

De-Go-La RC&D News



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Linda Koehler, (director for Goliad County), attended the NRCS Grant Evaluation in Temple, Texas, March 11. She was one of ten grant evaluators in attendance. Twenty-nine grants from seventeen RC&D's were submitted for the 2004 Texas RC&D Grants program.

The group reviewed and scored grants meeting the program goals and objectives set up by the USDA Natural Conservation Service Conservation Programs Manual part 153 Resource Conservation and Development Program.

Thanks Linda!!!!

USDA - Rural Broadband Loans

The USDA announced that it will make available 2.2 billion for loans and loan guarantees for providers to deploy broadband internet services to underserved communities.

USDA defines underserved as communities “not contained in an incorporated city or town with a population in excess of 20,000.”

In 2003, USDA provided 1.4 billion in loans and guarantees through this program. This program is administered by the departments Rural Utilities Service.

For more information visit the USDA website at

www.usda.gov

De-Go-La RC&D 2004 Matching Grant Program

This year we had twelve applicants for the grant program. The selection committee approved ten organizations for the matching grant: American Red Cross-Crossroads Chapter, Goliad VFD, Moulton Fire Dept., County of Lavaca, Copano Bay SWCD, Thomaston VFD, Nordheim VFD, Westhoff VFD, Yorktown Fire Dept., Ander/Weser VFD.

Thank you to all the organizations that applied and congratulations to those awarded!!!!



WATER

How much water does it take to process 1/4 lb. of hamburger? One gallon.

How much water does it take to make 4 new tires? 2,072 gallons.

How much water does it take to manufacture a new car? 39,090 gallons per car.

How many households use private wells?

17,000,000 households.

Does water regulate the earth's temp.?

Yes, it is a natural insulator.

How much water must a person con-

Helpful websites!!!!

State Energy Conservation Office
[Http://www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/](http://www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/)

Texas Natural Resource Information Systems
 (this site has a lot of helpful links)
[Http://www.tnris.state.tx.us/digital.htm](http://www.tnris.state.tx.us/digital.htm)

State Parks and Historic Sites
[Http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/)

First Gov (has a lot of different links)
[Http://www.firstgov.gov/](http://www.firstgov.gov/)

De-Go-La would like to welcome three new members to its Board of Directors.

Roger Galvan representing Calhoun County, Fred Nardini will be representing San Patricio County and Rhonda Stastny will be serving as the at large director representing the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission.

Thank you for working with us to improve our surrounding counties and communities.

Texas Association of Resource Conservation & Development Councils 27th Annual State Conference

De-Go-La RC&D hosted the 27th Annual Meeting of the Texas Association of RC&D Councils held in Corpus Christi April 19-21. After months of planning and preparation, the council was able to provide an outstanding program for over 150 attendees from across the state of Texas.

The Omni Marina Hotel was the site of the business and training sessions. Social events included a reception aboard the Captain Clark Flagship as it cruised the calm waters of Corpus Christi Bay as well as a concluding “feast” at the Solomon Ortiz Center.

For many in attendance, this was their first time to experience the sights and sounds of our coastal waters.

Speakers provided insight on legislative affairs, non-profit management, fundraising, business development, accounting and state and federal programs.

Overall, the meeting was a great success with many positive comments from those in attendance.

Representing De-Go-La at the meeting were Marshall Holybee, Linda Koehler, Frank Montez, Charles Netardus, Larry Deyton, Rhonda Stastny and Chris Rivera.

De-Go-La Resource Conservation and Development Project, Inc.

Mission Statement

*The mission of the RC&D area is to provide leadership and coordination,
to provide a quality life and a quality environment for people living in rural communities.*

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The next De-Go-La RC&D quarterly meeting is scheduled for August 19th 9:30 a.m. Cuero Technology Center
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Jerrys' Corner

We are in the process of re-locating our offices. During the past week, the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission informed us that our lease will be terminated and we will have 60 days in which to find other space. At the present time we do not know where we will be physically located. We have had several offers of space from other organizations and will consider all options in to come up with the most effective arrangement.

Our surplus property program continues to provide organizations and communities with good useable equipment to help meet needs. Portable generators, computers, and office furniture are just a few of the items for which we regularly receive requests. In many cases the items we obtain are in "as new" condition.

The web site we started on within the past year is now fully operational. It features several pages with good information including our area plan and plan of work. We also have information on our matching grants, past and present projects, and links to other organizations. Please visit the site at <http://www.degolarcd.org> and provide us with any comments you might have for improvement.

Summer is here and many of you will be hitting the roads for family vacations. Please remember that many traffic fatalities occur due to driver fatigue and traveling on unfamiliar roads. Take your time and stop for rest and recreation on the way. We hope you have a safe and happy summer.