

Area students recipients of Farm Bureau scholarships

The Colorado County Farm Bureau announces the 1987 achievement and academic scholarship recipients. They are Kevin Genz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Genz of Nader; Billy Hefner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hefner of Garwood; and Bryan Koria, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Koria of New Elm.

The recipients received the scholarships from the following guidelines:

1. Applicant's family must have been members of Colorado County Farm Bureau prior to September 1 of his or her senior year and membership must be current.
2. Applicant must show at least two years of outstanding achievements in ag related activities of the last two years of his or her high school education.
3. Applicant must have excelled in all categories of ag education and FFA or 4-H activities within the two-year period.
4. Applicant may choose any field of advanced education above high school level.

Congratulations to the 1987 recipients.

Poems — English III-Premium

Below are some poems from the English III-Premium class. They are typed as written.

Diamonds that sparkle in the night,
Two million carats of magnificence.
Silver glitter sprinkled upon a
Canvas of black.
To sit and stare at the splendor in
Awe is but a treasure given to those
Less fortunate in material things.

— Danette Rene Pagel

Weather...
The clouds, bulks of fluffy cotton,
Lifted together in the sea of the sky.
Covers the sun, an unspherical balloon,
Blown up by the mouth of molecules.
The sands below are granules of the
Sun's residue fallen from the heavens.
These are things often experienced.
On a day of leisure and excitement.
Although these are the side of the
Toxic wastes lunged into the dividends.
The atmosphere, a step above us all,
Is like the layers of a cake slowly,
Eaten away by human nature.

— Lisa Bartlett

"The Storm"
Vivid deceitful armies of blackness
Marched across the austere sky
Casting a mood of gloom.
Innocent clouds of holiness
Transformed into evil clouds
Growing murky gray in color with the
Taste of disgust in their mouth.
The god of the sky went from a gentle man
Into a god like a ferocious lion
Needing to be fed and devouring anything
In its path — He came riding on a cloud
Of importance, larger than the others; he was
In front signaling them to move on.
He took to mercy on a mortal man's home;
He threw his atomic bomb through the sky.
Watching as it lit up the night; his walking
Shaking the very depths of the earth.
While he gave his armies the code to let
Their tears flow heavy and without shame.
And I knew only too soon what we were during
The rest of the night.

— Camille Muehl

Dreaming of Summer
I dream of a large meadow

With thick, deep, green grass
And only one tree for only one shadow
For the one love that will help the hours pass.
When not under the tree,
I will be lying beside my private stream
With slow flowing water for one other and me.
The stream will have water that is clear, fresh and
clean.

The other and I will have time to talk
Of things we enjoy and things we don't.
But the best thing will be our scenic walk
That will end with the two of us on the stream on a
float.

Our days will be filled with love and sunshine.
The love will be wonderful and special
And there will be enough sunshine to last us a
lifetime.

— Christy Hill

Fads
Fads are now in
So come on lets begin.
Less all get in shape,
Just stay awake
Show as all a grin.

— Lisa Ramirez

Only Shades of Grey
Bright bubbling colors enhance
the eyes, and in a mental dance
happiness washes in like
a radiant breath of the freshest air;
this breeze warm enough to please
and tantalize the senses to a horrid drain. (A daily
affair).

But on the darker side no one cares —
the blackest night hold a darker doom,
for the impending death of the smile
which cries while a thick evil heat winds into the
room.
The treachery of pain goes on for longer miles
only to lead us to the deepest hate.
But there is a place in the seams
between the gaps — the ultimate in between.
The pain is there — it hides away in
murky blues and mossy greens;
a feeling that is worse than hate
and causes wanting or hurting to save
a breaking heart — a livelier dream.
And everyone has seen this terrible in between;
where a life in limbo — the miserable days
where all life is found in Only Shades of Grey.

— Sally Strube

More poems will be published next week.

Candlelight ceremony unites Burkhardt, Backhus

Carol Denise Burkhardt and James Edward Backhus were united in marriage in a candlelight ceremony on February 14 at the Hooper Memorial Chapel in Conroe. The Rev. Charles Downey read vows before an altar decorated with brass candelabra and greenery accented with pink baby roses and white bows.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gay S. Burkhardt of Conroe and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. George W. Backhus of Conroe. Grandparents of the couple are Mrs. Polly Sens of Eagle Lake, Mrs. Lucile Burkhardt of Conroe and Mrs. Lillie Hendricks of Smithville.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was beautiful in a designer gown by Jemittous of Illissa and fashioned of white light silk tissue tulle. The fitted bodice, featuring a V-neck and scoop back with a basque waist, was heavily beaded with Alencon lace and the tapered sleeves fastened at the wrist with French covered buttons and bows. The exquisite cathedral-length train, separate from the sheath skirt, was lavishly flounced with ruffles edged in lace. The bride veil of silk illusion fell from a band of lace flowers.

She carried a cascading bouquet of pink and white roses and greenery. Serving the bride as matron of honor was Cozina Sykes, sister of the bride, of Pasadena. Bridesmaids were Linda Rampp of Calvert, Patty Moreland of Houston, Jennifer Watson of Arlington and Susan Sabes of Dallas.

The attendants wore long royal blue satin gowns accented with small ruffles at the shoulder with a draping bustle. They carried bouquets of pink and white silk roses.

Best man was George Backhus Jr., brother of the groom, of Conroe. Groomsmen were Don Spence of Pasadena, and Alan Johnson, Randy Stephen and Larry Backhus, brother of the groom, all of Conroe.

Ushers and candlelighters were Kevin Greer and Larry Badger, both of Conroe.

Soloists, Dolores Brownlow and Johnny Johnson, accompanied by Tommy Edwards, organist, provided music for the occasion.



Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Backhus

A reception, hosted by the bride's parents, was held at the First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Members of the houseparty included Ruth Anderson, Sheri Backhus, Nancy Howard, Susan Brown and Kim Bosley.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom at the Imperial Gardens in Conroe.

Following a wedding trip to Breckenridge, Colorado, the couple will reside in Conroe.

The bride is a graduate of Sam Houston State University and is currently employed at Accents in Conroe.

The groom is a graduate of Sam Houston State University and is currently employed at J. David Group in Houston.

Church Notes

Events at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG) Catholic Churches.

Tuesday, May 5: OLG Altar Society meeting, 7 p.m., Andrew Hall.

Wednesday, May 6: OLG Parish Council meeting, 7 p.m., Andrew Hall. Main topic of the meeting will be the annual picnic August 9.

Thursday, May 7: OLPH Altar Society meet, 7 p.m., Dider Hall.

Sunday, May 10: Mother's Day. May Crowning of Mary our Heavenly Mother.

Tuesday, May 12: Junior CYO meeting, 7:30 p.m., parish office.

Wednesday, May 13: OLPH Parish Council meeting, 7 p.m., Dider Hall. Main topic of the meeting will be the annual picnic June 28 at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

May 14 and May 15: Immigration meetings, 7 p.m., Andrew Hall.

Saturday, May 16: Blood drive at OLG, Andrew Hall; senior mass at 7 p.m. at OLPH.

'Share the Dream', theme of Founder's Day celebration

The Farris 1912 was the setting for the Founder's Day celebration of the local Beta Sigma Phi chapters on Saturday, April 25 at eleven-thirty. Following a social hour members joined hands in reciting the opening ritual led by Sue Canaris.

Beta Sigma Phi grace was repeated in unison led by Lynn Holden after which a delicious salad luncheon was served. The welcome address to members and guests was given by Ernie Sommerlatte.

Alpha Delta Phi's history was entertainingly presented by Vicki Powers as she used "special" gifts to members to reflect on the past year's activities and cultural programs. Xi Psi Psi historian Linda Balas prepared a poem, amusingly reliving the past year's history. It was read by JoAnn Gertson in the historian's absence.

Lighting the Beta Sigma Phi candles on the head table, Connie Gertson officially opened the ceremony with the Founder's Day pledge. The message from International, reflecting on the organization's "Share the Dream" theme in 1986-87, was read by Kay Clipson.

Presidents of the two local chapters recognized and commended the fellow officers for the past year's term. Gail Guthman awarded pins to Alpha Delta Phi officers: Debbie Christ, vice president; Sylvia Rucka, recording secretary; Connie Gertson, corresponding secretary; Sue Canaris, treasurer, and Melody Grigar, extension officer.

Receiving officer pins for Xi Psi Psi from President Sommerlatte were: Cherry Corma, vice president; Glenda Blair, recording secretary; Cindy Cheatham, corresponding secretary; Pat Cook, treasurer, and Kay Clipson, extension officer.

Yellow roses were presented to

Debbie Christ, Connie Gertson, Gail Guthman, Charlene Rodgers, Sylvia Rucka, Kay Clipson, Pat Cook, Cherry Corma, Ernie Sommerlatte and Mary Lou Szymanski for perfect attendance by the sorority recording secretaries.

Robin Thomas, program chairman for Alpha Delta Phi, announced the program of the year award went to Melody Grigar for her program entitled "It's An Art." Gail Guthman and Ernie Sommerlatte were named "Girl of the Year" by their respective chapters.

Sweethearts, Connie Gertson and Lynn Holden were recognized and received appropriate badge pins.

Vice presidents Christ and Corma presided at the presentation of the president's gavel and a special gift to their respective presidents from their sisters in gratitude for the impressive leadership they gave during the year. Gail Guthman led Alpha Delta Phi in a successful and enjoyable year while Ernie Sommerlatte provided the fine leadership for Xi Psi Psi's eventful and memorable year.

The presidents in turn presented tokens of appreciation to each of their fellow sisters for their devoted efforts and cooperation throughout the year.

Given special recognition and awarded a pin was Helen Farris, an honorary member of Alpha Delta Phi. Other honorary members, unable to attend, were recognized and will receive pins. They are Virginia Bauer for Alpha Delta Phi and Ethel Konvicka and Evelyn Thomas for Xi Psi Psi.

Following the announcement of the theme for 1987-88, "Build Bridges of Friendship," the ceremony officially ended with the closing ritual and march led by JoAnn Gertson in the circle of friendship.



Fajkus, Brandt plan June wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Fajkus, of Eagle Lake, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Gloria Sue, to Paul Brandt of Bay City, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Brandt of El Campo.

The bride-elect graduated from Rice High School and Southwest Texas State University. She is the owner of Gloria's Weddings and More in Bay City.

The groom-to-be graduated from Louise High School and SWTSU. He is a farmer in the Wadsworth area.

The couple will exchange vows at two o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, June 20 at St. Philip's Catholic Church in El Campo.

Elizabeth Boothe continues writing about Washington, D.C. visit

After having visited the National Air and Space Museum, Sandra and I went to another of the Smithsonian buildings the National Museum of Natural History. I would like to share the pictures taken there and the plans of using it, but I soon found out that I would lose lots of looking at other displays if I stopped to write. I'm depending on my God-given "computer" and I hope the editors will see and stored. I like to

think of this interesting information read a number of years ago; that is, the part of the human brain that houses our "computer" has so much potential that if man were to build a comparable one, the earth would not have the space for it. How I wish I would try to make more of this wonderful "computer." Another way I can recall interesting things seen is to look at the pictures and "reminiscent" of printed information in my album. I obtained many informative brochures.

The National Museum of Natural History has among its almost 60 million items on exhibit a life-size

model of a blue whale and American Indian and Eskimo cultures. One of the especially interesting displays was the one of "a working fossil-preparation laboratory in a public area." This display enables visitors to observe as people chisel and scrape at a 10-block rock, which contains dinosaur bones. A notebook would be very wonderful to use if a person can plan to spend days instead

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Baker attends 50th anniversary of Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries Science

John Baker was recently in College Station to attend the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Science at Texas A&M University. In the fall semester of 1937, he was the first graduate student to take classes in that department.

Baker, although retired, is still actively interested in the outdoor environment and attends, with wife Mary, national and international meetings having to do with the conservation of its wildlife. Recently he published the results of his findings after several years of field work describing the "Mammals of Zacatecas, Mexico." This appeared as an 88-page bulletin of The Museum at Texas Tech University.

He admits (and so does Mary) who has joined him on many of these excursions) that it is now just a little too much hard work, after almost 50

years of it, to continue camping in the back country of Mexico and other Latin American countries to study the interesting animal life. Instead, he now prefers the dry and air-conditioned indoor environments of libraries which he consults in order to complete a treatise on early explorations by naturalists in Middle and South America. This report will be one of the chapters in a book on the wildlife of that region to be published late this year by the University of Oklahoma and following a symposium on the subject scheduled for late June in Cancun, Mexico.

Mary and Rollin do hope shortly to visit Playa Azul, a ranch for which they are joint owners located in the spectacular barranca country of the pine-covered Sierra Madre about midway between Durango and Mazatlan in western Mexico.

Erik Ash celebrates first birthday

Erik Joe Ash celebrated his first birthday Wednesday, April 29 with a party hosted by his parents, Teddy and Sandy Ash. The guests enjoyed barbecue, potato salad, baked beans, chips, ice tea. Erik's cake, which was decorated with a truck scene, was served as dessert. The children enjoyed rides on the horses and go-cart.

Those attending the party were his parents; sisters, Kristin and Savannah Ash; grandparents, Archie and Dorothy Noska; great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Baird Sr.; aunt and uncle, Monnie and Jason Noska; Jennifer Jobe, Michael and Tyron Lutz, Nicole Voss. Erik's grandpa, Wilburn Ash, also came from Delcon to spend some time with him.

Erik Joe Ash

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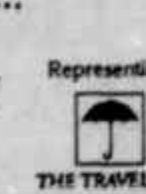
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