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Pictured above are Rice students who attended the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Arts Presentation. Top row left to right, Emma Kelley, Jessica McLean, Sophie Kelley, Sarah Dishonge, Cullen Wiese. Not pictured Abril Llanos.

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Farm Bureau Donates To Eagle Lake Food Pantry

The week before Valentine's Day, Feb. 4-10, the Colorado County Farm Bureau celebrated America's true love-food.

Based on Agriculture Department statistics, Farm Bureau's Food Check-Out Week marks the date when average Americans will have earned enough income to pay for their entire year's food supply.

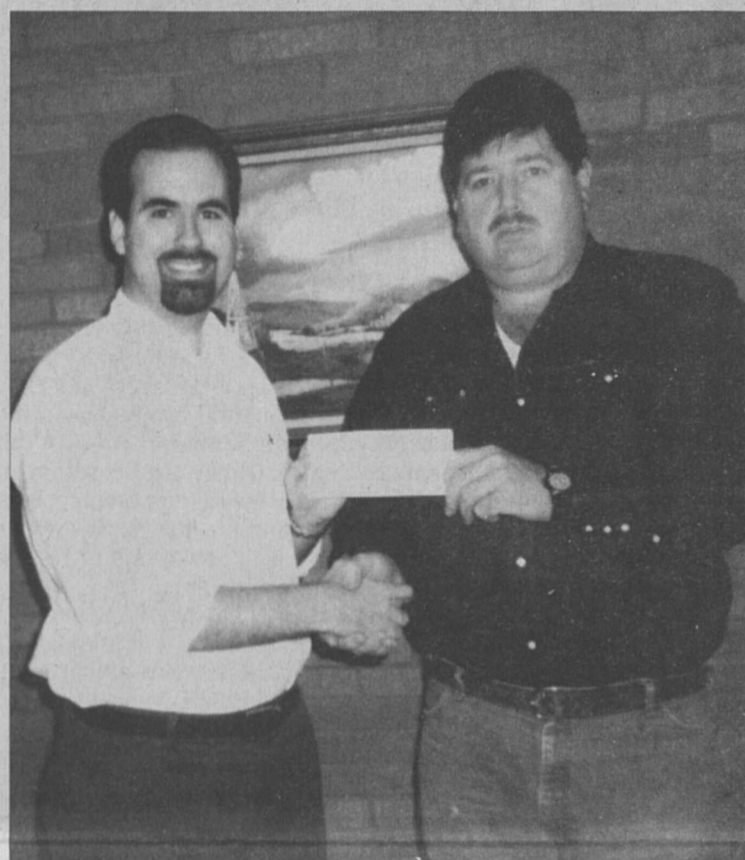
In recognition of this, Colorado County Farm Bureau is commemorating the fact that America's food supply is the safest and most affordable in the world.

"Compared to other expenses facing American families, food is a bargain," said Colorado County Farm Bureau President Mary Ulbricht. "While Americans must work only until early February to pay for their yearly food supply, they must work much longer to pay for health and medical care, housing and federal taxes."

"We remain concerned that some Americans cannot afford to buy the food that they need, but we are proud of the role Texas farmers play in producing the most affordable food in the world," said Ulbricht.

There are 21.3 million farms in the nation and about 99 percent of farms are operated by individuals, family partnerships or family corporations.

"As a farmer, I am producing affordable food for my family and yours," said Ulbricht. "I am proud of what we do and hope Americans will join us in celebration of our agricultural success."



In recognition of Food Check-Out week, Marv Ulbricht, right, presents First Baptist Rev. Kevin Collison a check for \$100 for the Eagle Lake Food Pantry.

Water Board

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In other action, the board approved naming Thomas Hudec of Weimar to replace Bill Briscoe on the district board of directors.

Hudec was selected unanimously by the board after the board interviewed four candidates, Hudec, Russell Trefny, James Trickett and Theresa Branson.

Hudec will serve a term that ends in November 2010.

Briscoe had been elected in November as a representative from Precinct 2, the Weimar area, but resigned earlier this year, saying he did have the time to devote to the board.

Texas Crop Weather Report

The Texas Field Office issued the following report on the status of Texas agriculture for the week of: March 3 to 9.

Agricultural Summary
Rain and snow were observed across much of the Panhandle and northern regions of the state. Small grains continued to improve due to the moisture from the snow and rain in the Blacklands.

Field preparation continued in the Blacklands, while planting continued in the Lower Valley. Recent rainfall delayed corn planting in the Blacklands, and corn planting was underway in South Texas.

Sorghum planting continued in South Central and the Upper Coast regions.

Soil moisture was mostly very short to short.

North East Texas, the Blacklands, Upper Coast and the Coastal Bend all received 1.0 to 4.0 inches of rainfall.

The Lower Valley and South Texas received 0.01 to 0.25 inches of rainfall.

The Panhandle received 0.01 to .25 inches of rain, while the Trans-Pecos received very little to no rainfall.

Livestock continued to be in good shape across the state due to the supplemental feeding of hay

and protein.

Range and pasture conditions improved slightly because of the rain and snow across much of the Panhandle.

Field Crops Report
Small grains continued to benefit from the moisture due to the snow and rain in the Blacklands.

Recent moisture was beneficial to the Northern Plains, Blacklands, Edwards Plateau and Cross Timbers, as it allowed for the progression of wheat and oats.

Wheat condition was very poor to poor.

Oat condition was fair to good.

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Recent rainfall has delayed corn planting in the Blacklands. Corn planting was underway in South Texas.

Sorghum planting continued in South Central and the Upper Coast regions.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report
Vegetable crops continued to be planted in North East Texas.

Early onions and melons were being planted in Trans-Pecos.

Sugarcane, citrus and cabbage continued to be harvested in South Texas and the Lower Valley.

In addition, green beans were planted in South Texas.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Range and pasture conditions improved slightly because of the rain and snow across much of the Panhandle and in South Texas.

Calving, lambing and kidding continued in Cross Timbers, South East Texas, Trans-Pecos and the Edwards Plateau.

Range and pasture condition was poor to fair.

NEWSBRIEFS

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that the reunion will take place at the Praha Parish Hall in Praha. If you don't plan on attending the dedication head for the hall. A catered meal will be served. Coffee, tea and paper items will be furnished. Anyone who wishes may bring a dessert and also an item for the silent auction. You may also bring your own refreshments. Please RSVP by March 22 with the registration fee to Elmer Michna, 3700 County Rd., Moulton, TX 77975 or call 361-596-7446. For more information call Al Stryl at 281-485-4095; Henry Joe Jasek at 361-798-2756 or Elmer Michna at 361-596-7446.

Area Students Make WCJC Fall Dean's List

Wharton County Junior College has recognized a number of area students as distinguished scholars for the fall semester of 2007. The following students were named to the Dean's List for earning at least a 3.5 grade point average, out of a possible perfect 4.0, in all work completed during at least twelve semester hours of work.

Eagle Lake, Jonathan T. Galvan, Beatriz Aglael Posada, Diana Aidee Posada, Misty Ann Posada, John Paul Supak; Nada, Sean Patrick Korenek, Luke Anthony Shimek, Brittnea C. Williams; Garwood, Krista Leigh Hlozek; Daniel Wayne Shimek; Sheridan, Jimmy Donald Schneider; Lissie, Brady Jack Hough, Cole Wade Hough.

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