



The Commissioners Court Recognized Area Garden Clubs for contributions to the county on June 8. Pictured, standing, from left: Representing Eagle Lake Garden Club Becky Anderson, President; Lois Herman, Penny Henske, Ernie Sommerlatte and Mary Ann Kaluza; representing Columbus Garden Club Lynda Counts, Past President; JoAnn Sebesta, Delores Purcell and Marian Schonenberg, President; representing Weimar Garden Club Elvera Kahlich, Past President; and Marcia Zabransky. Seated: Commissioners Darrel Gertson, Tommy Hahn, Judge Al Jamison, Herbie Helmcamp and Doug Wessels.

## Garden Club Week Observed

Colorado County Judge Al Jamison recognized National Garden Week — June 7-13, 2009 and acknowledged local garden clubs for their community beautification projects Monday during commissioners court Monday morning.

Club beautification projects in Colorado County include a Community Wide Spring Clean

Up Event in Columbus and Eagle Lake.

Columbus Garden Club projects include pocket gardens at Beason's Crossing Park, the Historic Court Oak, Courthouse Square Planters, Mansfield Building Garden, Midtown Park Gardens and Welcome Park, and Annual Arbor Day Tree Planting. Eagle Lake Garden Club projects

include pocket gardens at Harrison Park, the Point, City Park, City Hall, and Planters on Main Street. Weimar Garden Club projects include the Landscape Project at Parkview Manor, Community Park Landscape Project, the Wildflower Project, and Annual Arbor Day Tree Planting.

## Cattle Market Weekly Recap Given

For the week ending June 13, feeder cattle prices at Texas auctions were steady to \$5 lower per hundredweight, with a few areas \$3 higher on offerings under 500 pounds. Recent declines in finished cattle prices and ongoing losses by cattle feeders continue to pressure the market.

Fed cattle prices were near unchanged from a week ago.

Cotton prices were unchanged and grain prices declined as a stronger U.S. dollar eroded export demand.

As for futures markets, feeder cattle, finished cattle and cotton were higher, while wheat, corn and lumber were lower.

Most areas of the state reported only scattered showers

during the week, while parts of Central Texas recorded up to eight inches of rain.

Topsil moisture was rated mostly short to adequate statewide.

Wheat harvest advanced to 37 percent complete with the crop reported in mostly very poor to poor condition.

Cotton planting was 93 percent complete and 10 percent of the acreage is squaring.

Grain sorghum planting was nearing completion on the High Plains, while the South Texas crop is nearing maturity.

Pastures were reported to be in mostly fair to good condition and needing rain in many areas.

## Marcus Cooper Named Super Bowl MVP

Marcus J. Cooper just completed spring football playing for the Longhorns in Katy.

Marcus was the MVP Gridiron Player of the Super Bowl game played against the Nebraska Cornhuskers. The Longhorns won the contest with a score of 33-6.

Marcus scored four touchdowns in the super bowl game.

Marcus offensive positions included quarterback and running back; while his defensive position was safety.

Stats for the season on offense were 889 rushing yards, 21 touchdowns and 105 passing yards. Defensively he had, 24 solo tackles, eight assists, and three fumble recoveries.

He is the grandson of René Cooper-Scott.



Marcus Cooper

## City Council

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from his home, when others have a shop and have to pay for things like garage insurance and other costs associated with running a business.

After discussion, a motion was made by Chriss Schuirring to overturn the variance. He had indicated earlier in the meeting that the zoning was in place for the reason of keeping businesses out of residential areas and that he thought it should remain that way. He also said he thought this would open the door for more businesses to try to open in residential areas.

The motion received a second by Michael Cooper. Cooper said that he was sympathetic to both sides of the issue, but did think that allowing this might take business away from individuals who had businesses.

Voting in favor of overturning the board of adjustments deci-

sion were Schuirring and Jane Meldahl.

Meldahl had echoed the sentiment that businesses belonged in the business zone and that she felt he could make a better living with a business that could market itself.

Voting against were John Young, Tony Tyler and Cooper.

Young had earlier said that the zoning was originally adopted in order to help close some neighborhood bars as well as keeping businesses out of residential areas.

In other council action:

Council approved allowing the individual to park two tractor-trailer trucks on his property until he could find work. Council approved a 6-month permit to allow him to park the trucks only and that they could not be moved on and off the property. They noted that this was for this specific case only.

## Methodist VBS

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VBS is sponsored by United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake.

For more information contact Laura Myres at 979-733-9949.

## Farm Loan Apps. Available

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought, above-normal temperatures, and associated wildfires on January 1, 2009 and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Bellville, TX. Farm Loan Manager Tim Respondek said today.

Colorado County is one of seven in Texas recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture are eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and/or physical losses caused by drought, above normal temperatures, and associated wildfires on January 1, 2009 and continuing.

Mr. Respondek said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less.

For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan, Mr. Respondek said.

Farmers participating in the Federal Crop insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until December 28, 2009, but farmers should apply as soon as possible.

Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season, Mr. Respondek said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living.

Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U. S.

citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U. S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Bellville is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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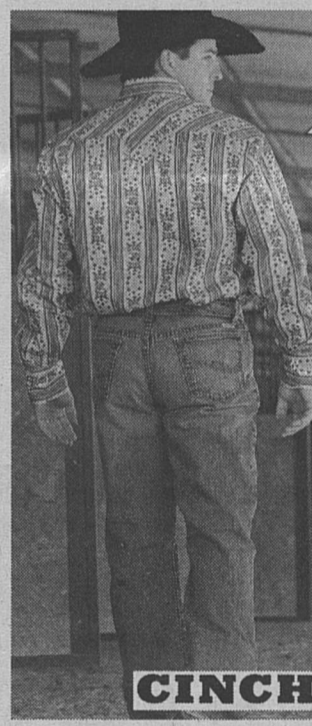
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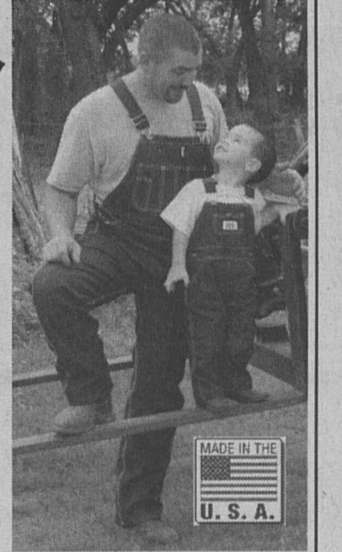
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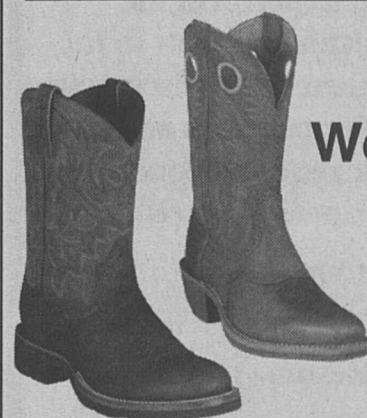
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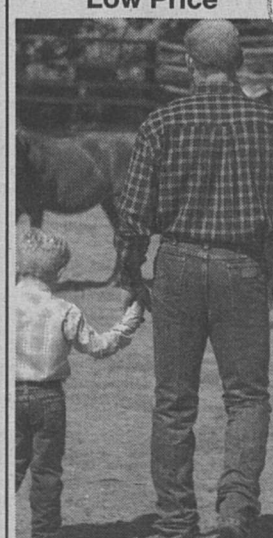
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