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Area farmers have personal rep in federal ag programs

When it comes to the administration of the massive federal farm programs that have impacted the agriculture industry for the past 55 years, Harold Thomas of Eagle Lake is Colorado County's direct representative.

Thomas is chairman of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service committee for Texas, the largest ASCS office in the federal program. From that seat, Thomas said last week the local rice growers know someone represents their interests.

At the same time, he has a view of agriculture unobtainable by most local growers. From that view he said he sees a change in farming for the future, but not the wholesale doom and gloom reported in other media. "In plain, down to Earth language it may be survival of the fittest," he said, adding that "in order to be able to survive and stay in business, farmers will have to operate more efficiently."

Priorities are going to be different. The big push for the next two or three years is going to be on exports to find some new customers, not just for rice but for all commodities, to get rid of the glut. "To go along with that, we are going to have to use a little restraint and keep production down to a minimum until we work this thing (surplus) off. If we can get the value of the dollar

lower, without upsetting the balance, it will be easier for our foreign trading partners to work with us again. It (the dollar) is so high now in fact, that no one will trade with us unless it is a last resort," he said.

Future farm picture
As chairman or member of the state ASCS committee, Thomas said, a lot of time is devoted to reading state and federal publications, and all types of farm periodicals. That makes you stay rather alert, he said. From some of that reading he understands that some economists are predicting a slight increase in the value of commodities, perhaps in the

Board, officers elected

Work on future continues

Three new directors were elected last Thursday to the board of the Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation as the 46-member group held its annual membership and board of directors meeting.

Members also discussed attracting prospects for establishing new businesses in its 50-acre tract on FM 3013, re-elected the same officers for its new year, and discussed applications for grants through the HGAC to build a city street from FM 3013 to Airline Drive. The street would enhance the property, president Bill Harrison Jr. told board members who agreed the street should be pursued.

New directors are Johnny Mettsen, John Peering and John Thomas. They will serve three-year terms and they replace retiring directors Ralph Truly, William H. Harrison Sr. and Mark Anderson. A fourth director will be elected in the future to replace Fred Franks who said he wants to step down from the board. The officers are Harrison, president; Truly, vice-president, and Travis Wegenhoft, secretary-treasurer.

Opening the membership meeting at 2:30 p.m., Harrison welcomed Jim Wood of S&W Assoc. as the foundation's newest shareholder and member. Later in the meeting, Wood talked how the foundation was attracting industrial prospects. "Any way we can," was one comment, since the foundation has not established a marketing plan per se. It has depended on referrals from Central Power and Light's industrial development group, from the state economic development commission, and from local sources.

Harrison told the 17 members at the meeting that the executive committee accepted a proposal from PR&R, a Houston public relations and research firm represented at the meeting by George Ferguson of Eagle Lake, who is a partner in the firm with Phillip Ferguson. The firm has agreed to promote the

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Man charged in marijuana plane case

A man thought to be the pilot of an airplane found in Eagle Lake two weeks ago with 1,000 pounds of marijuana was arrested late last Friday and charged with aggravated possession of marijuana.

Jimmie Norjay Ellard, 39, former police officer in Fort Bend County, was arrested in Woodville, Texas, after a joint investigation by the Colorado County sheriff's department,

Eagle Lake police department and Texas Ranger Ray Nutt. In a prepared statement, Sheriff Jim Broussard said "evidence obtained allowed officers to trace the subject, believed to be the pilot of the airplane, to Woodville, resulting in one arrest to date."

Ellard was transported back to Colorado County Friday night, and lodged in the county jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

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File exemptions if necessary

The Colorado County central appraisal district would like to remind taxpayers of the April 30 deadline for filing rendition and exemption applications.

All forms are available at the appraisal district office on the first floor of the courthouse in Columbus. They can be mailed on request, chief appraiser Bill Youens said Monday.

Property that qualified in 1984 for open space agriculture valuations, disabled veterans exemptions, disabled persons exemptions and homestead exemptions need not apply in 1985 unless there has been a

change. Such exemptions will be carried forward from 1984. However, new owners of land and residences that qualify should file a new exemption. In many cases, the tax savings can be substantial. A copy of "Taxpayers Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities" is available on request in Columbus. This booklet explains the property tax system in Texas. Please call the appraisal district office at (409) 752-8222 if there are any questions, Youens said. "It could very well be possible that a trip to our office is unnecessary," he added.

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A concert hymns and sacred music at Lissie United Methodist Church

The public is invited to hear two informal organ concerts at the Lissie United Methodist Church this Sunday, April 28 and on Thursday, May 2.

The church will be replacing its present organ and has arranged for Brook Mays and Organ Arts of Houston to each send out an organ for use on Sunday morning and then to have their own organist play a concert at another time to fully demonstrate the abilities of their instruments.

On Sunday morning, April 28, Allen Schmidt, church organist, will be playing a model 2000 Allen Organ from Brook Mays.

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Clouds, puddles reflect AprilFest

Last week's summer-like sunshine was replaced Saturday and Sunday by stormy weather, putting a damper on some AprilFest

activities. However, events were held, and the Mighty McDaniel Carnival played on.

Temple Thomas, Rachelle Hunt named top students

Temple N. Thomas was named as the valedictorian and Rachelle Hunt the salutatorian of the Rice High School class of 1985. The school also announced the eight other honor graduates of the class last week.

Temple is the son of Doris Thomas and the late W.M. Thomas, Jr., of Eagle Lake, and Rachelle is the daughter of Dale and Shirley Hunt of Garwood.

Other honor graduates, in alphabetical order, are: John Atkins, son of John and Nancy Atkins of Eagle Lake; Roberta Ann Garcia, daughter of Jose Garcia of Sheridan and Esella Garcia of Pleasanton; John Edward Harborth, son of Edward and Barbara Harborth of Eagle Lake; Mary Esther Hernandez, daughter of Joe and Angela Hernandez of Eagle Lake; Janice Lynn Hyek, daughter of Victor and Dorothy Hyek of Nade; Rebecca Meta Kutzer, daughter of Jim and Velma Kutzer of Sheridan; Michael Melburn Sibley, daughter of Martha and the Rev. J. Melburn Sibley of Eagle Lake; and Melissa Wilcox, daughter of Robert and Betty Wilcox of Eagle Lake.

Rachelle will attend Abilene Christian University this fall, majoring in mass communications or business. She too has won numerous awards during her high school career, and been a very active participant in school activities.

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