

Over My Shoulder

A monthly review of the livestock market by J.D. Sartwelle, Jr.

May is now in the record book as another dry month in the middle part of the country and just one more long month in the saga of trying to re-open some of our export markets to bolster a sagging fed cattle trade, and just one more month where many say that we're needing a livestock ID system and making little headway on getting there.

Weather patterns are still such as both coasts continue to receive moisture and in some cases on an excessive basis while the middle parts of the country are living from rain to rain or shower to shower.

Some folks are living better than others and are not experiencing much difficulty while other parts of the county are growing nothing, have nothing, and won't have much if it doesn't rain.

South Texas areas have liquidated large numbers of cows and the line is moving steadily north.

May didn't contribute much moisture if any at all in the southern part of the state, precious little in the central part of the state and maybe just a little more in the north central and north east Texas areas.

Early planted crops in most areas seem to be getting along fairly well while the later planted fields will probably be struggling before too many more days.

Cowboys made a little hay during the month, with the key word being little.

Most folks have probably kept most of what they have made for their own use and if they sold any, sold it for

more than they ever have to a ready buyer.

In the feedyards where actually trading on a fat one seems to be a thing of the past, packers and feeders squared off with the packers determined to buy cattle and or mark them hanging with a healthy profit margin and feeders wanting to move them to stay as current as possible.

The futures were non-supportive throughout the month as most think that we have over-burdening supplies some where down the line.

The third week, the packers broke the log jam on a Friday and finally traded some live cattle to help set up their kills for the last days of the month.

Cattle that started the month at the eighty four dollar mark, lowered, then struggled most of the month trying to hang on to the \$80 mark.

When the month was all over, maybe they traded enough not to have a big carry over.

In the county a few yearling that somehow survived the non-existent spring grazing move to the lots and at the local markets, cow and calf runs were seasonally steady in most places and seasonally well over the mark in those areas where it had forgotten how to rain.

Deep South Texas continued to liquidate cows and or move light weight calves in abnormally high numbers.

The slaughter cow and bull trade held up pretty well through the third week before slaughter numbers finally forced the market down as packers found it hard to keep up with

supplies.

An over \$50 utility cow at the first of the month sold mid forties to end the month.

The calf trade slowly turn to almost all new crop calves and still met a good demand although the fleshy ones didn't sell like the dried out cattle.

It seemed maybe that the five weight cattle found better homes that those lighter or heavier as both steers and heifers end the month almost like they started.

The lighter weight cattle began to be affected by the hotter days and the early spring glow came of most of them.

At month's end the good five weight steers could still sell in the high dollar twenties, the four weights in the dollar thirties, the three weights in the dollar forties.

The pork trade faired a little better for the month as numbers were checked but the chicken trade faced tough markets with burdening numbers and tonnage with a buildup up of supplies because of a slowing export trade ostensibly because of bird flu concerns.

Spring's over, summer and warmer weather are in front of us. Most of the state and neighboring areas are looking for more moisture to keep the production year going.

Not enough June moisture and too much June heat could force a good many folks into doing something with their cows that they don't want to do.

Let's hope that some of the weather patterns of spring change and put down more moisture in the middle of the country instead of the two ends.

News From The Courthouse

One Civil Suit In District Court

One civil suit was filed in Colorado County District Court in the last week.

On May 25, J&K's Corner Inc. of Eagle Lake filed suit against John Wesley Perry in a dispute over payment on an account.

The suit claims that Perry owes \$6,900 for gasoline and oil purchased from December 2004 to January 2006.

Marriage Licenses Issued
Steven Michael Hall to Shannon Leigh Kocian, May 22.

Divorce Filed
Suzanne Michelle Eaves and Robert Edward Eaves, May 25.

Council

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The concern with this scenario is paying for the maintenance on the system.

The water bills in New Town would likely need to be increased in some way to pay for maintenance costs.

In other council action:
-Chris Schuirring was sworn in as the newest city council member. Mayor Mike Morales and Councilman John Young were sworn in to new terms as well.

-Council discussed the city's plumbing permit fee. The fee is currently \$50 and councilmembers advised that they had received some complaints saying that the fee was excessive. Council agreed to meet with city employees to discuss the matter and bring it up at a later meeting.
-Larry Contreras was elected Mayor Pro-Tempore.

Collapse

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Officials said it appeared that the wire mesh on which the plaster was applied had been nailed to ceiling joists with three-inch nails.

Jamison said there was also a concern about whether any other parts of the ceiling might be unstable.

Damage is expected to total thousands of dollars, but no estimate was immediately made.

Although no one was in the courtroom and court was not in session, Vornsand said a jury trial had been selected to start on Tuesday, but was earlier rescheduled.

Vornsand said the last major remodeling of the courthouse was in the 1980s. It was not immediately determined how long the current ceiling in the courtroom had been in place.

The courthouse was built in the 1891.

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fried steak meal Sunday, June 4. The golf tourney will be held at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center starting at 1:30 p.m. The chicken fried steak meal will be served from the Parish of the Nativity Pavilion on St. Austin Road from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$7 each and can be purchased from any KC member. Proceeds benefit local scholarships and charities.

Retired teachers to meet Monday, June 5

The Colorado County Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday, June 5 at Schobels' Restaurant in Columbus. Members are encouraged to attend in order to pay membership dues for 2006-2007. New retirees will also be recognized at this meeting.

Garden Club Bunco party is Tuesday

The Eagle Lake Garden Club will present its second annual Ladies Only Blossom Bunco Party Tuesday, June 6 at Didner Hall, 201 Crain St. in Eagle Lake. Registration and refreshments start at 6 p.m. games from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person. Stop by for great fun and great prizes. Tickets available at Creative Expressions, Eagle Lake Drugstore, Golden Goose, First National Bank, or by calling 234-5179 or at the door.

RMC Community health fair is June 10

Rice Medical Center (RMC) will be hosting a Community Health Fair Saturday, June 10. The Health Fair will offer blood pressure screening, pulse oximetry, pulmonary function screening, PSA testing, cholesterol screen, glucose screen, bone density screen, activities for the kids, several informative booths about massage therapy, home health, assisted living, durable medical equipment, physical therapy and much more! The Health Fair will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Rice Medical Center Hospital, 600 South Austin Road in Eagle Lake. The RMC Employee Volunteers will have a bake sale in conjunction with the Health Fair. For more information call Vicky Pavlu at 979-234-5571 x 5216.

Hemphill-English family reunion is July 1

The Hemphill-English family reunion will be held in Eagle Lake July 1 at the pavilion at 545 S. Austin Rd. The pavilion will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the families. However, they will have their traditional religious hour at 9 a.m. at a local church.

Major show turkey orders being taken

Any 4-H member planning to show market turkeys in one of the 2007 major livestock shows needs to contact the Colorado County Extension Office to submit their order. Orders are due in the office on or before July 7, 2006.

Colorado County Deed Records

Warranty Deed with Vendors Lien, Brenda Vargas et al to Ronald S. Woodall et al, lot 2 block 35 City of Weimar, filed April 3.

Gift Deed, Carolyn Kay Barnett to David Beherns Willbern, 2.54 acres WM R. Hunt League, filed April 4.

Mineral Deed, Rex H. Beck to Jana Beck Woodall, 155 acres GC&SF survey, filed April 3.

Warranty Deed with Vendors Lien, Bruce L. Binder et al to Larry P. Hoelscher et al, lots 1 & 6 City of Columbus, filed April 5.

Gift Deed, Sherral Boedeker to David Beherns Willbern, 2.54 acres WM R. Hunt League, filed April 4.

Warranty Deed, Audrey Jean Bondar to Donnie R. Prieto, lots 10 & 11 block 49 City of Columbus, filed April 4.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, Nona Beth Briscoe to Hurd Enterprises LTD, 42.978 acres James Cummins League, filed April 3.

Assumed Name Certificate, Shara Bueler-Repka doing business as Pony Express Ministry, filed April 6.

Mineral Gift Deed, Marlene Castleman to Amy Castleman Engstrom, two tracts Samuel Kennelly survey, filed April 6.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, Janet Marie Petter Corporan to Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation, 5 acres ASA McClure survey, filed April 4.

Warranty Deed with Vendors Lien, Jessica Coufal et al to Larry P. Hoelscher et al, lots 1 & 6 City of Columbus, filed April 5.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, Edith Korenek Drliek et al to Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation, 5 acres ASA McClure survey, filed April 4.

Warranty Deed, Alfred J. Elstner to Mark A. Richard et al, lot 3 block 22

City of Weimar, filed April 6.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, Bernice Froehlich to Cymraec Resources Inc., 100 acres John Swarte et al surveys, filed April 6.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, Travis D. Froehlich to Cymraec Resources Inc., 100 acres John Swarte et al surveys, filed April 6.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, Walter Gold Trustee to Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation, 5 acres ASA McClure survey, filed April 4.

Warranty Deed with Vendors Lien, Grain System Inc. to Alvin Sosa et al, two tracts P. Reels survey, filed April 5.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, Craig T. Guynes to Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation, 13 acres ASA McClure survey, filed April 3.

Warranty Deed, Nancy Hand et al to Charles G. Churchwell et al, 32.01 acres Peyto R. Splane League, filed April 5.

Warranty Deed, Stuart Hastedt to Rodney L. Mallams et al, three tracts Thomas Matthews survey, filed April 6.

Warranty Deed, Elizabeth A. Henicke et al to William Earl Heffley, lot 1B block G City of Columbus, filed April 3.

Mineral and Royalty Deed, Hudgins Oil & Gas LTD to JIS Investments LTD, var. tracts M. Baton et al surveys, filed April 6.

Warranty Deed, Charles William Huebel et al to Donnie R. Prieto, lots 10 & 11 block 49 City of Columbus, filed April 4.

Warranty Deed, Michael Joseph Huebel to Donnie R. Prieto, lots 10 & 11 block 49 City of Columbus, filed April 4.

Warranty Deed, Robert Edward Huebel Jr. to Donnie R. Prieto, lots 10 & 11 block 49 City of Columbus, filed April 4.

Memorandum of Oil and Gas, Olive D. Hughes to Everest Resource Com-

pany, 160 acres Johnson & Stafford survey, filed April 7.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, JE & AL Kasper Living Trust to Cymraec Resources Inc., 49.36 acres F. Mahay Heirs survey, filed April 6.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, Barney Kasper to Cymraec Resource Inc., 49.36 acres F. Mahay Heirs survey, filed April 6.

Warranty Deed, Bryan Scott Kleimann to Rodney L. Mallams et al, three tracts Thomas Matthews survey, filed April 6.

Warranty Deed, Fred C. Knippel Jr. et al to Angela Kay Schulz et al, 4.468 acres Howard McElroy et al surveys, filed April 6.

Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease, Eugene Korenek et al to Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation, 5 acres ASA McClure survey, filed April 4.

Warranty Deed, Darryl Laake et al to Chris F. Dekohary, three tracts Benj. F. McMillen survey, filed April 4.

Warranty Deed, Lakeside Acres LLC to Michael Morales, tract out of Patrick Reel survey, filed April 3.

Assumed Name Certificate, Sam Lauro doing business as Wild Rose Ranch Photography, filed April 7.

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Warranty Deed, Mary Ann Mertz et al to Jayne Donaldson et al, lot 8 block R Town of Columbus, filed April 3.

Warranty Deed, Michael's Real Estate Investment Corp. to Lou Anne Hancock Kellman et al, 10 acres CL Baker et al surveys, filed April 3.

Executor's Warranty Deed, Edna Lora Mieth Estate to Nancy Jo Short et al, 4.270 acres Peter Piper League, filed April 5.

Warranty Deed, Jerry Mikeska to Rodney J. Mallams et al, three tracts Thomas Matthews survey, filed April 6.

General Warranty Deed, Kenneth E. Miller et al to Barrett Orsak et al, lot A block Q City of Columbus, filed April 5.

General Warranty Deed, Michael Morales to Hector Flores, tract out of block 57 City of Eagle Lake, filed April 6.

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Jamie Renea Christ

Christ Graduates In Houston

Jamie Renea Christ received a Bachelor of Science Degree Interdisciplinary Studies from the University Houston-Downtown on Sunday May 7, 2006. Commencement was held at Minute Maid Park in Houston, Texas.

Jamie received an Associate Art degree from WCJC 2004 and graduated from Rice High School 2001. She is the daughter of Rick and Debbie Christ of Eagle Lake. Congratulations are extended to the graduate.

Legislature

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exemption, for those businesses other than sole proprietorships and non-corporate general partnerships, was increased to \$300,000. This is a doubling of the current \$150,000 exemption. Sole proprietorships and non-corporate general partnerships are completely exempt from paying the new margins business tax. Businesses that owe \$1,000 or less are also exempt from filing.

Representative Robby Cook (D-Eagle Lake) stated, "I have heard repeatedly from my constituents that they want property tax relief. Our state pays some of the highest property taxes in the country, and millions of homeowners and employers pay the price." Cook said, "Property taxes that are too high cost Texans jobs when businesses decide to go elsewhere, they cost consumers money in terms of higher prices, and they cost millions of Texas families the dream of owning a home of their own. Property tax reduction was half of the equation, and I am proud to be a part of the bipartisan effort that also funds increased salaries for educators and provides additional revenues into school systems."

Wreck

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apparently occurred when Tyler failed to stop at the end of Melody Lane where it intersects with Burns.

According to reports, Tyler went through the stop sign and veered a little bit left before going through the yard and into the house belonging to Victor Corman.

The accident was investigated by Sgt. David Wiese assisted by the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department as

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