

Time to plant permanent grass

If you are thinking of planting permanent grass this spring, now is the time to begin preparations. The grass planting dates in Colorado County began February 15 and runs through May 15. Coastal bermudagrass can be sprigged from January 1 to May 15.

A firm, clean seedbed is a must if your grass planting is to be a success. Seedbed preparation can be done with a disk harrow, a moldboard breaking plow or an offset disk. The seedbed must be prepared so that all existing vegetation is destroyed thus cutting down on the competing vegetation and giving the new grass seedling a better chance of survival.

Think of the seedbed preparation in the same manner as you would prepare for planting your garden.

When you sprig coastal bermudagrass, plant the dormant sprigs no deeper than two or three inches. Always plant them in moist soil and be sure to pack the soil around the sprigs as they are planted.

Soil Conservation Service

Planting seed-type grasses is a little different. The seeds must be planted deeper than 1/2 to 3/4 inch. Seeding rates on the different grasses differ depending on the species of grass and are based on the amount of Pure Live Seed (PLS) planted. Seed-type grasses may be planted with grass drills or may be broadcast. When broadcasting the grass seeds, use a cultipacker or some type roller over the planted area to incorporate the seeds into the soil.

Service office, can assist you in determining the grasses that are best adapted to your soils.

After the seeds or grass sprigs begin to grow, they need to be fertilized to become established quickly. As a rule of thumb, according to soil tests, an application of about 325 pounds of 13-13-13 fertilizer per acre is needed for grass establishment and to promote quick leaf and root growth in the plant.

These young plants must not be grazed during the first year of establishment so that they can establish a good root system. The grass leaves and stems are the food factories of the grass plant, and are directly related to the development and growth of the root system. Maintenance at all times. When needed, weeds and other competitive

Different grass plant species are adapted to different kinds of soils. For example, gordo bluestem, callie bermudagrass and allicia bermudagrass are adapted to the blackland clay soils. On the other hand, coastal bermudagrass and pensacola bahiagrass are well adapted to sandy soils. We, at the Soil Conservation

If you have questions about planting grass, selection of the correct grass species, fertilizer needs, ASCS cost-share assistance, or other questions about proper grass management, contact the personnel of the Soil Conservation Service in Columbus by calling 732-2773 or coming by the County Agricultural Building.

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Raider Review

New and improved band in the making

by Dolores Soto
The Mighty Raider Band is getting a head start on the 1987-88 marching season. On Wednesday, Feb. 18,

Gary Force, a representative of Express Industries, visited the Rice campus to speak with the band about a fundraiser for summer activities.

The goal of the band members was to sell enough Texas cookies and treats to earn a profit of at least \$2,000. This money would go towards a summer band camp and other miscellaneous items related to the band. Each member was asked to sell a minimum of 15 items and to return the form by February 24. Orders should be in by the week of March 16. Thank you for supporting the Raider Band.

Baseball season opens

by Lesley Matthews
This time of year brings about one of America's favorite pastimes, baseball season. This year about 30 people signed up for the Rice High School baseball team, but only 18 players will be able to suit up for each game.

The team started practice on February 18, in order to prepare for their first game against Van Vleck on Friday, Feb. 27. Coach Hooker and Coach Ellis and all the members of the team have a positive attitude and foresee a winning season.

The Raider Review will be in the week of March 16. Thank you for supporting the Raider Band.

UIL practice meet attended

by Bonnie McMurrough
Two students from Rice High School attended the San Antonio Livestock Show as a warm up for the Joe Freeman Coliseum in San Antonio. They were Tara Stephens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stephens of Garwood, and Wade Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Miller of Eagle Lake.

Tara showed two calves, a Charolais heifer on February 17-22 and a Charolais cross steer on February 10-15. The heifer was shown in both the junior and open Charolais heifer classes for heifers born in October to November of 1985. She placed second in the open show and third in the open show. The steer weighed 1215 pounds and was shown in the heavy weight Charolais steer class.

Wade went to the show because he thought it would be fun. He plans to take a different calf to the Houston Livestock Show.

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Spelling bee held at Rice

by Jennifer Mader
On February 25, students from Sheridan Elementary, Eagle Lake Middle School, Columbus Junior High and St. Michael's in Weimar came to Rice High School for the Colorado County competition in the East Texas Spelling Bee. Winners in the K-5 and 6-8 grade divisions will advance to future competition at the East Texas Spelling Bees to be held in Houston on April 8.

Winner of the K-5 division was Christopher Burrow of Eagle Lake, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Burrow. His sponsor was Mrs. Carolyn Foster. The 6-8 grade champ was Monica Baumbach of Columbus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Baumbach. She was sponsored by Mrs. Anthony from Columbus Junior High. Congratulations and good luck in Houston from the Raider Review staff!

Rice CISD School Menu

Thursday, March 5:rito pie, baked beans, carrot and celery sticks, pineapple tid bits, hot rolls.
Friday, March 6: tuna fish salad, nachos with cheese sauce, combination salad, peach cobbler, bought bread.
Monday, March 9: school holiday.
Tuesday, March 10: corn dogs, mustard, buttered corn, fried okra, carrot cake.
Wednesday, March 11: hot dogs, French fries, catsup, fruit salad, oatmeal cookies.
Thursday, March 12: enchiladas, pinto beans, lettuce wedges, lunchroom cake, cornbread.
Friday, March 13: fish nuggets, catsup, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, jello with fruit, cornmeal yeast rolls.

Computer hired

by Kelli Lasher
Computer technology is reaching new heights at Rice High School with the installation of an IBM AT Personal Computer, with a Comtex Comriter 420, which is to be used in the office of principal Fred Gramann. The computer has helped to lessen the work in many aspects. One new change will be that the report cards for the fourth 6-weeks will be computerized with the following information: name of student, student identification number, courses taken, grade in each course, number of tardies and absences in each class, comments on student's performance, and the high school phone number.

The report cards will not contain a space for comments from each teacher as to choose one of the following comments: A-outstanding student, B-work is commendable, C-progress is satisfactory, D-needs to participate, E-does not complete classwork, F-does not complete homework, G-needs to improve study habits, H-comes without materials, absences hamper achievement, I-behavior obstructs learning, K-often appears inattentive, L-irresponsible in make-up work, M-confidence required, N-3535, and N-responsible but needs to be more diligent. Also, if a student has failed a course, a failing message will be printed on the report card that states that a conference is required. The parents will sign the report card and have the student return it to the school. Mr. Gramann stated that if this new method is successful, the process will be used from now on.

John Thomas speaks to Business Club

by Carol Korenek
On Monday, Feb. 23, the Business Club held its second meeting in the Rice High School Commons. The president, Danette Alvarado, opened the meeting, greeted everyone and proceeded to discuss the club's new business. First, it was decided to hold the covered-dish dinner on April 13.

The highlight of the meeting was the talk given by guest speaker, John R. Thomas. He started by explaining the club members the right way to obtain a job. He stressed the need to be positive and enthusiastic and he also said to never ask for a job on the phone. The right way, he said, is to make an appointment on the phone to discuss employment in person. Mr. Thomas then spoke on having

ing next, correct resumes ready for the employer. This enables the job hunter to be a step ahead of the competition. Mr. Thomas also pointed out ways the members could learn more about business. He asked them to set goals for themselves and to invest in books, papers and tapes to increase their knowledge of business. Also, he urged them to be inquisitive and explore various business parts because most employees would be happy to show their business to others. The club presented Mr. Thomas with an engraved pen and the meeting was then adjourned. Refreshments were served.

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