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Study begins on nongame, endangered fund

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has contracted with a consulting firm to review promotion and marketing programs for the department's Special Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Fund.

Fellers, Lacy and Gaddis Marketing Consultants of Austin will review efforts of the department's Wildlife Division to develop nongame wildlife conservation programs and identify more effective funding sources, said Dr. Bruce Thompson, program leader for nongame and endangered wildlife.

The special fund was created by the Texas Legislature to provide funds for nongame and endangered species research and conservation, habitat acquisition and development, and dissemination of information. Income sources during 1985 and 1986 were highly variable, Thompson said, making program development difficult because of year-to-year unpredictability.

Thompson said the special fund gives Texas the opportunity to help support the state's valuable nongame wildlife resources. Individual donations and purchases of art prints, stamps and decals will help determine the level of conservation activities in Texas, he said.

Program activities currently underway include routine assistance with public inquiries about nongame wildlife, bald eagle marking, waterbird management, reptile and amphibian surveys, endangered fish monitoring, wildlife inventory on management areas and a wide variety of efforts in restoring endangered species in Texas. For more information, call toll-free 1-800-792-1112, or contact the Nongame and Endangered Species Program, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744.



Dredging of McCreary Lake

Turt Grass Farms of Eagle Lake began dredging McCreary Lake, located directly behind Delta Savings, last Friday. The photo above shows the farm's crew on the dredge boat pumping the muck from the lake. Pictured below shows the muck being pumped in the retaining pond that was built a couple of months ago for this purpose. Bill Minar, manager of the grass farm, and Stacy Mueller, superintendent, report once the pumping begins on a full scale, the project will take at least 90 days for completion.

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Wildlife food plots permitted on CRP acreage

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) officials have announced that establishment of annual wildlife food plots (Conservation Practice CP-12) will now be permitted under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Ron George, federal farm program coordinator for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said this modification should make an already excellent program even better.

The CRP, patterned after the "Soil Bank" program of the 1950s and early 1960s, is designed to reduce soil erosion by removing highly-erodible cropland from production and placing it under some type of permanent vegetative cover including grasses, legumes, shrubs and trees.

This permanent vegetation provides excellent nesting, loafing and escape cover for wildlife, but it often is lacking in wildlife food. "The provision for establishing annual wildlife food plots should help resolve this problem," George said.

No more than 10 percent of a farm's CRP acreage may be planted in annual wildlife food plots, and no single plot can exceed 10 acres in size. George said farmers will not receive cost-sharing for establishing the food plots but will receive annual rental payments for their entire CRP acreage including the food plots.

Existing CRP contracts can be modified and new contracts may be designed to include CP-12. A wide variety of plant species including fescue, clover and alfalfa are permitted in the food plots.

The CRP continues to gain farmers' acceptance, and an additional half-million acres were added in July to the 2.3 million acres already enrolled in Texas, George said. Most of the Texas acreage is in the High Plains and Rolling Plains of Northwest Texas.

A free leaflet entitled "Managing for Wildlife with the CRP" is available from the Literature Section, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744.

Persons interested in enrolling highly-erodible cropland in CRP should contact their County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Office.

Marlboro Country Music winners at Circle G Friday

Southern Comfort, winner of the 1987 Marlboro Country Music Talent Roundup, will be appearing at Circle G Danceland in Altair this Friday, August 28 from 9 to 1.

But don't let the country atmosphere fool you! Southern Comfort plays the best of both worlds: Country & Rock. Call now for reservations. Remember - Friday, August 28, Circle G Danceland in Altair from 9 to 1. Party with Southern Comfort!

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Brucellosis vaccination payments changes

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These changes are necessary because:

1. Reduced funding of state brucellosis vaccinations by the Legislature. "The Legislature has reduced state funding for brucellosis vaccinations to \$450,000 which is \$1.1 million less than we had last year for this purpose," Cargile said.
2. Federal regulations relating to federal funding of brucellosis vaccinations. A total of \$526,000 is available from federal funds, but the federal

government does not allow veterinarians to receive any additional monies for vaccination from livestock producers.

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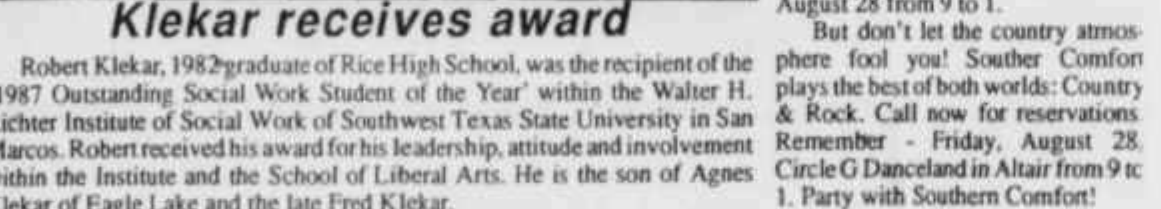
Federal vaccination funds will be used in 43 counties in east and south Texas at these rates: \$8 per stop; \$2 per head for the first 25 head, and \$1 per head thereafter for vaccination at a farm, ranch or clinic only. The veterinarian cannot charge the producer any additional amount for vaccination.

The 43 counties eligible for this are Anderson, Aransas, Austin, Bexar, Brazoria, Brazos, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Freestone, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Hardin,

Harris, Houston, Jackson, Jefferson, Karnes, Lavaca, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Orange, Polk, Refugio, Robertson, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Trinity, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington and Wharton.

"These are the counties where there is a heavier percentage of brucellosis infection and it is the thinking of Commission members that the federal monies can best be utilized to help reduce the spread of infection," Cargile said.

State vaccination funds will be used in the balance of the counties with a fee of \$1 per head at a farm, ranch or clinic. The veterinarian will be allowed to charge the producer an additional amount if he chooses.



Klekar receives award

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Message of economic development delivered

A full day of impressive speakers, an excellent meal and beautiful centerpieces of Texas wild flowers were the order of the day last Friday for Tom Reed's economic development conference. Government and private sector business men and women from surrounding counties filled the Eagle Lake Community Center.

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Summarizing several of the speakers, main points focused on working as a team locally, making sure the local education system is tops, and helping local business expand. Attendees included members of the Eagle Lake City Council and the Rice Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees, as well as Supt. Harold King.

Speakers ranged from the head of the state's economic development efforts to an El Campo chamber of commerce representative. The first, David V. Brandan, executive director of the Texas Economic Development

Commission, explained how the state agency assists economic growth. The other, Craig Montgomery, gave a "show and tell" presentation, he told what has been done in El Campo and showed an impressive video tape about the city's business climate. There were many other speakers such as S. David Freeman, LCRA's general manager, and keynote

speaker Jim Hightower, Texas Commissioner of Agriculture. The event, called the Eagle Lake Conference on Economic and Business Development, was put together by Tom Reed of Lake Motion. He is president of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce and of the Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation. Luncheon was served by Anna Lee Higgins and her staff from Anna Lee's Kitchen.

The wild flowers added rich color to the guest tables and podium. They were provided by John Thomas Wildseed, Inc., an Eagle Lake business. Thomas has developed here over the past several years. While wild flowers may be a departure from standard floral arrangements, they were much more attractive and colorful, not to mention meaningful.

Reed introduced speakers during the day. From registration and on through the day, many others in the community helped the day run smoothly. The center was set up the night before by a volunteer crew that couldn't begin work until a city plan-

ning meeting finished about 9 p.m. Friday ended with a reception hosted by the Farris 1912. According to information furnished at the conference, the Farris and other Eagle Lake businesses made the conference possible. Eagle Lake Concrete Products, Inc.; The First National Bank; Johnny's Sport Shop; Lake Motion, Inc.; Wildseed, Inc.; and Winco Agricultural Products, in addition to the chamber and industrial foundation, the conference also was sponsored by the LCRA and the Texas Department of Agriculture. Each participant paid \$15 to register and for the meal.

There will be no tax increase for parents of the Rice Consolidated Independent School District. At a smoothly-run meeting on Thursday night of last week, the Rice school board of education adopted the budget for the school year that started this week.

When it came time to adopt a tax rate to support the budget, trustee Wayne Cornman made the motion that the rate be 77-cents, just as it was last year. He did so, he said, since this is the first tax rate in three years he said he could support. The other years the tax rate was increased slightly, drawing his disapproval. Several past budgets adopted the budget, made by John Thomas, and Cornman's tax rate motion, were approved unanimously by all six trustees. Others voting were Natalie Dupre, Fritz Leopold, Billy Hefner and John Matthews. Board president Reggie Briscoe does not vote unless there is a tie.

This also is a budget the board called "balanced." Several past budgets were called "deficit" budgets since they depended on cash on hand at the start of the year to pay some of the bills. In those years, estimates of revenues were lower than estimated revenues. Some of the surplus cash

came from a state program that Gov. Bill Clements vetoed this year. Extra funds were given to school districts where property values declined more than eight percent, which was the case in the Rice district the past two years. This year, revenues are estimated at \$5.66 million, with \$1.75 million, or 30.1 percent coming from the local tax levy. While expenditures show at \$5.8 million, some of the revenues that come to the district from other sources (about \$80,000) are channeled to other school districts, since Rice CISD is the financial agent for the cooperative education program in the county.

District officials described the 1987-88 budget as containing very few extras. One item included is the establishment of a regular library at the Eagle Lake Primary School, and the hiring of a person to staff it. Until now, teachers kept extra books in their rooms. Also included is a new cart-hauling trailer for the ag department, a new transfer van to replace an aging vehicle, and a new school bus.

Board members are considering other items, but will make decisions about them as the year progresses. Financing for these items will come from the surplus cash.

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Hightower asks ballot OK's

The message had meaning, but was entertaining.

State agriculture commissioner Jim Hightower told luncheon-break conference attendees last Friday that the economic picture can be brighter. He cited examples he knew of around the state, including two in the Eagle Lake area.

But he also asked for voter support on two issues that will be on the ballot this November.

Hightower was the keynote speaker at the Community Center here for the Eagle Lake Conference on Economic and Business Development.

"Voter approval of Propositions Four and Six in November will create the financial mechanisms that Texas agriculture needs to expand like a thousand blooming wildflowers across our state," the commissioner is quoted in a news release available at the conference. "For example, TDA is now working with the local entre-

preneurs and officials on plans to build a french fry processing facility in Wharton County, an egg packing plant in Fayette County, a shrimp packing operation in Brazoria County and a fish farm in Harris County. TDA information indicates these four projects have the potential to create 185 jobs, with a first-year sales that could total nearly \$37 million.

The items on the November ballot are the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority (TAFSA) and the Texas Agricultural Diversification Act (TADA).

TAFSA provides for the issuance of \$45 million in general obligation bonds and \$500 million in revenue bonds to encourage loans to businesses that market new agricultural crops, process food and fiber, or export Texas agricultural products.

TADA allows municipal and county governments, chambers of

commerce, and other organizations to create local development banks to provide loans to businesses that market new agricultural crops, process food and fiber, or export Texas agricultural products.

"We haven't really decided to make an investment in education," he said in his thinking, as others have said, that it would be better to make the commitment to invest in education now, rather than pay in the future because the undereducated — and thus unemployable — will be "robbing and shooting us." He suggested we move toward an era where those with work," he focused on education.

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LCRA's Freeman strong on better education

"Texas is just 'paying lip service' to educational improvement.

Using that and other strong statements about education in Texas, S. David Freeman, LCRA general manager, painted a picture about what he thinks is a major factor in economic development. He said the state still needs to improve the education of its children.

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Fair Junior Queen, Queen competition this Saturday

The 1987 Colorado County Fair Junior Queen and Queen contests will be held Saturday, September 5 in the Columbus High School Auditorium.

Sixteen young ladies, including seven from the Eagle Lake, Garwood and Sheridan areas, are scheduled to participate in the Junior Fair Queen contest which begins at 7 p.m. The 1986 Junior Fair Queen is Kelly Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Stewart of Columbus.

Clinton Voelkel of Columbus will serve as master of ceremonies for both pageants with Mrs. Angela Giddens of Columbus providing music at the piano. Entertainment

will be provided by Darrell Apple accompanied by Russell Praise. Mrs. Pamela Potter is director of the pageant with Mrs. Dale Heinsohn as committee chairman assisted by Mrs. Catherine Gunn of Weimar, Mrs. Sue Canaris of Eagle Lake and Mrs. Kim Cranek of Nada. Judges for the contests are out-of-county residents.

There are 12 entrants in the Colorado County Fair Queen pageant which will begin at 8 p.m. following the Junior Fair Queen contest. The membership crown is awarded to the entrant who sells the most season passes to the county fair, scheduled September 11-13.

The work the contestants do in selling Colorado County Fair Association season passes is a major boost to the fair. The contestants will be selling the season passes until 5 p.m. today, Thursday, September 3. The cost is \$5 each which will admit the holder to the Fair all three days.

The current (1986) fair queen is Melissa Engstrom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Engstrom of Columbus; (1986) membership queen is Pam Renz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Renz of Cat Spring.

Junior Queen Contestants: From left, Joy Johnson, Alexandra Schilling, Lanette Powers, Shanna Brunner, Jany McClanahan. Not pictured, Leslie Center.

Junior Fair Queen contest-

Businesses closed Labor Day

Monday, September 7 is Labor Day, which is considered a town holiday. Most businesses will be closed that day to observe the holiday.

Major William F. Maley, Region II commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety, announced that all DPS offices including driver license, will be closed Monday. Although offices will be closed, communications personnel and troopers will be on duty in order to maintain normal patrol functions.

The Colorado County Courthouse, First National Bank of Eagle Lake and U.S. Post Office will be closed. The Eagle Lake Headlight also plans to take a day off. All advertising and news articles should be in the office by 5 p.m. Friday, September 4. Eagle Lake Insurance will be closed Saturday and Monday, September 5 and 7.

Businesses will reopen at their regular time on Tuesday, September 8.

Contestants in the Fair and Membership Queen contest are: from Eagle Lake, Melanie Wiese, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Wiese, (Kid's Korner); Sassanne Cormann, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Cormann, (Eagle Lake Lions Club); from the Garwood area, Leslie Schilling, James Schilling and Kathy Wendel, (Garwood Lions Club); from the Sheridan area, Lara Dupre, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dupre, (Sheridan Lions Club); from the Columbus area, Stacie Gleaser, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gleaser Jr., (A and A Oil Co. Inc.); Leigh Hastedt, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hastedt, (Potter's Western Store); Deanna Tynel, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tynel, (State Farm Insurance); Cynthia Engstrom, Mr. and Mrs. John Engstrom, (Kathleen's Florist); Jeanne Hefley, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Hefley, (Columbus State Bank); from the Weimar area, Bridget Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Griffin, (Farmer's Drug Store); Kim Broadstone, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Broadstone, (Dale's Electric); Beckie Thumann, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Thumann, (Hender Truck Line).

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