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Security Issues Top Priority At Border Conference

Texas hosted the 24th annual Border Governors Conference, Aug. 24-25.

Officials from the Lone Star State, New Mexico, Arizona and California met at the state Capitol with governors and officials from the northernmost Mexican states.

Border security was the main topic, and Homeland Security Chief Michael Chertoff spoke.

Other topics included commerce and security. Meetings were held behind closed doors.

Gov. Rick Perry told reporters that commerce and immigration are concerns that come after security in his book, and that he doesn't plan to wait for the federal government to tighten up the border.

Outside, immigration policy protesters and counterprotesters expressed their opinions in 100-plus degree heat.

In El Paso a couple of days

before the Austin conference, Perry said increased joint law enforcement in the borderlands has helped lower the crime rate in some communities.

"When you increase patrols, you decrease crime," he said.

Governors capped the border conference by co-signing a letter to congressional leaders, urging lawmakers in Washington D.C., to pass legislation enhancing border security and controlling immigration.

In mid-August, the state of Texas supplied El Paso County more than \$2 million to work with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to disrupt organized criminal groups involved in violent crime, gangs, human trafficking, money laundering and drug trafficking.

More Park Funding, Chairman Says

Texas law devotes \$32 million a year from the state sporting

goods tax to maintain the state parks system. But the parks are only getting a fraction of the revenue.

Result: the parks aren't doing so well. In fact, there's a whole lot of crumbling going on. It's no wonder, with some 10 million people visiting each year.

On Aug. 24 the Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission met with its 17-member Parks & Wildlife Advisory Committee.

Former state Sen. John Montford, chairman of the committee, suggested using the entire state sporting goods sales tax for parks to increase funding by about \$85 million per year, with the Legislature's approval.

"Virtually every major Texas newspaper in recent months has devoted either editorial or column

space to supporting our state parks. The time for action is now," Montford said.

Whooping Cough Initiative Begins

The Texas Department of State Health Services launched a whooping cough education campaign Aug. 21.

The agency is spreading the word about new vaccines that can protect people ages 10 to 64 against whooping cough, or pertussis.

Last year the health agency reported more than 2,000 whooping cough cases with nine deaths. Eight of those who died were infants.

Symptoms include runny nose, sneezing and a cough similar to a cold, severe coughing fits and coughing spells lasting more than

six weeks.

AG Warns of Federal Budget Cut

The state's child support collections program is going to suffer if the Texas Legislature doesn't fill a financial gap on the horizon.

Attorney General Greg Abbott gave the Legislature a heads up, because the federal Deficit Reduction Act is going to leave his child support division about \$200 million short in the 2008-2009 biennium.

Without adequate funding, his office would be forced to cut jobs, resulting in a sharp reduction in child support collections, Abbott said.

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Drought Losses Register Double

Texas Cooperative Extension economists report drought losses statewide are now more than \$4 billion for the year. That's twice the previous high of \$2 billion set in 1998.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Sept. 2, 1982

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ingram, former longtime residents of Eagle Lake, enjoyed seeing them in town. The Ingrams were dinner guests of former neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Breithaupt, and also spent the day visiting other friends here...

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Butch Szymanski were their granddaughters, Rebecca and Courtney Bertsch. Visiting in the Szymanski home over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bertsch and Miss Penny Szymanski of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Kopezynski of Spring and Miss Maria Mill of Munich, Germany...

Mr. and Mrs. Narciso Godino of Eagle Lake announced the engagement of their daughter, Yolanda, to David Gonzales, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lalo Gonzales of

Eagle Lake. The wedding will take place September 4 at the First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake...

Miss Sherry Frevola, bride-elect of Michael Thomas was honored at a miscellaneous shower Aug. 14 at the home of Mrs. Lonnie Sommerlatte...

Darrell and Arlene Norris, Earnest and Karie Glover, and Pearl and R.E. Norris, spent several days traveling to Las Vegas...

Mr. and Mrs. Alton W. Balusek of Boling, former residents of Sheridan, announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Jean, to Kirk D. Skow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell D. Skow of El Campo. The wedding is calendared for October 9 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in El Campo...

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Henske of Eagle Lake announced the birth of their second child, a daughter, born August 30 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Heather Marie tipped the scales at five pounds, three ounces and mea-

sured 17 and one-half inches...

Philip E. Leopold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Leopold of Eagle Lake recently completed a U.S. Air Force ROTC field-training encampment at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas...

Judith Johnson Jarvis, resident of Eagle Lake, was appointed Faculty Associate for the School of Nursing at the University of Texas, Health Science Center in Houston...

Judy Wied, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Wied of Nada, was honored at a "Gathering of Angels" dinner at Boysville last month.

Sept. 11, 1958

Max Conner, Justice of the Peace of the Eagle Lake Precinct, retired after serving the community for 35 years. M.M. (Mac) Jones was elected to succeed Mr. Conner...

Three returning lettermen from the bi-district champion Eagle Lake Eagles in 1957 will form the backbone of the 1958

Eagles. They are Walter Sommers, Clinton Duyka, and Edward Harborth...

Bill Searey was elected president of the Kiwanis Club to complete the remainder of the term of Hargrove Smith, who resigned as president of the club...

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ray are the proud parents of a son, Dudley Clarence, born September 4 at the Laughlin Hospital...

Mrs. Walter Sommers was surprised when a group of ladies dropped by to celebrate her birthday September 4...

Miss Janice Selph of Eagle Lake and Harold Thomas Miller of Lissie were united in marriage on September 6 at Lissie...

Garwood Gars football team whipped the Orchard Badgers 20 to 6 in a non-district game in Garwood last Friday night. They travel to Lexington on Friday for a non-district game...

Sheridan Broncos bow to Louise 30-0, travel to Van Vleck Friday.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON

COLORADO COUNTY CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT WRITTEN PLAN

The Colorado County CAD will hold a public hearing on the proposed Written Plan for the fiscal years 2007-2008.

The public hearing will be held on September 12th at 3:30 p.m. in the Colorado County Central Appraisal District Board Room at 106 Cardinal Lane, Columbus, Texas.

The Board of Directors of an appraisal district shall develop biennially a written plan for the periodic reappraisal of all property within the boundaries of the district according to the requirements of Section 25.18 of the Texas Property Tax Code. The plan shall provide for the reappraisal activities for all real and personal property in the appraisal district at least once every three years.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed Written Plan would take effect January 1st 2007 and end December 31st 2008.

A copy of the proposed written plan will be made available for public inspection in the office of each of the governing bodies within the boundaries of the appraisal district. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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Colorado County Fair Gearing Up

The annual Colorado County Fair and Rodeo promises to be bigger and better than last year! Rodeo action will begin on Thursday, September 14, at 7 p.m. with a draw pot team roping.

Fast paced action continues on Friday, September 15 and Saturday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m. with two full days of the true American sport-RODEO! Rodeo productions are made possible by Lancaster Rodeo Company Inc. of Fairfield, Texas.

This year's rodeo will be sanctioned by the Cowboy's Professional Rodeo Association or CPRA. The sanctioned events are: bareback riding, saddle bronc, bull riding, tiedown calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, girls breakaway roping and barrel racing.

Sanctioned rodeo events will include some of professional rodeo's wildest, most unpredictable action in the bareback bronc riding.

In this event the cowboy tries to stay aboard a jumping, bucking, twisting horse while only holding onto a leather strap about the size of a suitcase handle. Saddle bronc riding, pro rodeo's "classic" event will set cowboy against bucking horse.

The most popular event with spectators in pro rodeo, bull riding, will match top cowboys against Lancaster Rodeo Company.

In the timed events steer wrestling or "bulldogging" calls on a cowboy's muscle, courage and determination to jump from back of a running horse onto the back of a steer that weighs from 500 to 700 pounds, and then wrestle the steer to the ground as quickly as possible.

In team roping, two ropers work together against the clock to "head" and "heel" a steer.

Another timed event is calf roping which was also adapted from regular ranch work. In barrel racing the cowgirl on a horse enters the arena at full speed to make cloverleaf pattern around three barrels positioned in the arena and sprint back out of the arena the fast time wins.

Books open for the rodeo contestants on Wednesday, September 6 from 5 to 9 p.m. for rough stock and for timed events from 6 to 9 p.m. and Thursday, September 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. call 1-800-54-RODEO (1-800-547-6336).

On Sunday, September 17 we will be having a ranch rodeo. The

events will include calf branding, steer doctoring, cow milking and double mugging.

Also, for the cowgirls on Sunday we will have calf dressing. This will consist of three cowgirls on a team.

The calves are put in the chute with a halter or rope on, then we open the gate and the team must dress the calf by putting on a shirt, shorts, and socks on the calf and get them dressed and across the line.

There will be limited of six teams. Entry fees are \$30 per team.

Proceeds from this year's rodeo events will work to enhance Fair scholarships.

Colorado County Rodeo Committee members include Kaylee Brune, Rodeo Director, Daryl Brune, Russell Baumbach, Tom Benton, Bob and Geri Kent, Brian Tiemann, Chad Huebner, Charlie Wanjura, Melanie Frank, Jerry Murray, Gracie Ritter, Ronnie Stock, Troy Goolsby, James and Cynthia Koehl, Koree Robinson, Michael Michalsky and Erica Hrachovy.

For more information concerning arena activities, contact Kaylee Brune at 979-357-2531 or 979-732-0616.

