

Babbitt

The species had declined sharply as its coastal prairie habitat has been destroyed and fragmented. Today less than 1% of the species' historic habitat remains and fewer than 50 individual

animals remain. The bird also faces a variety of other threats including parasites, disease, inbreeding and fire ants. The Service is working with a variety of partners in an aggressive

captive-breeding program to provide bird for release into the wild to bolster populations. Breeding facilities include the Houston Zoo, Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, San Antonio Zoo, Texas A&M University, Sea World of Texas and the Abilene Zoo.

"As with other threatened and endangered species, the decline of the Attwater's prairie chicken dramatizes the decline of an entire ecosystem, the coastal prairie," Babbitt said. "The solution is more complicated than simply breeding animals. It requires us to conserve and restore the species' habitat wherever possible and reduce threats not only to individual animals but to the ecosystem as a whole."

Babbitt also highlighted new policies issued in June by the USFWS that make it easier for landowners to enter into Safe Harbor agreements as well as "Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances," which cover species in decline but not yet listed as threatened or endangered.

Currently, there are more than 40 Safe Harbor agreements across the Nation encompassing more than one million acres. N. Carolina's Sandhills Safe Harbor Agreement was the first of its kind, protecting 5,200 acres of privately owned land for the red-cockaded woodpecker. Others cover endangered shorebirds in Hawaii and threatened butterflies in Oregon. One

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of the largest, covering several counties in Texas, will support the re-introduction of one of the world's most endangered falcons, the Aplomado falcon.

Existing Safe Harbor agreements over properties ranging from 2.5 acres to 825,000 acres, making them attractive to both small landowners and corporate interests. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service expects to receive hundreds of requests for Safe Harbor agreements in the next few years.

"We have found that with a Safe Harbor agreement, landowners who might have been nervous about an endangered species on their property suddenly become powerful forces for conservation," Babbitt said. "It gives them the green light to take actions that help the species recover."

The "Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurance" policy deals with species that are not yet listed as endangered or threatened, but are considered to be in decline and could be listed in the future.

"With this policy, the success of these traditional range-wide agreements can be extended to individual landowners who might otherwise be reluctant to attract a declining species. It addresses landowners' concerns about possible restrictions that might be imposed if the species is eventually listed," Babbitt said.



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Grandma & Grandpa

Newsbriefs

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Public speaking workshop is Sept. 25

A public speaking workshop is set for Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Wharton County Fairgrounds in Crescent. Registration will be 9-9:30 a.m. with three concurrent sessions lasting from 9:30 until noon. This workshop is being sponsored by the Wharton County 4-H program and is open to all. There is a \$3 per person charge to cover handouts, refreshments and other costs. This fee must be sent to the Wharton County Extension Office, 210 South Rusk, Wharton, TX 77488 no later than Monday, Sept. 20.

Want to go to D.C.?

Attention students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades in the Garwood, Eagle Lake and Sheridan Schools. A trip to Washington, D.C. is once again being sponsored by Ray Sykowski. A meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 21, at the Eagle Lake Primary School cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. Interested students with their parents are invited to attend. Details of the trip will be discussed. If you are unable to attend but are interested in the trip, please call 409-234-3447.

Great American Train Show is Sept 18, 19

The Great American Train Show will be held Sept. 18 and 19 at the Astrodome/Astroarena in Houston from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. See operating model railroads and over 10,000 trains on display and for sale. Tickets are \$6 for adults and kids under 12 are free with adult. For more information call 630-834-0652.

EMT class slated in Sheridan

Colorado County EMS (CCEMS) will be sponsoring an EMT-Basic classes in Sheridan. Class will be held in Sheridan on Monday, Sept. 20, at 6 p.m. at the Sheridan Community Center. CCEMS is sponsoring the course in an effort to meet staffing demands. For more information please call Marc Jordan at 409-732-9635.

St. Paul Annual BBQ set for Sept. 26

St. Paul Lutheran Church of Wallis will hold its annual chicken barbecue and LWML Country Store, Sunday, Sept. 26 at the Wallis American Legion Hall. A short worship service will be held by Pastor Ray Spitznerberger in the hall at 9 a.m. and serving starts at 11 a.m. All plates are \$6. This includes 1/2 chicken, potatoes, green beans, slaw, bread, trimmings and drink.

CCA meeting is tonight

Combined Community Action Inc. (CCA) will hold its Board of Directors meeting Thursday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. at the CCA Nutrition Center on 275 Ellinger Road in La Grange. The public is invited to attend.

ELHS Reunion 2000

A meeting of class representatives working on Eagle Lake High School (ELHS) reunion 2000 will be held Thursday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Visitors are welcome.

Hospice training session start Sept. 21

Hospice, a program which provides supportive care for persons with a terminal illness and their families, needs volunteers. A 24 hour training session is planned for the East Bernard, Eagle Lake area Sept. 21, 23, 26 and 30. To register or for information, call Margaret at the Hospice office, 409-543-9487.

Amateur fishing tourney set for Sept. 25

The Crystal Beach Fishing Club is holding a Speckled Trout Open Amateur Fishing Tournament Sept. 25, from daylight to 5 p.m. Weigh-in at 5 p.m. will be at Stinger Marina in Crystal Beach. This is a Heavy Stringer tournament with cash prizes awarded to first through 10 places. Entry fee is \$25 with an optional \$5. Heavy Fish Pot must be received by Sept. 22. Sign-up at South Shore Grocery in Crystal Beach or call 281-328-7447 for an entry form.

County Hay Show deadline is Sept. 17

The Colorado County Hay Show will be held Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 4 p.m. at the Frelsburg Fire Station. If you are interested in entering a hay sample, please submit on or before Sept. 17. Each sample submitted will cost \$1 for the protein test. Samples should consist of a feed bag full of hay from round bales or two blocks of hay from a square bale. Samples should include your name, address, sample number and hay type. For more information, call the County Extension Office at 409-732-2082.

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Market Report for Sept. 9, 1999

Animals on hand: cattle, 2026; one horse.

Cutter cows: higher dressing utility & cutter cows, 35-41¢ per lb.; lower dressing utility & cutter cows, 30-35¢ per lb.; thin cows, 25-30¢.

Cutter bulls: heavy weight bulls, 45-51¢; utility cutter bulls, 41-45¢.

Stocker/Feeder - Calves/Yearlings

Steers # 1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.15-1.32; 300-400 lbs., \$1.05-1.25; 400-500 lbs., 93¢-1.03; 500-600, 80-90¢; 600-700 lbs., 74-82¢; 700-800 lbs., 69-73¢.

Heifers # 1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.00-1.17;

300-400 lbs., 90¢-1.00; 400-500 lbs., 83-90¢; 500-600, 76-83¢; 600-700 lbs., 70-76¢; 700-800 lbs., 63-70¢.

Good Stocker Cow calf pairs, \$620-720 by the head; **Med. cow, calf Pairs,** \$500-625 by the head; **common cow & calf pairs,** \$425-500; **good stocker cows & heifers,** \$525-600; **med. cow & heifers,** \$400-500.

Baseball

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Cullinan, Smith and Reed will answer questions, both from a moderator and from the audience, and copies of Reed's book will be available for sale and autographing. Admission is free.

Though Reed's book, filled with photographs and hardbound, retails for \$35, as usual, the library will offer them for sale at a substantial discount. Those in attendance may obtain autographed copies for \$25.

The concept of bringing major league baseball to Houston was developed by a local public relations man named George Kirksey. His considerable efforts, however, were frustrated for many years.

As recently as the late 1940s, all 16 major league baseball teams were clustered in the northeastern part of the United States, based in cities and stadiums in which they had played for decades. There seemed little chance that any city south or west of St. Louis would ever acquire a team. Then, in fairly rapid succession, teams moved to Milwaukee and Baltimore, and two New York teams moved to California, giving Kirksey hope.

In 1956, Kirksey recruited Cullinan to back his efforts and the project acquired credibility and momentum. By the time the team took the field in '62, Kirksey and Cullinan had brought in several other investors, two of whom, Roy Hofheinz and Bob Smith, ultimately assumed control of the team.

The Colts caused many changes in Houston, and in baseball. The National League had many black players, including stars like Willie Mays and Henry Aaron, who would have to stay in Houston hotels when they were in town to play the Colts. At the insistence of the Colt backers, Houston's major hotels quietly but voluntarily became desegregated 10 days before the Colts played their first game.

The team's first stadium, Colt Stadium, had no roof, and the heat and humidity in Houston had a powerful effect on the players. To mitigate these effects, the league authorized the Colts to play Sunday games at night, the first Sunday night games ever allowed.

The Colts were laced with characters like Turk Farrell, whose antics and surprising ability as a pitcher kept fans enthralled. Principally at the insistence of Hofheinz, the stadium was splashed with bright colors, ticket takers, ushers, and other personnel were dressed in kitschy uniforms, and players were required to wear powder blue western suits, complete with boots and 10-gallon hats, while on road trips.

The team brought other novelties to baseball. A Colt pitcher, Ken Johnson, became the first ever to pitch a no-hit game and lose. On Sept. 27, 1963, the Colts did something else that had never been done; they started a rookie at every position. Five of the players were teenagers; the oldest was 21.

The Colts compiled nearly identical records in their three years of play, losing 96 games in each of their first two years and 97 in their last year.

Classified Ads

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25 Real Estate

Lee Briscoe & Associates
2024 Hwy. 71 South Columbus, Tx 78934 409-732-3847

HOMES

2 Bedroom, 1 bath, Lake Sheridan Addition.
3 Bedroom, 2 bath, brick home; 707 S. McCarty, Eagle Lake. Owner ready to move!

ACREAGE

New listing: 30 Acres; old camphouse; water well. Very nice!

New listing: 35 beautiful acres in Sheridan. Very nice 30 acres. Lovely doublewide mobile home; other very nice amenities. Owner wants to sell!

2 Lots on Partridge Lane; homesites.
12 Acres in Eagle Lake with 2 bedroom house.
15.7 Acres 2 miles west of Eagle Lake on 90A. Price Reduced!

19 Acre tract, Lake Sheridan; wooded; near Sheridan.
Lot: corner of 90-A & Johnnie D. Hutchins Dr.

COMMERCIAL

New Listing: Approximately 1/2 Acre; corner Hwy. 90-A, Eagle Lake; no restrictions. Veterinary Clinic, Home, Canopy and Pens in Eagle Lake.

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Headache is one of the most commonly reported health problems in the US. An estimated 75% of women and a little over 50% of men suffer from recurring headaches. Tension headaches are believed to result from pain due to contraction of head, shoulders, neck, and facial muscles. Migraine headaches are thought to be caused by constriction followed by a rapid dilatation of certain blood vessels in the head. An imbalance in the "brain chemical" serotonin may be involved with migraines.

Recently researchers have discovered that botulism-A toxin (BTXA or Botox) injections may relieve both tension and migraine headaches. Ingesting botulism-A toxin in tainted foods (food poisoning) can result in death. But small amounts of the toxin injected into the skin can cause facial muscles to relax. Therefore, toxin injections are sometimes used to treat facial wrinkles. Recently it was found that persons getting BTXA injections had fewer headaches than persons who did not get the injections. Dr. W. J. Binder at the University of California has reported success treating migraine headaches with BTXA, indicating that the pain of an acute migraine may be relieved in just over an hour following injections.