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Higgins named to position with El Campo PCA

Richard (Rick) L. Higgins has been appointed senior agricultural loan officer with the local farm credit organization, El Campo Production Credit Association. Higgins will be involved with business development and responsible for administrative and field credit service to the association's member-borrowers served by the El Campo branch office.

A native of Eagle Lake, Higgins finished high school at Rice Consolidated in Colorado County. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1975 with a BS in Agricultural Economics. While at Texas A&M, Higgins was a member of the Corps of Cadets and was selected to honorary membership in the Rice Volunteer Company during his junior and senior years.

Prior to accepting the position at El Campo PCA, Higgins served for two years as vice president-loan officer with North



Texas Production Credit Association at Sulphur Springs. His previous experience also involves several years of rice farming and cattle production with his father, Frank A.

Three companies fined for well plugging violation

The Railroad Commission fined three companies for violations of Commission well plugging rules.

A \$500 administrative penalty was levied on the Wirt Davis Trusts of Dallas for failure to plug a well on the Wirt Davis Estate lease in Liberty County. Commission records show the well was inactive for several years, violating Commission rules which require well operators to bring back into production or properly plug wells which have not been operated in more than 90 days.

Hexagon Oil and Gas, Inc. of Ft. Worth received two \$500 administrative penalties for failure to plug or produce a well on the A.T. Walker lease and another on the Lorenzo Manzanera leases, both in Colorado County. The wells were inactive and unplugged from Sept. 1984 through February of this year.

Another \$500 penalty was levied against A.J. & M. Oil Co. of Pearland for failure to plug a well on the Sheeran lease in Fayette County. Commission records show the well was inactive from 1984 through December 13 of that year when it was finally plugged.

All of the companies agreed to the penalties.

As part of the Farm Credit System, El Campo PCA is a farmer-rancher owned credit corporation that now annually extends over \$75 million of short and intermediate term agricultural credit in a local seven-county area.

Dwight Peschel new assistant district attorney

Dwight Peschel has been appointed new assistant district attorney. Peschel replaces Paul Finley who has served as assistant district attorney since 1977.

Peschel is a native of Columbus and graduated from Columbus High School in 1966. He graduated from Texas Lutheran College in Seguin in 1970 and married the former Judy Womble of Seguin. He attended Texas Tech School of Law in Lubbock and graduated in 1975. Since 1976 he has been in private practice in Rosenberg and Westerholm of Seguin.

Supporters of semipro baseball, especially the families and friends of the Hall of Famers are invited to attend this reunion.

Soil Conservation News

Cropland erosion in the U.S. is concentrated on a proportion of the land. In 1977, for example, 43 percent of the total tonnage of sheet and rill (rain caused) erosion occurred on only 6 percent, or 25 million acres, of total cropland.

Soil Conservation News

Where does all the water go? There is no question that water will be in greater demand in the future.

The Soil Conservation Service provides assistance to irrigation farmers in planning ways to improve the management of irrigation water.

Water is increasingly becoming more important even in this area where there is an abundance of water. Cities, industry and farmers are all competing for available water. Some time in the future waste

Asphaltic concrete pavement overlay in county

A pre-construction meeting was held April 4 at the State Department of Highways and

Public Transportation office in Wharton to discuss plans for the placing of an asphaltic concrete pavement overlay on portions of two area highways.

The Dean Word Company of New Braunfels was the low bidder at \$1,494,433.90 for this work, which includes State Highway 90 in Wharton County from Lane City, south to the Matagorda county line, a distance of six miles, and State Highway 71 in Colorado County from Alamo, south to Farm-to-Market 333, a distance of 10.3 miles.

C.E. Schulz, resident engineer in charge of construction from Wharton, said, "The proposed asphaltic concrete pavement overlay will provide a better riding surface, improve anti-skid qualities of the pavement and extend the useful life of this highway."

Work on this project, which has been allotted 190 working days, is expected to begin soon.

Land leveling to conserve water in our county today, water is probably the most critical. Agriculture today is largely dependent on water. Its quantity and quality determines if agriculture can expand or if acreages must be reduced. Along the Texas Gulf Coast, surface water supplies are presently adequate to meet rice producers requirements but, future availability of such supplies remain uncertain. Rice producers today are

paying more and more for irrigation water due to increasing pumping cost and competition for water from urban and industrial users. In order for rice producers to turn a profit, they must lower production cost and/or increase crop yields. Water cost for those who pay for water on a volume basis, can be lowered by improving water management and applying water conservation practices, such as land leveling, achieving uniform slopes and even depths of water on rice land. A well planned irrigation system normally involves leveling to achieve uniform slopes and even depths of water on rice land. A good irrigation system will improve drainage, reduce the time it takes to perform most farming operations and provide uniform cuts between levees.

Access roads to the field are also very important. The roads should be planned to provide easy access to the irrigator. Structures which control water should be planned by the road if at all possible. The irrigator is more likely to make the needed changes in water flow if it is easy. This is simply human nature.

Contact the Soil Conservation Service or your local Soil and Water Conservation District for technical assistance in planning and designing an irrigation system.

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The use of multiple inlets can also cut water cost for rice producers. In conventional systems, water is turned into the high cut and run through the entire field. With the use of multiple inlets, producers can 1) control irrigation water cut by cut, 2) decrease evaporation losses, and 3) lower time required for flushing and flooding up. Then if we go to the most efficient delivery system, we wind up with an underground pipeline delivery system with outlets in each cut. This would be even more efficient due to less seepage and evaporation losses. Also, underground pipelines require less land; therefore, acreages could be increased. Production cost also could be lowered because of less labor required on this type of system.

3rd grade Easter egg roll winners

The winners of the annual 3rd grade Easter egg roll contest are: Frederick Beth, Ray Gutierrez, La Wanda Alley, Jason Jones, Corey Farrow, Shawn Johnson, Selva Zarate, Rhonda Satsky. These children were able to roll their egg across the line without breaking the shell.

Area III Special Olympics track and field meet held

Remembering the Special Olympics motto, "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt," the Area III Special Olympics Track and Field Meet was held on Saturday, March 30 at the Columbus High School track in Columbus. Participating among 106 athletes from eight different schools were 15 athletes from the Eagle Lake Primary and Middle schools. This combined team, the Eagle Lake Raiders, pooled their efforts for a total of 42 ribbons.

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Participants from Primary School were: James Lewis, Loretta Sims, James Santos, Demont Holloway and Kevin



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To exchange vows June 29

Patti Nell New and Rodney William Nolte are pleased to announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Patti is the daughter of Mrs. Eunice New and the late Baker New of Searles, and Rodney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nolte Sr. of Westhoff.

The bride-elect is a 1977 graduate of Rice High School and is employed by Shell Oil Company in Houston.

The prospective groom is a 1979 graduate of Cuero High School and is employed by Weimar Meat Market in Weimar.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, June 29 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Westhoff.

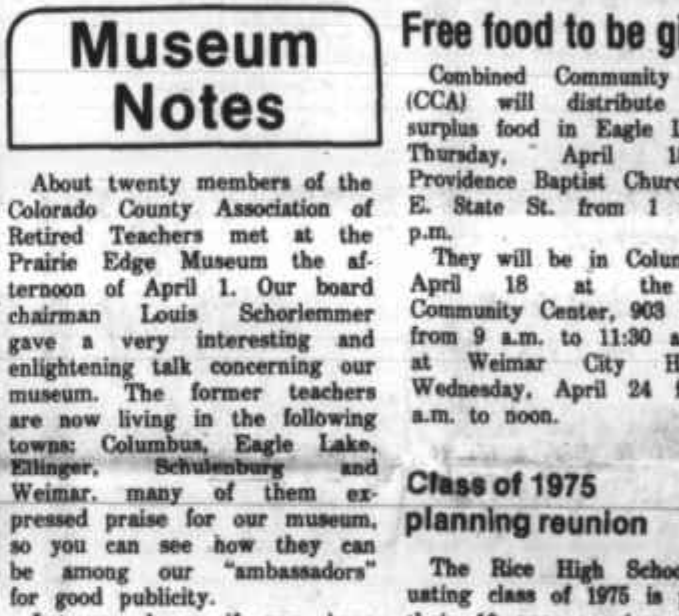
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4-H News
 By Veronica Humdi County Extension Agent

4-H is many things

4-H is a unique youth development program. Here are a few reasons why:

- 4-H is real-life experiences. It is learning how to do jobs and make decisions that are important in life.
- 4-H is a family affair. There is a place for all members in the family to participate. 4-H reaches and influences others (friends, parents, brothers and sisters) through the boys and girls that participate.
- 4-H is flexible. Programs are adopted to fit any individual, any home, and any community. That is part of the fun.
- 4-H is working with others. Learning to stand up for what you believe and learning to work with others are important to each person. Early practice in making both personal and group decisions builds for the future. 4-H encourages members to explore and decide on possible steps which they will follow.
- 4-H provides for ownership. Growing, making, caring for, buying and selling are included. Each project "belongs" to the 4-H members.
- 4-H is based on science and fact. The resources of Texas A&M University, business, industry and your community are used in developing and carrying out projects and activities.

For more information on 4-H, contact the County Extension office at 723-0694.

AstroWorld's senior night to feature the Bar-Kays

High school seniors will be dandied by the energetic band, the Bar-Kays, one of two bands featured at AstroWorld's annual senior night Friday, April 19, from 6 p.m. to 4 a.m. Tickets for senior night may be purchased in advance at any Houston-area County Bond or Sound Warehouse. For additional ticket information call 713-795-1243.

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