



Winners

The grand and reserve champions of the Cultural Arts exhibits at the 2000 Older Texan Fair are, in front, Millie Faykus, representing Clara Bruemmer in needlework; Minnie Lee Shaw Connor, grand and reserve champion, canned goods and floriculture; and Clara Gold, fresh garden products. In back are Madeleine Hattermann, baked goods; La Juan Braden, art and garden products; John Koepke, art; Joyce Ohm, crafts; Bernice Heinsohn, baked goods; and Adela Popp, representing Margaret Bunge, needlework.

Photo Courtesy of Nada-Garwood FCE

Nada-Garwood FCE reports meeting

The Nada-Garwood FCE Club met April 8 at 2 p.m. in the home of Millie Faykus.

Nine members answered roll call with, "a new law I would like to have enacted." All agreed the prescription drug prices should be lowered.

President Betty Leopold thanked Millie for letting us have our meeting at the last minute in her lovely home.

We were to car pool with Betty and La Juan to attend the Older Texan Fair in Sheridan May 4. Leave at 8 a.m.; set

Agriculture policy committee to meet in El Campo

State Representative Robert L. "Robby" Cook (D-Eagle Lake) announced that the Agriculture Policy Committee plans to hold its second interim committee meeting in Wharton County.

The meeting will focus on crop insurance and agriculture finance issues and is scheduled for May 31 at El Campo City Hall, County Council Chambers.

The committee will begin at 9 a.m., starting with invited speakers, and will then hear public testimony on the state of agriculture in Texas.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to hold this meeting in Wharton County," Rep. Cook stated. "Wharton County has long been a

leader in agriculture in the state and this is an important chance for the community to express to the committee members the significance of the issues that farmers and ranchers are facing today. I hope everyone will take advantage of this opportunity, and attend the meeting."

The Committee was established by the 76th Legislature under the House Bill 2 by David Swinford (R-Dumas). The committee is made up of House and Senate members and co-chaired by Swinford and Senator Tom Haywood (R-Wichita Falls).

Other members are Senators Ken Armbrister (D-Victoria), Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo) and Steve Ogden (R-Bryan) and Representatives Cook,

Jim Reynolds (D-Lufkin) and Bob Turner (D-Voss).

The committee will be conducting a comprehensive study of the condition of agriculture, the state's current program in support of agriculture and the role of the state in preserving the agriculture industry.

Agriculture is a major component in Texas' economy, creating numerous job opportunities for Texans. Prior to the 76th Legislature, Texas lacked a consistent statewide policy addressing the agriculture industry, from production to processing, and ensuring the economic survival of agricultural industries and businesses.

The Agriculture Policy committee plans to conduct meetings throughout the state and will report its findings to the 77th Legislature, which convenes in Jan. 2001.

"Agriculture is a mainstay of the Texas economy," Speaker of the House Pete Laney said. "This important committee will review current agriculture policy and programs to ensure that state government is doing all it can to support this vital industry."

Invited speakers include representatives of the commodity groups, as well as representatives of banking and crop insurance.

In addition to the scheduled testimony, the public is encouraged to attend the meeting and anyone wishing to testify before the committee will be allowed to do so after the invited speakers have finished.

The members are especially interested to hear from local producers about the current state of agriculture and the role that state government can take to help.

"I'm excited about the work we will be doing," Cook said. "Agriculture is important to Texas and especially important to the constituents of District 28. With all the difficulties that the agriculture industry has experienced over the past few years, it is especially important that we make sure the State of Texas is doing all it can to help farmers and ranchers."

If you have any questions concerning the committee meeting, you can call Rep. Cook's Austin office at 512-463-0682.

ABOUT TOWN...

•Congratulations to Sunny Gertson, a junior accounting major at Texas A&M University in College Station, who was recently honored by the Accounting Department at the Scholars Recognition Dinner.

At that time, the college's business department presented awards and scholarships to their most outstanding students.

Sunny, who will be a senior when the summer session begins, was awarded a scholarship by Deloitte & Touche, one of the nation's largest accounting firms.

According to James J. Benjamin, head of the accounting department at the University, "We are obviously very proud of Sunny's accomplishments as an accounting student at Texas A&M." She is the daughter of Ralph and Connie Gertson.

Way to go, Sunny!

•Stewart "Snake" Wallis was back in Eagle Lake. Some of you folks might remember him if you went to Eagle Lake High School and graduated with the class of 1942. Snake made the trip back to Eagle Lake to lay his mom to rest at Masonic Cemetery. His mom was a Florida resident. Along to comfort Snake were members of the Waddell Family, John Canaris and Robert Samuel Martin.

•The following students received degrees from Sam Houston State University: Bryan James Chumchal, Bachelor of Science, Ind. Tech-Design/Development; and James Lee Syptak, Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice.

•Sarah Navarro was on top of the world after her singing debut at the Columbus Festival this past weekend. After a small bout with stage fright, she went on like the pro she is and sang her heart out. Sarah is a big fan of Christian Gospel artist Jaci Velasquez and sang her favorite by Jaci, "On My Knees". Sarah received a roaring round of applause that made her feel like a champ. Sarah is the daughter of Peggy Manciaz of Eagle Lake and Mark Navarro of Minnesota.

Great job, Sarah! Keep up the good work!

•Amy Fearing, daughter of Publisher Jeannine Fearing, arrived late Tuesday for a visit with family and friends in the area and to attend the graduation ceremonies at Rice High School Thursday night and in Cuero Friday night. A former member of the RHS Class of 2000, Amy graduated from Mountain Pointe High School in Phoenix last Thursday and will be attending Arizona State University in Tempe this fall.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

COUNTY COURT CASES FILED May 9, 2000

Adam M. Wagner, hunting geese with electronic calling device.

May 15, 2000

Julie Marie Sherrill, possession of marijuana (PoM).

May 16, 2000

Rickey Toliver, evading arrest and detention.

Anthony Ray Hemphill, assault causing bodily injury.

Pedro Santana, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Neil Prather Vestal, DWI.

Jeffrey Scott Waters, driving while license suspended.

May 17, 2000

Francisco A. Hernandez, DWI.

Stephen C. Madden, PoM.

Juan Gomez, DWI-open container.

Joel Glenn Friedel, DWI-2nd offense.

James Keith Schobel, PoM.

DISTRICT COURT CASES FILED

Geraldine Smith, Individually, and a Representative of the Estate of Hilton Smith, Deceased vs David Neisner, M.D. and Columbus Community Hospital.

Did You Know...

•The triangular arch between the sides of two adjacent arches is called a spandrel.

•"The Phil Silvers Show" (a.k.a. Sgt. Bilko), "All in the Family", "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and "Taxi" all won Emmies for Outstanding Comedy three years in a row.

•Songwriters Lieber and Stoller penned the hit tune *Hound Dog* in about 10 minutes.

•Baby giraffes can grow as much as one inch every two hours.

medical negligence; 5-15-00.

DISPOSITIONS

Gladys Dawson Hughes, delivery of a controlled substance. Sentenced to five years in TDC.

Manual George Martinez III, aggravated sexual assault. Sentenced to eight years in TDC.

Manual George Martinez III, delivery of a controlled substance. Sentenced to eight years in TDC.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Jason George Kithas and Lynn Kopec; 5-17-00.

John Stafford Parks and Vivian Lee Payne; 5-19-00.

Highlights

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biggest single donation in the 117-year history of the university. Upon announcement of the gift, the board of regents authorized the renaming of the business school the Red McCombs School of Business.

•The Texas Lottery Commission last week voted to add four more numbers to the Texas Lotto drawing. Beginning in July, 54 balls will be bouncing around in the chamber, instead of 50, and jackpots will be bigger but harder to win. Commissioners said Lotto ticket sales are down 28% and the change to 54 balls was needed because most players wait for the jackpot to reach \$20 million before they buy tickets.

•The Texas Water Development Board reported reservoirs across the state were at 75% capacity in April and the National Weather Service has predicted Texas will see drought conditions worsen this summer.

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