

Rice FFA chapter presents awards



Honorary members; outstanding service

From left to right, Billy Ray Krennek, Reggie Brisco, T.J. Smith, John Bock, Jack Leopold.



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The annual Rice FFA chapter awards banquet was held last Thursday in the Rice High School Commons. Among the many awards presented, T.J. Smith received a special plaque recognizing his outstanding service to the chapter. Although not able to attend the banquet, George Hagan and Billy Bode also will receive similar recognition. These men were honored for their service during the annual chapter project sale.

Also recognized as honorary members were Jack Leopold, Reggie Brisco, John Bock and Billy Ray Krennek.

Among other awards were:

Star Greenhand award, Rhonda Prazak.
Star Chapter Farmer award, John Thomas.
The students who received the junior chapter conducting award were Scott Williams, Kim Corman, Benjamin Castillo and Brian Center.

Farm Radio Broadcasting team award, Leslie Sunderman, Stacey Causey and Bill Hefner.
FFA creed speaking contest: Rhonda Prazak, Ira Jones, Steve Garza.
FFA quiz team award: Steve Garza and Jerry Cano.

Bill Hefner was recognized as an outstanding member by Farmers Union of El Campo.

Proficiency award winners: in beef cattle, Shari Popp; swine, Ira Jones; diversified livestock producer, Tara Stephens.

Shari Popp was recognized as the Colorado County Go Texan scholarship winner.
Stacey Causey was recognized as the FFA chapter sweetheart and as the Livestock show sweetheart. Also recognized were those who participated in the flag ceremony as well as the Farm Radio Broadcasting team were Grady Crayzel, Rhonda Hodde and DeWayne Dopslauf.



Standing from left to right, Shari Popp, Rhonda Prazak, Kim Corman, Stephanie Causey, Scott Williams, Brian Center, Jerry Cano.



Standing from left to right, John Thomas, Steve Garza, Ira Jones, Benjamin Castillo, Stacey Causey, Leslie Sunderman, Bill Hefner.



DeWayne Dopslauf, Bill Hefner, Todd Korenek, Duane Korenek, Vance Corman; front row, Wade Miller, Tara Stephens, Shari Popp, Kim Corman, Leslie Sunderman.



Awards and trophies were displayed with pride for all to see.

Chamber holds April meeting

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce met Monday, April 27 for their monthly meeting at the Sportsman's Restaurant with Tom Reed presiding over the business meeting. There were seven directors in attendance. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, as was the treasurer's report.

Mike Henry reported the progress of the Chamber of Commerce annual barbecue, which will be held on May 25, Memorial Day. He passed out tickets to directors and members and explained that if anyone was to need additional tickets, they could contact Tom Reed, Steve Taylor or himself. In addition he presented a roster of committees and their members for the activity.

*Kay Clippson, reporting for the Retail Trade Development committee, announced plans for a Citywide Sidewalk Sale to be held sometime this summer.

*Kate Spaulinger reported for the Historical Committee the History of Eagle Lake Businesses was almost completed and would be going to press shortly.

*Ivring Williams reported the progress of his fact gathering efforts concerning housing statistics for our community. One realtor said he has a 300 percent increase in home sales from January through March compared to the same period in 1986. This increase was accomplished by the sale of five homes.

Deer hunting lease registry enrollment

Texas landowners who wish to list hunting properties in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Deer Hunting Lease Registry for the 1987-88 seasons may do so now, officials said.

The registry is a service by the department to allow landowners to list their prospective lease lands, and the list is provided to hunters upon request. Currently, the registry is for deer leases only, although consideration is being given to expanding the system to include other species in the future.

The department acts as a clearinghouse for lease information, but is not responsible for negotiations between hunters and landowners.

Interested landowners should write the TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, 78744, or call 1-800-792-1112 for application forms.

During the past hunting season, almost 5 million acres of land were listed, and about 3,800 hunters acquired 900 leases through the program, said Horace Gore, white-tailed deer program leader.

A recent questionnaire survey appears to indicate the registry was extremely well received by both hunters and landowners. The survey received responses from 592 hunters and 607 landowners.

The survey showed 75 percent of participating hunters contacted a landowner by telephone or mail, and approximately 21 percent said they obtained a lease.

More than 86 percent of the hunters polled said they think the registry serves a useful purpose, and almost the same percentage indicated they would use it in the future and recommend it to others.

Survey results were similar in the landowner portion, with 92% saying they were contacted by at least one prospective hunter and almost 40% negotiated a lease as a result of the program.

Gore noted that more than 90% of the hunters and landowners who did not negotiate a lease through the program still thought the registry served a useful purpose.

*Under old business, Sandy Bandy recommended Miss Aprilfest and Little Miss and Mr. Aprilfest represent the city at activities where the Chamber of Commerce Float would be used, with the runner-up participating when Miss Aprilfest or Little Miss and Mr. Aprilfest are unable to participate. A motion was made, seconded and adopted.

*Kevin Boyette was in attendance to request the endorsement of the Chamber for his project. The project is an artist rendition of a city map, with not only streets represented, but also historical buildings and businesses drawn so the observer receives more of an idea of what the city is about. Tom Reed thanked Mr. Boyette for his presentation and appointed a committee of Sandy Bandy, Becky Anderson, and himself to study the repercussions and benefits of such an endorsement, and make recommendations to the Chamber at the next meeting.

*President of Revitalize Eagle Lake, Inc., Roy Dean Van Nort, then reported on the progress of the Community Swimming Pool and its need for additional funds to operate and maintain the facility. He pointed out the need for the service of the swimming pool to the children of this community, with it and Little League being the only two activities available for the children. He outlined the necessary maintenance that was now in progress and the extremely high cost of the insurance that will be due the first part of May. He requested the Chamber see their way clear to donate funds to help keep this activity alive for the children of Eagle Lake. The president requested it be put in the form of a motion and following a second was voted on and adopted. No dollar amount was determined at this time.

*Tom Reed then asked for a motion for a resolution regarding the visit of the governor of Texas to the Prairie Chicken Refuge. Since the motion was not forthcoming, the resolution was not passed by the Chamber of Commerce.

The next meeting date was set for May 18 at Elaine's Grill.

Law enforcement coordinates efforts

On Thursday, April 22, Police Chiefs Joey Targac of Wiemar, William D. "Bill" Smith of Columbus, Benjamin C. "Ben" Johnson of Eagle Lake, Game Warden Lt. Sam Center, DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel and DPS Trooper Bill Schulte met at the Columbus Police Department to discuss ways and means to coordinate law enforcement activities between the various agencies in Colorado County. The group came together through the efforts of Texas Ranger Ray Nutt. Pertinent information on current investigations and cases was exchanged.

"By working together we can provide better law enforcement for the people we serve in our communities," said Chief Johnson. The group will include all law enforcement agencies within Colorado County, as well as constables of the different precinct. Regularly scheduled meetings have been planned.

Girndt participates in team spirit exercise recently

Army Spec. 4 Douglas W. Girndt has participated in "Team Spirit '87", a Republic of Korea/United States Combined Forces Command sponsored exercise held in South Korea.

"Team Spirit '87" was the twelfth in an annual series of combined/joint field training exercises, staged to increase the defensive posture of The Republic of Korea and U.S. combat and support forces.

The exercise involved forces stationed in South Korea, as well as U.S. forces from other locations within the Pacific Command and the continental United States. Girndt, a 1976 graduate of Columbus High School, is the son of Leonard E. and Lovie Girndt of Columbus. He is an infantryman with the 2nd Infantry Division in South Korea.

The meeting will be held in El Campo at the Golden Corral located at 1802 North Mechem. A duck treat lunch is planned at noon.

Soil Conservation Service News

Pasture management important

Now is the time to start thinking about properly managing improved pastures of coastal bermudagrass, common bermudagrass, gordo bluestem or pensicola bahia grass. These grasses are different from native range grasses since they require more attention than the range grasses. These grasses, as listed above, produce vast quantities of forage when properly fertilized, properly grazed and when weeds are controlled. For example, coastal bermudagrass when fertilized at a suggested rate of above 100 pounds of nitrogen per acre, 40 pounds of phosphorus per acre and 60 pounds of potash per acre will produce enough forage to run one cow-calf unit on three acres during the growing season. This, of course, is a suggested guide for application of fertilizer for grazing production. A soil test will also indicate fertilizer needs, if you desire to find out exactly what your fertilizer needs are.

Proper grazing heights on the grass, timing and application of proper fertilizer rates, and rotation of grazing from one pasture to another are key factors in producing vigorous pasture grass plants. These practices will pay big dividends when properly practiced by grass producers.

If you have questions about growing grass on your farm, contact the personnel of the Soil Conservation Service office in Columbus.

Conservation assistance

George Miller, of the Oaks Grove area, is constructing a pond with a pipe structure to control erosion. Adjoining brood areas will also be shaped and vegetated to control erosion.

Louise Raabe, a district cooper of the Live Oak area, is constructing a pond with a pipe structure to control erosion. Eroded areas will also be shaped and vegetated to control erosion.

District cooper Hugo Helmcamp, of the Oakland area, is constructing a pond. Virgil Meyers, of the Ellinger area, is planning to construct a pond. Provided assistance to Nat Conner on pasture management and fertilizer needs.

The conservation plan on Catherine Gunn has been completed. Mrs. Gunn has recently completed reclaiming some gully areas and also a new road entrance into her property.

Conservation assistance was provided to E.R. Woodward who is planning to construct a cross fence to allow for better grass management. The regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Colorado Soil and

Water Conservation District was held on March 19. Directors present were Melvin Albright, George Cason, Herbert Engstrom, Theo Schultz and Leslie Koehl.

Conservation planning assistance was provided to Doris and Jimmy Benton to locate pasture roads and to smooth and reclaim eroded road crossings.

Conservation assistance was provided to George Cason concerning the use of winter peas for building up his soil.

Conservation assistance was provided to Kevy Kahlden on his RCAD project where minor erosion problems will be corrected.

Conservation assistance was provided to Bertha Ocken to determine RCAD practice needed to reclaim a very severely eroding gully and the estimated costs.

Conservation planning information was also gathered.

Conservation assistance was provided to John Cathey who is clearing his pastures and planting them to coastal bermudagrass.

Conservation assistance was provided to Max Welborn to reclaim a very badly eroding pond spillway. Maynard Ripper has completed construction of a pond in the Fiebig area.

District cooper Harry Heakhaus is planning to construct a pond and shape eroded areas on his farm near Borden.

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