

CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

Colorado County 4-H

By Brandy Tuck, 4-H Secretary-Reporter

The Colorado County 4-H Council met Sept. 24 at the Colorado County Agriculture Building.

Club delegates and club represented were Brandy Tuck and Garrett Poncik of the Live Oak 4-H; Margie Leopold and Ashley Waligura, Bluebonnet 4-H; Frances Mrkwa, Rice 4-H; Roxanne Roesler, 4-Him; Matthew Ross, 4-H Challengers; Stacy Markwardt and Lora Weishuhn, Frelsburg 4-H; Chad Emmel, Wild Clover 4-H; Stephanie Botard and Tiffany Varley, Sheridan 4-H; Jay Knight, Eagle Lake 4-H; Blake Rosebaum and Terri Poppe, Colorado 4-H.

First Vice-Chairman Weishuhn called the meeting to order. Secretary Tuck called roll and read correspondence from Robby Cook. The minutes were approved as read. Weishuhn presented the treasurer's report which was approved as presented.

The 4-H Banquet has been set for Oct. 4 at the Columbus High School cafeteria at 7 p.m. Delegates were reminded of their club's responsibilities for the banquet. County Judge Vince Slominski will sign a proclamation at the banquet for 4-H Week, Oct. 5-11.

Delegates were reminded that the deadline for getting new member's forms to the Extension Office for the enrollment contest is Sept. 26.

The County food project will begin Oct. 9 with the deadline to sign up set for Oct. 3. The project meetings will be held at the County Ag Building. The County Food Show will be held Nov. 1 at the County Ag Building. Deadline to sign up for the show is Oct. 24. Riverside 4-H Club and the 4-Him Club are the hosts for the show.

Fruit sales were scheduled to begin Oct. 14 with orders due to club managers by Nov. 7. Delivery date has been set for Dec. 5.

Upcoming activities include the Consumer Education project which will have the first meeting of the year at the Sealy mall. 4-H members interested in joining the project may still do so by calling the Extension Office.

The Natural Resources Project will be held at the Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge on Oct. 25. Interested 4-H'ers need to call the Extension Office to sign up by Oct. 17.

District Spectra is a three day regional youth leadership program for 13 to 19 year olds will be held at Lutherhill at La Grange on Nov. 21-23. Interested 4-H'ers need to pick up an application at the Extension Office and mail it to Julie Wimberly at Goliad by Oct. 15.

The next meeting was set for 7 p.m. Oct. 29 at the County Ag Building. Club managers will also meet at this time.

FRUIT SALES

Colorado County 4-H members are once again taking orders for fruit. This year, we will have the following selections available:

Mixed fruit: #1, 18 oranges, 18 apples, \$15; #2, 14 oranges, 12 apples, 10 pears, \$15; #3, eight grapefruit, 13 oranges, 10 apples, \$15; #4, six grapefruit, 12 oranges, eight apples, six pears, \$15; #5, The Texan, Jumbo Fruit, \$16.

Taste of America: #6, Taste O' Grapefruit, 19 ct., \$15; #7, Taste O' Oranges, 48+ ct., \$18; #8, Taste O' Apples, 25 ct., \$15; #9, Taste O' Pears, 25 ct., \$15; #10, Taste 'em All, 32 ct., \$19.

Grapefruit: #11, 20 lb., box Rio Star, \$11; Navel Oranges: #12, 20 lb. box Navel, \$13; Apples: #13, 18 lb. box Red Delicious, \$16; Mandarin Oranges: #14, 8 lb. box Satsuma Mandarin, \$13.

All orders must be placed and prepaid by Nov. 7. To place an order, contact a local 4-H'er or call the County Extension Office at 409-732-2530. The money raised will be used to provide educational programs.

INVITATIONAL ARCHERY MEET

The Colorado County 4-H shooting sports archery project group is sponsoring a 4-H archery invitational meet Saturday, Nov. 8, at the National Guard Army building with competition beginning at 9 a.m.

The event is open to 4-H archery project members in Colorado County as well as 4-H archery members in other counties throughout our district.

Contestants will be divided by age group for competition. The public is invited to observe 4-H archery project members in action, exhibiting skills learned through project participation.

Each year the 4-H archery project starts in late Sept. and it is open to all boys and girls throughout the county, ages third grade through age 19. Volunteer leaders who serve as coaches to the project participants teach archery safety skills. For more information relating to the 4-H archery project, as well as many other projects offered in 4-H, contact the County Extension Office.

Alpha Delta Phi Sorority

Alpha Delta Phi began its 1997-98 year with a "get to know you" evening on Aug. 22 in the home of John and Jeanne Young. New rushees and their husbands were invited as were husbands of members.

Various games were organized including a couples matching game where couples were asked a series of questions to see how well they knew each other.

Another game was a "pin the name" on each other activity, where people wrote comments about others in the group which were later read aloud.

Everyone enjoyed the games enormously, laughing continuously and learning about others at the same time.

A delicious "pot luck" supper was served and the evening proved to be a wonderful welcome to the new rushees, and a great start to the year.

Beginning day for members was Aug. 23 in the home of President Roxanne Schindler. Roxanne served a delightful, elegant brunch. Handmade cookies in the shape of coffee mugs served as placecards with each member's name beautifully inscribed on cards. A delicious breakfast casserole was served along with fruit, muffins, juice and coffee.

After a brief meeting, new yearbooks were handed out. All members were delighted with the new format and excellent layout. The calendar for 1997-98 was discussed and committee assignments further explained and finalized.

On Sept. 2, Alpha Delta Phi met in the home of Robin Thomas. Jeanne Young gave the program dealing with self-image and evaluating yourself and the way you see yourself.

President Schindler opened the meeting and secretary Denise Cook called the roll. Correspondence from International revealed that Alpha Delta Phi received a three star rating for its activities in the 1996-97 year. Local correspondence dealt with the grant approval for the Eagle Lake parks project.

Thank you's were read and the Prairie Chicken Festival for 1998 was discussed. Delicious refreshments were then served by Robin.

Tanya Wiese hosted the Sept. 15 meeting, with President Schindler giving the program on "Cain and Abel" theory - the issues between siblings and sibling rivalry. Mary Kay acted as secretary and called roll and read the minutes of the previous meeting. All committees reported.

Laura Myres volunteered to be the sorority's representative on the Prairie Chicken Festival Committee.

A donation to the Study Club Auction was discussed and decided upon. Further and donation was committed towards the establishment of a plaque honoring Mr. David Wintermann at the Community Center.

The first social event of the year occurred on Sept. 29. Members went to Greek Brothers Restaurant in El Campo for dinner, sporting the craziest hats they could find or make. Members reported they actually stopped traffic as they crossed the road as their hats were so wild and exciting. Many other patrons in the restaurant asked the group about the occasion. A great time was had by all.

On Oct. 6, Alpha Delta Phi met in the home of Jeanne Young.

Bill Harrison Sr. gave a wonderful program on the history and highlights of Eagle Lake. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it as well as learned a lot.

Mary Kay was thanked for her donation of a large handmade doily for the Study Club Auction.

Committees reported and the next social discussed. An update on the Prairie Chicken Festival was given and Halloween gifts were exchanged.

On Oct. 20, Mary Kay hosted members and gave a most seasonally appropriate program on the history of Halloween. She played "spooky" music and read by flashlight. This truly set the atmosphere and got everyone into the spirit of the season.

Committees reported and members were invited to bring their donations for the Thanksgiving basket. The Alpha Delta Phi Christmas auction was set for Dec. 10 to be held at the home of Mary Kay Cook.

Sherry Thomas became the sorority's new rosebud. Laura Myres then gave an extensive report on the Prairie Chicken Festival and responsibilities to be taken by the sorority and individual members. Assignments for the festival are:

Fun run, Roxanne Schindler; petting zoo, Mary Kay Cook; horseshoe contest, Jeanne Young; rides, Laura Myres; street dance, Carla Doplauf, Denise Cook and Tanya Wiese; volleyball tournament, Jeanne Young; talent show,

na Bowen, Sherry Thomas, Charlet Janow, Jeanne Young and Deborah Reed; kids' games, Roberta Johnson, Darlene Argo, Rhonda Anderson; wine and cheese, Robin Thomas and Deborah Reed; kidfish, Deborah Reed. Any assistance is gratefully requested by the above organizers.

On Oct. 31, John and Jeanne Young hosted the Halloween Party for Alpha Delta Phi members, families and friends. The children, in a wonderful array of costumes, were photographed in a "pumpkin patch" created by John and Jeanne. Even some of the members dressed up.

A hot dog and chili supper was served; then two lighted hay wagons took children and their parents trick or treating. After a wonderful time, and far too much candy, the children took their exhausted parents home. Many thanks to John and Jeanne once again for their generous hospitality.

Colorado Soil & Water

By Beverly Tuck, District Secretary

James Helfrich, Henry Sunderman, Doris Albright and Lawrence Shimek, directors from the Colorado Soil & Water Conservation District (CSWCD) #333, attended the 57th annual state meeting of Texas Soil & Water Conservation District Directors in the South Padre Island Convention Center Oct. 13-15.

Others attending from CSWCD were District Secretary Beverly Tuck and District Conservationist Connie Fair. Spouses attending were Barbara Helfrich, Alice Sunderman, Edna Shimek and Ruth Fair. Approximately 800 were in attendance.

Key speakers that addressed the group included Guillermo 'Memo' Benavides-Z of Laredo, president of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Gary Margheim of Washington, D.C., associate chief for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Congressman Charles Stenholm of Stamford.

Dr. Margheim discussed the USDA-NRCS budget and its effect on conservation, while Congressman Stenholm addressed pertinent issues affecting agriculture.

Addressing issues related to strengthening the conservation district program on the state and national level were Roland Geddes, Washington representative for the National Association of State Conservation Agencies, Judy Johnson, regional conservationist for the USDA-NRCS, John Burt, state conservationist for the USDA-NRCS, and Robert Buckley, executive director for the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Special guest speaker was humorist Clyde Ray Webber of Vidalia, Louisiana who amused listeners with anecdotes that have earned him the reputation as one of the most entertaining and inspirational speakers and humorists in the country.

Directors also attended the Area III elections for the Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation District Directors held during the state convention.

John Everett D.A.R.

The John Everett, National Society of the American Revolution, met Monday, Oct. 13, at 2 p.m. in the Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake.

Regent Randa Simmons presided. Mrs. (David) Eula Goss Wintermann, Eagle Lake philanthropist, was honored with The 1997 NSDAR Community Service Award. The Award was established by the National Board of Management in 1995. DAR members are not eligible. It recognizes worthy residents from a variety of walks of life for outstanding achievement in cultural, educational, humanitarian, patriotic and citizenship endeavor and historical or environmental conservation.

The recipient should have contributed to their community in a praiseworthy manner through civic and benevolent activities. This award is administered by the National Chairman of the Community Service Award Committee.

Friends of Mrs. Wintermann submitted information on some of the many ways she has contributed to this community as well as outside Eagle Lake.

The information was then sent to Washington, D.C., where it was reviewed by panel and approved.

Eagle Lake Mayor David Mann assisted in the ceremony where Mrs. Wintermann received flowers, a certificate and a pin.

The Regent reported there were 2,988 NSDAR Chapters in the U.S. and there are additional ones in foreign countries. At the Fall Forum, John Everett Chapter received a Level II rating which is a very good one.

The chapter voted to make a donation to help build the WWII Memorial as requested in a letter from former Senator Bob Dole.

Spring Conference will be held March 19, 1998, in Houston at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

Veteran's Day Luncheon and Silent Auction will be Nov. 10. Members are asked to bring casseroles, breads, cakes, cookies or baked Christmas items to be auctioned to raise money for the annual scholarship. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at Simmons Lumber. Members are encouraged to bring guests.

Twenty-two members and guests attended hosted by Irma Ruth Wright, Louise Sellars and Jean Thornton.

Family, Community Education Association

The Family and Community Education Association held the second annual Fall Achievement Luncheon Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the Sheridan Community Center attended by members from the seven Colorado County FCE Clubs and their guests.

Each club reported on their activities for the year. The clubs' community service projects included providing school supplies and backpacks for needy youth, lap robes for nursing homes residents, monthly game parties for senior citizens, sewing items for the Health Departments baby bundle project, refreshments for nursing

home parties, leadership for historical marker installation and celebration, and providing door prizes for the 4-H Back-to-School dance. These are only a few of the projects in which the members have been involved.

Members receiving recognition for Woman of the Year were: Bernice Heinsohn, Frelsburg FCE; Ora Tesch, Sheridan Go-Getters; Beverly Tuck, Happy Homemakers; Frieda Kubesch, Nada/Garwood; Willie Mae Smahlik, Shaw's Bend; and Rita Addicks, Weimar.

Winners of the cultural arts contest include: photography: Barbara Prause, 1st, Juanita Rabel, 2nd; ceramics: Rabel, 1st; fabric creations: Madeline Hattermann, 1st; fiber arts: Marjorie Brune, 1st; Clara Hornet, 2nd; hand-stitchery: Rita Addicks, 1st; Ora Tesch, 2nd; wearable arts: Bobby Haines, 1st; decorated garments: Haines, 1st; small hand-stitched quilts: Rabel, 1st; small machine stitched quilts: Jo Knox, 1st; fabric painting: Haines, 1st; holiday decorations: Barbara Vohs, 1st, Prause, 2nd; and miscellaneous creations: Hattermann, 1st, Evelyn Vernon, 2nd.

The table decorating contest was won by the Columbus Happy Homemakers FCE Club.

Membership 50 year pins were presented to Linda Aurich, Marjorie Brune, Alvina Poenitzsch and Willie Mae Smahlik, all of the Shaw's Bend FCE Club.

Certificates were presented to the following members: Marie Poenitzsch, Shaw's Bend, 40 years; Laura Marek, Shaw's Bend, 35 years; Leona Baererra, Helen Berger, LaJuan Braden, Gloria Garcia, Tillie Janish, Frieda Kubesch, Betty Leopold, Edna Shimek, Irene Skuca and Lucille Till, all of the Nada/Garwood FCE, 10 years.

Rice FFA

The Rice FFA Chapter was well represented this year at the Colorado County Fair. There were 18 junior and senior FFA members competing.

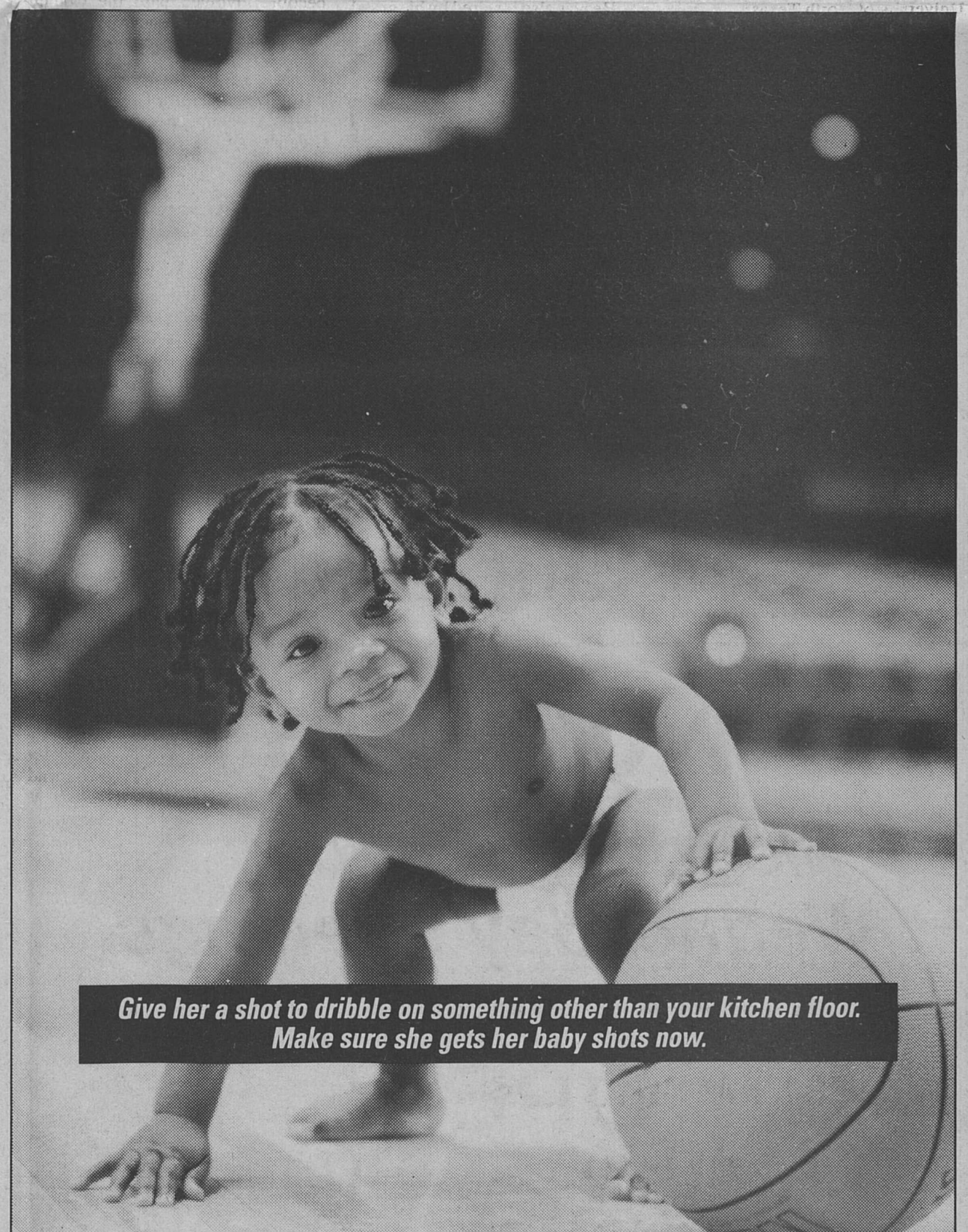
The exhibitors have had their projects anywhere from three to seven months and have put countless hours into them, working very hard. Results were:

Broilers: reserve champion, Kimberly Waligura; 5th, Brooke Cranek; 7th, Kaylin Boenisch.

Steers: grand champion, Chad Mahalitic; reserve champion, Jacob Little; (See Clubs, Page 10)



Mrs. (David) Eula Goss Wintermann of Eagle Lake received the 1997 NSDAR Community Service Award recently. Pictured with her is Regent Randa Simmons of the John Everett Chapter.



Give her a shot to dribble on something other than your kitchen floor. Make sure she gets her baby shots now.

Every child deserves the best opportunities life has to offer. Especially yours. Of course, the odds of her playing pro basketball are a long shot. But the chances are more than 1 in 4 that your baby isn't protected against childhood diseases like polio, measles, chicken

pox, tetanus and others.

So, even if you're sure your child is up to date and on schedule with her baby shots, ask your doctor at every visit. It couldn't hurt.

In fact, it could give her a shot to be a star in any profession.



Even if you're sure, ask again.

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FCE Lady of the Year
Bernice Heinsohn