

CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

District 11 4-H

The District 11 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest was held Saturday, March 15, at Fulton Elementary School in Rockport. The contest is an activity of the Consumer Life Skills Project.

Project objectives help participants 1) Understand how personal values, goals and available resources affect consumer behavior; 2) Understand how social, economic and political systems affect consumers and the effect consumers have on these systems; 3) Understand management and economic principles when making consumer decisions; and, 4) Understand the rights and responsibilities of the consumer and business and act responsibly as a consumer.

Colorado County was represented by a sub-junior team (9-10 year olds) consisting of Erica Trojacek, Frelsburg 4-H; Sarah Anderson and Jaime Gerik of Live Oak 4-H. Gerik was 7th High-point Individual in her age bracket.

The junior team (11-13 year olds) included Roxanne Roesler of the 4-Him Club and Patti Koch and Brandy Tuck of Live Oak 4-H. The junior team placed 4th overall and Tuck was 6th place High-point Individual.

Senior participants (14-19 year olds) were Lora Weishuhn, Frelsburg; and Andrew Koch, Live Oak 4-H, was alternate.

The contest allows contestants to demonstrate skill in making decisions based on facts, apply knowledge and experience in consumer education by analyzing consumer situations, develop and strengthen reasoning ability in consumer skills and demonstrate the ability to organize thoughts and express them in a clear, confident manner.

Contest participants were accompanied by Marty Graves, County Agent; Beverly Tuck, project leader; Shannon Gerik, Joan Trojacek, Cindy Weishuhn, Becky Koch and Virginia and Steve Anderson.

Mrs. Tuck and the project participants would like to thank the following for their assistance with the project: Pam and Henry Potter, Potter's Western Wear; Sam Hoppe, Kuhn's Optical; James Yearwood, Quality Electronics; and Kathy Fleming and Mildred Uhyrek.

Daughters of the American Revolution

John Everett Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, met Monday, March 10, at the home of Anna Gertson of Eagle Lake.

Jayne Easterling and Rosanne Harrison were co-hostesses. Eighteen members and guests attended.

Ella Sheffield of Smithville gave the program, "Some Revolutionary Women".

The next meeting, an outing to the Ladybird Johnson National Wildflower Research Center in Austin, was discussed. That date is Monday, April 14. Members will receive more information by mail.

It was announced that the DAR American History Scholarship winner will be named at the next meeting.

Members were reminded of the upcoming Committee Service Award to be given. Nominees from the Columbus and Weimar areas still need to be named. Regent, Randa H. Simmons, presided at the meeting.

Native Plant Society

The March meeting of The Native Plant Society, Columbus Chapter, was held at Nesbitt Memorial Library in Columbus on Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m.

Quentin Steiz, author of "Grasses, Pods, Vines, Weeds, Decorating with Texas Naturals", gave an informative lecture entitled, "Observing Native Plants in Winter for Gardening and Interior Use".

Quentin illustrated her presentation with exquisite arrangements of dried and fresh plant foliage, berries, flowers and seed pods. All notions of dull, dormant winter gardens were quickly expelled upon seeing her skilled compositions using native plants such as Cherry Laurel (*Prunus caroliniana*), Woollybush or Gum Bumelia (*Bumelia lanuginosa*), Red Yucca (*Hesperaloe parviflora*), Red Buckeye (*Aesculus pavia*) and Rattan Vine (*Berchemia scandens*), among others.

Native grasses, Lindheimer muhly (*Muhlenbergia lindheimeri*, Gulf Coast

muhly (*M. capillaris*), Bamboo muhly (*M. dumosa*), Southwest bristlegrass (*Sertaria scheelei*), the Bluestems (*Andropogon glomeratus*, *A. terenarius*, *A. Virginicus*), Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), and others were used in arrangements both for their color and texture.

Quentin's examples inspired us all to take another look at our winter landscapes to spot the overlooked jewels we may have missed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3: Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m., Beason Park. We will begin the month of April with a work evening at our native planting area in Beason Park. Bring your picnic dinner, work gloves and tools, and join in the fun of conservation and plant information as we spruce up our area.

April 20: Sunday, 1 p.m. We will meet at Allen Kibler's farm near New Ulm for a field trip of his grounds. For directions, call Allen at 409-992-3227.

May 3: Saturday, 9 a.m., Kay Potter's farm. Kay will lead us on a tour of her extensive garden areas.

May 5: Monday, 9 a.m., Beason Park. Work morning at the park.

May 15: Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m., Beason Park. Work evening at the park.

May 17 & 18: Saturday and Sunday, Magnolia Homes Tour, Columbus. We will hand out information and sell books, plants and seeds at our booth on the square. Riana Jamison is chairman 409-732-6834.

Eagle Lake Study Club

The Eagle Lake Study Club convened Wednesday, April 9, at the Eula and David Wintermann Library. President Hess opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests.

The third reading of the 1997-98 slate of officers was given by nominating Chairperson Mrs. Lonnie Sommerlatte.

Officers are: President, Mrs. Orson Hess; First Vice President, Mrs. Frank Pidgeon; Second Vice President, Mrs. Arthur Anderson; Secretary, Mrs. R.P. Wilcox; Treasurer, Mrs. Bill Wegenhoft; Reporter, Mrs. Lonnie Sommerlatte.

President Hess reminded members of the President's Luncheon Friday, May 9. Mr. & Mrs. Tex Rodgers, publishers of the *Colorado County Citizen*, will be the featured speakers. Tickets for the event may be purchased at the Library.

Following the business meeting, President Hess introduced Mrs. Deborah Mathys, principal of the Eagle Lake Middle School. Ms. Mathys gave an enthusiastic and encouraging report as to the state of ELMS. As an example of the progress, six students entertained the group with selections from their recent UIL competition.

Students present were: Jennifer Hassin and Brandon Jenkins, 5th grade, oral reading; Deborah McTear, 6th grade, oral reading; Jessica Thomas, 7th grade, oral reading; and Hub Weller and Stephanie Sommerlatte, 7th grade, modern oratory.

Mrs. Johnnie Schmidt and Mrs. Andy Anderson served refreshments.

United Daughters of the Confederacy

The District III United Daughters of the Confederacy met Saturday, March 22, at the Falls Country Club in New Ulm. Mrs. Janie Parker Price, chairman of District III, conducted the meeting.

Refreshments were served during registration by the Shropshire Upton Chapter who served as hostesses.

A beautiful print, entitled "The White Iris", was drawn for with the money raised going into the Shropshire Upton Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Ruby Paschal was the lucky winner of the picture.

Price opened the meeting with the U.D.C. Ritual. Salutes to the United States, Texas and Confederate flags were given.

Roll call of the chapters showed 43 members present.

It was announced that money is needed for the Magnolia Rangers Flag Restoration. This is the big project at present.

Chapter reports were given by each chapter present. Much work is being done as evidenced by these reports. Price requested that a copy of chapter newsletters be sent to her.

Mrs. Jo Ann Lloyd, Division President, made her report. The theme for her

term of office is "Stars Across Texas". She presented a star to Price and Jennie Sue Muggli.

Lloyd reported on the forum held March 1 in Hillsboro with total attendance of 150.

She stressed the need to follow the chain of command on orders and reports.

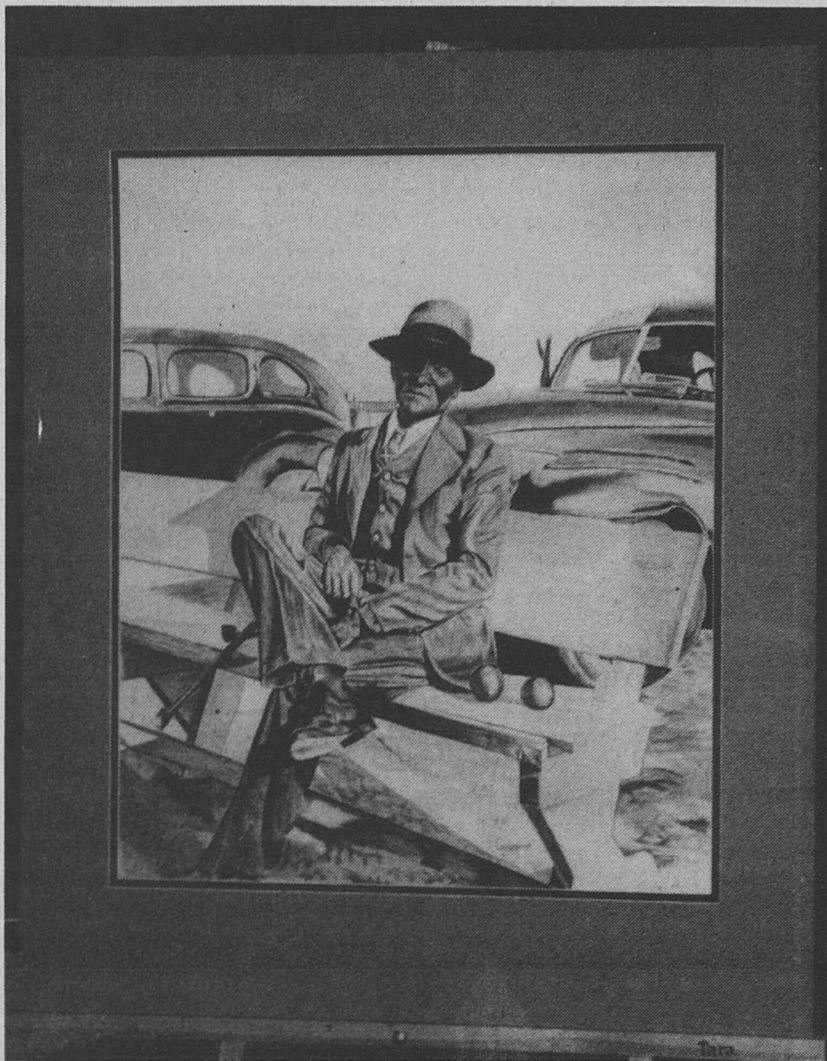
Announcements were made. Oct. 3-6 is the next Division Convention to be held in Houston at the Hobby Hilton Hotel.

Reports were given by the Division Officers who were present. Reports of the Division Committee Chairman were heard.

The nomination committee for the 1998 officers was announced. Those appointed were Esther Sims, Jackie Dodge and Jackie Barnes.

The meeting was adjourned to attend a luncheon in the dining area. During the luncheon, drawings were held for the door prizes and the picture.

District III will meet again next year with members looking forward to good fellowship and much knowledge shared in the continuance of support for the United Daughters of the Confederacy.



A sample of Hemphill's art

One piece of artwork displayed by Melva Hemphill during this year's Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival was this drawing of an elderly man sitting on what looks like a park bench. Entitled "The Distinguished Gentleman", the black and white work is extraordinary. If you didn't make it down to the Prairie Edge Museum during the Festival, you missed the gorgeous work Hemphill had on display.

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March 25 4-6 p.m.	April 20 2-5 p.m.	April 30 9-11 a.m.
At Columbus Community Hospital 110 Shult Dr. Columbus, Texas	At Bellville General Hospital 44 N. Cummings Bellville, Texas	At Eagle Lake Community Center 100 N. Walnut Ave. Eagle Lake, Texas

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