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Fire ant battle rages on

The battle against the imported fire ant rages on — and it's an uphill battle. With earlier visions of eradication fading, the battle now seems to be one of containment. The pest, brought in from South America, now infests some 115 Texas counties. Its sting has a burning sensation and can be serious to hypersensitive people. Control products are abundant, says an entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and include mound treatments, baits and, of course, home remedies. All work differently and vary in cost, so an individual planning to do battle with fire ants should first evaluate the situation.

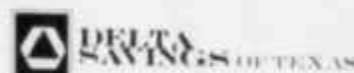
To eliminate the pests, control must be intensive and will be costly. If a reduction of mounds is the objective, a broadcast bait likely will do the job.



DELTA SAVINGS CELEBRATES 28th BIRTHDAY

The Board of Directors of Delta Savings invites all of its customers and friends to join them in celebrating Delta's 28th birthday on July 25, 1986. According to A.G. Crouth III, Chairman of the Board, "each of our banking facilities will be serving refreshments throughout the day and a drawing will be held giving away ten \$50.00 savings bonds at each branch facility. Everyone is invited to share in this celebration with us."

Delta Savings opened for business on July 24, 1958, at 109 W. Seely Street in Alvin with two employees. Currently Delta has eight banking facilities and ninety-six employees.



Rice FFA members at state convention

Rice FFA members are in Amarillo this week attending the state FFA convention. The convention is the high point of the year for Texas FFA members where they received advanced degrees, awards and scholarships.

The Rice FFA chapter has eight members that will be receiving the Lone Star Farmer degree. Those receiving the state's highest degree are: Stacey Causey, DeWayne Doyl, Leslie Heard, Bill Hefner, Phil Havar, Duane Korenek, Daryl Pieprzyca and Shari Popp. Richard Wiese, Area III vice president from Rice, also is attending the convention to assist in coordinating activities.

Attending and participating in the state FFA convention will be Coby Shorter III, national FFA secretary, also from the Rice FFA chapter. Coby will be representing the national FFA organization and will present the keynote address at the convention on Thursday night. Coby conducted last year's state FFA convention when he served as state FFA president. He will be departing Rice FFA members are traveling to the convention by chartered bus with fellow FFA members from the Sweeny, Schulenburg and Weimar chapters. Accompanying chapter members are advisor Ronel Roberts and chaperones Claudine Shorter, Rita Sunderman and Duane Causey.



Appreciation plaque

Steve Balas, right, was honored Monday night by the Rice Consolidated School District. He was given a plaque of appreciation for serving for nine years on the Rice school board. In his last year he was president of the board.

Riceland reports theft of wheels

Last Friday, July 11 Riceland Ford of Eagle Lake reported to the Sheriff's Department the theft of wheels (tires, rims, hub caps) off of four vehicles from the parking lot. The investigation continues.

Shooting on I-10

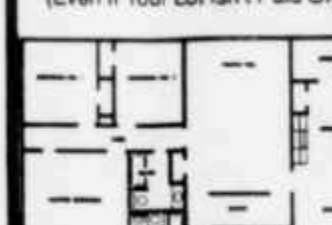
On Monday, July 14 at 2:09 p.m., the Sheriff's office received a call of a shooting on I-10 eastbound, 1/4 mile west of the rest area. Upon arrival, the Sheriff's Department officer investigating found one black male, identified as Jemal Muhammad Ali of Austin, sitting in his car with a gunshot wound to the right side of his head.

According to a Sheriff's report, Ali was driving eastbound on I-10, took a 25 automatic, put it up to the right side of his head and pulled the trigger. He died around 2 a.m. July 15 in a Houston hospital after being airlifted from Columbus Community Hospital. There were two witnesses that saw him speeding down the highway and put something to his head. The car then went out of control, coming to a stop in the median.

The Sheriff's Department was notified Tuesday morning that Ali had shot two men in Austin and both are still alive.

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Sylvester Castle is now home and doing well after a 2 1/2 month stay at Hermann Hospital. Continued recovery is wished for him.

Mrs. Fred Kubesch, of Nada, spend six days vacationing with her children, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Truman and Gale of Friendwood. Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Gohlke of Sheridan and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kubesch and children of Victoria. They vacationed in Chalk Bluff and Del Rio. St. Davis Mountain State Park and MacDonald's Observatory were just a few of the many interesting places they toured. Mrs. Kubesch returned home Tuesday and reported having an enjoyable time.

All-day bazaar in Boling Aug. 3

The 18th annual all-day bazaar, sponsored by the St. Joseph Catholic Church, has been planned for Sunday, August 3 at the Boling Community Center. Serving of beef, chicken and sausage will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 5-7 p.m. The price of the meal is \$4 per plate.

A big auction will start at 1 p.m. Music will be featured throughout the day plus bingo, games, country store and entertainment. A moon-walk, fish pond and toy shop will be available for the children.

On July 2 a welcome dinner was held in honor of Father Jesse Earets at Didner Hall at 7:30 by the parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Father Jesse arrived in Eagle Lake on June 26 to replace Father Ray. The dinner was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Chester McGeehe, who was burned over 47 percent of his body on June 4 in a flash fire, was released from Hermann Hospital in Houston on Monday, June 30. Scott Hooper, who was burned over 80 percent of his body, is still improving at Hermann. The community welcomes Chester home and a speedy recovery is wished for him and Scott.

A tennis tournament, sponsored by the Eagle Lake Tennis Association, will be held this Thursday through Sunday, July 17-20 at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center and other courts in town.



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Soybean outlook deteriorating

Despite a 10 percent reduction in U.S. soybean acreage this year, farmers can expect downward pressure to continue on bean prices, says an economist with the Texas A&M University System.

The 1986 soybean crop should average about \$4.50 per bushel at the farm level. With a government support price of \$5.02 per bushel, farmers should seriously consider this as the upper level for their crop and should keep the loan program in mind.

Soybeans are not in the government's reserve program, so producers cannot be required to participate in production adjustment programs to be eligible for the support or loan price.

Dairy products cannot be replaced

The food industry is now marketing a number of calcium fortified foods to nutrition-conscious women who believe they may be at risk for developing osteoporosis. Osteoporosis is a disease of brittle and porous bones that affects millions of middle-aged to elderly women, making them more prone to fractures. Calcium-fortified foods currently on the market include some brands of diet carbonated soft drinks and non-carbonated soft drink mixes, bread and flour.

"Eating calcium fortified products in a balanced diet that still includes dairy products, may be helpful," says nutritionist Dr. Alice Hunt, "especially since the Recommended Daily Allowance of 800 milligrams of calcium per day is thought by many medical experts to be too low." However, she cautions that when dairy products are replaced with calcium fortified foods, other important nutrients from dairy products such as protein, vitamin D, riboflavin, B-6 and B-12 are lost.

It's especially important that teenagers and children eat dairy products both for the calcium and the other nutrients they provide, stresses the Texas A&M University specialist.

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