead poisoning.

Appelt, who throughout the season remained

positive about steel shot "right up to the dying end," told the committee he had done so to see what the results would be as compared to lead. As the season opened, he told the committee, "We said look, this may be a hard pill to swallow and a lemon, but let's make lemonade out of it."

However, his experience has shown him that at 30 yards or less... it is very effective, if they are coming in and in a concentrated area. But if you are out in the field, where shooting is more difficult than any other shooting you may have done, Appelt said "I think we need a little bit more knockdown than what the steel provides us. We

Chamber names committees; chairmen to call meetings

Committee assignments for 1984 have been made for the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, according to Larry Dulany, president.

He has asked that each committee chairman meet with members, and present a report at the next chamber meeting, February 20 at The Sportsman's Restaurant.

The chamber board of directors always meets on the third Monday of each month, except in January when the annual banquet is held.

"Our success this year will depend in large part on the active participation of each individual committee working as a team to make Eagle Lake a 'better community.'"

Committees, their chairmen and their members are:

- Industrial and agricultural development, Bill Harrison Sr. and Ralph Truly, co-chairmen; Bill Harrison Jr., T. Lang, Mark Anderson, Joe L. McCree and Vance Duncan.
- Finance and budget, Melody Grigar, chairman; Sandra Rodgers, Don Frnka, Bob Klockman and Emily Stiles.
- Recreation and youth safety, Jeff Frnka, chairman; Brock Ashby, Willard Lange, Mike Grigar, Jim Nachlinger, Becky Anderson and Anna Mae Wiese.
- Housing, Travis Wegenhoft, chairman; Lloyd Spalinger and O. J. Peroul.
- Public relations, John Fearing, chairman; Don Bandy, Helyn Farris, Bill Appelt and Doug Schwemm.
- Float and Christmas lighting, Bob Klockman, chairman; T. J. Smith, Bob McInteer, Alvin Kohleffel and Charles Garrett.
- Banquet, Kate Spalinger, chairman; Melody Grigar, Wanda Center, Connie Gertson and Anna Mae Wiese.
- Membership, Jack Harrell, chairman; Maxine Griffith, Liz Waddell, Dorothy Kohleffel, Bennie Miller and Bruce Hicks.
- Streets and civic improvement, Roy Dean Van Nort, chairman; Jim Wood, Wayne Lipperdt, Beverly Marquart, Harold Thomas and Sam Thompson.
- Health, Dr. Steve Edwards, chairman; Les Ethers and doctors Russell Thomas, Jose Ugarte, Rose Roque more, Curtis Laughlin and Karen Eurs.
- Transportation, T. Lang, chairman; Dan Thornton, Billy J. Williams, Willard Lange, Kenneth Abel, Louis Grigar and Mark Anderson.
- Special events, Larry Dulany, chairman; Elmer Struss, Joe Duncan, Somy Spanihel, Sammy Tise, Elbe Thomas, Helyn Farris, Carl Seashoim, Bill Appelt, Jo Ann Mahalitic and Phyllis Thomas.
- Retail trade development, Fred Frnka, chairman; Walter Lee Bauer, Bob Wilcox, Joe Duncan, Joe Reed, Jo Ann Mahalitic and Charles Spalinger.
- Welcome committee, Larry Dulany, chairman; Fred Frnka, Don Bandy, Jo Ann Mahalitic and Candy McCree.
- Roy Dean Van Nort is the chamber's representative to Revitalize Eagle Lake, Inc.

Methodist Church revival to begin Sunday

Sunday, February 5 through Wednesday, February 8, Dr. Paul S. Rees will be preaching at the United Methodist Church beginning with the Sunday morning service at 10:55 and each evening at 7:30. He is an international preacher, Bible teacher and author, speaking in more than sixty countries.

Men's breakfasts will be held at 7 a.m. and ladies' luncheons at 11:30 a.m.

A nursery will be provided at the luncheons and all services during the revival.

A reception for Dr. and Mrs. Rees will follow the Sunday evening service.

The Rev. Charles Runk, pastor of United Methodist Church and the



Dr. Paul S. Rees

congregation feel very fortunate to have Dr. and Mrs. Rees here for the special services and invite the public to hear this outstanding speaker.

Rodeo tickets to be available

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo ticket trailer will be in Columbus this Saturday morning, February 4 from 10 to noon at Potter's Western Store on Hwy. 71.

Twenty-one stars will perform at this year's Rodeo: February 22, Wayne Jennings and Lacy J. Dalton; February 23, Ray Price and John Conlee; February 24, Anne Murray; February 25, matinee and evening, Merle Haggard and Sylvia; February 26,

matinee and evening, The Oak Ridge Boys; February 27, Gladys Knight and the Pips and The Commodores; February 28, Colorado County Night, Roy Clark and Lee Greenwood; February 29, Janie Fricke and George Strait; March 1, Conway Twitty and T. G. Sheppard; March 2, Larry Gatlin; March 3, matinee and evening, Charley Pride and Reba McEntire; March 4, matinee and evening, Eddie Rabbitt and Crystal Gayle.

The Weimar High School Band will perform before the Rodeo on February 28, Colorado County Night. A bus will be available again this year. Bus tickets can be purchased at County Judge Lester Cranek's office.

Doris Thomas to continue insurance

Mrs. W. M. (Doris) Thomas, Jr. will continue the operation of the W. M. Thomas, Jr. Insurance Agency just as she and her husband had done in the past.

The agency is located at 411 North Mills Street and offers complete insurance services. The office is located in her home and may be reached by calling 234-2619.

1984 rice contracts

Rice farmers that may be interested in contracting their 1984 rice crop are asked to meet at the American Rice Growers office in Eagle Lake on Monday, February 6, at 10 a.m.

Contracts will be discussed at this meeting, according to Donald Obenhaus, manager. For further information, call the American Rice Growers office at 234-2661.

BUZZIN'

ABOUT TOWN

KC's to sell BBQ chicken this Sunday

The Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus will sell barbecued chicken this Sunday (and every first Sunday of the month). You must reserve your orders in advance by calling Andrew Harbich at 234-5324 during the day or Chuck Stephens at 234-5340 at night. Orders must be placed by noon the Saturday before the first Sunday of the month.

The chickens will be sold for \$3.50 for a whole chicken and must be picked up between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the K. C. Hall on Pendleton Street.

*The Eagle Lake Headlight is reminding the citizens of Eagle Lake they welcome any local news. If you have something you would like to put in the paper mail it in or bring it by. Our office is located at 220 East Main.

*Happy birthday wishes are extended to Christopher and Michael Toliver, sons of Floyd and Vivian Toliver, February 1.

*The committee holding the hearings has the power to instruct the Texas Parks and Wildlife department to change back to lead shot, but it will not convene until October, after this fall's hunting rules are set.

Therefore, the steel shot zone will continue for the Eagle Lake area, unless the parks and wildlife department changes the rule. "That's not likely," one who attended the session said.

Johnny Meitzen said he felt that if steel shot wasn't repealed, it probably would be mandated state-wide.

Other hearings on the issue probably will be held this year.

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Rice meeting Thursday

The annual Texas Rice Council meeting will be held Thursday, February 2, at 10 a.m. in the Shamrock Hilton in Houston.

Jack Wendt, council president, urges all rice farmers and their spouses, and others in the industry, to attend.

The speaker will be a member of the Foreign Agriculture Service from the USDA.

*Valentine's Day is February 14 and the deadline to get your love lines into The Headlight is February 7. Surprise the one you love by making your own love line.