

COLORADO COUNTY FAIR NEWS

The Colorado County Fair will be held Sept. 9-12 in Columbus. Following is information on several contests and/or events during this year's Fair.

Home Economics

The Home Economics Department consists of items in the following divisions: needlework, handicrafts, clothing, canned products, baked goods, decorated baked goods, floriculture, farm produce, favorite recipes, Texana and collective hobbies.

Anyone who submits 16 or more entries will receive a fee season pass to

the Fair.

A special youth awards division is offered to encourage youth participation. First, second and third place high point awards will be given to a youth in each age division: primary, junior and senior. The awards consists of a trophy and cash prize. To compete, a youth must enter at least 10 items.

Each person entering items in the Home Economics Department must complete an entry card. Entry cards and Fair catalogues with complete rules are available from the County

Extension Office and Potter's Western Store in Columbus, First National Bank in Eagle Lake, City Hall in Weimar, Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg, Nada Grocery, Sandy Creek Drive-In Sheridan, Bernardo Farm & Ranch Supply, Larry's Super Service in Garwood and Schulz General Store in New Ulm.

Deadline for entry cards and fees in the Home Economics Department is Friday, Sept. 3.

For more information, contact the County Extension Office at 409-732-2530 or Home Economics Department Chairman Patsy Warschak at 732-3823. Or, you can log on to their website at www.elc.net.

Kick-off dance is Aug. 21

The Annual Colorado County Fair "kick-off dance" is set for Saturday, Aug. 21, at the Columbus KC Hall.

Social hour begins at 7:30 p.m. followed by the dance from 8:30 to 1 a.m.

The Junior Fair Board will sponsor a silent auction and a live auction will take place at 9:30 p.m. Proceeds from the dance and auctions benefit youth scholarship funds.

Performing at the kick-off dance is a band out of Houston that spent many years as Doug Supernaw's Band... "The Tearjerkers".

And, as an added attraction, Julie Marshall will also perform. She is a regular at the Columbus Opry and currently her debut single, "He Only Loves Me For My Pickup Truck", is being played on country radio stations all over the U.S. and overseas.

The Fair now has a website you are invited to log on to: www.elc.net.

"Football isn't a contact sport, it's a collision sport. Dancing is a contact sport." — Vince Lombardi

Happy Birthday Tita Becky

Love, RaRa & Lil' Mama



Little Mr. & Miss, Junior Mr. & Miss

Once again, the Colorado County Fair Association will offer contests for the youngsters of the County.

The Little Mr. and Miss contest is for children who will be ages 4, 5 or 6 as of Sept. 1.

The Junior Mr. and Miss contest is open to all children ages 7, 8 or 9 as of Sept. 1.

All contestants must be residents of Colorado County or attend school within the County.

Luane Schindler of Columbus will serve as chairman for the fifth year. Lynda Appelt Evans, past Fair president formerly of Eagle Lake now of Livingston, will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies.

The Junior Mr. and Miss will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 4, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Columbus. It will consist of an on-stage interview.

The Little Mr. and Miss will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 4, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship

Hall in Columbus. It will also consist of an on-stage interview before a panel of out-of-county judges.

Western attire must be worn by all contestants. Judging will be based 90% on personality and response to questions and 10% on western attire.

For complete contest rules and entry forms contact one of the following: George Fox at the Columbus Chamber of Commerce at 409-732-8385; Diana Brunner in Eagle Lake at 409-234-5671 and Donna Guentert at The Hair Shop in Weimar at 409-725-6635.

The deadline to enter both the Little Mr. and Miss and Junior Mr. and Miss is 5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 31. No exceptions!

Fair Queen, Junior Fair Queen

Contestants are being sought for the Colorado County Fair Queen and Junior Fair Queen Contests to be held at the Columbus High School Auditorium Saturday, Sept. 4.

Girls between the ages of 10 and 13 are eligible to enter the Junior Fair

Queen Contest and girls from 14 to 21 years of age may enter the Fair Queen Contest. All contestants must be single and must be a resident of the County or attend school within the County.

The Fair Queen and Junior Fair Queen will be chosen by out-of-county judges. They will be judged on personality, appearance and poise. The contestant chosen Fair Queen will receive the \$500 Leslie Schmidt Heard Memorial Scholarship. Both the Fair Queen and Junior Fair Queen will participate in activities during the Fair Sept. 9-12. They will also represent the Fair Association by riding the association's float in area parades throughout the year.

Entry forms and a complete set of rules may be obtained by calling one of the following: Pamela Potter at 409-732-2705, Deborah Hayward at 409-725-8603 and Diana Brunner at 409-234-5671.

The deadline to enter the contests is 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20. No exceptions!

Prairie Edge Museum searching for data on former County communities

In the good-old-days, small towns, mostly with their very own local governments, decorated the landscape of Colorado County.

Familiar names included Calhoun, Eldridge, Ramsey, Cheatham, Lakeside, Matthews, Alleyton, Provident City, Bernardo and Vox Populi.

For instance, Calhoun had its own post office until 1921 and its own rural school in the same district as that of Matthews and Eldridge.

Lakeside had its own post office until 1902, Eldridge until 1942, Bernardo until 1917, Matthews until 1905, Provident City until 1953, Ramsey until 1917 and Vox Populi until about 1903.

These municipalities, although long-gone, remain in the memory of older citizens.

What Prairie Edge Museum (PEM) wants to do is preserve these memories for posterity.

PEM proposes to mount exhibits honoring these historic sites, but lacks exhibitible, visual material. The curators ask that County folks be watchful for materials which can be presented

(or loaned) to PEM relating to these communities, their businesses, their social life, their founders and leaders.

Visuals like advertisements; printed store bills; printed posters or notices of political, social or sporting events, out-of-date calendars bearing names of businesses, envelopes bear-

ing cancellations from the post offices and other such visual evidence of life in these places would add immensely to the educational value of displays.

Please help PEM enhance our knowledge - especially that of the young people - through exhibits about this aspect of our exciting history.

4-H elects new officers

The Colorado County 4-H Council met in June to elect officers for 1999-2000.

Lora Weishun was elected Chairman; Brandy Tuck, 1st Vice Chairman; Chris Kulhanek, 2nd Vice Chairman; Erica Trojacek, 3rd Vice Chairman; Matthew Ross, Secretary; Stacy Markwardt, Treasurer; Ashley Waligura, Reporter; and Hillary Thompson, Parliamentarian.

On July 12, the Council hosted a 4-H Day Camp at Splashway Water Park in Sheridan. Approximately 40 4-H members from clubs throughout the County participated. After several icebreaker games, the members en-

joyed swimming in the waterpark.

To find out more about the 4-H program, contact one of the many local clubs or call the Extension Office at 409-732-2530.

Doves

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boundaries will remain the same. A free sandhill crane hunting permit is still required.

As last year, the Commission approved rail and gallinule seasons concurrent with the waterfowl seasons. Dates for 1999 are Sept. 11-26 and Oct. 23-Dec. 15, but these will likely be modified if waterfowl season dates change.

ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Riley McKenna Schneider

John and Audrey Schneider of Katy are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, born at 3:31 a.m. July 16, 1999, at Memorial Southwest Hospital in Houston.

Riley McKenna weighed seven pounds, eight ounces and was 20 inches at birth.

She was welcomed home by her sisters, Kelsey, six; and Bailey, two and one-half.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Williams of Garwood.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. N.J. Schneider of Garwood.

Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Williams of Garwood.

Seth Austin Townley

Dean Austin and Dolores M. (Soto) Townley are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son, born at 12:50 p.m. July 22, 1999 at Danbury Hospital in Angleton.

Seth Austin weighed seven pounds, 13-1/4 ounces and was 20 inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Philip Jr. and Vira Soto of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Jim Townley of Hearne and the late Dora Mae Townley.

The new mom is the former Dolores M. Soto.

Did You Know...

Vincent Van Gogh, one of the most famous modern art painters, sold only one painting during his lifetime.

THE ONLY THING
WORSE THAN LOSING
A CHILD TO AIDS
IS FINDING OUT YOU
DIDN'T HAVE TO.

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OTC Pain Medicine Side Effects Often Unexpected

One of America's most commonly used medicine types is the *non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs* - or NSAIDs. Medicines in this group relieve pain and fight inflammation. Therefore, they are useful in many health problems, including headache and arthritis. Over-the-counter (OTC) medicines in this category include *aspirin, ibuprofen, ketoprofen, naproxen*. Several prescription-only NSAIDs also are available. An estimated 100 million prescriptions are issued for NSAIDs each year. One concern is that many individuals are unaware of serious and potentially fatal side effects that may occur with use of these medicines.

Among the most common problems is stomach and duodenal ulcers. Dr. Michael Wolfe at the Boston University's School of Medicine notes that about 16,500 deaths occur annually in the US from ulcer-related complications associated with their use. Dr. Wolfe reviewed long-term use of NSAIDs in persons who suffered from arthritis pain. He found that a small but substantial number of persons experienced serious complications involving the gastrointestinal tract. Studies have shown that NSAIDs can decrease kidney function, increase clotting time of blood, and damage the liver. These medicines are capable of causing allergic reactions in some persons.