

CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

Columbus Chapter, Texas Sportsman Association

Directors of the Texas Sportsman Association (TSA) held a meeting in the home of L.J. and Doris Rinn on Tuesday, Nov. 12.

Also in attendance were officers of the Austin, Colorado and Fayette County Chapters.

President Doris Rinn called the

meeting to order and treasurer Carolyn Easton gave the minutes and the treasurer's report.

The Fall Fundraiser, held in Sept., was deemed a success as the net profit was \$9,861.

Discussion ensued in regards to moving the location each year.

The TSA Newsletter will give complete reports on the Deer Surveys and the Coyote Contest which will run from Sept. 1, 1996 thru Sept. 1, 1997.

An additional 24 windbreakers in mixed sizes have been ordered and will be available in a few weeks.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife

Department advised President Rinn of a series of scoping meetings held in various locations in the state.

These are open forums in which citizens can express views concerning issues relating to the national and cultural resources of Texas. TSA members are urged to attend the meeting in Columbus on Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. in the 2nd floor District Courtroom at the Colorado County Courthouse. Representative Dan Kubiak and Robby Cook have been invited to attend.

This is an opportunity to re-inforce the TSA resolutions. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Happy Birthday John

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Laughlin is Nature Club president

Local bird authority Doris Laughlin was elected Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club (TWONC) president at the club's Annual Meeting and Social at Café on Main in downtown Eagle Lake on the evening of Dec. 4.

Under her leadership, she promises that the 1997 Club program will include mostly the highly-popular outdoor events plus only a few stimulating indoor presentations at Prairie Edge Museum.

Susan Tomchesson was elected vice-president and T. Lang treasurer. Elected as At Large Members of the TWONC Governing Council were Mae Ashby, Helen Craig, Blair Hickley, and Rollin Baker.

Out-going President Hickey highlighted many of the sterling 1996 events including the overnight field trip to High Island, TWONC cooperation with the annual Atwater's Prairie Chicken Festival and a visit to Jimmy

Thomas' famed Duck House. Tomchesson reported that the number of prairie chickens now living on the Atwater Prairie Chicken Wildlife Refuge has been tripled by means of pen-reared introductions.

Marian Balke, Regional Coordinator for LCRA, topped off the evening by speaking about, and showing a video tape to illustrate, the diverse attributes of many of the city and county parks sponsored in part by her agency and situated along the Colorado river. Emphasized of course, was Colorado County's own Beeson's Park, across the river from Columbus.

As a final word, President-elect Doris reminded club members that the Annual Audubon Bird Count will occur on Friday, Dec. 27.

Club members and other wishing to participate should call either Doris at 409-732-8875 or Susan at 409-234-5591.

Rice District Community Hospital Patients

Week ending 12-5-96
ADMISSIONS
Eagle Lake: Edward Priemeyer, Edward Bries; Sheridan: Bennie Kazmir.

DISMISSALS
Eagle Lake: Alma Tillman, Robert Wilcox, Callie Benson, Rita Garcia.

Viola Marsalia, Pamela Shorter & Baby Boy, Willie Mae Farrow, Ana Servantes & Baby Girl; East Bernard: David Ochoa.

About Town...

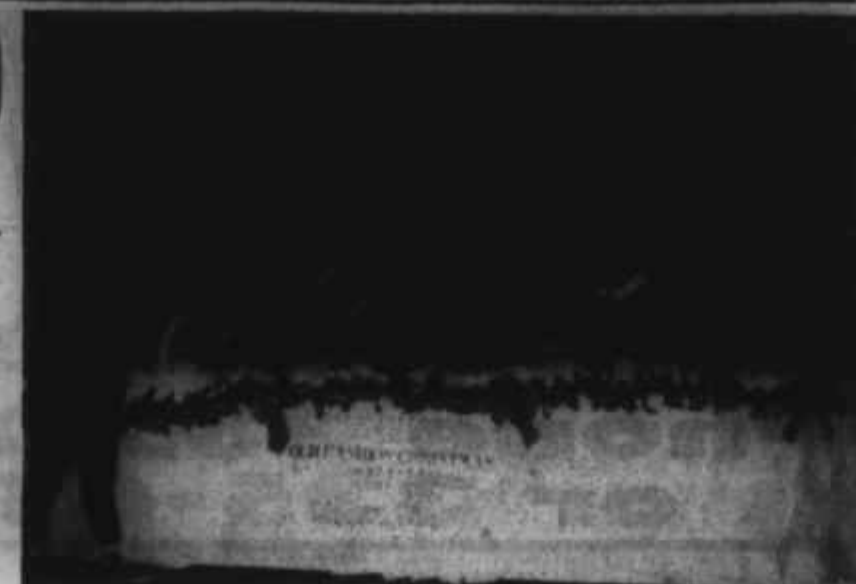
"If you've driven around town looking at the Christmas lights and displays, you may have noticed a small, white house on State Street with an unusual arrangement on an evergreen in front.

The bottom half of the plant has lights... the top half doesn't! What could cause something like this?

As the note on the front door says, Café on Main has, unfortunately, been forced to close its doors.

Seems the owners of the equipment and owners of the building were unwilling to negotiate a price that would have allowed Mike and Sherry to continue with the business they have worked so hard on for the past year and more.

We still love you guys, anyway. Don't be strangers downtown just because you're working folks again!



First place in individual family division went to the Community by Entry with the theme of "An Old Fashion Christmas". Riders were parents and children from all over the community.



Winning first place in the commercial division was Thomas Clinic with the theme of "We're 'Nuts' About Christmas and Happy New Year 'Too To' You!!"

Drs. Raymond and Russell Thomas and Dr. Leonard Borstein were dressed as Sugar Plum Fairies. Drs. Raymond and Borstein seemed to be really enjoying themselves, especially when Dr. Raymond turned to "moon" someone by flipping up his tu-tu.



Rice High School Cosmetology's entry received an honorable mention in the school division.



State Representative-Elect Robby Cook, his wife, Mary Kay, and children, Taylor and Jenna (on the other side of the cart) received third place in the individual/family division of the parade.

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WCJC's Pioneer rodeo team score big

Members of Wharton County Junior College's Pioneer Rodeo Team performed well at rodeos held throughout the state.

Two of the biggest winners were Scot Brown of Robstown and Stephen Weathers of Bay City.

Brown and Weathers competed at the first Stephen Harwood Memorial Team Roping in Rosenberg.

Brown won two silver buckles, monies, and a saddle.

Weathers took home one silver buckle, monies and the Stephen Harwood Memorial Scholarship.

Another recent big winner was Clay Cerny of Eagle Lake who won a trophy saddle in Aubrey for the tied toe fastest calf event in the big calf roping competition.

Other Pioneer Rodeo Team members who placed well in recent rodeos

include: Sheyenne Stepan, El Campo, placed in breakaway roping in Tilden, Borne; Kyle Huff, Katy, won in bull riding, in Del Rio; Jeff Hayes, Wharton, placed in calf roping in Snook; Clay Cerny, Eagle Lake, tied toe fastest calf in Aubrey; Sam Medlock, Huntsville, bull riding in Lewisville, Madisonville; Jason Fajkus, La Grange, first place for bull riding in La Grange; Kristen Engling, Beasley, first place in barrels in Navasota; Brian Foster, Pride, L.A., first place steerwrestling in Tilden; and Jamie West, Chino Valley, AZ, placed in team roping in Rosenberg.

The Pioneer Rodeo Team was to compete at Mt. Pleasant Oct. 3-5 and the first National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association competition, hosted by NW Texas Community College.

HLS&R offers scholarships to area students

Applications for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLS&R) Area Go Texan scholarships are now available for eligible area high school seniors. The presentation of these scholarships in February highlights the involvement of 60 counties in a special program that promotes the Houston Rodeo and rewards outstanding students with college scholarships that could be worth up to \$10,000.

Applications currently are available from counselors in participating public high schools, county extension agents, agricultural science teachers and Area Go Texan Ambassador Buddy Mascheck. Applications also can be obtained from the HLS&R's director of educational programs, Michael Nathanson, by calling 713-794-9544.

Completed applications are due in the HLS&R scholarship office by Jan. 6, 1997. Return to Lynda Appel by Dec. 30, 1996.

Sixty one-year, \$2,500 scholarships are presented annually to outstanding students representing the counties participating in the Show's Area Go Texan program. Depending upon the county's performance in the program, the scholarship award can be

upgraded to a two-year \$5,000 award or four-year \$10,000 award. Area Go Texan counties serve as promotional partners for the annual HLS&R, through promotional material distribution and scheduled Go Texan publicity events, such as cook-offs, dances and other fun family activities.

In 1996, due to outstanding Area Go Texan county participants, 61 scholarships were awarded; eight four-year at \$10,000 each; 31 two-year at \$5,000 each and 22 one-year at \$2,500 each.

Each scholarship applicant must be a member in good standing of either

the Texas 4-H or Texas FFA; must reside in or attend an accredited public high school within the defined geographic boundary of the Area Go Texan county; and must graduate at the end of the spring semester immediately following the scholarship award.

The applicant must be a resident of the state of Texas and a citizen of the United States and be ranked in the top one-fourth of his/her graduating class. Applicant test scores must meet a minimum of 900 SAT or 20 ACT. HLS&R Area Go Texan scholarships recipients must enroll in a Texas college or university but there are no

restrictions on the major field of study. These scholarship applications are evaluated by an independent selection committee comprised of members of the Houston Astroome Rotary Club.

The Area Go Texan scholarships will be presented, Friday, Feb. 7 at a special Area Go Texan Scholarship Banquet in Houston's Astroarena.

"These Area Go Texan counties are a vital part of our success, spreading good will and excitement all over Texas," said Tom Quarles, Show assistant general manager. "The Show is honored to be able to give educational funds back to these counties."

The HLS&R annually commits in excess of \$4 million to educational programs throughout Texas, with more than 1,100 students on Show-sponsored scholarships each year. Since the Show began its educational contributions in 1957, it has committed more than \$44 million to young Texans.

The 1997 HLS&R opens with the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest, Thursday, Feb. 6, followed by other Go Texan activities Feb. 8-9. The horse show begins Wednesday, Feb. 12; the livestock show and rodeo start Friday, Feb. 14; and activities conclude Sunday, March 2.

Owens is new Trooper

Anthony Owens is Colorado County's newest Department of Public Safety Trooper.

He will be stationed at the Columbus office.

This is his first position in law enforcement, having received his certification in Aug. at the DPS Academy in Austin following a four-year stint in the U.S. Navy.

Owens was born and raised in Natalia, Texas, where he graduated from high school.

He continued his education at S. Plains College in Levelland.

He chose the law enforcement profession because he has always held it in high regard.

"I believe in upholding the law and I plan to preserve peace in Colorado County as a DPS trooper," he said.

He and his wife, Susan, and their three-year-old daughter reside within Colorado County.

His hobbies include fishing and racquetball.



Stevens, Williams to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Stevens Jr. announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Yolanda Burnett, to Curtis DeWitt Williams, son of the late Mrs. Clotil Green of Sealy.

The bride-elect is a 1987 graduate of Rice High School. She is currently employed at the Richmond State School.

The prospective groom is a 1976 graduate of Sealy High School and is employed with the Camelot Landscaping Ind. in Katy.

The marriage will take place on January 4, 1997, at the New Home Baptist Church in Garwood.

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