

CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

4-H awards banquet in Oct.

The Colorado County 4-H Awards Banquet has been slated for Oct. 4 at the Columbus High School cafeteria. Applications for Bronze, Silver and Gold Star are available at the Extension Office.

Sub-junior 4-H members (9-10 year olds) may apply for the Bronze Star; junior 4-H members (11-13 year olds) may apply for the Silver Star; and senior 4-H members (14-18 year olds) may apply for the Gold Star.

In order to apply for the awards, you must have completed and turned in a record book. Private interviews will be held after Aug. 1.

Date and time of interviews will be announced when applications are turned in, no later than Aug. 1.

Other award applications that may be picked up are: Most Involved member, 4-H Leader of the Year, 4-H Club of the Year and Friend of 4-H.

Please contact the Extension Office for applications or for more information at 409-732-2530.

4-H News

District 11 Coastal Bend 4-H Record Book judging was held in Edna July 22. Fifteen record books from Colorado County competed on the District level where a total of 151 record books were judged.

Those competing, awards program entered and placings were:

Sub-junior (9-10 year olds): Stephanie Botard, Sheridan Club, swine, blue ribbon; Jamie Gerik, Live Oak, consumer education, 2nd place; Chris Kulhanek, Frelsburg, shooting sports, red ribbon; Erica Trojacek, Frelsburg, foods/nutrition, blue ribbon; Tiffany Varley, Sheridan, red ribbon.

Junior (11-13 year olds): Derison Fitzgerald, Riverside, health, red ribbon; Patti Koch, Live Oak, gardening/horticulture, 3rd place; Penny Krueger, Live Oak, rabbits, blue ribbon; Margie Leopold, Nada, turkey, blue ribbon; Garret Poncik, Live Oak, exotic animals, 1st place; Andrew Varley, Sheridan, sheep, blue ribbon, Richanne Waddle, Riverside, foods/nutrition, blue ribbon.

Senior (14-18 year olds): Andrew Koch, Live Oak, gardening/horticulture, 3rd place; Lora Weishuhn, Frelsburg, leadership, blue ribbon.

Colorado County Agent Marty Graves, 4-H Program Assistant Sharon Grahmann and 4-H Leaders Teresa Fitzgerald, Beverly Tuck and Cindy Weishuhn assisted with record book judging.

Monument Hill, DRT

The Monument Hill Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas (MH DRT), met at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 12, at the Stuermer Store in Ledbetter, Texas.

Vice President Joyce Stancik, in the absence of President Marilyn Miller, opened the meeting.

Chaplain Lillian Struesser was attending a Statue Committee meeting in Austin, therefore, Bessie Bean, former chaplain, gave the invocation.

Treasurer Dorothy Albrecht led pledges of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Roll call showed ten members present.

Secretary Imogene Williams read the minutes of the April 27 meeting. There were no changes.

Treasurer Albrecht's report was accepted as read.

Registrar Carolyn Marble reported Kathleen Hoffman's papers have been signed and are now ready to be sent in.

Secretary Williams noted that in reviewing notes from previous meetings, Jo White had been designated an associate member, but she had not been added to the mailing list. This is being corrected.

Treasurer Albrecht stated that dues are \$27 and she will do a mailing regarding this. At the same time, she will mail registration forms for the Sept. workshop at the Doubletree Hotel in Austin.

VP Stancik read a thank you note from the CRT for our help with their convention; also, an invitation to a memorial marking from the Cornelius Smith Chapter (Luling) and notification of a Parliamentary Workshop to be held in Austin on July 26 at the French Legation.

Williams moved that we send our check to order the award ribbons for the 1997-98 year, Albrecht seconded.

Marble reported that the Board of Management's work at the last meeting consisted primarily of working on committees.

Also, that suggested change in our by-laws need to be submitted to the By-Laws committee chairman, Susan Carlyle, before Nov. 1.

Marble nominated Williams for alternate for the District VIII nominating committee, Betty Hill seconded.

Hill, sponsor of the Monument Hill Chapter of the Children of the Republic of Texas (MH CRT), reported that despite getting a very late start on their yearly activities, the group received the Halton Award for the fourth time in the chapter's 10-year history.

MH CRT received two of the three scholarships award; we have three members on the CRT board of management and three of our children served as pages at the DRT convention in Dallas.

Marilyn Miller, MH CRT grandmother-of-the-year, was chosen State CRT Grandmother-of-the-Year at the CRT convention. (Congratulations, Marilyn!)

Rox Ann Johnson is preparing our yearbook and it will be distributed as soon as she is able to finish it.

Our program consisted of a tour of the buildings being restored on the grounds of the bed and breakfast operated by Chris Jervis' family in Ledbetter.

We enjoyed seeing the many lovely antiques and sitting in rocking chairs on the porch, experiencing the pleasant breeze as we reminisced about the simpler life of our ancestors and about the many conveniences we enjoy that were not available to make their chores easier and their daily life less demanding.

We look forward to the annual workshop in Austin and our next regular meeting Nov. 1 in East Bernard.

Did You Know...

• More Indians live in Peru than in any other country in the Western Hemisphere.

• Petroleum provides nearly half the energy used in the world.

RHS 'front line' excels at camp

The front line of the Mighty Raider Band for the 1997-98 school year recently participated in a four-day marching auxiliaries camp at Blinn College in Brenham in preparation for this fall's marching season.

Drum Majors Kara Bennett and Susi Silva learned many new things to help make this year the best. The girls did very well and learned many skills for conducting.

A grand champion plaque, the highest recognition, was awarded to the Rice Flag Corps following the final day's competition.

The Flag Corps, led by senior Kelli Matthys, received the grand champion plaque for the superb routine performed to "Mission".

Corps member completing the squad this year are: seniors and lieutenants, Tiffany Wilkerson and Jenny Hajovsky; juniors, Amalie Kucherka, Amy Moore, Jennifer Christ and Lisa Valigura; and sophomores, Amanda Engstrom and Sarah Rivera.

The Raider Band's twirler Angela Phillips did an excellent job at camp. Angela received a grand champion trophy for her routine. Angela also came home with blue ribbons for a superior job.

All Star Performers
Selected as "All Star Performers" on the basis of talent during the camp were five of the nine Rice Flag Corps members: Kelli, Jenny, Amalie, Lisa and Amanda. Angela, the Rice twirler,

was also selected. Honor roll medals were awarded to the top 10% of All Star Performers on the basis of talent, leadership, and cooperation. Receiving these were Jenny and Angela.

All-American Performance Team
The entire color guard and the Rice twirler were named to the "All American Performance Team" which qualifies each one of them to perform in the Citrus Bowl in Florida or the Aloha Bowl in Hawaii.

The Raiders came home tired from the busy, activity-filled days, but full of anticipation and excitement for the upcoming year.



The "front line" for 1997-98 are, from left, in front, Sarah Rivera, Lisa Valigura, Kelli Matthys, Tiffany Wilkerson, Amanda Engstrom and Amalie Kucherka. In the top row are Jennifer Christ, Jenny Hajovsky, Angela Phillips, Amy Moore, Susi Silva and Kara Bennett. *RHS Photo*

Native Plant Society

The Columbus Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas will hold its Aug. meeting Thursday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m., at the Nesbitt Memorial Library, 529 Washington, Columbus.

Pat McNeal, owner of McNeal Growers, a wholesale nursery outside Austin, in Manchaca, will speak and show slides on native grasses and forbs that we'll be seeing during our Oct. field trip to the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge.

He will also show us recently released native plant species that will do well in our local soils and vegetative areas.

Further, Mr. McNeal will tell of new ideas in landscaping techniques for using these plants in the garden. McNeal Growers specializes in trees, grasses, wetland plants, perennials and annuals.

All interested persons are invited to join us for this informative meeting.

For more information, please call Kathy Burris at 409-732-6188 or Ann Lindemann, 409-357-2772.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Sept. 4, 6:30 p.m. Annual seed exchange and plant sale at Kathy Burris' barn, just south of Columbus. For more information and/or directions, call Kathy Burris, 409-732-6188.

Saturday, Oct. 4: Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge field trip on native grasses.



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Mrs. Mary Eliza Alley of Ramsey, who was 91 years of age last Nov., died in Laughlin Hospital Tuesday, June 14...

Miss Kay Kearney of Galveston is the guest this week of Miss Jean Linke...

Private Basilio G. Rodriguez, son of Mr. & Mrs. Juan Rodriguez of Eagle Lake, has recently been assigned to the 31st Infantry Regiment of the 7th Infantry Division, and is stationed at Camp Crawford Sapparo, Japan...

The Women's Home Demonstration Club met June 9th at the home of Mrs. J.K. Davidson. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Alvin Glueck Thursday, June 23. Miss Edna Prentice, County Agent, will meet with the group...

Mr. & Mrs. John Clipson, Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Reed and Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Pilkington had dinner last Friday night in Houston...

Draper Stephens, who is attending the summer session at Texas University, spent last weekend with his

parents, Mr. & Mrs. Chas. D. Stephens.

Mrs. Henry Esser of San Antonio spent the weekend here with her sister, Miss Madeline Cearnal...

Mr. & Mrs. Ruben Miller of Old Ocean were visitors in the Will Walker home Wednesday...

David Wintermann was in Princeton, N.J., last Friday and Saturday for the 15th reunion of the Princeton Class of '34. He returned to Eagle Lake Sunday...

Melba Jean and Eleanor Earl Walker have been visiting with their sister and her husband, Mr. & Mrs.

Chester McGehee of Yoakum...

Miss Mary Ann Koch, 85, of D'hanis, Texas, mother of N.C. Ney, passed away Sunday, June 12th...

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kirksey will be new members of the Eagle Lake High School faculty when school opens in Sept. ...

R.L. Duncan hasn't been well this week and has been away from the store part of the time...

Mrs. Ruby McLeod Taylor, formerly of Rock Island, who has made her home in San Francisco since 1909, sent the *Headlight* her account of the Rock Island May 29th Homecoming.

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