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Hurricane Relief Funds Going Largely Unspent

AUSTIN — Now the public has information about what's been happening with federal funding Texas received to help recover from hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005.

The State Auditor's Office on Nov. 1 released a report showing that most of the \$523.7 million in disaster funding received by Texas has not been spent.

Two state agencies, the Department of Housing and Community Affairs and the Office of Rural Community Affairs, are responsible for administering the funds.

According to the report, Housing and Community Affairs spent only \$1.1 million or 2.6 percent of the \$42.6 million in Community Development Block Grant funds the federal government initially awarded to it in May 2006 for hurricane recovery.

As of Sept. 14, 2007, only 13 applicants had benefited from a delivered product, and those "delivered products" were manufactured homes.

Housing and Community Affairs used \$231,066 or 21 percent of the funding for administrative expenses.

Regarding the other agency that received funds, the Office of Rural Community Affairs, the audit reflects complexities tied to spending the money because of the timing and mechanics of reimbursements by FEMA, the federal disaster agency.

Meanwhile, the audit noted, many disaster aid applicants are still living in FEMA trailers.

Official predicts low turnout

Secretary of State Phil Wilson, Texas' chief elections officer, on Nov. 2 projected an overall turnout of 9.5 percent of registered Texas voters in the Nov. 6 election.

"This election is important, and I encourage Texans to head to the polls and prove me wrong,"

Wilson said.

According to a press release from his office, Wilson examined a variety of factors when projecting this year's turnout, including prior levels of voter turnout, voter registration numbers and early voting trends to date.

Throughout early voting, which was conducted Oct. 22 through Nov. 2, the Secretary of State's office tracked turnout from the state's 15 most populous counties. Those counties account for more than 60 percent of all registered voters in Texas.

Perry names TCEQ commissioner

Gov. Rick Perry on Nov. 1 appointed Bryan W. Shaw of Bryan to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a term to expire Aug. 31, 2013.

The commission establishes, oversees and implements clean air, clean water and other environmental policies for the state of Texas.

Shaw, an associate professor of biological and agricultural engineering for Texas A&M University, specializes in air pollution engineering.

He replaces Kathleen Hartnett

White of Valentine, whose

term expired last summer. The agency's other two commissioners are Buddy Garcia and Larry Soward.

AG launches safety initiative

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Nov. 1 called for new safety measures designed to protect students from school violence.

Abbott urged school districts to implement new safety procedures to help prevent a Columbine or Virginia Tech-style shooting in Texas.

The Attorney General's Office is working on the issue with the Texas School Safety Center, an agency created in 1999 after the Columbine, Colo., tragedy.

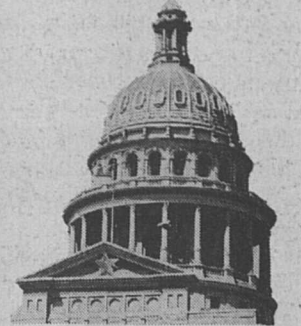
The organization provides schools with research, training, and technical assistance to reduce youth violence and promote safety in Texas schools.

Abbott made a number of recommendations for school districts to be prepared should trouble arise, such as develop, implement and annually practice campus emergency plans.

Schools should team up with law enforcement to practice school safety drills once a year, he said.

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HIGHLIGHTS
 By Ed Sterling

Texas Clipper to live on as reef

The decommissioned ship, Texas Clipper, on Nov. 15 will be sunk in the Gulf of Mexico 17 miles off South Padre Island and become an artificial reef.

The 473-foot, 7,000-ton World War II-vintage ship served from 1965 to 1996 as a training vessel for Texas A&M University-Galveston.

Because it will attract sport fishing and diving, the new reef is expected to generate as much as \$30 million annually for local economies over a lifespan of at least 50 years, according to Texas Parks & Wildlife.

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Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

October 20, 1983

Miss Sharron Schneider of Garwood, bride-elect of Jimmy George, Jr., was complimented with a miscellaneous shower given by 35 hostesses at the Nada Parish Hall October 8...

Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Joblonski of Houston announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Melanie to Jack B. Struska, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Struska of Houston and grandson of Mrs. John Struska of Garwood. The wedding is planned for 2 p.m. on November 5 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Houston...

Funeral services were held October 14 at 3 p.m. for Henry Marsalia, brother of Sam Marsalia of Eagle Lake. Services were conducted from the chapel of

Dulany Funeral home with Rev. Mike Button of Dickinson officiating. Interment followed at Cheatham Cemetery in Sheridan...

Danielle Stefan Hernandez, 16-year-old daughter of Carol and Eddie Hernandez of Rock Island and junior at Columbus High School, has improved tremendously and came home after being lifelighted to Hermann Hospital two weeks ago due to a automobile accident...

Students from St. Anthony's in Columbus will be participating in the Victoria Marathon for non-public education scheduled November 5.

November 15, 1959

Eagle Lake High School majorettes for 1959 are Drum Major Dolly Stiles and Majorettes Mary Ann Reese, Suzanne Powers,

Barbara Boggess, Carol Beseda, Karen Cook and Ja Neille Anderson...

Flu and injuries hit the Eagle Lake Eagles prior to their game with Dulles Vikings Friday, which caused them to lose 7-6. They meet East Bernard in an important district 25-A contest...

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sanders welcome a son, Brian Lindsey, born October 24 in Laughlin Hospital...

Larry Rodgers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rodgers, Jr., was honored on his seventh birthday with a Halloween costume party October 24...

Katherine Jackson was crowned "Football Queen" during halftime at E.H. Henry High School homecoming game between the Blue Eagles and Weimar Saturday night.

Estray Livestock Regulations

This article is to inform the citizens of Colorado County of estray livestock laws and how they affect the livestock owner.

Estray means stray horse, stallion, mare, gelding, filly, colt, mule, hinny, jack, jennet, hog (not wild or feral), sheep, and goat, a head of any species of cattle, stray exotic livestock, or stray exotic fowl.

One of the many duties of the Sheriff and his deputies is to be the agency that takes care of livestock that roam away from their owner onto land of another person.

Once a land owner finds that he has another's livestock on his property and all efforts to find the rightful owner have been exhausted, the landowner shall notify the Sheriff's Office.

A Sheriff's Deputy will respond to the property where the estray livestock is located and will record the kind of animal, breed, color, sex, approximate age, approximate weight, brand, earmark, and any other identifying characteristics.

The Deputy will photograph the estray and will document any damages caused to the property owner's land.

No fees for keeping or feeding the estray can be accrued by the property owner for more than 5 days prior to notification of the estray to the Sheriff's Office.

The Deputy will take all this information and forward it to the Sheriff. A diligent search will be conducted for the owner of the estray to include a search in the county register of recorded brands.

If the search does not reveal the owner, the Sheriff will in turn contact personnel to pick the

estrays up and take them to auction to be held until the date of sell.

Before the estray can be sold, the Sheriff's Office will post the pending sell of the estray in a local newspaper with circulation in the county twice during the 15 days after the date of impoundment and a posting will be made at the courthouse on the public notice board.

If ownership has not been determined 3 days after the circulation of the newspaper or the 18th day after impoundment the estray will be sold at a Sheriff's sale or public auction.

Once the estray has been sold the Sheriff will allocate the funds from the sale to payment of expenses of the sale, impoundment fees and any other fees charged to the Sheriff, and payment for maintenance and damages due to the owners of the private property from which the estray was impounded.

Often times land owners feel the need to take cattle to the auction themselves and fail to report an estray to the Sheriff's Office.

The problem with this is, if the land owner does not comply with the laws governing the sale, they could put themselves in jeopardy of being accused of cattle/livestock theft.

As we all know there is nothing in most Texan's eyes worse than a cattle thief. So, let us do our job and assist you in the process to prevent any appearance of wrong doing.

Many livestock owners may not be aware that the citizens of Colorado County passed a stock law by special election in 1927.

The law passed in 1927 makes it "unlawful for any person to permit horses, mules, jacks, jennets

and cattle to run at large within the bounds of Colorado County."

According to Texas Agriculture Code 143.034, an owner of livestock who knowingly fails to prevent livestock from running at large in a county with a stock law, could be charged with a Class C misdemeanor and fined up to \$500.00.

Many times this entire process can be avoided by simply registering brands as is required by law and contacting the Sheriff's Office and listing your cattle with us.

My office keeps a file for quick reference with the names and contact information of livestock owners.

To complete the listing the livestock owner can call the Sheriff's Office and speak with a dispatcher and give them the information.

The information the dispatcher will need to enter a livestock owner's information will be: the owner's name, address, home, work and cell phone numbers, alternate names and numbers to be contacted in the event the livestock owner can not be located, the location of the livestock including the nearest highway or county road, directions to the property, the breed of livestock, and any brands or other identifying marks.

Although this sounds like a lot of information it will take only minutes to give the dispatcher this information.

By having a listing entered into the Sheriff's Office livestock file you may very well prevent your livestock from being picked up or sold as an estray.

With the prices that livestock are currently bringing at auction, it would be a great loss for the livestock owner to have his property sold at auction, because the owner failed to comply with the law concerning registering brands and calling to have a listing kept at the Sheriff's Office.

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