

## CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

### Colorado County 4-H

The Colorado County 4-H Fashion Show was held Thursday, April 10, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Magnolia Place meeting room.

The fashion show provides opportunities for members to exhibit skills in application of knowledge of fibers and fabrics to wardrobe selection, clothing construction or comparison shopping, fashion interpretation and understanding of style, good grooming and poise, and modeling and presentation of themselves and their garments.

The fashion show has two divisions, buying and construction, and three age divisions, sub-junior, ages 9-10; junior, ages 11-13; and senior, ages 14-19. The four categories in each division were casual, dressy, specialty and playwear for sub-juniors and juniors, and formal (instead of playwear) for seniors.

Two sub-junior members from Eagle Lake 4-H received blue ribbons in the construction division, casual wear. LaKerrica Hancock placed first and Ashley Parker was second.

Four junior members and one senior placed first in the buying division of the fashion show. Participants were Patti Koch, junior dressy; Amanda Janik, junior playwear; Penny Krueger, junior specialty; Brandy Tuck, junior casual and Andrew Koch, sen-

ior casual. These 4-H'ers are members of Live Oak 4-H.

First place winners were presented a caboodle for the females and a shaving case for the male.

Judges for the event were Gloria McCain of the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce and Beverly Mercer of the Sheridan Go-Getters FCE Club.

All first place members will advance to district competition. The District 11 4-H Fashion Show will be held May 3 at Goliad High School.

A special thanks goes to Trish Jordan, Judy Johnson and the residents of Magnolia Oaks for supporting this project to the Live Oak 4-H Club for hosting and providing refreshments for the fashion show.

Ten Colorado County 4-H members traveled to Port Lavaca Saturday, April 12, to participate in District 11 Roundup Competition.

Roundup is a contest held for 4-H'ers which includes method demonstrations, illustrated talks, Share-the-Fun or team judging. 4-H members must place first in county competition before advancing to district.

The top two senior 4-H presentations in each division advance to State Roundup which is held the first week in June at Texas A&M University.

District 11 competition included 370 members from 18 counties in the

coastal bend area. All of the 4-H members from Colorado County placed in the top three in their areas of competition.

Andrew Koch of Live Oak 4-H placed third with a method demonstration in the senior division, ages 14-19, of Consumer Life Skills.

In the junior division, ages 11-13, the team of Penny Krueger and Brandy Tuck of Live Oak 4-H placed first with an illustrated talk on companion animals. Patti Koch, Live Oak, placed second with her illustrated talk on food and nutrition; and, Margie Leopold, Sheridan 4-H, won third with an illustrated talk on clothing education.

The junior team of Derison Fitzgerald and Hillary Thompson placed third with a method demonstration in focus on health. Whitney Thompson placed third in the comedian/poet division of share-the-fun; and, Richanne Waddell placed third in the vocal/musical division of share-the-fun. Thompson and Waddell are members of the Riverside 4-H Club.

Jaime Gerik, Live Oak 4-H, placed first in the sub-junior division, ages 9-10, in the comedian/poet division of share-the-fun.

Leaders accompanying 4-H members to Port Lavaca included Glenda Axel, Betty Coreathers, Teresa Fitzgerald and Barbara Waddell of River-

side 4-H; Cathy Leopold of Sheridan 4-H; Shannon Gerik, Becky Koch and Beverly Tuck of Live Oak; Marty Graves, County Extension Agent; and Sharon Grahmann, Program Assistant.

Axel, Graves and Grahmann also assisted with judging the contests.

Five 4-H members of the Live Oak Club in Columbus competed in the buying division of the Coastal Bend District 11 Fashion Show. This event was held at Goliad High School on Saturday, May 3.

Brandy Tuck placed first in the junior casual division; Penny Krueger, fourth, junior specialty division; and Amanda Janik, fifth, junior playwear division.

Patti Koch received a blue award in the junior dressy and Andrew Koch received a blue award in the senior casual division.

Beverly Tuck, adult leader; Marty Graves, County Extension Agent; and Sharon Grahmann, 4-H Program Assistant served as judges for the contest.

The group was also accompanied by Becky Koch, adult leader.

### Beta Sigma Phi

On April 26, 1997, the 66th Founder's Day luncheon for Beta Sigma Phi was celebrated by both sororities at the Farris 1912. Some 20 members were in attendance.

After the opening ritual and grace, a delicious lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

Outgoing Alpha Delta Phi President Tanya Wiese welcomed everyone and thanked the staff of the Farris for doing such a great job.

The histories for the past year were then presented by Deborah Reed and Mary Lou Szymanski.

Following the Founder's Day pledge and message from International, awards to officers were made by the outgoing presidents of both sororities. Perfect attendance awards were

given to Denise Cook and Jan Harrell. Program of the Year went to Roxanne Schindler.

On March 3, the 490th meeting of Alpha Delta Phi was called to order by President Tanya Wiese in her home. An interesting, delicious, but fattening program was given by Robin Thomas on chocolate. Members tasted different types of chocolate and rated them. Robin also discussed the history and development of chocolate and chocolate products.

Business items discussed included on-going service projects of canned goods for the food bank and the "adoption" of a resident of Heritage House each month.

The Prairie Chicken Festival and Easter activities were also discussed and suggestions made and noted.

A list of possible rushees was drafted and discussed. After the meeting, members enjoyed delicious refreshments served by Wiese.

On March 17, Alpha Delta Phi held its Easter celebration at the home of John and Jeanne Young.

Both John and Jeanne went to enormous trouble to decorate their garage and backyard to accommodate

given to Denise Cook and Jan Harrell. Program of the Year went to Roxanne Schindler.

Girl of the Year was awarded to Jeanne Young and Becky Anderson.

Valentine Sweetheart went to Schindler and Joyce Stancik.

Receiving awards for 25 year memberships were Diana Brunner, Kay Thomas and Jean Williams.

The President's gavels were presented to outgoing Presidents Wiese and Szymanski.

The 1997-98 of Love was announced and Dortha Smith led the closing ritual.

Both sororities enjoyed busy, active years and look forward to reporting successful social service and business activities for the coming year.

### Rice FFA

On March 24, 1997 the District IV FFA held its meeting in Weimar during which the 1997-98 District Officers were elected.

Brooke Crane, a junior at Rice, was elected District Sentinel.

The newly elected officers are: President Eric Pesak, Weimar FFA; Vice President Jennifer Rodriguez, Waller; Secretary Will Haley, Columbus; Treasurer Angela Sodalak, Sealy; Reporter Melissa Minarcik, Fayetteville; Sentinel Brooke Crane, Rice; Chaplain Robin Swan, Columbus; and Historian Robbin Dennison, Waller.

The candidates had to give a speech and were elected based on that

speech.

FFA members from Columbus, Rice, Brenham, Brazos, Bellville, Burton, Fayetteville, Flatonia, Hallettsville, Hempstead, La Grange, Moulton, Royal, Round Top-Carmine, Schulenburg, Sealy, Shiner and Waller ran for a District office.

The newly-elected officers began their year by attending the Area III Convention in Brenham on May 9.

They will also attend various leadership camps, the State Convention and district meetings.

Other topics discussed were elections for Courtesy Corps for State Convention, State Representative and Area Representative.



District IV FFA officers, from left, are Robbin Dennison, historian; Brooke Crane, sentinel; Will Haley, secretary; Jennifer Rodriguez, vice-president; Eric Pesak, president; Angela Sodalak, treasurer; Melissa Minarcik, reporter; and Robin Swan, chaplain. Photo Courtesy of Brooke Crane

### Alpha Delta Phi

the 15 or so children who would hunt Easter eggs that evening. Their creative talents were much appreciated by old and young alike.

Hot dogs and fixings, chips, dips and cookies were served by members to their families, and the children had more than their fill of Easter candy. A wonderful time was had by all. Thank you once again to the Youngs.

A brief meeting was held following the festivities where secret sister Easter gifts were exchanged.

On March 29, both sororities enjoyed the "Lady of the Year" morning tea honoring Liz Waddell at the home of Ernie Sommerlatte.

Refreshments were delicious and plentiful and members were delighted to see so many past "Ladies of the Year" in attendance.

April 7, the 492 meeting of Alpha Delta Phi was called to order by President Wiese in the home of Deborah Reed.

Mary Kay Cook presented a fascinating program on Robby Cook's first days in office as State Representative. A video of his installation was shown, and Mary Kay answered many questions about his work and her role.

After a lengthy business meeting mainly dealing with the Prairie Chicken Festival (rosters, tasks, etc.) as well as finalizing officers for 1996-97, the meeting adjourned and refreshments were served by Reed.

Alpha Delta Phi had two booths at the Prairie Chicken Festival April 11. One was a basketball throw which attracted lots of children all afternoon. The other was a duck pond for the littler ones which was really enjoyed by children ages 2-6.

On April 21, the 493rd meeting of Alpha Delta Phi was called to order by President Wiese in the home of Denise Cook.

Officers for the 1997-98 year were formally installed and final plans for Founder's Day were made.

Further discussion of rushees took place and six nominations were accepted from the scholarship committee. Two scholarship candidates were selected and will each be awarded a \$300 scholarship at the Rice High School awards banquet in May.

Delicious refreshments were served by Denise at the end of the meeting.

On May 5, the 494th meeting of Alpha Delta Phi was called to order by newly-elected President Roxanne Schindler at the home of Rhonda Anderson.

Committee plans were laid for the coming year. A rushee committee was selected to oversee the training and induction of the six rushees voted upon. Also, members drew names of rushees for whom they will act as mentors through their pledge year.

Sherri Thomas thanked members for the plant given to her family in memory of her father-in-law, Gayle Thomas, who recently passed away.

Members then received Mother's Day gifts from their secret sisters.

The program for the evening was to be given (we understood) by Tanya Wiese. The topic was parenting.

Each member was asked to write down her philosophy of parenting and Tanya then read them out loud. They were wonderful. Reader's Digest has nothing on us!

At the end of this, Tanya asked Deborah to read something aloud to the members.

### Garden Club

On May 12, the Civic Garden Club of Eagle Lake met at the home of Margo Harrison for their annual luncheon. Members and their guests were invited.

Twenty-three members were in attendance and were treated to a delicious curry chicken salad accompanied by a vegetable, congealed salad, and fruit muffins. A strawberry cream cake followed for dessert.

The meeting was opened at 12:30 p.m. by President Harrison.

During the business meeting, reports from the committees were tabled by other outgoing committee chairs.

Issues of sprinklers, summer plantings and fire ants were all discussed and plans made to deal with them. (It was suggested that the grubs have been known to get rid of fire ants—the queen eats them and blows up!!)

Dues were collected by First Vice-President Anna Gertson. All members were urged to pay dues promptly.

The slate of officers for 1997-98 was presented by the nominating committee and unanimously accepted: President Maxine Griffith, 1st Vice-President Anna Gertson, 2nd Vice-President Linda Balas, Secretary Laura Myers, and Treasurer Sandra Rodgers.

Committee chairs will be: Reporter, Lucy Capps; Communications, Deborah Reed; Social, Jane Easterling; Christmas Lighting, Pat Cook; Town Square, Jean Wiese; Town Square planters, Sandy Bendy; Harrison Park, Robin Thomas; Trees, Mary Ann Wood; Fire Station and Point, (See Garden, Page 7)

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