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COLUMBUS LIVESTOCK AUCTION REPORT

Columbus Livestock Auction Inc. Sale Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. We will be on the air at KULM, Columbus, Wednesday from 6:30 to 6:45 a.m. and Thursday, live at ring side from 2:05 to 2:20 p.m.

The market was steady from \$2 to \$5 hundred higher on the good quality steers and heifers. The Plainer types were steady. The packer cows and bulls were very active with approximately 275 head on hand. We had a lot of buyers on hand and a few new buyers on hand which make for a steady market.

If we can help you with marketing your livestock, please call George Hagan or Art Moeller at 409-732-2622 or 1-800-944-2622. If you need a truck or trailer or man to work your cattle, we're as near as your telephone. Out of town call collect; your calls are welcome. Try us on your next shipment.

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Market Report for Jan. 11, 1996

Animals on hand: 1860; sheep, 4; horses, 4

Packer cows: higher dressing utility and cull cows, 34-38¢ lb.; lower dressing utility and cull cows, 30-34¢; light weight cull cows, 25-30¢.

Packer bulls: heavy weight bulls, 45-48¢; utility and cull bulls, 40-45¢; light weight cull bulls, 36-40¢.

Stockers/Feeder Calves/Yearlings

Steers #1: 150-200 lbs., 65-78¢; 200-250, 58-76¢; 250-300, 68-74¢; 300-350, 60-72¢; 350-400, 57-69¢; 400-450, 56-66¢; 450-500, 60-63¢; 500-550, 50-60¢.

Heifers #2 & 3: 42-48¢ all weights.

Stockers: good stockers cows & heifers, \$300-\$350 lb.; head, medium stockers & heifers, \$275-\$325 lb.; head, good cow & calf pairs, \$550-600 pr.; medium cow & calf pairs, \$450-550 pr.; common cow & calf pairs, \$350-450 pr.

Have a nice day, say George, Art, Roy, Ken, Max & Charley.

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Nov. 28, 1947

Friends and relatives gathered on Monday evening at the Southern Pacific Station to receive the body of Pfc. Ernest August Herndon, another of America's war dead, who returned to the States recently from the European Theatre of war.

Supt. and Mrs. W.C. Reed and Mrs. R.T. Westmoreland left Thursday morning for San Antonio to attend the state convention of the Texas State Teachers Association being held at the municipal auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Berger entertained with a surprise birthday party honoring Lawrence Herring at his home on the occasion of his birthday on Monday... Mrs. A.J. Struss was among the successful deer hunters last week killing an eight-point buck on Thursday...

Mrs. F.C. Durkin has succeeded Mrs. Ruben Miller as clerk to Business Manager E.H. Rodgers Sr.

Miss Dorothy Austin and Miss Marie Martin graduated last week from the Lydia Houston Beauty College in Houston and on last Friday received their licenses from the State of Texas to practice their profession.

The home of Mr. & Mrs. L.H. Odenhaus was the setting for a six

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Rodeo

The week continues with 7 p.m. performances: George Strait, Monday, Feb. 19; Clint Black, Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 20 and 21; Brooks and Dunn, Thursday, Feb. 22; and George Strait returns for the evening performance on Friday, Feb. 23.

On Saturday, Feb. 24, the Show celebrates Black Heritage Day featuring a matinee performance beginning at 11 a.m. with Gladys Knight and Kool & the Gang. The 7 p.m. performance brings Toby Keith and Martina McBride to the Dome.

The second week of entertainment kicks off with Go Tejano Day and a 4 p.m. twilight performance Sunday, Feb. 25, featuring Oscar del la Rosa & La Mafia and La Differenzia.

The premier concert continues during the week with Hank Williams Jr. and Lynyrd Skynyrd on Monday, Feb. 26.

Tracy Lawrence and Tracy Byrd team up on Tuesday, Feb. 27; and Alan Jackson returns to the stage on Wednesday, Feb. 28.

The Thursday, Feb. 29, brings in Alabama and Patty Loveless. Reba McEntire returns for three performances: 7 p.m. on Friday, March 1, and for both 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Saturday, March 2.

Tim McGraw and Emilio high-light the final 4 p.m. show on Sunday, March 3.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at all Ticketmaster outlets including Blockbuster Music, Foley's, Sears, Fiesta and Randall's Food markets, as well as the Astrodome box office.

You may also charge tickets by phone by calling 713-629-3700. Ticketmaster also will be selling carnival value packs by phone. The \$19.80 value may be purchased for only \$10 if purchased by phone. VISA, MasterCard, America Express and Discover cards will be accepted for ticket purchases and/or carnival value packs.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo fans will also be able to enjoy championship rodeo and concert entertainment on pay-per-view television for only \$29.90 for the three-event package. The first Rodeo Houston telecast is Friday, Feb. 23; the second will be Thursday, Feb. 29; and the final telecast on Sunday, March 3, will be a live broadcast of the rodeo finals in its entirety.

Rodeo Houston will be available nationwide on DIRECTV; on TVN Satellite Theaters in the United States and Canada; and on cable in Houston and the rest of a five-state area of Texas, Ark., Louis., N.M. and Okla. Coupons for \$5 off the package will be available at Houston and Dallas-area Kroger stores for cable customers.

The 1996 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo opens with the World's Championship BBQ Contest

Deadline for contest is Friday

The Directors of the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District want to remind all schools and students of Friday, Jan. 19, the final date to submit entries in the coloring, poster and essay contests. The entries should be brought to Room 102, County Agricultural Building, 316 Spring, Columbus, by 4:30 p.m. If it is impossible to meet the deadline, please call Clara Horndt at 409-732-2773 to make arrangements.

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Council

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Demolition Program which includes demolition of 23 houses. A dater will be rented for \$1,100 per week.

Waste Management will bring in a machine to pick up the rubble and load it into dump trucks to haul away at a cost of about \$60 per hour.

TNRCC will give the fire department a permit to burn the materials as a training exercise. The cost to the City will be approximately \$2,000.

Holland reviewed the nine-month budget with Council. All departments are in budget, according to Holland.

Both Council and Cook praised the department heads for "tightening the strings" and working hard to control the very tight finances the City is forced to operate with.

Holland also told Council that drainage work is scheduled to begin in Feb.

Dinner

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at 732-6187 or Willie Mae Williams at 732-2899. If you don't, one or all of them may call you.

Invitations will be in the media and mailed soon... The Legion wants everyone who would like to say "thanks" to our retiring officials to be there... those who are supporting candidates for office to be there. Candidates running for state-wide offices will be in attendance. The Legion would like this to be the largest political function in our county this year. Only you can do it!

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Chamber banquet is next Monday, Jan. 29

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet is set for Monday, Jan. 29, at the Eagle Lake Community Center at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Ted Shaw, owner of KULM Radio in Columbus. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased from any director or at Wilcox Foods IGA.

Seniors dance this Friday, Feb. 2

The Senior Citizens dance is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 2, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Eagle Lake KC Hall. The cost is \$5 per person. Music will be provided by The Country Playboys. The public is invited.

Native Plant Society to meet

The Columbus Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas will meet Friday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. at the Live Oak Art Center, Columbus. Quentin Steitz, recognized authority and author, will present the program. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Ann at 409-352-2722 or Kay Potter, 409-732-5033.

Providence Baptist to host 'Congress'

The IMBA Sunday School and BTU Congress on Wheels will be in Eagle Lake at Providence Baptist Church, 1207 E. State, next Friday and Saturday, Feb. 2 and 3. Host pastor, Rev. Coby Shorter Jr., invites everyone to attend Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Rev. E.R. Currey is president of the "Congress"; Rev. C.J. Abraham, director; Rev. D.J. Davis, corresponding secretary; and Rev. F.N. Williams is district moderator.

Rodeo tickets now available

Tickets for Colorado County Day at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo may be obtained through the County Judge's office at 409-732-2604. Tickets for the show and bus ride are \$30. The bus will leave the square in Eagle Lake at 8 a.m., travel to Columbus, pick up passengers at Wal Mart and leave Columbus at 8:30 a.m. The bus will leave the Astrodome for the return trip at 4 p.m. Tickets can be purchased through Jan. 28. For information call Lynda at 234-5878; Vic Corman, 234-2372; or Buddy Mascheck, 234-5347.

CCA board meeting tonight

Combined Community Action Inc. will hold its Board of Directors meeting tonight, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. at the CCA Center in La Grange. The public is invited.

Mardi Gras party Feb. 3 in Weimar

You are cordially invited to join the folks in Weimar for a Mardi Gras party on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 7:30 to midnight. Tickets are \$6 per person and available at the door. A lighted parade starts at 6:30 p.m. Dance to the music of Family Tradition. Enjoy the silent auction, door prizes, costume contest, concession stand, a Cajun Kitchen and much more awaits you at the Weimar Veterans Hall. Proceeds benefit the Weimar Museum.

Republicans to meet tonight in Columbus

The Colorado County Republicans Club will meet at the Live Oak Art Center in Columbus at 7 p.m. tonight, Jan. 25. Candidates from local and state races will be attending and will be available for your questions. Anyone interested in meeting the candidates is cordially invited to attend.

CCLEA calendars now on sale

Colorado County Law Enforcement Agency is now selling its Crime Prevention calendars with pictures of all the County law officers. Tips on how to prevent burglaries and emergency phone numbers. Proceeds will go toward buying needed equipment for the various departments. Call Shirley Kearbey at 409-732-5061; Patty Stavino, 732-2237; Vicki Fredericks, 732-3465; or the Eagle Lake Police Department, 234-2727.

GED classes available

GED classes are underway at the Eagle Lake Middle School every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call the school at 234-3501, and ask for Lois Raabe.

Defensive driving course scheduled

A state approved defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel at the Ag. Building, 316 Spring Street, Columbus, Jan. 27 and 28 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. To pre-register for the course, call 409-732-2734. If unable to pre-register, just arrive a few minutes early.

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County to charge for transfers, nonemergency ambulance usage

Nursing homes, beware...

In an effort to curtail unnecessary use of the County's ambulance service, Colorado County Commissioners' Court on Monday opted to charge nursing homes for the transfer of patients when Medicare requirements are not met.

The decision came after a suggestion from EMS Director Marc Jordan, according to County Judge Vince Slominski.

"There are several instances where Medicare does not reimburse the County for expenses and patients are capable of going to the hospital or clinic by van," said Slominski. "It is important that the criteria set forth by Medicare is met. You have to show a need for the (ambulance) service before it is paid for."

"I think if the criteria is not met, then we need to charge the nursing homes accordingly. Once they get a bill or two, their education process will speed up immensely," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Richard Selfert.

The County, in a unanimous vote, agreed to charge nursing homes \$125 per ambulance run if the County does not receive payment due to Medicare requirements not being met.

"The ambulance is strictly for an emergency. I know that the Colorado Valley Transit Authority will transport the patients if a little notice is given," said Precinct 2 Commissioner Johnnie Elstner.

"I think most people know in advance when they have an appointment and they can let the Colorado Valley Transit know," Elstner added.

The Court, with regret, accepted the resignation, effective Jan. 31, of Precinct 2 Constable Joe Dusek.

"There is no doubt that he (Dusek) did a good job. I only hope we have someone good enough to fill that capacity," said Elstner.

The Court plans to recognize Dusek with a certificate of appreciation at the next meeting date on Feb. 12 upon Elstner's recommendation.

In other business, the Court:

- Recognized Victor Dvorak, a Precinct 3 employee for 37-1/2 years, with a certificate of appreciation for his service to the County upon his retirement on Dec. 31;
- Agreed to contract with the Democratic and Republican parties for the primary election on March 12;
- Agreed to allow local Scouts to use the Courthouse grounds to conduct a campsite display on Feb. 3;
- Received notification that Josephine Montemayor of Eagle Lake declined to serve on the Grievance Committee and announced that Perry Kloesel of Weimar will be contacted to fill the position;
- Authorized the advertisement for road materials, including corrugated metal culverts, weed and brush control, and gravel, lime, hot mix and cold mix, through 1996; and
- Adopted a resolution to continue the 20% homestead exemption.

Inefficient heaters, fuels can kill

According to Texas health officials, carbon monoxide poisoning causes hundreds of illnesses and some deaths each year, usually during cold weather.

The source of the odorless gas is more often than not, poorly ventilated coils or flames of heating appliances.

Automobiles running to warm the engines in closed garages can dangerously raise carbon monoxide levels inside houses and closed buildings.

In 1994, the Texas Department of Health's (TDH) Vital Statistics Bureau, which analyzes the state's death certificates, recorded 25 accidental deaths linked to carbon monoxide.

Dr. David R. Smith, Texas Commissioner of Health, said, "The number of carbon monoxide poisonings sharply increases with the severity of cold weather, when some people must sacrifice fresh air to stay warm."

Smith explained that carbon monoxide is the by-product of inefficient burning, whether it is natural gas, kerosene, gasoline, fireplace logs or other fuels.

"Smoldering coals in fireplaces and flickering flames from clogged gas jets in space heaters are common producers of carbon monoxide," he said. He added that charcoal in barbecues is among the sources of the lethal gas. "No one should ever risk trying to warm an enclosed space with a portable grill," he said, "but people sometimes feel they have no other choice."

Many people may unknowingly have suffered the early effects of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Anyone who has awakened with a headache or dizziness after sleeping in a tightly closed room heated by an unvented space heater may have been mildly poisoned.

In such cases, Smith explained, the carbon monoxide has only begun to replace the normal oxygen level in the victim's bloodstream. In more severe cases, rising carbon monoxide levels cause proportionately reduced oxygen levels, which results not only in headaches and dizziness, but also weakness and drowsiness, nausea and convulsion which can lead to coma and death.

A contributing factor in carbon monoxide poisoning is that people suffering symptoms caused by the gas often are impaired by their drowsiness and may fall asleep.

Anyone who suspects the early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning should immediately go outside for fresh air, then make sure all others who might also have been exposed to the gas are safe.

A qualified person should check all fuel-burning appliances for proper settings and ventilation.

People most at risk for carbon monoxide poisoning are infants, pregnant women, the elderly and those with histories of heart or lung problems.

In severe cases of carbon monoxide poisoning, victims should be treated immediately by emergency personnel. After treatment, it may take a victim several hours or days to regain normal oxygen levels in the blood.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has recommended that all new dwellings be required to be equipped with carbon monoxide detectors, which are similar to smoke detectors.

Similarly, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has urged all home owners to install the inexpensive detectors.

For more information, call Dennis Perrotta at 512-458-7268 or David Vaughn at 512-458-7400.

Museum gifted with historic poster

"Heaven Bound", a pageant featuring spiritual music, was a featured program at Mt. Olive Church at 9 p.m. on June 30, 1932.

An historic poster concerning the event was donated to the Prairie Edge Museum by Reynolds E. Beane of Route 2, Box 125, Alleyton.

Admission was 15¢ for adults and 10¢ for children. The music was under the direction of Mrs. J.B. Clark with Mrs. W.L. Greene as assistant director and Miss Lois Clark as pianist.

Included was the list of local businesses sponsoring the pointed announcement: Beane's Place, Gasoline, Rhodes Taxi, L.D. Allen, Gasoline, McCreary's Cash Store, Spate's Cafe, Eagle Cleaners, Smith and Walker Meats, Eagle Lake Furniture Co.

Also, Charlie Grant, Barbershop and Shine Parlor; Beckman's Drug Store; Lakeside Irrigation Co.; Rufus Counsell Service Driver; Will Harris Barber; G. Blanton & Son Undertaker; and Hunter's Garage.

It is through interested friends like Mr. Beane that the museum adds to its collections concerning the history of our area.

Vawter recognized for excellence, service

Jack Vawter, farm research service manager for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Eagle Lake, received the 1995 Vice Chancellor's Award for Excellence in technical support at an off-campus location.

The award, given at the 1996 Texas A&M Agricultural Program Conference, is the highest to faculty in the Texas A&M agriculture program.

Vawter's award was presented Jan. 10 by Dr. Ed Hiller, vice chancellor and dean for agriculture and life sciences at Texas A&M.

Also, Vawter was cited for his 21 years of service to the Eagle Lake station. He manages nearly 4,000 research plots, and collects and processes data for at least six scientists over four research sites. He also supervises three satellite sites in the western rice belt.

Vawter was praised by the awards committee of the Texas A&M Center at Beaumont for his communication and people-management skills.

Fred T. Turner, chairman of the awards committee, said his relations with his staff, scientist, extension agents, land owners and city officials are remarkable aspects vital to his work.

"When interacting with such a wide range of people it is difficult to (see Vawter, Page 3)