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Old farm equipment on display

A collection of old farm implements, from walking plows to animal-drawn planters that the Prairie Edge Museum recently received will give area residents and visitors the opportunity to see the historical development of the agriculture industry's equipment.

Thanks to M.L. Randall of Houston, old family friends of Helms and Bill Farris, the equipment has been moved to the museum here from a ranch near Madisonville. Mr. Randall, long-time friend of Mrs. Farris' parents, has loaned the implements and many other items because of his interest in the preservation of farm heritage.

Randall has stayed at the Farris 1912 since it was opened, and returns each year to enjoy goose hunting in the area. When he sold his ranch, Helms suggested the materials be stored and used here. He agreed, and the museum board, especially Rollin Baker, knew it would be one of the most important collections the museum has received. Not only will the material help show how farming tools developed, but so much of it is especially relevant to the Rice Prairie farming area here in Colorado County.

Baker was speaking of such things like an old cane press, and old drag harrows, Promos and Slips. Those were used for earth moving, whether it be road building, or in the case of this area, building irrigation canals. The "enjoyable" problem now, Baker said, is finding volunteers to help clean the equipment and develop ideas on how it can be shown. "We always need volunteers," said Louis Schorlemmer, museum board chairman. Volunteers can call him at Rice Industries, or call Bill Harrison Sr. at home.

Harrison has done much of the carpentry work in the museum, such as building many of the display cases.

Some of the other items from the Randall Collection include old mining and smelting equipment that may have been used in gold mining. About a half-mile of mine-car rail track was brought here. Several wood-burning heating stoves, animal-drawn mowers, and cultivators also were brought here.

"It is rare that a museum obtains old equipment like this that is in such good condition," Baker said. The mowers and cultivators, for instance, still have their wooden tongues and harness hooks.

One of the most visually exciting group of pieces include tools, shop equipment and a blacksmithing forge, that could be set up in the future in for live demonstrations.

Just to get the materials back to Eagle Lake took a hard day's effort. T. Lang and Ted Brunner both loaned a truck and driver, and others, including Schorlemmer, made the trip to Madisonville on Friday, February 15.

The museum volunteers recently finished painting a room behind the main showroom, and redecorating and furnishing the ladies lounge. Mrs. Marian Bennett opens the museum to the public on Saturday and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Group tours can be arranged, and many school students already have seen the displays.



Rollin Baker, Bill Harrison Sr., and Louis Schorlemmer appear buried amid a sea of walking plows at the Prairie Edge Museum. Thanks to M.L. Randall of Houston, the museum recently received a large quantity of old farm implements.

Law veteran is promoted

At age 80, and after nearly 40 years in police service, some people may think the time for retirement is long past. Not so for Bill Chavis, who recently was promoted to sergeant in the Eagle Lake Police Department.

He will be 81 years old come April 25, and on June 19 will have been in law enforcement in Colorado County for 40 years. He's received many awards during those four decades, and one of the most recent ones was from the Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus.

"I have no plan to quit," Chavis said last week. "This is my town and I helped make it. The only time I'll let it alone is when I go to the grave."

While healthy now, Chavis said he was worried about the future when he was sick last March. "I pulled through though," he said.

With a history of service stretching back four decades, Chavis has seen a lot, and has his share of stories. The ad dible in law-enforcement repair, in fact, he said, he was on his way to Columbus to pick up a mower belonging to Homer Koliba. The two worked together many years ago as grand jury bailiffs.

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Lakeside water rates lowered for farmers

The cost of rice irrigation water was lowered here last week for LCRA's Lakeside Division customers, and increased in its Gulf Coast division. The 6.5 LCRA board vote raised the inequality in water prices the river authority charged customers of the two divisions last year.

For Lakeside customers, the cost of first crop water has been reduced by \$6.50 per acre to \$52.50 per acre, from \$59. In the Gulf Coast division, the rate was increased \$8.50 per acre from \$44 to \$52.50. Other irrigation rates for the season remain unchanged. Last year, the Lakeside division made a profit of about \$240,000, and the Gulf Coast division lost about that much.

While the board vote last Thursday (February 21) was close, the original rate structure suggested by LCRA's financial department was to leave the Lakeside rates unchanged, and increase the Gulf Coast rates to the \$59 per acre Lakeside charge.

In December, board members Jay Anderson representing Colorado County, and Bert Fisher of Bay City representing Matagorda County, started working on the rates that were adopted Thursday. As the board was approached, members of the Lakeside division advisory committee made their opinions known to the LCRA board's public resources committee.

Those members include Mark Anderson, Lonnie Sommerlatte, Vic Corman Jr., James Hlavinka and Vernon Gertsen. The advisory committee met in Austin with the board committee on February 15. At another board committee meeting held Wednesday, February 20, Mark Anderson and Hlavinka attended again.

Logo design
entries sought

Entries are being sought for the design of a logo to be used for the Colorado County sesquicentennial celebration plans, according to Emily Stiles, contest chairman.

Deadline for submission of entries is March 15 (postmark), with the winning entry announced March 20. The design will be used on such items as bumper stickers and T-shirts promoting the county. The sesquicentennial is the 150th anniversary of the Texas declaration of independence from Mexico in 1836. The county committee is coordinating celebration activities on the local level.

Anyone living in Colorado County may enter the contest, with each person allowed to submit only one entry. The entry must be on plain white 8.5 by 11 inch paper, with the entrant's name, address, school affiliation (if any) and telephone number on the backside. Entries should be mailed flat, not folded, to Mrs. Stiles, P.O. Box 638, Eagle Lake, 77404, or delivered to the H&R Block income tax preparation office in Eagle Lake.

The county sesquicentennial committee reserves the right not to make a final decision if no entry is acceptable, and to select any entries it selects for suitable reproduction.

Bingo audit
being studied

Tighter regulation of bingo gaming may result from a bill adopted in the Texas Senate last week, according to state senator Kent Caperton of Bryan.

The bill establishes auditing procedures that will make it easier for the state comptroller to verify bingo prizes.

At that meeting, Anderson said, state representatives Robert Saunders of LaGrange and Tom Uher of Bay City urged support of the rates that were adopted. Without their commitment, Anderson said, the rates may not have been adopted. The 6.5 board vote included two abstentions.

The river irrigates about 20 percent of the rice acreage in

Colorado. Wharton and Matagorda counties. Not all irrigation applications have been made to the Lakeside division for the 1985 growing season, but it is estimated that 23,000 to 26,000 acres will be watered. Last year there were 25,600 acres irrigated. Had the lower rate been in effect at that time, farmers here would have been charged nearly \$167,000 less.

She even mentioned the morning gathering of Rice farmers, but failed to identify anyone. She does detail Doug's experience with Marriott Hotel, and that Janie is a native of Eagle Lake.

Lions plan mop, broom sale

Area Lions Clubs have scheduled their annual mop and broom sale. The Garwood club will hold its sale on Wednesday, March 6, and the Eagle Lake club will hold its sale on Thursday, March 7. The Garwood members will have their items at the

Garwood Lions Club hall from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and also sell door-to-door in the Garwood and Nada areas. The Eagle Lake Lions will have their sale for the same hours, in front of the city municipal building. Telephone orders will be accepted at 234-2180.

Clean up and donate!

Spring is the time for the annual home and office cleaning, and now is time to donate any saleable items to the Prairie Edge Museum.

The museum has scheduled another garage sale for March 8 and 9, and needs items to sell. If you have items to donate, the building is open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. most mornings, and on Saturday, Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Anything will be accepted for sale, such as clothing, jewelry, furniture, used appliances and housewares. Proceeds from the museum's garage sales are used to help with operating expenses.

'Lifeline Week' is on agenda

Eagle Lake Pilot Club will host Lifeline Week, March 17-24. Festivities begin with an "Open House" at the Community Center and conclude

Mrs. Burke recovering 'nicely'

Mrs. Marian Burke of Eagle Lake is reportedly recovering "nicely" after open heart surgery last Friday at Houston's Methodist Hospital.

She expects to return home later this week.

Lissie prayer service slated

World Day of Prayer services will be held in the Lissie United Methodist Church this Friday, March 1 beginning with office at 9:30 a.m. and the service at 10 a.m. This is an open invitation to anyone of any faith.

World Day of Prayer is a commitment to the part of participants to become personally involved in the peacemaking process — as individuals and as families within their communities, their nation and the world.

Action. Written by Christian women of India, it calls people the world over to gather for the 96th consecutive year to circle the globe in prayer for peace and to actively become peacemakers.

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ON DIET COKE, TAB, SPRITE, SUGAR FREE SPRITE, CAFFEINE FREE COKE, CAFFEINE FREE DIET COKE, CAFFEINE FREE TAB, SODAS ON DIET SODAS

REFRESHING
Coca-Cola
\$1.69
6 PACK
12 OZ.
CANS

REGULAR OR LIGHT
Lone Star Beer
\$4.39
12 PACK
12 OZ.
CANS

FROZEN
True Value Grape Juice
69¢
12 OZ.
CAN

STICKS OR FILLETS
Gorton's Crunchy Fish
\$1.99
12 OZ.
PKG.

QUARTERED
Fleischmann's Margarine
99¢
1 LB.
PKG.

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4 VARIETIES, TOP RAMEN			
Soup Mixes	3 OZ. PKG. WAS .33	NOW .31	
IN OIL OR WATER, CHICKEN OF THE SEA LIGHT			
Chunk Tuna	6.5 OZ. CAN. WAS .99	NOW .95	
8.5 OZ. BOXES, TEXSUN ORANGE JUICE			
Brik Pak	3 PACK. WAS \$1.19	NOW \$1.09	
B & M			
Baked Beans	18 OZ. CAN. WAS \$1.27	NOW \$1.23	
KOZY KITTEN COUNTRY OR SWEET SEA			
Cat Food	4 LB. BAG. WAS \$1.89	NOW \$1.89	
PARSONS' SUDS OR LEJON			
Ammonia	28 OZ. BTL. WAS .63	NOW .59	
HORMEL VIENNA			
Sausage	5 OZ. CAN. WAS .59	NOW .55	
CHICKEN, BACON, LIVER OR BEEF, JERKY			
Dog Treats	3 OZ. PKG. WAS \$1.23	NOW \$1.23	
SUPER SUDS			
Detergent	147 OZ. BOX. WAS \$4.89	NOW \$4.89	
ASSORTED FORMULAS, VOS			
Hair Spray	8 OZ. WAS \$2.29	NOW \$2.79	
ADHESIVE CURITY FLEXIBLE			
Bandages	30 CT. BOX. WAS \$2.24	NOW \$2.17	
MICROWAVEABLE GOLDEN VALLEY BLUEBERRY			
Pancakes	17.2 OZ. BOX. WAS \$1.89	NOW \$1.79	
FROZEN CRANBERRY			
Welch's Juice	12 OZ. CAN. WAS \$1.51	NOW \$1.51	
TROPICANA PREMIUM CHILLED			
Orange Juice	64 OZ. CTN. WAS \$2.49	NOW \$2.33	
SQUEEZE BOTTLE, FLEISCHMANN'S			
Margarine	12 OZ. BTL. WAS \$1.13	NOW \$1.13	
8.5 OZ. BOXES, TEXSUN GRAPEFRUIT JUICE			
Brik Pak	3 PACK. WAS \$1.07	NOW .97	

New library hours planned

New hours have been established for the David and Edna Winterman Library here. According to the board, the library will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Holidays to be observed include those on the Chamber of Commerce suggested holiday list, as well as all day Christmas Eve. The new hours were adopted by the library board at its February 11 meeting.

Eagle Lake man loses eye

Leo Miller, 22, of the 700 block of C Street, involved in a fight Sunday night, lost the use of his left eye. According to police records, the fight occurred just after 6 p.m. in the

300 block of Boothe Drive. Miller was taken to Herman Hospital in Houston, where his eye was surgically removed. Police said an arrest will be made in the case.



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