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TDA inspectors enforce cotton plow-up law in Southeast Texas

The deadline for destroying cotton stalks in several Southeast Texas counties is Tuesday, Oct. 20, Brenham District Supervisor Charles Leamons, of the Texas Department of Agriculture, recently announced. State law requires all cotton fields in Austin, Colorado, Fayette, Lavaca, Walter and Washington counties to be plowed up by midnight October 20. Cotton producers who fail to meet the deadline are subject to prosecution, Leamons said. TDA officials expect this to be the last season that cotton stalk destruction designed to control pink bollworm and boll weevil infestations is enforced under current laws. On Sept. 1, a new boll weevil law, passed during the recently-ended legislative session, went into effect. The new law sets up guidelines for establishing pest management zones, each of which would have a governing board, said Paul Martin, TDA's acting director of pest management. "Once these boards are in place, they will recommend cotton planting dates and plant destruction deadlines for their areas," Martin said. "We anticipate that they will be functioning this fall and will develop planting and plant destruction deadlines for the 1988 cotton crop." TDA is prepared to prosecute producers who fail to comply with the cotton plow-up law, but also is willing to help producers meet law requirements, said Leamons. "We realize that some producers may not finish cotton stalk destruction by the time the deadline arrives. We are willing to work with producers or the landowners, but they must request an extension by calling TDA's Brenham District office," Leamons said. "For the most part, extensions will be granted only because of adverse weather conditions or for some other legitimate reason." TDA inspectors will begin evaluating cotton fields in the affected area by studying infrared photographs and with on-site inspections immediately after the deadline passes to determine which fields still have cotton stalks standing. Producers who fail to meet the plow-up deadline will be mailed a notice of violation by registered mail, Leamons said. He said farmers will have seven calendar days to comply with the quarantine before being subject to court action. Cotton is required by state law to be plowed up in an effort to control and eradicate the pink bollworm, an insect that causes damage to cotton bolls. Plowing up cotton fields also helps control the boll weevil. Both insects can survive the winter months by burrowing themselves in remaining cotton plant material. As state law authorizes, TDA inspectors will continue to monitor plowed up cotton fields in the Rio Grande Valley, the Coastal Bend and South Texas to ensure that re-growth does not occur. This re-growth could provide additional nourishment and shelter for the adversaries of cotton producers. So far, TDA has sent 17 letters affecting nearly 2,700 acres of cotton in the Valley that failed to meet an earlier cotton stalk destruction deadline. The fields in violation will continue to be monitored to determine which will require additional action. Failure to comply with the plow-up deadline is punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not less than 10 days nor more than 30 days or by both a fine and imprisonment. The penalties for failing to abide by the quarantine are applicable to the cotton producer and the landowner. More information about the stalk destruction is available by calling TDA's Brenham District office at (409) 836-5641.

Dr. Ali

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residency in internal medicine at Herman Hospital in Houston. Dr. Ali also completed a two-year fellowship in cardiology at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston under Dr. Denton Cooley. Dr. Ali and his personal assistant, Miss Nelly L. Llorente, a registered cardiovascular technologist, and other members of his staff, already began performing tests at the Laughlin Clinic's cardio-vascular laboratory, every Tuesday evening. Therefore, Dr. Rodriguez makes a standing invitation to the community of Eagle Lake, as well as other nearby communities to make use of these highly specialized medical services, brought to you from Houston. For further information and appointments, please contact the clinic Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at (409) 234-2544.



Commissioners

making an application to the Texas Department of Communication Affairs for the housing rehabilitation project in Garwood. *Authorized advertisement for fire insurance for all county owned buildings and contents. *Accepted a request to advise for a 35mph speed zone on Pipe League Road, which is south and east of Frelsburg. *Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Leland (Lucille) Neundorff as alternate presiding judge for precinct 10 because of previous commitments. *Appointed Clarence Wendt alternate presiding judge for precinct 10. *Approved a request by Cokinos Natural Gas Company for a 3-inch pipeline crossing County Road 207 (better known as Strickland Lane). *Approved a request from "Keep

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Columbus Beautiful" committee to place litter barrels on each corner of the square with the understanding they maintain the barrels. *Renewed the termite bond of '250 per year to Bagman of Weimar. Five years ago, termite work was done on the courthouse. When spot checks are needed the company returns to treat the area where termites are noticed. *Accepted Creek Road into the county road system. Creek Road is located northeast of Sheridan in a small subdivision.

Council

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However, she said several times that she has nothing but praise for police chief Ben Johnson and his department for their cooperation. She said she has been told that mayor Powers has urged that trucks be ticketed for standing their vehicles in the Boothe Drive turn lane while they are waiting to enter the service station. "There is enough discrimination against trucks (here) and it's time it stopped," she said. Council also:

*Agreed to consider instituting a \$10 fee to be charged for administrative costs to persons who complete a defensive driving course in lieu of paying a traffic fine. It will be considered at a future meeting. *Heard Supak say that his department plans to rebuild the city sidewalks on Main St., west of McCarty, but that most of the work along McCarty between Main and the railroad tracks probably won't be done until after the first of the year. That would keep the work from interfering with Christmas shopping. Supak also said that his crews need to work on the drainage in the Rice Mill area.

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DU winners
Leroy Guthman of Lissie was the winner of the man's 18K gold Rolex and Pat Meitzen of Eagle Lake shows off the gold and diamond bracelet she won at the Ducks Unlimited banquet.

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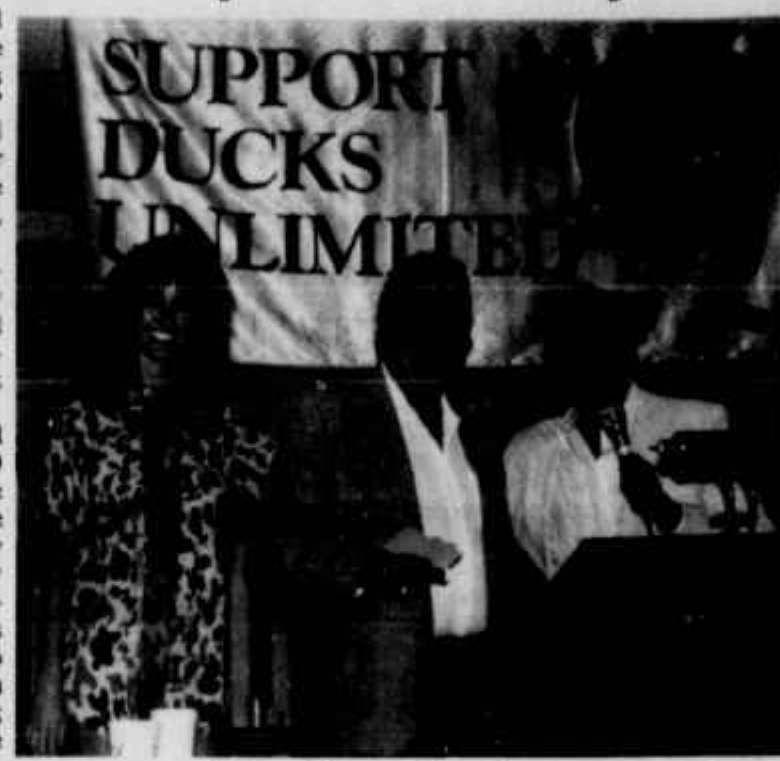
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Thomson named 'sportsman of year' City delays airport action

Sam Thomson of Eagle Lake and Scott Arbuckle of El Campo were the recipients of the "Jimmy Reel Ducks Unlimited Sportsman of the Year" awards given during the annual Ducks Unlimited banquet at Silver Wings in El Campo. Presenting the awards were last year's recipients, Bill Jenkins and Jim Leslie. Between 6 and 8:30 p.m., a delicious dinner was served to the many attending. A fabulous array of food was prepared by Sportsman's Catering of Eagle Lake and Mike's Catering of El Campo. Afterwards, an auction was held with many items, such as dinner for 10 at The Farris 1912, a registered white lab puppy, an alligator hunt on Eagle Lake, a gold and diamond jewelry piece and more being sold to the lucky bidder. A drawing for prizes concluded the evening with the winners being named as follows: Jay Bottino of El Campo won the grand prize, a trip to Hawaii for two and \$2,000; Leroy Guthman of Lissie was the winner of the man's 18K gold Rolex, and Pat Meitzen of Eagle Lake won the gold and diamond bracelet. Door prizes also were awarded. For more pictures turn to the back page of this issue.



Hawaiian trip winner

Jay Bottino of El Campo won the trip to Hawaii for two and \$2,000. He is pictured with one of the "ducklings" to his left and Johnny Melton to his right.

Briscoe discusses Project 2000 at school board meeting Monday

The Rice Consolidated board of trustees presented a video presentation of Project 2000 at its regularly scheduled meeting, October 12. In a decision to discontinue leaving vehicles for the ag teachers, it was decided to put out bids on at least two vehicles. The president, Reggie Briscoe, who has been interested in Project 2000 since its inception, reported on the findings of this project. He presented a video that gave an overview of the educational problems that students will be facing. It is specifically directed at the kindergarten class year because they will be the graduates in the year 2000.

This project will focus on involving the parents in the educational process. It is hoped by involving the parents at this early age, the students will be encouraged to attend regularly and the importance of education will be emphasized in the home. The board addressed the issue of purchasing vehicles as opposed to leasing. Harold King, supt., has been informed by Brasher Motors that rental will increase from \$150 to \$200 per month this year. "It seems that it would be practical to consider purchase rather than rental. We presently insure the vehicles. Teachers maintain the vehicles. If maintenance were

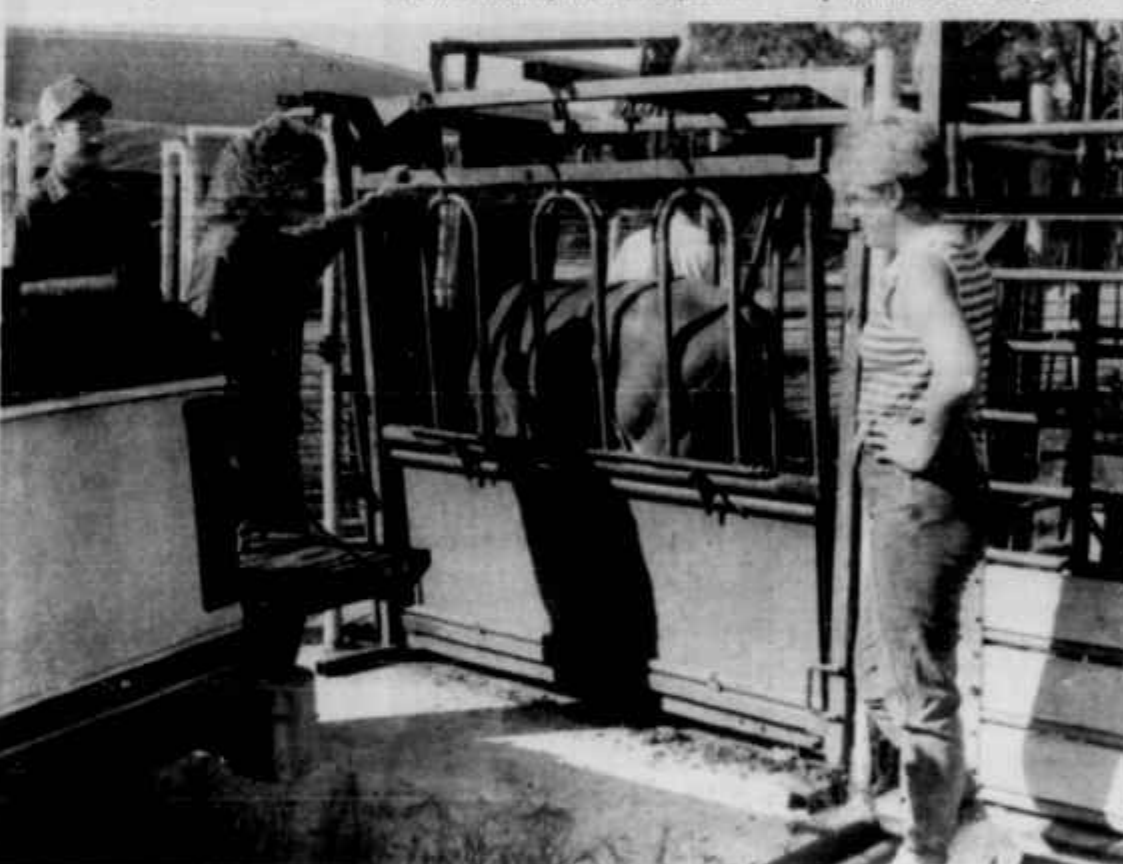
About a dozen people attended Tuesday night's regular Eagle Lake City council meeting to discuss streets, the airport project, and other city affairs. Bruce Spitzengel addressed council during a public hearing portion of the meeting. The city is applying for another federal community development grant and Spitzengel has been retained to prepare the application. A second public hearing will be held during council's Oct. 27 meeting. After a presentation by John D. Mercer of Edna, council hired his firm, Mercer and Associates, to be the city engineering firm. One of his major undertakings apparently concerns the sewer plant which still needs improvements or corrections. Lawrence Kainer with Jones Fike Inc., the contractor for the city's street paving project, also was on hand. Council discussed with him which streets the city might pave with the \$14,857 remaining in paving funds. They also discussed paving the runway at the airport.

Portions of four streets are being studied for paving: the curved section of Cat Spring Road near the Middle School (35 by 516); Alamo St. (18 by 507); Peyrola Lane, a connector which called College St. from Burns to Center (18 by 715); and Donovan St. Council made no decision. The cost to pave all four would exceed the funds available so at least one will have to be eliminated. Kainer and council continued to discuss drainage on Laughlin Road. Kainer, Mercer and county commissioner Sonny Spaniel discussed the amount of base material needed when the airport runway is widened by about 25 feet. Kainer repeated that the base under some portions of the runway is so thin that those spots will have to be dug up and filled. He also said of the runway that "if you go through another winter (without making repairs) you'll tear that thing up."

Mayor Lanny Powers said the airport advisory committee met Monday night and was adamant about installing a proper base. The committee also suggested that no fees be charged at the airport, nor should the fencing project be done, until there is enough commercial activity there to warrant it. Powers said ownership has been (Continued on Page 12)

Houston cardiologist joins Laughlin Clinic

Salvador Rodriguez-Gomez, M.D., of Laughlin Clinic in Eagle Lake, is happy to introduce Dr. Abdul Ali, as his associate and consultant in the fields of cardiology and internal medicine, as an addition to the clinic, to serve the community of Eagle Lake and surrounding areas. Dr. Ali's main office is located in Houston where he maintains active privileges at several hospitals, caring for patients in his specialty, as well as performing non-invasive, and invasive procedures in the heart catheterization laboratory, in those patients requiring open heart surgery, pacemakers, etc. A board certified cardiologist, he received his medical degree from Daman Medical College in Hyderabad, India. Dr. Ali completed both surgery and obstetrics and gynecology internships at Sheppes General Hospital, Munster, Sheppes, Kent, United Kingdom. His first- and second-year internal medicine residencies also were at Sheppes. Ali completed a family practice residency at 19 Marine Parade, Sheerness, Kent, United Kingdom, and a third-year (Continued on Page 12)



Feed test program

The "Best Weigh Classic", a feed test program, is currently in progress at Rice High School. Sponsored by Purina Mills and Eagle Lake Farm and Home Supply and conducted by the Rice FFA, this program is designed to demonstrate the profitable benefits of feeding Purina Preconditioning/Receiving Chow. The program has been included in the curriculum at Rice by the ag teachers. Cattle were donated for the 25-day program by local ranchers: H.D. Sheridan, Fred Grahman, Powers Farms, Wayne Corman, Vic Corman, Kaushatta Ranch (Joe Mike Spaniel and Vance Duncan). The purpose of this program is to show cattle raisers can "back-ground" calves on this product and make a profit doing so. Rice FFA members are shown above weighing in the cattle on the first day. A veterinarian will work with them on vaccinations and medical attention the cattle need; members are responsible for feeding twice daily, providing water and cleaning pens. This gives the members hands on experience working with cattle as they are responsible for their calves (assisted by ag teachers if needed). At the end of the 25-day period, the calves are weighed again and the feed used and total weight gain of each calf is calculated for an average daily gain and cost per pound of gain. Pictured from left are John Book, owner of Eagle Lake Farm and Home, and Leslie Sunderman and Tara Stephens, members of Rice FFA.

Termite bond renewed Public defender job looks promising

The consideration of deed transfers from Colorado County to the city of Eagle Lake were cleared up and newly elected public defender Joe Fling presented his monthly report at the regular meeting of Commissioners Court Monday, October 12. The city of Eagle Lake recently had asked Colorado County to deed land in the Highland Park Addition in Eagle Lake to the city to further steps in the airport project. Because of conflicting reports, commissioners were doubtful on whether the county owned the land. After digging further through the deeds, it was found that on April 11, 1953 the county deeded the lots to the city except for one lot which was deeded to David Wintermann. Joe Fling told commissioners the overall reaction of his job from the community has been good and even though the cases for the period from September 1 through October 11 were more than usual, it is what Fling expects to grand jury meeting the first of September. Fling also noted that there has been some public misconception that his office is a legal clinic to get advice at the county's expense. Judge Cranck pointed out that Colorado County is the third county in Texas that has this type of program. In order to receive this program, a statute was approved by the Legislature to get the bill for a public defender for this county. Fling's job is to handle indigent cases appointed by the judge. Fling also stated that he received inquiries from Wharton County Bar Association on setting up something like that in Wharton County. "We are setting a standard here for other people to follow," Fling told commissioners. In other matters, commissioners approved a resolution for 1987 for a community fund project for the Garwood area. The county will be (Continued On Back Page)

newsbriefs

Chamber to meet at Pizza King Monday

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly meeting at Pizza King at noon Monday, October 19. All members are encouraged to attend the "dutch treat" luncheon and meeting.

CCA board meeting scheduled October 22

Combined Community Action Inc. will hold its board of directors meeting on Thursday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. at 531 Colorado in La Grange. Board members are urged and the public is invited to attend the meeting.

November 3 is election day

Darlene Hayek, county clerk for Colorado County, announced the following information regarding election day on Tuesday, November 3. County residents who need to vote absentee by personal appearance should do so between October 14-30 and the last day to receive application for ballots by mail is October 27.

The county clerk's office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 732-6561 if you have any questions or need further information.

Pilot Club drawing October 20

The Pilot Club drawing for the Browning Citron over under 12 gauge shotgun will be held Tuesday, October 20 at 2 p.m. at Johnny's Sport Shop. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased from any Pilot or by calling Doris Thomas at 234-2619.

Texas Trailriders plan annual ride

The Texas Trailriders Association will have their annual kick-off ride on Saturday and Sunday, October 24 and 25 at the Strunk Ranch near Oakland. Registration will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, October 23 with dues being \$15 per person.

On Saturday, the riders will leave camp at 8:30 a.m. and ride a circle ride to arrive back at camp around 4:30 p.m. The queen's contest will be held at 5 p.m. The girl chosen will represent the Texas Trailriders Association in San Antonio in February. The new queen will be presented a plaque and a gift certificate, to be used toward a wardrobe, totaling \$500. So round up all the pretty cowgirls and have them enter the contest. For rules and information on the queen's contest, contact Joe Mike Spaniel, Texas Trailriders secretary, at (409) 234-3941.

Saturday night a barbecue meal will be served from 6-7 p.m. at the New Bielau hall to 1988 paid members. Plates for others will be available at \$4.50 per plate. A dance will be held from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. featuring music by Texas Swing Band. All members and guests will buy their own admission ticket for the dance at \$5 per person.

On Sunday, the riders will leave camp at 8:30 a.m. and ride a circle ride back to camp to disband around noon. For more information on the ride, contact Harry Corliss, trail boss, at (409) 234-3516.

Burglar nabbed at J&K's Corner

Eagle Lake police officer Brad Murray was in the right place at the right time when he received a call 1:50 a.m. Wednesday, October 7 of a burglar alarm going off at J&K's Corner in Eagle Lake.

Patrolling Main Street close to Kid's Corner, Murray was notified by the police dispatcher of the alarm going off at J&K's. Daniel Arnold Waller, a Houston resident who has been living in Eagle Lake for a couple of months, was caught coming out of the drive-in. Waller tried to run, but he was apprehended by Murray. In the meantime, chief Ben Johnson found the glass in the front doors of Austin's Grocery and Wilcox Minimex broken but nothing was missing. Sgt. Lape Villareal also assisted in the case. Waller was taken before Judge Szymanski and charged with burglary of a building with bond set at \$800. He was transferred to Colorado County Jail.

'Just Say No' kick-off scheduled October 19

Bobby Heard, First Lady Nancy Reagan's spokesperson, will be in Eagle Lake to kick-off the "Just Say No" program. The assembly for the third, fourth and fifth graders will be held in the Middle School cafeteria on Monday, October 19 at 1:30 p.m. Bobby is from Round Rock and is a sophomore at the University of Texas. He helped bring the "Just Say No" club movement to Texas and has travelled his state, and throughout the nation to deliver his message - "Say No - and be proud of who you are."

Please join with the Pilot Club by endorsing this worthwhile program to help educate our children about the dangers of drugs.