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Deer hunting lease registry launched

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has established an experimental Deer Hunting Registry program designed to help prospective hunters and landowners get together.

Landowners with surplus deer will be offered the opportunity to list their properties, and detailed information on lease opportunities will be furnished to hunters on request, according to Horace Gore, white-tailed deer program leader for the TPWD.

"Texas has a limited amount of

public lands for hunting," Gore said, "and most deer hunting is conducted on a private lease basis. We hope this voluntary program will create more opportunities for hunters while offering landowners opportunity to generate additional income."

The initial program started with a mailing to about 12,000 landowners who purchased Shooting Preserve Licenses in 1985. Landowners who wish to participate should complete the application cards and return them to the TPWD Austin headquarters by September 1.

Information on the cards includes the landowner's name, telephone number, county, acreage, and whether the lease arrangement will be hunting or long-term. All leasing arrangements will be made between landowners and hunters. Gore said the program should be an excellent opportunity for landowners with surplus deer to increase the harvest of antlerless deer which might not otherwise be utilized. "Even though Texas leads the nation in deer harvest there still is a considerable amount of deer habitat that is not hunted at all or hunted so lightly as to be inadequate for controlling deer populations," Gore said.

Gore said data from the cards will be computerized and possibly categorized by region. Beginning October 1, hunters may write to TPWD Headquarters, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, or call toll-free 1-800-792-1112. Hunters should specify which general region of the state they would prefer to hunt in.

The idea of a registry resulted from a Chairman's Roundtable hosted by Ed Cox Jr., chairman of the Parks and Wildlife Commission, on April 30 in Austin. About 50 persons, including landowners, outdoor writers and sportsmen's organization representatives offered their views on deer management during the session.

Gore said he hopes landowners not included in the original mailing will request to participate. "I know many ranches in Texas are hunted by families and friends of landowners, and in many cases they only take buck deer," he said. "Perhaps some of these ranches could be leased for antlerless hunts during some portion of the hunting season, which would bring extra income and benefit the deer herd at the same time."

Interested landowners should write to the department for details. Officials stress that the TPWD is acting strictly as a clearinghouse for lease opportunities and is not responsible for negotiations between landowners and hunters or the ultimate success or failure of the hunt.

Participating landowners may withdraw from the program by written request to the department.

Community blood drive scheduled September 6

Once again the Knights of Columbus Council #4843 will sponsor a Community Blood Drive on Saturday, September 6 from 9-3 at Didner Hall.

Many residents of this community have needed blood services this past year and these services would not be possible without the locally sponsored drives. If you can possibly give blood, please give the gift of life.

To make an appointment, call Randy Burrow at 234-3073. Remember the rarest blood is the type you need in an emergency.

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Colorado County Fair contest deadlines

Junior Fair Queen Contest
 Girls between the ages of 10 and 13 are invited to enter the Colorado County Fair Junior Fair Queen contest. Contestants must be residents of Colorado County. The contest will be held at the Columbus High School auditorium at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 6, immediately before the Fair Queen Pageant for the older girls. Contestants must wear long dresses during the contest. They will be judged on personality, poise and appearance. The winner will be crowned by the 1985 Junior Fair Queen, Julie Frank of Columbus.

The young lady chose this year will participate in all activities of the 1986 Fair which will run September 12-14 in Columbus. Entry cards and additional information may be obtained from the contest chairman, Pamela Potter, 732-2705. The deadline to enter is Friday, August 29.

Junior and Little Mr. and Miss Contests
 Once again the Colorado County Fair will present contests for the younger set of Colorado County. Lynda Appelt of KULM Radio will be mistress of ceremonies for the Little Mr. and Miss (ages 4, 5 and 6 as of September 1, 1986) as well as for the Junior Mr. and Miss (7, 8 and 9 as of September 1, 1986). The

younger children will be on stage Saturday afternoon, September 13, at 1 p.m. The junior contestants will be presented at 7 p.m. The pageants will be held at the Veterans Community Center in Columbus. Western attire will be worn by the contestants. There will be no recognition for handmade outfits.

Judging will be 90% on personality and 10% on dress. First place winners in each division will be presented a trophy. First and second runners up will be presented rosettes. All contestants will receive participation ribbons. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee. Deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Friday, September 5. For entry information contact Lynda Appelt, Eagle Lake, 234-3808; Jane Sanders, Weimar, 725-4884; Barbara Brisco, Sheridan, 234-5792; or Donna Crank, Garwood, 758-3841 or 758-3992.

Entry forms will also be available at the Kid's Korner in Eagle Lake, Potter's Western Store, KULM Radio, and Central Power & Light in Columbus. Contestants are encouraged to have an individual entry in the parade or get together with a group of contestants for an entry. The younger contestants will meet in the Seymour Room at 2:20 p.m. The junior contestants are asked to be present at 6:20 p.m.

Queen Contest
 Girls between the ages of 14 and 21 are invited to enter the Colorado County Fair queen contest which will be held Saturday, September 6, at the Columbus County Fairgrounds. Contestants are encouraged to have an individual entry in the parade or get together with a group of contestants for an entry. The younger contestants will meet in the Seymour Room at 2:20 p.m. The junior contestants are asked to be present at 6:20 p.m.

Interested persons may pick up catalogues with art show rules and entry cards from the County Extension Office and Potter's Western Store in Columbus, Weimar City Hall, Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg, Bernardo Farm and Ranch Supply, First National Bank in Eagle Lake, F and W Food Market in Garwood, Nada Garage, Calico Hens and Friends in Rock Island and Patrick's Food Market in Sheridan.

Columbus Livestock Market

The market was stronger across the board this week. Steers were \$1 and \$3 a hundred higher with lot of demand in all areas. Heifer calves were \$1 to \$2 a hundred stronger on most classes, says George Hagan and Don McAlister.

If we can be of any assistance in marketing or hauling your livestock, call collect 409-732-2622 or 409-732-2841. We have top market sales at Columbus Livestock Market every Thursday.

Cattle on hand, 1590; hogs, 30; sheep, 6; horses, 20.

Packer Cows: higher dressing utility and cutter cows, 37 to 42 cents per pound; lower dressing utility and cutter cows, 33 to 37 cents; light weight canner cows, 30 to 35 cents.

Packer Bulls: heavyweight bulls, 47-50 cents per pound; utility and cutter bulls, 44-47 cents; light-

weight canner bulls, 40-44 cents.

Yearlings: good and choice, 53 to 56 cents per pound; standard, 48 to 53 cents.

Stocker and Feeder Calves and Yearlings: steer and bull calves 200-300 pounds, 80 to 98 cents; 300-400 pounds, 68 to 83 cents; 400-500 pounds, 58 to 74 cents; 500-600 pounds, 57 to 68 cents. Heifer calves 200-300 pounds, 58 to 75 cents per pound; 300-400 pounds, 55 to 63 cents; 400-500 pounds, 53 to 60 cents; 500-600 pounds, 53 to 60 cents; replacement

heifers, 60 to 65 cents.

Stockers: Cows: good stocker cows and heifers, 40 to 46 cents per pound; medium stocker cows and heifers, 35 to 40 cents; good cow/calf pairs, \$550 to \$625; medium cow/calf pairs, \$475 to \$550; common cow/calf pairs, \$400 to \$475.

Hogs: No. 1 butchers, 58 to 60 cents per pound; No. 2 and 3 butchers, 52 to 56 cents; feeder pigs and hogs, 50 to 70 cents; sows, 40 to 55 cents.

Sheep: ewes, 18-20 cents per lb.; lambs, 50-65 cents; bucks, 15-18 cents; pairs, \$25 to \$40 per pair.

Thursday, August 21, 1986

The Eagle Lake Headlight

Back to School, Page 1

"The only thing constant is change!"

Each year The Headlight produces our special Back-To-School Editions for the benefit of area merchants and school patrons.

This year, we find that (with a few exceptions) returning students will find fewer changes. In the recent past schools have been greatly affected by the changes wrought in Texas by the Legislature. Although some parts of legislation still are to go into effect this year, they are fewer in number. Students, this year particularly, can get down to the job of being educated. There are changes, however, and they are covered in this issue. Our thanks to the advertisers who make this issue possible.

This Week...ELMS: Third Graders move to this campus

Room Assignments at ELMS included inside
 ELPS takes in age Four for Pre-Kindergarten

Next Week...RHS, Garwood, Sheridan and the Catholic schools

The bell tolls for all at Primary School this year

When the bells ring at the Eagle Lake Primary school this fall to signal the end of classes, the bell will be tolling for all students.

That in itself is a change on that Rice school district campus which is giving up its third grade classes to the Middle School in order to make room for the new pre-kindergarten classes offered for underprivileged four year olds.

The bell change may not seem like much, but it is. Because of law changes last year, most of the school was dismissed at 2:40 p.m. while the youngest students, those in Kindergarten classes, were not dismissed until 3:15 p.m.

However, this year all students will be dismissed when the bell rings at 2:40 p.m. "We went back to the way it's always been done," principal Major Bengé said last week. Classes begin shortly after 8 a.m.

That means in Eagle Lake one session will be held each morning, then another session taught in the afternoon.

Pre-K, Kindergarten scheduled
 Students in the morning Pre-K and Kindergarten classes need to be at school by 8 a.m., and will be dismissed by 11 a.m.

Afternoon students will begin classes at 11:40 a.m. and be dismissed at 2:40 p.m. like the other students at the school.

The new Pre-K classes also are part of the changes brought about by the sweeping

legislation adopted by Texas lawmakers. Apparently their thought is to give underprivileged youngsters a head start on those from more prosperous families.

To qualify, a boy or girl must be four years old by Sept. 1, and either be from a family that qualifies for the free or reduced lunch program, or not be able to communicate in English. Last year about half the students in the Rice school district (more than 700) qualified for such a program.

While the final count won't be known until the first week or two of school, there appears to be at least 36 youngsters in the Eagle Lake area alone who qualify for Pre-K. School districts have to follow state law that requires a teacher for each 22 students (which also is true for kindergarten through grade two).

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Going Back to School



New classrooms at Eagle Lake Middle School

Although they won't be ready when classes resume on September 2, workers are busy constructing four new classrooms at the Eagle Lake Middle School. This photograph taken August 18 shows the back side of the

teacher hired for the Pre-K program holds one of the few teaching certificates issued just for that subject area.

She is Debbie Merris who recently completed her degree from Southwest Texas State University. While a teacher does not have to hold a certificate specifically for the Pre-K class, Bengé points out that it is beneficial. Miss Merris has experience and training, in working with those students, that many other teachers might not have.

In addition to the head start the pre-K classes will give those youngsters, principal Bengé thinks there is another benefit to the children. The half a day they spend each day at school puts

them in a new environment that is unlike what they find at home. In many cases that will be a more comfortable setting than they find at home, and it can help them become acclimated to life.

The teacher will concentrate on language development, as well as early adjustment to what it means to be going to school (something akin to social development).

In Kindergarten, teachers begin to teach academic areas like reading.

Room changes at ELPS
 With the third grade rooms at ELPS now open, Bengé was able to move a first grade class from the old four-room addition

into the main building. Two rooms in the old addition will not be used. They were expensive to operate, Bengé points out, especially in colder weather when they had to try and heat the space.

Fewer new teachers
 Teacher turnover has been particularly low this year, in addition to the new Pre-K teacher, Mrs. Donna Sneed has been hired to teach special education. Her husband will be teaching special ed at the Middle School.

Mrs. Carol Conner from El Campo will be the teacher for the "English as a second language" class.