

4-H rifle project to get underway

The Colorado County 4-H rifle project will get underway Thursday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Columbus Elementary School cafeteria. A second safety meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m., in the Columbus Elementary School gym. The rifle project is open to boys and girls, ages third grade through 19 years, throughout Colorado County.

Interested individuals may stop by the County Extension Office at 316 Spring Street in Columbus to secure enrollment forms.

Forms must be completed and turned in at the meeting Jan. 7.

Attendance at the first two meetings is mandatory. Both the participants and their parents should attend.

The aspects of rifle safety will be discussed along with equipment, targets and shooting positions.

A shooting schedule will be determined as well.

Live rifle instruction and participant shooting will start the following week.

Participants will shoot once each week under the supervision and in-

struction of certified rifle coaches serving as volunteer 4-H leaders.

For additional information, contact the County Extension Office at 409-732-2530 or 732-2082.

4-H collects for Rainbow Room

The Colorado County 4-H Council met Friday, Dec. 18, at the County Agriculture Building for their annual Christmas party and community service project.

Council members voted to collect items for Children's Protective Services' Rainbow Room. This is the second year that they have chosen to

support the Rainbow Room as their community service project.

Various items including toys, clothing and personal hygiene items, were donated by 4-H members around the County.

4-H members Brandy Tuck of Live Oak 4-H in Columbus and Margie Leopold of Bluebonnet 4-H in Nada were each presented checks for \$50 for being the top two fruit salespersons in the County.

Council members attending the party divided into two teams and participated in a scavenger hunt under the supervision of adult leaders and afterwards enjoyed eating pizza.

New Czech passenger list available

Czech Immigration Passenger Lists, Volume VII, is now available. After many years of research, over 39,000 Czech immigrant who arrived in New York between 1887 and 1896 were identified.

This was done by reviewing and abstracting 166 rolls of National Ar-



Posing with their donations to the Rainbow Room are, in front, from left, Ashley Waligura, Margie Leopold, Renee Wooddell, Stacy Markwardt, Cassie Urban and Christi Kulhanek; in back, Chris Kulhanek, Lora Weisuhn, Erica Trojacek, Matthew Ross and Brandy Tuck. 4-H Photo

chives microfilm.

Since there is no index for arrivals during this time period, this volume will be of interest to those who have ancestors who arrived during this time.

This book will be of special interest to Texans of Czech descent as there was no direct immigration through Galveston during this time period. This book includes an alphabetical

listing of these Czech immigrants giving their names, age, place of origin, date of arrival, name of ship and destination.

There is also a discussion on sources of immigrant ship data and pictures.

Copies of this book are available for \$19.95 postpaid from Leo Baca, 1707 Woodcreek, Richardson, Texas 75082.

WISHING YOU A PROSPEROUS YEAR

May your luck runneth over in the year ahead, bringing you loads of good times, good friends and good fortune. We feel lucky to have had you for our customers.

Thanks!

Furniture Shoppe

Melvin & Joyce Stancik
Tiffany Samora, Louis Matthews,
Jeff & Darlene Argo

YEAR-ROUND GOOD WISHES

Thanks and best wishes are on our agenda, and we're hoping that yours is filled with 365 fun-packed days. Happy New Year, everyone!

Lake Oil Company

East Main Service Station



Team Penning winners

Colorado County Go Texan Team Penning Champions Monroe Ripper, Roxanne Ripper Schindler and Tim Carnes received Champion Team Penning belt buckles from Katrina Kohleffel, at left, representing the Go Texan Colorado County Committee.

The team will represent Colorado County at the Go Texan Team Penning competition at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Feb. 14. Sixty area Go Texan Champions will vie for the title of Team Penning Champion.

The County competition was held at the Wharton County Fairground in Crescent Nov. 21.

Photo Courtesy of Roxanne Schindler

Warning: Don't Be Fooled By Appearances!

The fact is, even one drink of alcohol can significantly alter your good judgement. That means even if you or a friend appears to be okay, reaction time could be slowed enough to make a critical difference should a split-second decision need to be made.

This holiday season, don't take unnecessary chances. Use

the designated driver system, public transportation, call a taxi or stay overnight. Or be a trendsetter by hosting an alcohol-free New Year's party in your home.

Whatever you do, **DON'T** drink and drive. We want to see you again next year.

This Urgent Message Is Brought To You By These Concerned Individuals and Businesses:

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Lake Motors, Inc.
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Have A Happy And Safe 1999!

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Chief of Police
Eagle Lake

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Sheriff
Colorado County

Xi Pi Psi Chapter
Beta Sigma Phi

The first artificial nuclear fission was produced in 1938 by German chemists Otto Hahn and Fritz Strassman.

THANKS FOR BEING IN STEP WITH US!

This New Year's Eve, whether you Tango...fandango... Or all-out shake-it-up on the floor, We'd like to cut in and wish you A very happy 1999!

Waltz right in and see us anytime!

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