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Council

made. The federal grant the city used to build the sewer plant requires the city to enforce the leak-repair rules.

In another utility matter, council declined to sell to Eagle Lake Cable TV the names and addresses of city utility customers.

Council gave a favorable response to the application for a Criminal Justice Grant. The grant provides funds for another police officer and for the creation of a crime prevention program. The grant pays 75 percent of the estimated \$25,000 annual cost, the first year, 50 percent the second and 25 percent the third year.

In other business, council indicated it would adopt the official tax rate at its next meeting, August 27 at 7:30 p.m. The rate probably will be .27167.

Softball tournament during fair

The second annual Columbus Softball Association slowpitch softball tournament has been scheduled for September 13, 14 and 15. Plans include a men's tournament as well as a women's tournament.

The softball tournament has been scheduled during the 1985 Colorado County Fair, held annually in Columbus. Games will be played at the Columbus Softball Park, adjacent to the Colorado County Fair Grounds.

Entry fee is \$100 for men and \$85 for women. Tee shirts and trophies will be awarded to the winners of this double elimination, gold dot tournament. Umpires will be certified by ASA. Game balls will be furnished by the Columbus Softball Association.

Softball Association for all tournament games. Deadline for entry is Friday, August 30 at 6 p.m. Entry fee is due at this time in order to assure a place in the tournament.

Other events planned during the Colorado County Fair weekend include a parade, rodeo, carnival, livestock show, children's petting zoo, nightly bands, and canoe races. For additional information on the fair events contact George Purefoy, (409) 732-2366 in Columbus.

For more information on the softball tournament contact Rusty Neundorff or Curtis Schonenberg at Curtis Automotive Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at 732-2362.

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Landowners asked to feed doves

Closure of the four-day special white-winged dove hunting season next month is a sure sign that Texas populations of the popular game bird are in trouble, but Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials say there are steps landowners can take to help the birds recover.

The parks and wildlife commission last week voted to close the season because of low numbers of mature birds and poor nesting success caused by bad weather.

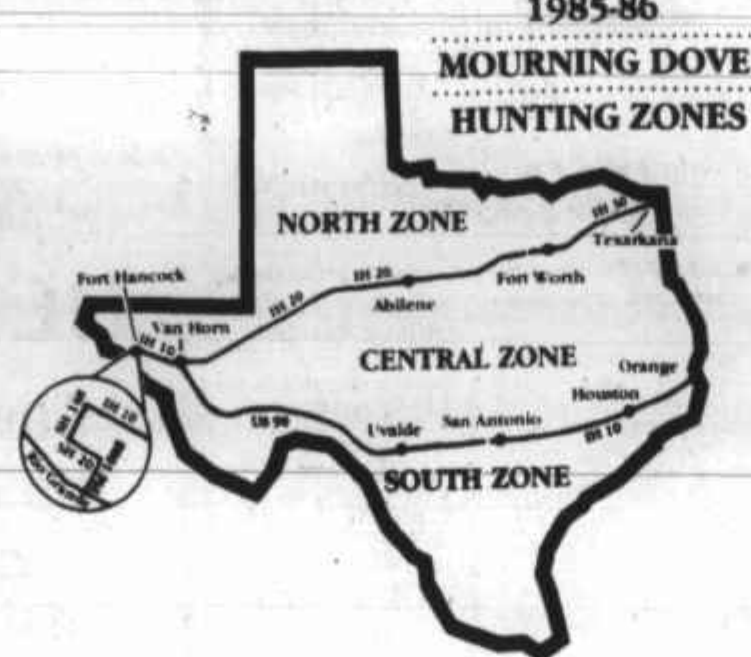
Biologist Gary Waggener of McAllen said Lower Rio Grande Valley area landowners who planted grain crops specifically for the hunting season or have left rows of unharvested grain in their fields could help conserve white-wings by leaving these grain crops in the fields through September if possible.

"White-winged doves tend to use the same general areas each year for feeding and nesting, moving only when the quality of food supplies or nesting cover deteriorates," said Waggener. "Therefore, grain left through September will not only serve to attract

doves this year, but will keep them coming back to the same fields when grain is planted in future years."

Another factor, Waggener said, is the white-winged hunting season in Mexico. "The season in Mexico opens in early August, so any additional food supplies left in the Lower Rio Grande Valley might keep at least a segment of the birds north of the Rio Grande during the heavy hunting period of August and September," Waggener said.

TPWD officials remind hunters that although special white-winged dove season has been closed this year, hunters statewide still may take two white-winged and two white-tipped doves per day as part of their 10-dove daily bag limit during the mourning dove season which opens September 20 in the South Zone, which includes the Colorado County area, and September 1 in the North and Central Zones. A \$5 white-winged dove stamp still will be required for taking white-wings. One fully-feathered wing must be left on all dressed doves in the South Zone.



Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service

Colorado County ASC Committee

The loan rate for commodities stored in Colorado County in an approved warehouse with a grade of No. 2 or better in corn, 2.82 per bushel and grain sorghum, 4.57 cwt.

The above is applicable if the farm is enrolled in the 1985 farm program.

Interest rates for commodity loans disbursed during the month of August is 7.75 percent per annum.

ACR Acreage

ACR acreage (see side) cannot be grazed in Colorado County from May 1, 1985 through September 30, 1985, according to Daniel C. Strech, county executive director for Colorado County ASCS office. In addition, no harvesting of crops (including hay) will be permitted for the entire year. Also, on ACR land weeds must be controlled in a timely manner. Failure to maintain ACR acreage is a violation of your contract.

If you have planted crops since the spring final reporting date June 15, you need to report these acreages now. In order for history to be maintained on the farm all summer seeded crops should be reported no later than September 16 at this office.

If you have acreages of crops that have failed or will not be harvested be sure to report to this office and file an ASCS-374 application for disaster credit to maintain history. Do this before

Fall softball leagues being formed; play begins September 4

The Columbus Softball Association is still taking team applications for its 1985 fall season of adult slowpitch softball. The fall leagues, which include men's and mixed leagues, are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, September 4 at the Columbus Softball Park.

Entry forms may be picked up at Curtis Automotive in Columbus, Monday through Saturday. Information also may be obtained at the Columbus Softball Park concession stand on week nights during the summer league games.

Deadline for entering the fall league is 6 p.m. this Friday, August 23. Entry fee for the men's league will be \$125 and \$100 for the mixed league and is due prior to the deadline.

Anyone wishing further information may contact Curtis Schonenberg or Rusty Neundorff at (409) 732-2362 at Curtis Automotive.

Arthur Garrett Flores Born here

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Flores announce the birth of a son, Arthur Garrett Flores, who was born August 13 at 6:23 a.m. at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Dr. Russell Thomas delivered the infant who weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces and measured 20 inches long.

He was welcomed home by sisters Lori, 15, and Amy, 11, and brother Adrian, 5. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Julian Flores Sr. of Eagle Lake and Mrs. and Mrs. Clarence Horndt of Garwood. His great grandmother is Mrs. Joe Stanek of Columbus. Mrs. Flores is the former Patricia Horndt.

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