

## CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

### Colorado County 4-H

Saturday, Oct. 24, two Colorado County 4-H members were among a total of 45 youth from the Coastal Bend District of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAES) receiving the coveted 4-H Gold Star Award at a luncheon co-sponsored by the CP&L and the TAES. The luncheon was held at the Victoria Country Club in Victoria.

Receiving the award from Colorado County were Ginger Case of Alleyton and Lora Weishuhn of Columbus. They were accompanied by their parents, Billie Jean Case and Glenn and Cindy Weishuhn and County Extension Agent, Amy Erwin.

The Gold Star is the highest County 4-H award provided by the TAES. Outstanding 4-H members who have achieved high standards of excellence in their work may be chosen annually from each of the 18 counties in the Coastal Bend District to receive this honor. Selection is made by a committee on the basis of personal development, leadership, outstanding achievement in 4-H projects and activities, and contributions to the overall 4-H program.

4-H enrollment in the 18 county Coastal Bend District of the TAES totals over 12,000 youth between the

ages of 9 and 19.

The keynote address was given by Mickey Reynolds, Wharton County Commissioner. Master of Ceremonies was Adam Griffith, President of the Coastal Bend District 4-H Council from Goliad County.

Susan Brymer, Communications Consultant from CP&L, and Reynolds presented the 4-H Gold Star pins to the honorees.

#### Food Show

The Colorado County 4-H Food Show was held Thursday, Nov. 12, at the County Agriculture Building. Fourteen participants competed in the areas of Main Dish, Fruits & Vegetables, Breads & Cereal and Nutritious Snacks.

To compete in the food show 4-H members had to complete a record form detailing their work and what they have learned in the foods project this year. They also had to prepare their dish which they presented to a panel of judges. Participants were questioned about the preparation of the dish as well as about their knowledge of foods and skills acquired in this project.

Sub-junior members who placed first were Kayla Pfeffer, Frelsburg 4-

H, in the main dish category and Lauren Trojacek, Frelsburg 4-H, nutritious snacks category.

Junior 4-H members receiving first place were Garrett Poncik, Live Oak 4-H club in the main dish category, Erica Trojacek, Frelsburg 4-H, in the breads and cereal category and Stacy Markwardt, Frelsburg 4-H, in the fruits & vegetable category. Hillary Thompson, breads and cereal category and Richanne Waddle, main dish category, both Riverside 4-H members, were the senior 4-H members placing first.

Senior members, Lora Weishuhn, Frelsburg 4-H and Andrew Koch, Live Oak 4-H, placed first in the fruits & vegetable and nutritious categories. Meagan Ross, a pre-4-H member from the 4-H Challengers club placed first in the nutritious snack category.

Placing second were Jacob Weishuhn of Frelsburg 4-H, sub-junior main dish; Dustin Braden, Live Oak 4-H, sub-junior nutritious snacks; Whitney Thompson of Riverside 4-H, junior breads and cereal; and Patti Koch of Live Oak 4-H, senior main dish.

First place members advanced to the District Food Show which was held in Goliad on Saturday, Dec. 5.

Senior 4-H members competed to advance to state competition which is held at Texas A&M University June 7-11, 1999.

The awards program was held after the judging. Amy Erwin welcomed the group and Dustin Braden led the pledge of allegiance. Erica Trojacek led the 4-H motto and pledge and Hillary Thompson informed those present of the objectives of the Food and Nutrition project.

Awards were presented by Ms. Erwin and the program came to a close with Garrett Poncik leading the group in the 4-H prayer.

All participants received a placing ribbon and a bottle of vanilla. First place winners received a wire whisk in addition to the above awards.

Judges for the event were from Austin and Washington counties. Frelsburg 4-H Club members registered the participants and guests and helped with the refreshments.

#### Did You Know...

The people of India speak 14 major languages and 1,000 minor dialects. Two major languages belong to two language families - Indo-European and Dravidian.

### Colorado County Farm Bureau

Four voting delegates from Colorado County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 65th annual Texas Farm Bureau convention, Nov. 29-Dec. 2 in Lubbock. Attending were Charles Harbich, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stallman Sr. and Leon Hattermann.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,300 delegates from 211 organized Farm Bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held in Jan. in Albuquerque, NM.

Featured speaker at the convention was Ira Blumenthal, an international business development expert described as a modern day business "Renaissance Man." Also addressing the delegates were Bob Stallman of Columbus, TFB president; Delmas McCormick of Floydada, secretary-treasurer; and Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director.

The business session covered the final two days of the meeting. The last order of business was election of the president, Bob Stallman of Columbus.

This year's youth winners were Steffany Simon of Hansford County,

Miss Farm Bureau; Laura Bland-Fort Bend County, Talent Find winner; and Brooke Snoddy of Gregg County, Free Enterprise Speech winner.

Named "Outstanding Young Farmer-Rancher of 1998" was Mark McCormick of Floydada in Floyd County.



Voting delegates representing Colorado County Farm Bureau (CCFB) at 65th Annual Texas Farm Bureau Convention Nov. 29-Dec. 2 were, in front, from left, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stallman Sr. of Columbus and Leon Hattermann of Weimar; in back, Charles Harbich of Alleyton and Bob Stallman, Texas Farm Bureau President. Photo Courtesy of Farm Bureau

### Colorado County Retired Teachers

The Colorado County Retired Teachers met at Schobels' Restaurant Nov. 1. Mr. Don Montier gave the invocation before a buffet luncheon was enjoyed.

The meeting was opened by Montier. Minutes were read and the roll was called.

Mr. John Saul presented a program on The Oaks, an assisted living

residence that is to be opened here in Columbus. He gave brochures to each one present.

A general review of the District Meeting held in Bay City was given. District 3 has 1447 members now and new members are encouraged.

Our volunteer hours are due Feb. 1. Those counted will be from Jan. 1998-Dec. 31, 1998.

It was decided that, in lieu of Christmas presents, we again will donate to the Bluebonnet Youth Ranch in Yoakum.

Garwood-Eagle Lake hostesses gave beautiful cornucopias as door prizes.

The next meeting was held at Schobels' on Dec. 7 with Columbus hosting.

### TWONC plans 1999 trip schedule

A maximum of field trips and a minimum of indoor meetings feature the 1999 program for the Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club (TWONC).

These activities were outlined at the club's annual December social, auction and business meeting held at the lakeside Ethel and Joe Lee McCreary home, an ideal site for watching water birds on Eagle Lake.

Field trip coordinator Doris Laughlin of Columbus proposed trips to the Galveston/High Island area, Bra-

zos Bend State Park, Rockport Hummingbird Festival, Palmetto State Park near Gonzales, Aransas Whooping Crane wintering area and closer by to the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge, LCRA Pumping Station Trail and the Jimmy Thomas Duck House on the Lissie prairie.

Area activities also include volunteering to help with the April Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival. Members saluted retiring President Fannie Merle Welch of Wharton for her excellent leadership in 1998. T Lang of Eagle Lake was elected the 1999 President.

Lang will be ably assisted by Ethel

and Joe Lee McCreary and Louise and Ted Brunner of Eagle Lake as vice president, Mae Ashby of Eagle Lake as secretary, and Susan Tomcheson of East Bernard as treasurer.

Doris Laughlin, Mike Sims, Refuge Manager Terry Rossingol and Marilyn Crane will serve as trip coordinators.

Persons wishing more information about TWONC activities or membership are asked to call Welch in Wharton at 409-532-3195; Tomcheson, East Bernard, 409-335-4883; Ashby, Eagle Lake, 409-234-2019; or Laughlin in Columbus at 409-732-8875.

### Participants

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Participating from RHS were Erika Ellenbogen, J.L. Miller and Clifford Miller. The theme for their float was "Angels Among Us." Everyone dressed up as angels and Alabama's "Angels Among Us" played in the background. They received third place in the Individual/Family/Community Category.

The Student Council and Varsity Cheerleaders had a "Disco Christmas" theme for their float. They brought the 70's back to life by dressing up as hippies and playing popular songs from the 70's. They received third place in the School Category.

The theme for the Junior Varsity Cheerleaders' float was "Santa's Workshop." They wore their cheerleading uniforms and Santa hats while placing second in the School Category.

Congratulations to these students for all their hard work and holiday spirit!

### Shropshire-Upton UDC

The Shropshire-Upton Chapter #361 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) met Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. at the Nesbitt Memorial Library in Columbus.

The ritual was led by President Jennie Sue Muggli.

The salute to the American flag was led by Emma Gene Shroeder.

The salute to the Texas flag by Kitty Benson; and the salute to the Confederate flag by Sarah Uzzi.

Officer reports were then given. The C of C report was given by Millycent Crane, substituting for Diana Foster, 3rd vice-president.

The Recording Secretary's report was given by Benson.

The Treasurer's report was given by Ruby Paschal.

The Recorder of Crosses report was given by Uzzi urging more members to do the research for awarding

more crosses.

No further reports were given. Unfinished business was discussed regarding the Debutante Ball. The chapter has approximately four young ladies eligible for presentation this coming year.

They must be members of the C of C and a senior in high school. Plans need to be started no later than Jan. for the ball to occur in June.

The ball discussion was postponed until Jan.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for work at the museum during Christmas on the Colorado.

Under new business, Miss Risa Waddell was recommended as a member to our UDC Chapter.

A Mr. Dallas Studemeyer, CSA, from Columbus was buried in Alleyton and his grave was recently located. (See UDC, Page 7)

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