

Slew Of Activities Planned For National Ag Week March 19-25

Where does your food come from? If you are like many Americans, the answer is the grocery store. And frankly, that disturbs us.

The grocery store is not where food comes from - it is just from where it is distributed.

In reality, far too many people are unaware of the role of American agriculture in their daily lives...and what it really takes to have food on their dinner table.

Just a few generations ago, most people were a part of -- and had friends or relatives involved with -- agriculture.

Today, that is no longer the case. That is why we are writing, because agriculture is responsible for providing the necessities of life...food, fiber, clothing, and shelter.

And it is time that Americans recognized that contribution!

American farmers are working harder than ever, and it shows. Today, each American farmer feeds more than 120 people.

And the need for food produced in the United States is dramatic. Agriculture is this nation's number one export and is vitally important in sustaining

a healthy economy. (Colorado County is second in the state of Texas in rice production and ninth in beef cattle production.)

And it is not just farmer who makes our food possible. The entire agriculture industry, all the way to the grocery store, are vital links in a chain that brings food to every citizen -- and millions of people abroad.

Frankly, it is easy to take agriculture for granted in America. Our food is readily accessible and safe.

This does not mean we do not have an obligation to recognize how it is made possible.

March 19-25, is National Ag Week, hosted by the Agriculture Council of America. Ag Week is a good time to reflect - and be grateful - for American agriculture and to share that message with others, especially young people.

This year, Colorado County Farm Bureau, Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District, Columbus Convention and Visitor Bureau, Texas Cooperative Extension - Colorado County, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board - Regional Office, and USDA Farm Service Agency - Colorado County in

a cooperative effort, have organized National Ag Week activities for you, the residents of Colorado County so that you may see what ag related services are available to you.

The Colorado County Farm Bureau promotes agriculture. On an average, American families spend approximately 10 percent of their income for food.

Farm Bureau wants the people of Colorado County know where and how the agriculture industry produces their goods and how it is made available to them.

Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District #333 have been assisting landowners for 57 years.

"Locally-led conservation" is the basis of this organization with local landowners serving on the SWCD board guiding local conservation efforts in Colorado County.

The District partners with the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board in Temple and the Regional Office in Wharton to protect the natural resources in the county.

Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau is a destination marketing organization whose primary role is to

serve as an economic catalyst through developing and promoting tourism opportunities that bring overnight visitors from destinations that are 50 or more miles from the city of Columbus, Texas.

The CCVB takes a leadership role in marketing the city of Columbus as a tourist destination by building internal organizational excellence and external strategic partners.

Texas Cooperative Extension Office in Colorado County has been providing quality outreach and continuing education programs and services to county citizens for 50-plus years.

The Extension office is a member of the Texas A&M University System and operates in cooperative partnership with the USDA and our county Commissioner's Court, along with community based committees to address the relevant needs of our community.

Informative articles can be found in the newspapers, heard on the radio or you may attend an educational workshop, publications may be ordered through the county office or educational tips received with just a phone call.

Texas Parks and Wildlife works to manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and to provide hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

USDA Farm Service Agency - Colorado County is a customer-driven agency with a diverse and multitasked work force, dedicated to achieving an economically and environmentally sound future for American agriculture.

Agriculture brings money to Colorado County. The Colorado County 2005 agriculture (approximate) production numbers include beef cattle - 6000 cows were sold that generated \$5,112,000 while 53,500 calves were sold that generated \$31,297,500, rice

- 30,903 acres of rice were planted, \$14,796,356 was generated, corn - 10,688 acres of corn was planted which generated \$2,511,680, grain sorghum - 1001 acres of grain sorghum were planted, \$281,531 was generated, soybeans - 1254 acres of soybeans were planted which generated \$172,425 plus other area of agriculture that generated thousands of dollars to county includes hay, nursery crops, wildlife, eggs, pecans, horses, and turf.

We invite the residents of Colorado County to join us in celebrating National Week on Thursday, March 23, at the Colorado County Courthouse from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Educational information booths will be set up and personnel will be available to visit with you about agriculture and programs that are available to you.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

Five Civil Suits Filed In Colorado County District Court

Five civil suits were filed in the last week in Colorado County District Court.

On March 7, a case was transferred from county court to district court. The suit involves a dispute between Mark A. Robinson and Kaylee Robinson Brune as executor of the estate of Sandra Robinson. The suit seeks to set aside a judgment admitting the will of Sandra Robinson to probate.

Also on March 7, Palisades Acquisition V LLC filed suit against Jack Schnake in a dispute over a credit card debt. The suit claims that \$14,498 is due on the account.

On March 10, Lionel Lewis, on behalf of minor children, Zacharias Lewis, Ausia Lewis, and Lionel Lewis III, filed suit over injuries received in a motor vehicle accident.

The suit names John Kwame Ackah, and Swift Transportation Co. Inc. as defendants.

The suit claims the three minors were injured when the vehicle in which they were riding was struck by a tractor-trailer, operated by Ackah and owned by Swift.

The accident occurred on Interstate 10, westbound at Columbus on June 30, 2004.

On March 13 Elizabeth B. Taylor, Mintex Properties, LLC, Marianne Burke and the George R. Burke Jr. Family Partnership Ltd. filed suit against Kathleen Burke in a dispute over land.

The suit states the defendants and plaintiffs own several tracts of land in Colorado County and is asking for a partition.

On March 13 LVNV Funding LLC filed suit against Mae Noel in a dispute over an account. The suit claims \$6,909 is due.

Marriage Licenses Issued

Jeremy Pardo and Angela Renee Jasek, March 6.

Jeremy B. Hillje and Kristi Lynne Guenther, March 6.

Edmundo Rubio and Juanita Garraillio, March 7.

Byron Keith Barres and Gloria Alvarez Granados, March 8.

Samuel Frederick Holm and Rebecca Marie Konen, March 8.

Jonathan Mark Henkin and Blanche Marie Hamrick, March 10.

Cory Allen Noska and Caressa Rachelle Shreves, March 10.

Divorces Granted

Hortelina Glenn and James R. Glenn, March 9.

Will Tyler and Joann Tyler, March 9.

Scott Jones and Tiffany Jones, March 9.

Eagle Lake Junior High Perfect Attendance

The Eagle Lake Jr. High has announced that the following students had perfect attendance for the 4th-six weeks of school.

Sixth grade: Amy Adams, Jonovan Allen, McKinley Boutte, Felicia Casas, Abraham Castillo, Dominic Castillo, Raenishia Colson, Christopher Escamilla, Jonathan Fore, Natasha Frazier, Jasmine Govea, Dylan Grace, Takeshia Hodge, Christina Lopez, Chesley McGrew, Alejandra Mendoza,

Ugo Mendoza, Veronica Mendoza, John Morales, Preston Moreida, Michael Navarro, Racheal Navarro, Yessica Rivera,

Brooke Rodriguez, Yadira Rodriguez, Adrianna Ruiz, Christian Samaniego, Mitsi Samaniego, Felice Smith, Johnathan Soria, Mark Sosa, Sandra Vega.

Seventh grade: Michael Aguilar, Alexandra Castillo, Deon Dabney, Araceli Esquivel, Katerrain Huffman, Christopher Ledezma, Gerald Martinez, Destinee Mason,

Diondrick McCoy, Diana Mendoza, Magdalena Mendoza, Mercedes Ornelas, Javier Posada, Isaac Rangel, Marco Rivera, Alejandro Roque, Kelvin Roy,

Terrance Shorter, Terris Shorter, Lindsey Sommer, Machelusa Thomas, Tramayne Tillman, Luisa Vasquez, Jaquita Woods.

Eighth grade: Alan Arellano, Shaina Bowen, Falin Braden, Christopher Dorsey,

Kevin Earls, Erin Harman, La'nia Jackson, Lance Kucherka, Patricia Lujan, Erika Martinez,

Juan Martinez, Casey Mayfield, La'dalrus Miller, Irving Molina, Jeffrey Navarro,

Brittany Parker, Jontrell Pratt, Sharae Pratt, Kathryn Salazar, Carlos Sosa, Derrick Stredick, Guadalupe Torrez,

Amber Tristan, Jonathan Tristan, Sarael Valdez, Zachary Vasquez, Francisco Vazquez,

Jacquelin Vazquez, Annicia Williams, Marneikwa Woods.

Energy Department Selects LCRA For Grant

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has selected an LCRA project to test a method of sharply reducing mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants.

The project is the latest in LCRA's efforts to find ways to operate its electric generating facilities efficiently and in an environmentally responsible manner, LCRA officials said.

The project will use a gold catalyst to oxidize mercury emissions at LCRA's Fayette Power Project (FPP) Unit 3 near La Grange.

Once the mercury is oxidized, it can be removed with the sulfur dioxide scrubber technology installed at FPP Unit 3.

This project is one of 12 selected nationwide by DOE for field-testing technologies that achieve at least 90 percent mercury removal at half the typical cost.

DOE has committed \$2.5 million to this project, and LCRA will share the remaining costs, estimated at \$1.5 million, with the Electric Power Research Institute, Salt River Project, Southern Company, Tennessee Valley Authority, Westar Energy and Johnson Mat-

they, the supplier of the catalyst.

An Austin company, URS Group, Inc., will run the overall project.

Mercury is found naturally in very small quantities in soils, rock and in coal.

When coal is burned, most of the mercury in the coal is emitted through the stacks.

(The amount of mercury emitted from a power plant depends on the chemical characteristics of the coal, the concentration of mercury in the fuel, and on the size of power plant.)

LCRA has taken a number of steps over the years to reduce emissions well below state and federal standards.

FPP is considered to be one of the cleanest coal-fired power plants in the state.

LCRA operates FPP and co-owns units 1 and 2 with Austin Energy. LCRA owns Unit 3 outright.

LCRA is a conservation and reclamation district that provides energy, water and community services that improve the quality of life of the people of Texas.

Rice Medical Center would like to thank the following donors and winners for their generous donations to our 9th annual RMC Classic. Without the support of these companies and individuals, we would not be able to purchase the much-needed equipment for Rice Medical Center. We really appreciate all they do for us!

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THE FALLS GOLF RESORT - ROUND OF GOLF FOR 4 WINNER: **JIM WIESE**

UT NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP JACKET RMC NURSES & EMPLOYEES WINNER: **MARGARET RODRIGUEZ**

GLUECK TREE FARM - 30 GALLON TREE OF CHOICE WINNER: **MICHAEL DONNELLY**

COLUMBUS GOLF COURSE - ROUND OF GOLF FOR 2/CARTS WINNER: **TRAFICO INDUSTRIES**

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN GOLF COURSE - ROUND OF GOLF FOR 2 WINNER: **KENNETH JOHNSON**

EAGLE LAKE REHAB & FITNESS - 1 MONTH MEMBERSHIP WINNER: **TIM JONES**

THE EAGLE LAKE HEADLIGHT - 1 YEAR SUBSCRIPTIONS WINNER: **DR. RAY CANTU**

TACO TONY'S - LUNCH FOR 2 WINNER: **MICHAEL LOPEZ**

RICE MEDICAL CENTER DIETARY - LUNCH FOR 2 WINNER: **CYNTHIA LOPEZ**

RMC SUPPORTER - RED HANDBAG WINNER: **PATTI SCHINDER**

THE SPORTSMAN RESTAURANT - \$40 GIFT CERTIFICATE WINNER: **CAROLYN AUSTIN**

MARGARET RODRIGUEZ - 1 UNIFORM SHIRT WINNER: **JESSICA TILL**

HIS & HERS BEAUTY SHOP - HC & SHAMPOO WINNER: **ROBERT MOREIDA**

MARGARET RODRIGUEZ - 1 UNIFORM SHIRT WINNER: **BILLY FERGUSON**

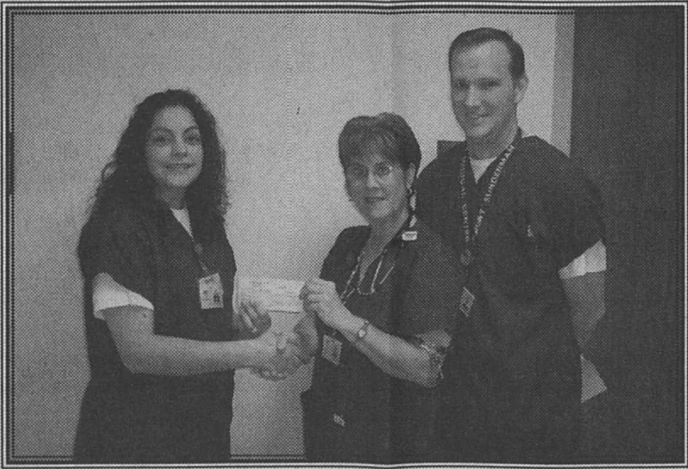
GUADALAJARA MEXICAN RESTAURANT, COLUMBUS - \$10 CERTIFICATE WINNER: **NADA HATTON**

MARGARET RODRIGUEZ - 1 UNIFORM SHIRT WINNER: **JAZZUM**

RMC NURSE - BARBIE COLLECTOR DOLL WINNER: **SUSAN HAVELKA**

WEIMAR GOLF COURSE - ROUND OF GOLF FOR 4 WINNER: **ROYAL STEVENS**

GIRLING HOME HEALTH, INC. - GARDEN BASKET WINNER: **LISA FIELDS**



RMC Classic Chairman, Kurt Senkerman, RT (R) and Betty Gubmann, RN presents to Annette Navarro a token as top

seller of all of the Drawing sales.

