

CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

Colorado County 4-H

Fourteen Colorado County 4-H members were among 150 youth from Coastal Bend District 11 who submitted record books to be judged at the annual District Record Book judging held in Edna on Wednesday, July 21.

As with any 4-H contest, there were three age divisions: Sub-juniors, ages 9-10; juniors, ages 11 to 13; and seniors, ages 14-19.

A record book consists of a personal information page, a member's 4-H narrative story, the Texas 4-H report form and 4-H project and activity photos. A member has to report on his or her activities throughout the year and be able to show growth educationally in the project areas because that is the purpose of 4-H.

Members report on up to four years in each project area and must show that they have selected and learned new and more challenging skills each year.

Colorado County had three sub-juniors submitted record books. Jacob Weishuhn placed second in Consumer Education, Lauren Trojacek placed third in Poultry, and Kayla Pfeiffer received a blue ribbon in Foods and Nutrition. All three of these 4-Hers are members of the Frelsburg 4-H Club.

Five juniors' record books qualified to move on from the county contest to district judging. Erica Trojacek of Frelsburg 4-H, placed 1st in Consumer Education, Margie Leopold of Bluebonnet 4-H in Nada placed 3rd in Turkeys, LaKerrica Hancock of Eagle Lake 4-H received a blue ribbon in Clothing and Textiles, and Chris Kulhanek and Stacy Markwardt, Frelsburg 4-H, received blue ribbons in Shooting Sports and Rabbits.

Senior 4-H members who had record books that qualified for District judging included: Brandy Tuck of Live Oak 4-H who received second place in Achievement; Lora Weishuhn of Frelsburg 4-H, placed third in Dog Care & Training; Matthew Ross, 4-H Challengers, placed third in Shooting Sports; Jermal Wright, Eagle Lake 4-H, received a blue ribbon in Clothing and Textiles; Richanne Waddle, Riverside 4-H, received a blue ribbon in Foods and Nutrition; and Hillary Thompson, Riverside 4-H, received a red ribbon with her Citizenship record book.

4-H members who submitted record books will be given special recognition at the Annual 4-H Awards Banquet to be held in Oct.

The Monument Hill Chapter Daughters of the Republic (DRT) of Texas met at the home of Imogene Williams in San Antonio, on Saturday, July 10.

Doris Bean Hoffman, daughter of Bessie Bean, was a guest for the day.

President Williams called the meeting to order. B. Bean opened the meeting with an invocation in the absence of Chaplain Marilyn Miller.

Doris Hoffman led the pledges of allegiance to the flags of the United States and Texas.

The minutes from the April meeting were read and approved.

During the business meeting, a few minutes were spent perusing the 1997-99 scrapbook. This scrapbook and scrapbooks from previous years are to be placed in the La Grange City Library during our Nov. meeting.

Also, a **Founders and Patriots** volume is to be presented to the library at that time.

Williams reminded the members to keep a record of their volunteer hours. All time used in any aspect of DRT work is eligible for inclusion. The current reporting period is April 16, 1999, through April 15, 2000. These hours are important as they are accumulated and used to qualify for grant monies that are vital for special projects that DRT undertakes.

Publicity Chairman Bennie Altom asked that members submit publicity for "inches" periodically. Williams has been asked to serve on the committee. Williams asked that all members be active in submitting news items to their local newspapers and supply a copy of the article for our

publicity inches to Joyce Stancik, Chapter Secretary.

Historian Bean asked that an original clipping (with name and date of publication) be sent to her for inclusion in the scrapbook.

CRT Sponsor Betty Hill submitted no report. Also no report came from Registrar Dorothy Albrecht.

President Williams reported on a special Get-Acquainted Meeting for District VIII presidents held in New Braunfels at the home of District Representative Rosemarie Gregory. The attendees were asked to identify what was working for their respective chapter and what (if any) problems they were encountering.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, a delicious luncheon was served by Williams, Lillian Struesser and Jo An Null.

Immediately following the luncheon, the group traveled to the San Jose Mission.

The tour began with a visit to the new theater where they saw a video on the establishment of several area missions. The video described how the sites along the San Antonio River were chosen and the type of life that was enjoyed by the missionaries and the Indians who came to the missions. The mission provided protection and a regimented and stable lifestyle which incorporated education, prayer and farm work.

DRT members visited the rooms of the mission where the Indian families lived, saw the ovens in which they baked their bread, the wells from which they drew their water, the granary in which they stored their grain

and the church in which they prayed. The 1999 District VIII Workshop will be held in New Braunfels on Saturday, Sept. 18.

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Farm Bureau

A week after the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) unveiled its AgRecovery Action Plan, state Farm Bureau (FB) presidents, including Texas FB President Bob Stallman, blitzed Capitol Hill to promote the emergency farm assistance proposal.

According to Charles Harbich, president of the Colorado County FB, AFBF's AgRecovery Action Plan seeks approximately \$9 billion in new and previously authorized fund to help farmers through the dire period of depressed prices, slumping exports and economic disaster.

"The proposal includes recommendations for approximately \$4 billion in direct financial assistance, roughly \$2 billion for immediate export initiatives, and around \$2 billion for reform and expansion of the federally supported risk management safety net," Harbich said. "The plan also calls for an additional \$5 billion in

federal assistance to help farmers cope with the growing cost of complying with federal regulatory mandates."

The AgRecovery Action Plan further seeks: immediate passage of legislation (H.R. 1592) to ensure farmers the future availability of safe and economical crop protection products; contingency funding for 1999 weather disasters; expenditures to allow maximum enrollment in the conservation reserve program; export enhancement spending to make U.S. farm goods competitive with subsidized foreign commodities; and recommendations to implement or fund programs for specific sectors such as cotton and dairy.

"It is a very critical time for agriculture and we are hopeful that Congress will adopt the plan, which constructively addresses many of the problems America's farmers and ranchers face," he said.

CRT State Convention

Members of the Monument Hill Chapter of Children of the Republic of Texas (CRT) attended the 39th annual State Convention held in Amarillo June 18-19.

Jim Thornton, First-Vice President General of CRT, served as convention chairman.

Friday afternoon, the Board of Management met. Monument Hill Chapter members attending the board meeting were Thornton, Susan Hill and Neal Kocurek.

Following the board meeting, Thornton represented the Monument Hill Chapter at the Nominating Committee meeting. He successfully represented the three Monument Hill members running for state offices.

After the Nominating Committee meeting, members met for a pool and pizza party. After the pizza supper, members journeyed to Palo Duro Canyon to attend the musical performance "Texas".

On Saturday morning, the general business meeting was held. State officers gave their yearly reports and presented awards for chapter participation. Monument Hill chapter received 13 awards for Excellence in Officers' projects.

Following the Officers' awards, election of State Officers for the 1999-2000 year was held. Susan Hill, Monument Hill Chapter president, was elected President General.

Also elected from Monument Hill Chapter were 4th Vice-President General Kocurek and Custodian General Courtney Kovar.

After the election of new officers, college scholarships were awarded. Thornton received one of three scholarships awarded statewide.

The final award for the chapter was the coveted Halton Trophy presented to the chapter with the most outstanding project. Monument Hill Chapter was awarded the Halton Trophy for the sixth time.

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students to offset living costs during their preceptorship. An effective preceptorship can promote students' awareness of their clinical strengths and weaknesses, increase their self-confidence, and facilitate their application of classroom knowledge to the problems encountered by the family physician.

The good news is that medical students are recognizing the need for and value of becoming family physicians, and more students are choosing Family Practice, with Texas filling its highest number of Family Practice Residency slots than ever before.

As a result and in order to meet this demand, the 75th Texas Legislature increased the amount of state support for these medical education efforts by more than \$5 million for the next biennium.

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