4-H News

By Veronica Hundl — County Extension Agent

Summer camping

Summer camping programs abound for Texas 4-H'ers this year.

The Texas 4-H Center, located on Lake Brownwood in the heart of central Texas, offers a unique camping experience for youth 9-19.

For 9-11 and 12-14 year olds, a number of three-day camps are available. Dates for six camps are June 23-26, June 26-29, July 7-10, July 10-13, July 14-17 and July 17-20.

Each camp is designed to teach or improve a youths skills in a variety of areas. Each day includes sessions on shooting sports, canoeing and sailing, high adventure initiative activities, nature crafts and outdoor education. In addition, nightly camp activities feature parties, folk games, movies and other entertainment.

For the 13-19 age group, 4-H Project Camp offers more of a challenge. It is a five-day camp, June 17-22, which gives in-depth training in a choice of computers, shooting sports, food and fitness, canoeing and sailing, food and nutrition, or photography. This training is combined with the fun and excitement of camp life, and evenings provide "whole camp" activities.

Campers of all ages learn to adjust to camp environment, share responsibilities and appreciate natural surroundings while enjoying the fun of activities designed especially for them.

Experienced resource teachers and qualified college-aged counselors conduct activities. County Extension agents and volunteer adult leaders supervise campers at all times.

For applications or additional information, contact the County Extension Office at 732-6694.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of social-economics levels, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

Deer bag limit increase proposed

Lengthening of white-tailed deer hunting season and establishment of an extra license tag to allow taking of an additional antlerless deer are among changes proposed for 1985-86 hunting seasons in Texas.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission authorized the department staff to air proposed regulation changes in county public hearings to be held across the state during March and April. **A hearing will be held on Monday, April 1 at 7 p.m. in the County Courthouse in Columbus.**

The deer season proposal would open the season each year on the second Saturday in November, instead of the Saturday nearest November 15. If adopted, the change would allow a 58-day season in 1985-86, but would drop back to the existing 51-day arrangement during some years because of calendar differences.

The proposal would allow the deer season to open as early as November 8 in some years, or as late as November 14. The current closing date of the first Sunday in January is not proposed to be changed. If adopted, the 1985-86 whitetail season in most counties would be November 9, 1985, through January 5, 1986.

Wildlife staff members told the commission the proposal is designed to maximumize hunting opportunities while simplifying the opening date for hunters.

A number of Texas counties again are proposed to have white-tailed deer seasons which differ from the standard.

"Another proposal would create an additional antlerless white-tailed deer tag on the Texas hunting license to encourage hunters to take more antlerless deer. Currently, each hunting license has one antlerless (white-tailed or mule deer) tag, two tags valid for buck or antlerless whitetails, and one buck or antlerless mule deer tag.

The change would make it possible for a hunter to harvest five deer, not to include more than four whitetails (no more than two whitetail bucks) or two mule deer in a season. However, in some 92 counties hunters are limited to one buck, and antlerless permit issuance rates depend upon annual deer census surveys.

Several changes also are proposed for turkey hunting, including an increase in the bag limit of Rio Grande turkeys from one gobbler per spring season to two in most counties with a spring season. However, only three turkeys will be allowed per person per year and the bag limit in East Texas counties which have eastern turkeys would remain at one gobbler (spring season only).

Other seasons and bag limits proposed for 1985-86 are:

•Prairie chicken, October 19-20, 1985, two per day.

•Quail, November 2, 1985, through February 23, 1986, bag limits to be set during August after summer production surveys are completed.

•Chachalacas, December 7, 1985, through January 26, 1986, five per day.

•Javelina, October 5, 1985, through February 23, 1986 in counties having a restricted javelina season, limit two javelinas.

•Squirrels, October 1, 1985, through January 15, 1986, and May 1-31, 1986 in counties having a squirrel season. Many counties, including Colorado, have no closed season.

•Antelope, September 28 through October 6, 1985, limit one antelope by permit.

County Agent's Notebook

By Leroy Hajdik — County Extension Agent

Give bermudagrass pastures a boost

Along with plenty of fertilizer, some mechanical operations can give Coastal bermudagrass pastures a boost. Among these are plowing, disking and chiseling. Each of these operations can boost forage production by improving soil aeration, moisture penetration and moisture holding capacity.

Plowing and disking disturb the soil to a depth of 6 to 8 inches while chiseling opens the soil to 16 to 18 inches. Of course, chiseling is a more expensive operation and should only be used in areas where a claypan or hardpan may hamper root growth and moisture penetration.

Research studies in the Central Texas Blacklands have shown that where claypan soils are predominant, chiseling and fertilizing have increased forage production 8 to 10 times compared to pastures not chiseled. On the other hand, chiseling clay soils, especially clays that swell when wet, provides little benefit.

While some type of tillage operation can boost grass production, we also advise careful attention to weed control. Wise use of herbicides to control weeds along with the judicious use of fertilizer can go a long way toward a bountiful production of Coastal bermudagrass.

Brenham heritage tour scheduled April 13, 14

The Heritage Society of Washington County will hold its annual Heritage Tour in Brenham on April 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Tours of Republic, Antebellum and Victorian homes and buildings will highlight the 2-day event.

There also will be a country store, food booths, walking tours of downtown, antique cards, antique fire trucks and an art show. Tickets are $8 or $2 per site.

For further information on Bluebonnet Trails events, contact the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, 314 S. Austin, Brenham, Texas 77833.

Improved wildlife habitat

Control brush to improve deer, dove, quail, turkey and other wildlife?

"Yes," says Connie Fair, district conservationist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS) in Columbus.

According to Fair, there are over 391,641 acres of range and pastureland in the Colorado County Soil and Water Conservation District which his office serves that are invaded by noxious woody plants so thick that growth of good food plants for wildlife is limited.

"Selective brush clearing with many small, natural looking openings allows sunlight to reach the ground surface and removes the competition for moisture so better food plants can grow. More available food means wildlife is healthy and can increase in numbers," Fair says. "The openings also grow more grass for livestock," he continues.

Fair offered some tips on items to keep in mind when planning brush control. When both livestock and wildlife use the same land, ranchers have to compromise between the needs of both kinds of animals when planning brush management. The idea is to control enough brush to increase food production for livestock and leave enough browse and cover for wildlife. Leaving twenty-five to thirty-five percent of the land in brush will keep a large number of deer and other wild animals, if the brush is arranged in the right patterns.

The size of areas left in brush depends on the topography and how tall and thick the woody plants are. If the brush is tall with not much cover near the ground or in an open stand, uncleared areas have to be larger than when the brush is thick at heights less than five feet. Flat country usually needs larger areas left in brush than hilly or rolling country. Areas must be large enough to contain browse for food and thick enough to let wildlife hide. Cleared areas must not be so wide that cover is too far away. As a rule of thumb, brush should not be less than 300 feet wide and cleared areas should not be more than 1,000 feet wide.

"Deer and other wildlife will still use grasslands after any type of pattern is installed," Fair says. "The landowners must decide which type of pattern will best fit into his livestock and wildlife operation."

Wildlife habitat can be improved in some brushy pastures by thinning the stand of brush rather than by strip or pattern control. By use of an axe, bulldozer, or other means, useless trees and brush can be removed and desirable browse plants left. Thinning lets more sunlight reach low-growing plants.

Running oak, some of the acacias such as catclaw and blackbrush, and several other good browse plants can often be profitably burned or shredded to keep them in reach and promote regrowth. Tender new shoots are much better feed than old mature growth. Burning or shredding every three or four years maintains plenty of choice food for deer and livestock. Shredding or burning also temporarily increases the amount of forbs and grasses.

Habitat for quail, cottontail rabbits and other small animals can be improved by piling or stacking brush removed from treated areas. Brush piles, though temporary, are ideal cover and help to increase the number of quail and other animals on cleared pastures.

Many types of wildlife exist besides the few we think of most often, such as deer, turkey, quail and dove. The ecological role of predatory animals, furbearers and others are not understood by most people; therefore they do not consider them important.

Habitat management for some of these other important, yet less publicized, types of wildlife should be part of any brush management program. Trees and underbrush should always be kept along streams and bottomlands to provide protective cover, den sites, and fruit and berry production for these animals.

The Soil Conservation Service has technicians available to help plan and apply a brush management program that recognizes and meets the needs of all wildlife. The Columbus field office serves this area. It is located at 816 Spring Street in Columbus.

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Socha completes basic training

Catherine M. Socha

Airman Catherine M. Socha, daughter of Emil J. and Margie A. Socha of New Ulm, has been assigned to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force. The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the communications intelligence field.

She is a 1984 graduate of Columbus High School.

Alpha Delta Phi holds 280th meeting

President Charlene Rodgers called the 280th meeting of Alpha Delta Phi to order on Monday, February 18 in the home of Gail Guthman. Roll was called with 10 members present.

Charlene reminded everyone of the state convention registration deadline. Treasurer Vicki Powers stated that all bills were not yet in from the western dance so an accurate report is not available.

During old business the band for next year's western dance was discussed, Charlene will meet with Xi Pi Psi president to decide on a band.

Lady of the Year Tea was discussed. Vicki Powers will be hostess for the tea in March this year.

Program for the evening was given by Pete and Jeanette Canaris, owners of Canaris Nursery and Garden Center. They gave members tips on lawn and garden care for this time of the year. Also some important facts about fertilizer and weed control products.

Gail served delicious refreshments and carried out the program by giving flower seeds to members.

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Shropshire Upton chapter scheduled to meet March 14

The March meeting of the Shropshire Upton chapter of UDC will be held on March 14 in the home of Myrah Jane Draper. Mrs. N.J. Mainer and Mrs. Creston Gay will be co-hostesses.

Jack Montgomery of Weimar will give the program on Confederate Memorabilia.

Educational program for children with developmental problems offered

Educational programs for pre-school age children who have medical, educational or developmental problems have been offered in Colorado County for the past several years.

Children from birth to age three have been provided services through the outreach program of the Travis State School in Austin known as the Infant Stimulation Program. Children who are three years old by September 1, become eligible for the Early Childhood classes offered in each of the three public school districts in this county.

The special education staff of the public schools work closely with Travis State School personnel to assure services are provided to all children found eligible.

In the past, an annual screening of pre-school age children was held in each school district in late April to identify children in need of these programs. Beginning that year, referrals for these programs will be taken at an time during the year. Children may be referred by contacting any of the following offices: Director of Special Education, 234-3531; Assessment Office, 732-6478; Infant Stimulation Coordinator, 732-5762; Columbus Elementary School, 732-5978; Eagle Lake Primary School, 234-3881; Garwood Elementary School, 735-3980; Sheridan Elementary School, 234-3901, or Weimar Elementary School, 725-9604.

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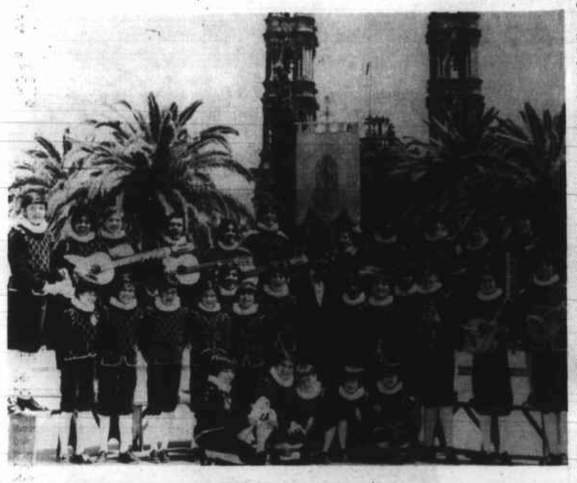
Estudiantina Guadalupana Potosina to perform in Columbus on March 19

Estudiantina Guadalupana Potosina from San Luis Potosi, SLP, Mexico will perform at Columbus High School Auditorium in Columbus at 7:30 p.m. on March 19. This is a very talented group of boys age 5 through college age that your whole family will enjoy.



Music from Renaissance Period and even 16th century music, as well as a great variety of choral music.

The Colorado County Texas Sesquicentennial committee is sponsoring the group to celebrate Texas's 150 birthday, remembering their time under the Spanish and Mexican Flags. Their costumes and music from the period Texas was under Spanish rule; and music from Mexico.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy this unusual entertainment that will make you proud of our Spanish heritage. Of course the first were the many Indian tribes of Texas, who destroyed the next, LaSalle and the Frenchmen and French Flag near present day Port Lavaca in 1685, but it was Spain that made the lasting impressions on Texas with the many missions they built and their "Franciscans or Priests" from 1714. Many are restored as historical attractions such as the Alamo, those in Goliad and Santonio and many others. You will look forward to celebrating later the other nationalities that came to Texas to grow with it.

This is a free concert, but contributions will be greatly appreciated. All money donated will go directly to this boys choir for their expenses.

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SEALY ASSEMBLY OF GOD — 1140 Meyer St., Sealy; Warren Richardson, Pastor. Sunday: Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship 7 p.m. Wednesday: Adult Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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BONUS BAPTIST CHURCH — Highway 102, Bonus, Texas. 409-234-2205. Pastor: Stanley Pinckard. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS — Landmark Bldg., Main St., Sealy, Texas. H.D. Geigley, Branch Pres. Sunday Services: Priesthood Meeting, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sacrament Meeting (Worship Service), 11 a.m.

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