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Fun spot:

Petersburg:

*Issues invitation to
Saturday fun day*

*'Garden Spot of Plains'
is theme for celebration*

By GORDON ZEIGLER

AgReview Writer

PETERSBURG — Lush crops grow right up to the city limits of this town in Southeastern Hale County, yet that's not the only vegetation green and flourishing here this year.

In fact, green thumbs here always produce some spectacular views in yards and gardens.

Rolling out a home grown red carpet of flowers, Petersburg is inviting its neighbors to town Saturday for a fun day amidst the setting 'Garden Spot U.S.A.' — this year's theme for annual Petersburg Day festivities Saturday.

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PETERSBURG

City Limits



Wild about flowers

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Amy Adrian is owner of Sentimental Journey (left). It and The Flower Box are two unique city stores marketing flowers and gifts.

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GOLDEN SPREAD ANTIQUE EQUIPMENT SHOW —

Donald Sell Farm in Perryton will be the site of the original old tractor show of the Texas Panhandle.

Sept. 20-22

SECOND ANNUAL SEMINOLE TRACTOR SHOW —

Event will be held in connection with the Farm and Oil Celebration.

Sept. 23

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Take this farm safety pop quiz

MOLINE, ILL. — The National Safety Council estimates 1,200 deaths and 140,000 disabling, non-fatal injuries related to agriculture occurred in 1992. To decrease deaths and disabling injuries requires increased awareness of potential dangers and determination to learn and use ways to avoid them.

You can test your awareness of potential dangers on the farm by taking the following quiz provided by Deere & Company. Be sure to review the answers after you have completed the quiz. True or False:

1. You should never attempt to start

an engine by shorting across starter terminals.

2. The operator of a tractor equipped with a rigid ROPS (rollover protective structure) or ROPS cab should always wear a seat belt.

3. You can avoid injury when pulling a corn stalk at least two feet long from plugged stalk rolls if you release the stalk as soon as it begins to be pulled in.

4. Do not permit children to ride with you while you're operating a tractor.

5. The best way to check the tractor and implement hydraulic system for leaks is to quickly run your hand over

the lines, fittings, and components.

6. Clothing caught in a wrap point will normally tear away, permitting the person to escape serious injury.

7. When a tractor operator signals a left turn with the yellow flashing lights on, the right-hand flashing lights change to more steady illumination (stop flashing) and the left-hand lights start flashing at a faster rate.

8. In cold, winter months, gasoline does not vaporize enough to form an explosive or flammable mixture with air.

9. A tractor can overturn to the rear when driven forward up a steep incline.

10. Maximum speed is 20 mph when towing a load that is not equipped with brakes and is equal to or less in weight than the tractor. Answers to the safety quiz.

Only a perfect score is acceptable — for even one mistake about safety on the farm can cost pain, suffering, or loss of life. While a perfect score doesn't guarantee an accident-free farm, it does indicate an awareness of basic safety rules and practices. That's the first step toward a safer farm and work environment. But remember, you have to pass with a perfect score every second of every day on the farm.

1. True. The machine will start in gear if neutral-start circuitry is bypassed. This could cause the machine to move suddenly and cause serious injury or death to anyone in its path. Start an engine only from the operator's seat of the machine, with the transmission in park or neutral.

2. True. If your tractor is equipped with a rigid ROPS (rollover protective structure) or ROPS cab, you must wear your seat belt at all times. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for foldable and telescopic ROPS.

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Anglers still like braided line

By BILL SCHULZ

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Braided fishing line, which was relegated to museums when monofilament was introduced, is back and ready to fight for its place in today's tackle boxes.

Made of the same high-tech fibers used in police bullet-proof vests, these lines are stronger and smaller than monofilament. They also stretch far less than monofilament.

Most of the new products were introduced last year and will see their first real national use this spring.

Spectra, the fiber by AlliedSignal Inc. that Safariland uses in its SpiderWire, "has only 2 percent stretch to its break strength," says Don Jeckell, fishing products manager for Safariland, a maker of outdoor accessories.

In addition, he says, Spectra has forgotten "spool memory," which keeps line laying in the water in loops after it has been on your reel for a while.

The new lines are so much stronger that 30-pound test SpiderWire has the same diameter as 8-pound monofilament.

Because the new lines won't stretch, it's going to change fishing tactics.

"This line does not act as a shock absorber," says Mike Sonneck of Stren, which makes Kevlar line.

"Changing to this line after fishing monofilament is like the difference between day and night. It's so much more sensitive," he says.

Rural counties experiencing a sound rebound

By CARRIE TEEGARDIN

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MCRAE, Ga. — The big stories of 1932 — Eugene Talmadge elected governor! Local man lands world-record largemouth! — are still among the hottest topics of conversation in tiny Telfair County.

In the six decades since, the thing that most distinguished Telfair — aside from producing the Talmadge dynasty and the fact that nobody anywhere has ever caught a bass as big as George Washington Perry's 22-pounder — is something people here are not as ready to discuss.

Like the rest of rural America,

Telfair County became a good place to leave.

One of every three counties in Georgia had more people at the beginning of the 20th century than at the end. A dramatic downturn in agriculture and manufacturing in the 1980s threatened to erase communities that had already been circling the drain for decades.

Yet, the early 1990s have brought a surprising rural rebound to much of the nation, South Georgia included.

In the first two years of the '90s, Telfair County's population grew by nearly 5 percent, after a steady decline in the 1980s. Of the 42 other Georgia counties that lost

people during the 1980s, 24 now are growing. Nationwide, two-thirds of the counties outside metropolitan areas — half of which lost people in the '80s — gained population between 1990 and 1992.

"The long, drawn-out losses in rural America may finally be coming to an end," said Kenneth M. Johnson, a sociologist at Loyola University-Chicago.

When Roswell, Ga., businessman Alan Wilson moved his family from upscale suburbia north of Atlanta to quiet acreage in Telfair County two years ago, the move came with an understanding: There would be no corner deli, no

multiplex offering eight recent releases, no hospital with a magnetic resonance imaging machine.

Today, instead of cruising the malls, his 15-year-old son, Alan, raises pigs in the 4-H Club and mows the lawn atop a full-size tractor. His 12-year-old daughter, Pency, races off to softball games. The family goes to a church with 40 people now, compared with 1,600 members in their Roswell congregation.

"Children can be children for longer time here," said Wilson. "It's not important by the sixth grade that you're totally sophisticated. That's a real nice thing."

Wilson, who is 49 and retired, and his family are part of the rural

resurgence of the '90s — people who are actually moving back to the hinterlands rather than fleeing them. His wife, Neille, is a McRae native, and they have moved into and remodeled a home that had been in her family for years.

Wilson seems to thrive on volunteer work in a place where one person can truly make a difference. "You can go to a school board meeting," he said, "you can see the sheriff. If you will, you can have some impact."

Johnson, the Loyola sociologist, and Calvin Beale, senior demographer at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, were the first to recognize evidence

Things to do, what to see in Petersburg:

PETERSBURG DAY:

Held the third Saturday of each August, this traditional end of summer event features a 10 a.m. parade complete with floats, old tractors, antique and classic automobiles and children's bicycles.

Promptly following the parade, an afternoon of socializing and games for all ages begins around and inside the Community Center at the Petersburg City Park.

ARTS & CRAFTS:

Petersburg Day this year features its first effort at providing an array of arts and crafts booths.

Chris Pierson is handling the arts and crafts booths. Information is available by contacting Chris at 667-3841 or 667-3630.

THE FLOWER BOX:

Owned by Linda Ginn, The Flower Box features gift items and floral selections.

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COUNTRY KITCHEN:

Operated for many years on the city's Main Street and once known as The Buff Restaurant (in honor of the Petersburg High School mascot), the Country Kitchen is now owned by Cipriana Resendez. Located on Main Street, it features general menu items.

TEA ROOM & SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY:

Owned by Amy Adrian, the Tea Room offers a variety of sandwiches and deli type foods.

The adjoining Sentimental Journey is a gift and decor shop.

THE LITTLE SHOP:

A drygoods store including children's items is owned by Barbara Smith.

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Located in the Petersburg Community Park, the Jeffries Pool offers swimming by membership.

PETERSBURG POST:

The city's longtime weekly newspaper is located on Main Street and is published by Chris Pierson.

MAYO AGENCY:

Located at 1617 Main, the Mayo Agency is owned by Joe and Jo

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Celebration, Pg. 1

Chris Pierson, Publisher of the Petersburg Post, characterized what's in store each year for Petersburg Day.

"We just get together to have a good time," she said.

"It's a really neat experience. People of all races get together and we just don't realize there are any barriers. Petersburg is kind of an exception . . . around here we just don't look at color. As long as everybody gets in and tries to work together for what is good for Petersburg, that is the goal, I guess."

The Petersburg newspaper publisher believes the annual celebrating traces its earliest history back to yearly parades sponsored through the years by the city's American Legion post to honor veterans.

Several years later the city's chamber revived that custom, she said.

In recent years, the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce has sponsored it as a way to unite the community. It has also been a great time for graduating classes to have a reunion, according to Jo Carole Mayo, chamber treasurer. Petersburg Day..

"We have a lot of class reunions and get togethers on Petersburg Day," she

said.

"This is one of many activities our chamber sponsors each year," Mrs. Mayo said.

This year's celebration will focus on its reputation as a center of agriculture on the South Plains.

Petersburg — Garden Spot of the Plains" is a theme the chamber is asking all to follow in decorating for the event, and decorating parade floats.

Day's Events:

10 a.m. — The Annual Petersburg Day Parade.

Parade is along Main Street, then eastward and northward to Petersburg City Park and Community Center.

Chamber pushes town 'togetherness'

PETERSBURG — Whether it's sponsoring Petersburg Day at the end of each summer, or some other event, the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce is out to seal that sense of togetherness which is unique to rural towns like itself.

Another unique tradition here is the annual Chamber Thanksgiving Appreciation Banquet.

It's a real 'thanks giving' from the entire community to a particular group that has devoted a great deal to the city voluntarily.

Recent honorees, according to chamber officials,

Food:

Variety of food booths will be set up at the Community Center.

Arts & Crafts:

An assortment of arts and crafts booths will be set up around the Community Center to allow area crafters to sell their wares.

Games:

Games for children will occupy a solid hour during the post-parade festivities.

Cow Patty Bingo: Participants will have a chance at a cash pot.

Star Walk: The junior class at Petersburg High School will sponsor the Star Walk.

Balloon bounce: Children will be able to enjoy a large, inflated trampoline.

Opinions on Pantex sought from Panhandle residents

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — University leaders want to hear what Texas Panhandle residents think needs researched at the Pantex nuclear weapons plant.

The Higher Education Research Consortium at Pantex — made up of Texas A&M, Texas and Texas Tech universities — begins operations in September using \$9 million in federal money.

The consortium aims to study environmental and technology issues at the Department of Energy facility where workers dismantle U.S. nuclear weapons and store the plutonium. Pantex, a 16,000-acre site, is located 17 miles northeast of Amarillo.

William Cunningham, chancellor of the University of Texas System, said the consortium will study safe ways to store, transport and use nuclear leftovers.

"Because the work contemplated at the research consortium will emphasize the 'peaceful' uses of plutonium and other special nuclear materials, the consortium can play a key role in answering the policy and technical questions over dismantlement of weapons, and the interim and end uses of these nuclear components," he said at an Amarillo news conference Monday.

Cunningham said the consortium will involve students from regional school districts.

Leaders from the three universities were scheduled to discuss the consortium at a public meeting Tuesday.

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Multile job holding is common place

By LOUIS UCHITELLE

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When Robin Thornburg lost her job as a \$25,000-a-year paralegal, she was scared.

Her husband, David, an office clerk, made barely enough to cover the groceries and the rent on their \$700-a-month apartment in Arlington, Va. So, she is trying to make up the lost income by working two jobs — as a full-time clerk for a loan company and a part-time bookkeeper for a company that rents out bodyguards.

"It kind of stinks, the two of us having so many jobs," said Mrs. Thornburg, who at age 24 matches her former pay of \$600 a week, but works 55 hours to earn it. "You argue about money and about hours, and on top of everything, we are both trying to get through college. We go different ways too much."

The Thornburgs are not alone. Just as women entered the labor force in huge numbers in the 1970s and '80s, giving rise to the two-earner family, in the '90s one of these earners is taking on a second job, giving rise to the three-job marriage.

New Labor Department surveys of multiple jobholders, which this year, for the first time, are being compiled every month, give statistical underpinning to a trend that had been discernible largely through anecdote.

Today, 7 million Americans, or 6 percent of the work force, occupy 15 million jobs. Most multiple jobholders are married and, increasingly, nearly as many are women as men.

No other nation approaches the United States in multiple jobholders, and the clear impli-

cation of such comparative analysis, says Richard Freeman, a Harvard labor economist, is that in other countries, wages from one job are sufficient.

"You would have thought that as women entered the work force, that would have been enough additional income, and dual jobholding would have declined," Freeman said. "Instead, the opposite has happened. Women going to work have not brought in enough income."

Before this year, the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics had counted multiple jobholders only periodically, with the last survey in 1991 and the one before that, in 1989.

Until the 1980s, those soundings showed, most dual jobholders were men with full-time employment who moonlighted part time. Now almost as many women are dual jobholders. They, too, usually combine full-time and part-time work, the new monthly surveys show, although women are more likely than men to hold two part-time jobs.

Some of the three-job couples go this route because one spouse wants to break into a new line of work that is more satisfying or better paying. But the biggest portion, more than 40 percent, take the extra work to pay bills, these and other Labor Department surveys show.

The Gittings family combines both these reasons. Philip Gittings, 45, resigned in late 1993 as minister of a Presbyterian Church in Caldwell, N.J., where he had earned more than \$90,000 a year. His wife, Margaret, also held one job, as a retail executive at \$50,000 a year.

"The situation in my last ministerial post was not as much fun as I wanted it to be," Gittings said. But he soon found that he was not earning enough in his new, more satisfying job, with Executive Career Resource Group in Berwyn, Pa., a company that helps corporations relocate laid-off workers.

With salary and commissions, he is on track to earn \$40,000 this year, and has already received \$14,000. But with a son entering college, that is not enough, even with his wife's income.

So, while still holding down his job at Executive Career Resource, where he works on average more than 30 hours a week, Gittings set up a consulting firm this spring. He has made \$8,000 so far this year as a self-employed personnel consultant.

Wage stagnation has played a big role in pushing married people into so much work, economists say. For three decades after World War II, incomes mostly rose, but in the early 1970s, the progress stopped. Since then 80 percent of the nation's households have failed to gain ground, after their incomes — mostly in wages — were adjusted for inflation.

For many people, their "raise" came from taking second and third jobs. Labor Secretary Robert Reich said he had run into the phenomenon in numerous conversations during his travels as a member of the Cabinet.

"It is symptomatic of the erosion of relatively well-paying employment," said Reich, who as a teacher and writer at Harvard had devoted a lot of his attention to wage and job issues.

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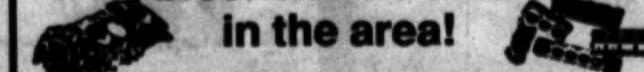
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3. False. Your reaction time would be too slow to avoid injury. Always shut off the engine and remove the key from the ignition before you attempt to clear an obstruction.

4. True. Your tractor is a one-person machine. Never permit riders. Never allow anyone to ride on the tractor, implements, or other equipment, including wagons.

5. False. Use a piece of cardboard or wood to find leaks. Never use your hand or arm. Wear safety goggles for eye protection. Diesel fuel or hydraulic fluid under pressure can penetrate the skin or eyes and cause serious personal injury, blindness, or death.

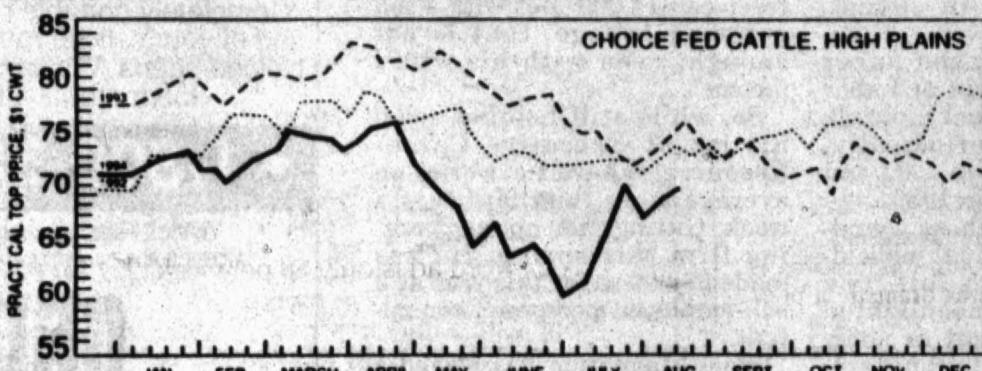
6. False. Work clothes are usually too strong to tear away safely — and the accident happens so fast that there is little time to react. Do not wear loose-fitting clothing when operating on or working around machines. Keep all shields

and guards in place and replace damaged or missing ones.

7. True. All equipment manufacturers that follow the ASAE (American Society of Agricultural Engineers) lighting and marking standard are required to provide a flashing yellow-light system that includes turn signals which use the steady illumination/faster flashing rate to indicate direction of intended turn.

8. False. Gasoline can still form an explosive or flammable mixture with air in cold, winter months. Do not smoke or work near heaters or other fire hazards when working around fuel. Store all flammable fluids away from fire hazards. 9. True. Driving forward up steep inclines, hitching above the drawbar height, starting a heavy load quickly, and immobilizing the rear wheels are all practices that can cause a tractor to overturn to the rear.

10. True. According to recommended speed-weight ratio guidelines, 20 mph is the maximum speed when towing a load not equipped with brakes that weighs the same or less than the tractor. Reduce maximum speed to 10 mph when towing a load up to double the tractor weight. Do not tow loads that exceed twice the tractor weight.



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Cooler air could heat up fishing around Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Late August heat made fishing sluggish, but this week's cool air influence could change that, observers believe:

A R R O W H E A D : Water stained, 85 degrees, 1 foot below normal level; black bass good to 5 pounds on plastic worms; sand bass fair trolling; catfish good on nightcrawlers.

BAYLOR: Water clear, 86 degrees, 12 feet below normal level; largemouth bass good to 8.25 pounds on topwaters early and late on crawfish, cranks and plastic worms; crappie slow; catfish good to 27 pounds on minnows.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky, 82 degrees, 3 feet below normal level; black bass slow; hybrid stripers fair to 6 pounds on downriggers; white bass fair on small jigs; crappie slow; catfish good on cut shad.

GREENBELT: Water clear, 76 degrees, 5 feet below normal level; smallmouth bass good to 6.75 pounds and largemouths good to 5.75 pounds, both on large minnows and artificials; sand bass fair early and late on artificials; crappie slow; walleye slow; catfish good to 4 pounds on water dogs and minnows.

HUBBARD CREEK:

Water clear, 82 degrees, 5 feet below normal level; black bass slow; crappie fair on minnows; hybrid stripers slow; sand bass slow; catfish good to 5 pounds on trotlines with stink bait and frozen shad.

KEMP: Water murky, 3 feet below normal level; black bass slow; stripers fair early and late over deep water on slabs; sand bass slow, some caught with stripers; crappie slow; catfish slow.

MACKENZIE: Water clear, 81 degrees; black bass slow; crappie good late on minnows; sand bass slow, a few caught on minnows, spinner baits and deep diving cranks; hybrid stripers slow; walleye slow; catfish slow.

MEREDITH: Water murky, 78 degrees, 1.5 feet below normal level; sand bass fair at night on minnows and shad; channel cats fair; everything else slow due to heat.

OAK CREEK: Water clear, 84 degrees, 5.5 feet below normal level; black bass fair to 4 pounds on plastic worms; white bass slow, some caught in schools; crappie slow; catfish slow.

P.H. IVIE: Water clear, 82 degrees; largemouth bass very good on topwaters and cranks around pond

weed and algae, keeper sizes in same areas but deeper and using plastic worms; smallmouth bass fair mixed with largemouth bass on same baits; crappie slow; white bass fair on cranks, spoons and Roadrunners chasing shad on surface; walleye slow; catfish fair on rod and reel over baited holes or on trotline in 3-8 feet of water on flats.

SPENCE: Water clear, 83 degrees, 29 feet below normal level; black bass slow, a few caught; stripers good to 10 pounds, trolling mostly, caught on white jigs, Hellbenders and live shad, some fish surfacing; sand bass slow, some surfacing; crappie slow, some caught on minnows; catfish fair to 4 pounds.

STAMFORD: Water clear, 75 degrees, 8 feet below normal level; black bass slow; crappie fair on minnows; catfish good on live bait.

TWIN BUTTES: Water clear, 14 feet below normal level; black bass fair to 4 pounds on plastic worms; white bass slow, some caught off docks on minnows; white bass slow; catfish fair off docks on chicken liver.

BELTON: Water murky, 89 degrees, 1 foot above normal level; black bass slow; white bass and hybrid stripers good in schools on jigging spoons and topwaters; crappie

slow; catfish good, channels on nightcrawlers and prepared bait and yellow cats to 46 pounds on perch.

BROWNWOOD: Water clear, 70 degrees, normal level; black bass slow; hybrid stripers good off points early and late on jigs, Sassy Shads and silver spoons; white bass good, schooling with hybrids, at night under docks; crappie fair off the docks early on minnows and jigs; catfish fair on trotlines with shad.

BUCHANAN: Water murky, 88 degrees, 4 feet below normal level; black bass slow; stripers fair on live bait; crappie slow; white bass good on jigs and spoons around Garrett Island; catfish good over baited holes.

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CANYON: Water stained, 81 degrees, 1.5 feet below normal level; black bass slow, a few caught to 4 pounds on artificials and live bait; stripers good to 6.5 pounds downrigging in 40-60 feet of water by the dam; white bass slow; crappie slow, a few small fish caught; catfish good on minnows and liver.

COLORADO BEND: Water clear, 78 degrees, normal level; everything is slow because of the heat and not many fishermen.

DECKER: Water clear, 88 degrees, normal level; black bass good to 10 pounds on nightcrawlers; hybrid stripers good, some limits, on perch and shad; crappie good, some limits, on minnows; catfish good to 18 pounds on stink bait and shrimp.

GIBBONS CREEK: Water clear, 90 degrees, 1 foot below normal level; black bass fair, some schooling, on plastic worms; crappie fair, no limits, on minnows; catfish fair on rod and reel on shrimp and stinkbait.

LBJ: Water clear, normal level; white bass good under lights on spoons; everything else is slow.

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