Chris Gold, left, and his brother Pat of Nada, show winners in El Campo Art League's competition. Pat won this year's $100 scholarship for the best in the senior youth division. Chris was last year's winner.

Gold wins art award; other youth are honored

The El Campo Art League celebrated its silver anniversary last month with its 25th annual art show at the El Campo Community Center.

The show focused on the areas of painting, photography and crafts.

In the senior youth division, best of show was given to Pat Gold of Nada and Rice High School for his painting entitled "Lonely." The winner also received the art league's $100 scholarship. Pat's brother, Chris, was the scholarship winner last year.

Rosettes were given for runners-up "Granny and Bessie" by Troy Corman, first, and "My Dad" by Becky Benge, second. Both are from Eagle Lake.

Ribbons awarded to Rice High School art students who participated were as follows:

Acrylics: Becky Benge, Carmen Schneider, Sharla Popp, Rhonda Trcka and Pat Gold received firsts;

Pencil: Denise Hyek, Becky Benge, Troy Corman, Karen Schneider, Sharla Popp and Carmen Schneider received firsts;

Pen and Ink: Troy Corman, 2 firsts;

Watercolor: Carmen Schneider, Sharla Popp, first; Pat Gold, Sharla Popp, second; and Denise Hyek, third.

The judge of this art show was Gary BeBout of Houston, president of the prestigious "Southwest Art" magazine which ranks second in the nation only to "American Artist."

Soil Conservation Service News

Boyd Farr, a district cooperator of the Weimar area, is constructing a pond.

District director Melvin Albright of the New Bielau area has completed construction of a pond.

District cooperator Stan Thuet of the Columbus area has completed seeding areas which were shaped to control erosion.

Mr. and Mrs. Casper Einkauf, district cooperators of the Sheridan area, have completed construction of a pond.

Dr. R. Lowe, a district cooperator of the Rock Island area, has completed construction of a pond and is also clearing brush.

H. L. Bouchillon is constructing a pond on his farm in the Borden area.

A soil and water conservation plan is being developed on the Leah Raetzsch place near Alleyton.

The regular monthly meeting of the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District Directors was held on June 16 at 9 a.m. Those district directors attending the meeting were Herbert Engstrom, Melvin Albright, and Theo. Schultz.

SCS personnel assisted Mark Wied of Garwood in testing the pumping efficiency of his irrigation well. The well was found to be 66 percent efficient when comparing pumping costs with the amount of water discharged. Some minor bowl adjustments can be made to make the well more efficient.

Conservation assistance was provided on the Janet Pfeiffer place near Shaws Bend to Al Shimek, operator and Mark Outlaw, Trust officer for Texas Commerce Bank of the Houston branch concerning repair of a low-water crossing. Engineering cost estimates will be made in the near future.

Conservation assistance was provided to Shirley Barlow and Larry Seydler of Weimar concerning the installation of a low-water crossing on their place northeast of Weimar. Engineering cost estimates will be made in the near future.

Conservation assistance was provided to Royal Hennecke updating his conservation plan.

Conservation assistance was provided to L. J. Schillig of Garwood discussing irrigation water management and pasture management.

The conservation plan on Wilton Leppin is being updated to show fencing changes and also the K&L Ranch plan.

Vacation Bible School begins Monday, July 19

Community Vacation Bible School will begin Monday, July 19 and continue through Friday, July 23 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day at the United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake for ages 3 years to sixth grade, say co-directors Sandy Bendy and Joan Matthews.

The churches participating again this year will be Grace Lutheran Church, Christ Episcopal, First Presbyterian and United Methodist Church.

Each child attending is to bring $1 for refreshments. On Friday, July 23rd we will have a picnic from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. Each person is to bring a sack lunch Friday.

The co-directors invite children to attend.

Homemakers' Reflections

[By Donella R. Pantel, County Extension Agent]

Procedures for pickling

To insure acceptable quality and bacteriological safety of the finished pickle product, you must follow recommended procedures. Ingredients, time, and money may be wasted if you use outdated or careless canning procedures.

Filling jars

Fill the jars firmly and uniformly with the pickle product. Do not pack them so tightly that there is no room for the brine or sirup around and over the pickle product. Be sure to leave headspace at the top of the jar as recommended in recipe. Wipe the rim and threads of the jar with a clean, hot cloth to remove any particles of food, seeds, or spices. Even a small particle may prevent an airtight seal.

Heat treatment

Pickle products require heat treatment to destroy organisms that cause spoilage and to inactivate enzymes that may affect flavor, color, and texture. Adequate heating is best achieved by processing the filled jars in a boiling water bath.

Heat processing is recommended for all pickle products. There is always danger of spoilage organisms entering the food when it is transferred from kettle to jar. This is true even when the utmost caution is observed and is the reason open-kettle canning is not recommended.

Pack pickle products into glass jars according to directions given in the recipe. Adjust lids. Immerse the jars in actively boiling water in canner or deep kettle. Be sure the water comes an inch or two above the jar tops; add boiling water if necessary, but do not pour it directly on the jars. Cover the container with a close-fitting lid and bring the water back to boiling as quickly as possible. Start to count processing time when the water returns to boiling, and continue to boil gently and steadily for the time recommended for the food being canned. Remove jars immediately and complete the seals if necessary. Set jars upright on a wire rack or folded towel to cool. Place them several inches apart.

Processing procedures for fermented cucumbers and fresh-pack dills are slightly different from the usual water-bath procedures. For these products, start to count the processing time as soon as the filled jars are placed in the actively boiling water. This prevents development of a cooked flavor and loss of crispness.

Fresh-pack dill pickles

Yield: 7 quarts

Cucumbers, 3 to 5 inches long, packed 7 to 10 per quart jar (17 to 18 lbs.)
5% brine (¾ cup pure granulated salt per gallon of water) about 2 gallons
1½ quarts vinegar
¾ cup salt, pure granulated
¼ cup sugar
2¼ quarts water
2 tablespoons whole mixed pickling spice
2 teaspoons whole mustard seed per quart jar
1 or 2 garlic cloves per quart jar if desired
3 heads dill plant, fresh or dried, per quart jar
or 1 tablespoon dill seed per quart jar

Wash cucumbers thoroughly; scrub with vegetable brush; drain. Cover with the 5% brine. Let set overnight; drain.

Combine vinegar, salt, sugar, water, and mixed pickling spices that are tied in a clean, thin, white cloth; heat to boiling. Pack cucumbers into clean, hot quart jars. Add mustard seed, dill plant or seed, and garlic to each jar; cover with boiling liquid to within ½ inch from top of jar. Adjust jar lids.

Process in boiling water for 20 minutes (start to count the processing time as soon as the hot jars are placed in the actively boiling water).

Remove jars and complete seals if necessary. Set jars upright on a wire rack or folded towel to cool. Place them several inches apart.

Food mail-out series

If you wish to enroll in the Food Preservation Mail-Out Series please contact the Colorado County Extension Service Office, 316 Spring St., Columbus, Texas 78934 or call the Extension office at 732-2530.

Salt tablets dangerous

"Beware of salt tablets," warns a Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine biochemist. "Not only do they not work, but they also can be dangerous."

Robert L. Kaman, Ph.D., associate director of Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine's Institute for Human Fitness, explains that the idea promoting salt tablets is that they replace the salt the body loses through sweating. "Wrong," he said. "While you do lose some salt, the net effect of heavy perspiring is loss of water, not salt."

If a person takes salt tablets, Dr. Kaman continued, salt will concentrate in the body in greater amounts than the water in the body is able to dissolve. The body then retains water in an effort to keep the salt dissolved. That slows the sweating process, the body's heat regulating system.

"The danger is that your core temperature could soar and result in heat shock," Dr. Kaman said.

"Because almost all of us get enough salt in a well balanced diet, the important thing to replace is water."

Dividend declared

The board of directors of Santa Fe Industries, Inc., declared a quarterly dividend on the company's common stock.

The action taken June 29 was a dividend of twenty-five cents per share, payable September 1, to stockholders of record at the close of business July 30.

Chesterville Cemetery Association to meet

The annual meeting of the Chesterville Cemetery Association will be Sunday at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

Please bring a covered dish. Dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. A meeting will follow.

Winebrenner honored

Former Eagle Lake police chief Earl Winebrenner was honored last week at a going away party by friends, colleagues and city officials, at Broesche's Restaurant.

Among those attending the party Wednesday given for Mr. and Mrs. Earl Winebrenner were Colorado County Sheriff Jim Broussard, acting chief Gil Steen, Mayor Elmer Struss, fire chief Sonny Spanihel, officers Guadalupe Villarreal, Andy Munoz, Ike Etheridge, Dan Easter and Ronnie Frankum.

Also in attendance were councilmen Gene Baker, Mike Duarte and Ralph Truly, and dispatchers M. L. Kelley and Wilfred Luedecke.

Winebrenner was presented with a plaque from police department employees.

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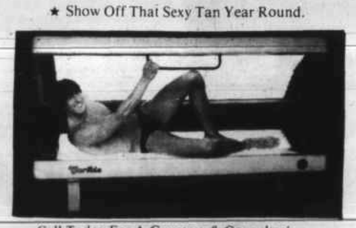

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Computer seminar scheduled this month

Learn how they help small businesses

Two seminars on microcomputers for small businesses will be conducted during July by Jim Dobbins, systems analyst for Wharton County Junior College in Wharton.

The first seminar is Tuesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 101A of the administration building at 911 Boling Highway in Wharton.

Small business owners will have another opportunity to see how microcomputers can help them when a similar seminar is conducted Tuesday, July 27 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Wharton County Electric Cooperative in El Campo.

July 22 is the deadline to register for the El Campo seminar at either the El Campo Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture office or continuing education office at WCJC. Class sizes will be limited to 15.

The cost is $10.

Computers are designed to do three kinds of work. First, they can store information and retrieve it on command. Second, they can perform mathematical operations and logical comparisons with great speed and accuracy. Third, they can communicate with the outside world through connection to data-acquisition and display devices and devices that control electrical equipment.

Most of the paperwork connected with a business falls into the category of calculation and record keeping; therefore, the computer has become a necessary business tool. A computer can eliminate the dull and routine record keeping that takes so much time.

The computer frees management people to deal with the exceptional problems and to manage the main business of the firm. It also frees valuable workers from paperwork and permits them to accomplish productive tasks. Sales and stock personnel are kept aware of inventory levels and price changes, permitting fast reaction to changing market conditions.

Probably the most important tasks a computer can perform in any type of business are to get out the invoices and statements on time, report on unpaid accounts and keep track of cash flow.

In a professional practice, a computer also frees the professional from the ever-increasing load of paperwork. It helps collect the bills, especially the ones involving insurance companies and government agencies that require endless forms.

The record-keeping, information-retrieval and electrical-control capabilities of the computer formerly were available to business people only after a large investment in equipment and personnel. The alternative answer to capital investment was the substantial rental or service charge of a time-sharing company or service bureau.

The microcomputer, with its low initial investment and upkeep, is bringing the advantages of computerization to all levels of business.

Microcomputers can be used by the thousands of small business organizations that have not had the capital to afford a computer or time sharing.

Even the simplest "personal computers" can be used in business to accomplish repetitious calculations and to display the results. Tasks such as the calculation of mortgage payments, loan payments, interest, rate of return on investment, tax payments and sales commissions can be programmed in a computer language such as the one called BASIC (Beginners All-purpose Symbolic Instruction Code) in a simple computer.

Inventory control is another of the crucial functions a computer system performs.

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Cattlemen give youth award, ask for rules

An Independent Cattlemen's Association awards program for top Texas 4-H beef producers will begin this year, according to Roy Wheeler, president of the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas, Inc.

The program recognizes outstanding 4-H beef project participants on the county, district and state levels providing the state winner with a scholarship, an engraved pocket watch and an expense paid trip to the annual independent cattlemen's convention, he said.

"Cattle producers of today must encourage and lead young people interested in agriculture to insure we have competent cattle producers of tomorrow," Wheeler told the 1982 ICA convention assembly. "Awarding scholarships, employing these young people and including them in our county and statewide activities are a few ways we can educate them to preserve our industry."

Adoption of the program followed the association's eighth annual convention June 17-19 emphasizing youth involvement in agriculture. It will be conducted in cooperation with the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation in College Station.

The ICA house of delegates also passed 16 resolutions directing the work of the organization for the coming year. They resolved to ask Congress not to extend any bilateral trade agreements until the European Economic Community and Japan ease their restrictions against high quality American beef.

They directed Congress to ask USDA to fund the development of a "dead" brucellosis vaccine in a program of one test six months after vaccination, allowing free movement of all vaccinated animals after such test. They agreed to urge Congress to consider revival of the bracero program, strengthening the border patrol or requiring employers to prove workers' citizenship. And the group resolved to ask Congress to reduce the federal deficit from $182 billion to $100 billion or less in 1983 and to balance the budget in four years.

Wheeler closed the statewide calf sale in Hallettsville July 17 at 10 a.m. Proceeds from the sale will fund ICA work for the coming year.

Mare-Foal clinic

The third annual South Central Texas Mare-Foal Clinic is set for July 30 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Brenham.

This year's program will focus on foal management, according to Washington County Extension agent Bill Thane. Discussions will center around examining foals for structural problems at birth, feeding and health programs to maximize growth rates, "preschool" training and weaning systems to produce a top quality foal from every mare each year.

Singles club meets

The Fort Bend Singles Club will meet tonight from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Highway 36 in Rosenberg.

All singles of the area are invited for an evening of fellowship Thursday. For further information contact Esther at 232-5321 or Ann at 341-0800.

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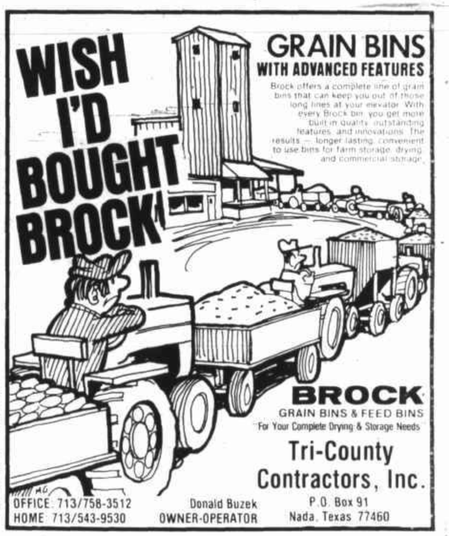

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2nd summer term registration Monday at Wharton College

Registration for the second term of summer classes at Wharton County Junior College is scheduled Monday in the administration building.

Classes start Tuesday, meeting Monday through Thursday mornings. July 15 is the last day to register for the term that ends August 19.

First summer term registration hit an all-time high of 646 as students took advantage of the opportunity to earn as many as fourteen semester hours of credit this summer.

A variety of courses is offered each summer in the liberal arts, pre-professions, and technologies.

Summer school students include May high school graduates and others who desire to accelerate their academic progress or make up deficiencies. Forty courses are scheduled for the second six-week term.

Order of registration for the second six weeks is by the following surnames: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. - S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z; 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. - M, N, O, P, Q, R; 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - I, J, K, L; 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - D, E, F, G, H; 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - A, B, C.

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Greenhouse growers to meet in Beaumont

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Discussions will feature the greenhouse structure and its environment as well as cultural systems and production techniques. Greenhouse crops to be discussed include tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce and strawberries.

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• Stop air leaks: a well sealed house can save up to 10% on air conditioner operating costs. Caulk cracks and holes, and install weather stripping around windows and doors.
• Clear obstructions away from outside sections of central air conditioning to ensure free circulation of air.
• Protect the house from direct sunlight with draperies, blinds, shades or awning. Provide additional shade by planting trees and shrubbery.
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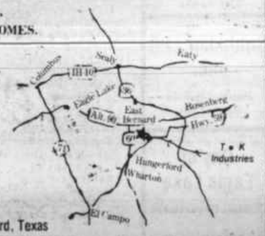
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