

Gators miss state by less than a second

It has been a wonderful first season for the Gators and they finished it with a splash.

The Gators took ninth place overall at the league championships in Rosenberg July 14, then continued on to make a good showing at the regional meet in Sugar Land.

At the championships, the little Gators strutted their stuff beginning with Stefani Gertson placing 32nd in the girls nine and ten year olds 50-yard freestyle.

She was followed by Logan Young, Kestlie Perez and Cathryn Myres, who took first, eighth, and fourth, respectively, in the six and under 25-yard back stroke.

After the championships, several continued to the regional meet to try to qualify for state. Perez, L. Young, Allyssa Young, Nick Pagel, Paige Vandermark, Hillary Johnson and Hub Weller all swam at the regional meet Saturday, July 21.

Johnson finished fourth in the 25-

yard breaststroke, missing qualifying for state by two-tenths of a second!

A. Young took seventh place in the 25-yard freestyle.

It's been a good summer for all the Gators and we hope next summer will be even better.

We would like to thank all the parents, sponsors and our hard-working board for a wonderful season.

Results, July 14: female (F) 50 free, 9-10 yr. olds: Stefani Gertson, 48.00, 9 yrs. old, 32nd; F 25 back, 6 and under: Cathryn Myres, 31.38, 6, 4th; Kestlie Perez, 37.39, 6, 8th; male (M) 25 back, 6 and under: Logan Young, 30.19, 6, 1st; F 25 back, 7-8 yr. olds: Allyssa Young, 26.53, 8, 8th, Paige Vandermark, 29.83, 8, 19th, Blythe Nava, 30.23, 8, 20th; M 25 back, 7-8 yr. olds: Nick Pagel, 26.43, 8, 8th; F 25 back, 9-10 yr. olds: Hillary Johnson, 22.70, 10, 21st; F 50 back, 11-12 yr. olds: Shelly Myres, 43.76, 11, 14th; April Pagel, 45.82, 11, 18th; Carrie Gertson, 57.99, 11, 38th; F 50

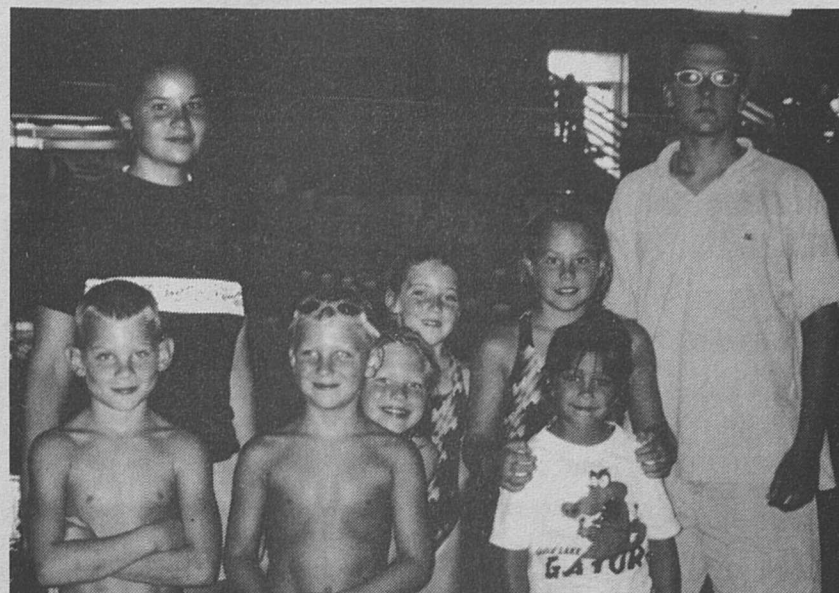
back, 13-14 yr. olds: Kristi Johnson, 47.22, 13, 9th; F 25 breast, 8 and under: A. Young, 30.63, 8, 12th; M 25 breast 8 and under: Hunter Myres, 34.18, 8, 8th; F 25 breast, 9-10 yr. olds: H. Johnson, 21.19, 10, 5th; Kelcey Zickhur, 28.31, 9, 31st; S. Gertson, 28.74, 9, 36th; F 50 breast 11-12 yr. olds: A. Pagel, 48.65, 11, 23rd; Kandi Gertson, 50.14, 12, 26th; Victoria Alvarado, 53.21, 12, 35th; F 50 breast, 13-14 yr. olds: K. Johnson, 53.36, 13, 19th;

Also, M 50 breast, 15-17 yr. olds: Hub Weller, 36.74, 17, 6th; M 25 fly, 8 and under: Taylor Alvarado, 35.90, 8, 9th; F 25 fly, 9-10 yr. olds: Zickhur, 29.25, 9, 22nd; F 50 fly, 11-12 yr. olds: K. Gertson, 47.97, 12, 16th; Gobert, 57.85, 11, 17th; F 25 free, 6 and under: Perez, 28.21, six, 5th; C. Myres, 30.20, 6, 6th; M 25 free, 6 and under: L. Young, 26.60, 6, 1st; F 25 free 7-8 yr. olds: A. Young, 20.53, 8, 9th; Nava, 28.35, 8, 27th; Vandermark, 33.38, 8, 30th; M 25 free, 7-8 yr. olds:

H. Myres, 24.19, 8, 11th; T. Alvarado, 24.56, 8, 15th; N. Pagel, 24.94, 8, 17th; F 25 free, 9-10 yr. olds: H. Johnson, 18.25, 10, 26th; S. Gertson, 21.98, 9, 52nd; Zickhur, 22.77, 9, 53rd; F 50 free, 11-12 yr. olds: V. Alvarado, 36.47, 12, 17th; K. Gertson, 39.98, 12, 26th; A. Pagel, 41.28, 11, 34th; Gobert, 41.75, 11, 37th; F 50 free, 13-14 yr. olds: K. Johnson, 36.88, 13, 17th; M 50 free, 15-17 yr. olds: Weller, 29.81, 17, 7th; M 100 IM, 15-17 yr. olds: Weller, 1:16.25, 17, 6th; F 200 free relay 11-12 yr. olds, lead-off legs (50 free): K. Gertson, 36.84; F 8 and under 100 free relay: Perez, Vandermark, C. Myres, Nava, 2:06.27, 6th; M 8 and under 100 free relay: H. Myres, T. Alvarado, L. Young, N. Pagel, 5th; F 11-12 yr. olds: 200 free relay, K. Gertson, Gobert, A. Pagel, V. Alvarado, 2:34.75, 8th.

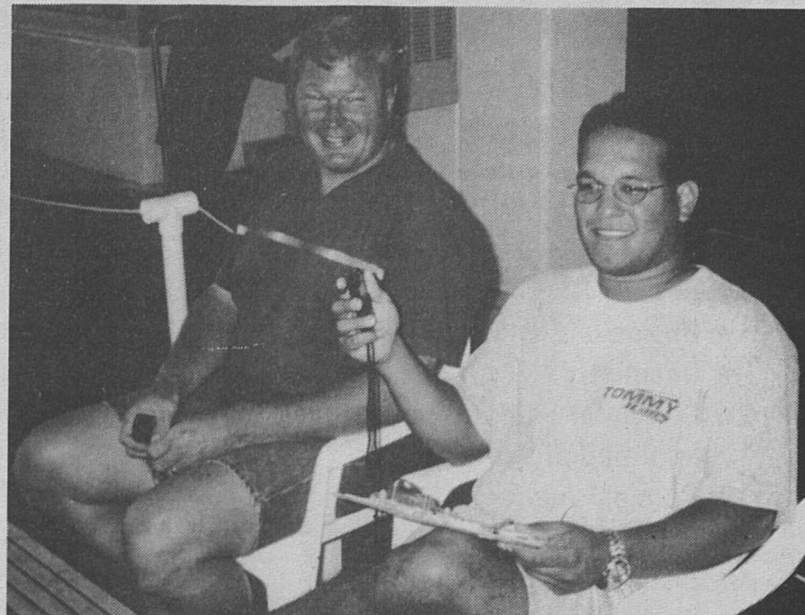
Regionals

July 21: F 25 back, 8 and under: A. Young, 28.17, 8, 17th; Vandermark, 29.26, 8, 21st; Perez, 31.62, 6, 25th; M 25 back, 8 and under: N. Pagel, 26.58, 8, 12th; L. Young, 31.18, 6, 14th; F 25 back, 9-10 yr. olds: H. Johnson, 23.00, 10, 17th; F 25 breast, 8 and under: A. Young, 29.46, 8, 13th; F 25 breast 9-10 yr. olds: H. Johnson, 20.37, 10, 4th; F 25 free, 8 and under: A. Young, 20.43, 8, 7th; Perez, 29.17, 6, 21st; Vandermark, 36.16, 8, 28th; M 25 free, 8 and under: N. Pagel, 21.45, 8, 9th; L. Young, 24.70, 6, 15th; F 25 free, 9-10 yr. olds: H. Johnson, 16.73, 10, 14th; M 50 breast, 15-17 yr. olds: Weller, 36.78, 17, 2nd; M 50 fly, 15-17 yr. olds: Weller, 31.60, 17, 5th; M 50 free 15-17 yr. olds, Weller, 28.95, 17, 5th.



Gator Swimmers included, in photo above, Nick Pagel, Logan Young, Allyssa Young, Paige Vandermark, Hillary Johnson and Kestlie Perez along with Stephanie Sommerlatte and Hub Weller.

Below, Official timers at the regional meet were John Young and Joe Lee Perez.



Photos Courtesy of Hub Weller

Little wins Monsanto, FB scholarship

Monsanto Company and the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture (AFBFA) recently announced the 2001 winners of their

Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship, now in its third year.

Chosen from the state of Texas was Jacob Little, son of Mr. and Mrs.

David Little of Garwood.

A total of 100 high school seniors from across the U.S. received the \$1,500 scholarships. Applicants were evaluated on high school records, standardized test results, extracurricular activities and personal essays, submitted as a part of the application process. The recipients were chosen by a selection committee of agricultural educators and industry leaders.

"Providing scholarships to help students with farming backgrounds prepare for careers in agriculture will help insure the future of U.S. agriculture as a growth industry," said Bob Stallman, president of the AFBFA. "Most young people who grow up on farms already hold a deep commitment to agriculture, and these scholarships will provide them an added boost so they can ultimately give something back to their agricultural heritage."

To qualify, seniors must have an average to above-average academic records, come from farm families, plan to enroll as full-time students in an agriculture-related major in accredited schools and be committed to pursuing careers in agriculture.

Winners were from Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, N. Mexico, N. Carolina, North and South Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin.

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Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist
NEW PROCEDURE FOR ANKLE PROBLEMS

Those suffering from a tightened Achilles tendon or other ankle problems may benefit from manual manipulation of the ankle joint, according to a recent study published in the *Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association*. Researchers found that manually manipulating and moving the affected joint improved the patient's range of motion. Podiatrists performed the technique while the patient sat with the knee flexed, and all patients displayed increased range of motion. Some complained of soreness for a couple of days following the procedure, but no long-term problems were reported. Tightness of the Achilles tendon, or ankle equinus, is a common problem among men and women, and it can make walking difficult and painful. Daily stretching and surgery are other treatments.

Correcting foot problems has greatly improved over the past few years. Today's newer treatments include manual manipulation, innovative surgical techniques, custom orthotics, joint replacement, and medications. Your feet are not supposed to hurt. When they do, we're available at Rice Medical Center to ease your pain and get you walking in comfort. Office hours are on Tuesday by appointment. Please call 234-5571.

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Market Report for July 26, 2001
Animals on hand: cattle, 1992; three goats.

Number of sellers: 300.
Packer cows: higher dressing utility

and cutter cows, 43-48¢ per lb.; lower dressing utility & cutter cows, 38-42¢ per lb.; thin cows, 34-37¢.

Packer bulls: heavy weight bulls, 55-59¢; utility cutter bulls, 48-54¢.

Head tested: 281.

Stocker/Feeder-Calves/Yearlings

Steers #1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.25-1.40; 300-400 lbs., \$1.15-1.30; 400-500 lbs., \$1.00-1.10; 500-600 lbs., 92-99¢; 600-700 lbs., 86-91¢; 700-800 lbs., 80-85¢.

Steers #2: 200-300 lbs., \$1.10-1.20; 300-400 lbs., \$1.00-1.10; 400-500 lbs., 90-99¢; 500-600 lbs., 80-86¢; 600-700 lbs., 77-83¢; 700-800 lbs., 71-76¢.

Heifers #1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.10-1.20; 300-400 lbs., \$1.05-1.15; 400-500 lbs., 93¢-1.03; 500-600 lbs., 88-92¢; 600-700 lbs., 80-86¢; 700-800 lbs., 75-79¢.

Heifers #2: 200-300 lbs., \$1.00-1.09; 300-400 lbs., 90-98¢; 400-500 lbs., 82-87¢; 500-600 lbs., 78-84¢; 600-700 lbs., 78-80¢; 700-800 lbs., 64-73¢.

Good stocker cow/calf pairs, \$750-850 by the head; med. cow/calf pairs, \$625-700 by the head; common cow/calf pairs, \$540-610; good stocker cows & heifers, \$525-625; medium stocker cows & heifers, \$460-515.

Estate planning seminar scheduled

By Bernard Mitchell, Colorado County Extension Agent, Ag.

A properly drawn estate plan may save many ranch families over \$200,000 in estate taxes, according to Dr. Wayne Hayenga, Texas Agricultural Extension Service Economist.

A two-day seminar Aug. 8 and 9 will include making gifts to avoid estate taxes, passing land on to your children, estate planning systems, tax savings possibilities using corporate, partnership and trusts when family members are involved in a business will all be discussed.

Held at Texas A&M University, the seminar is in conjunction with the annual Beef Cattle Short Course.

Dr. Hayenga says, "Making gifts to avoid estate taxes has basically three problems: the first is dying poor; the second is the adverse economic tax

consequences the gift can cause the recipient; and third is when somebody other than your intended beneficiary ultimately gets the gifted property."

The speaker, Wayne A. Hayenga, is a professor and extension specialist, an agricultural economist and attorney. A member of the Agricultural Law Committee of the State Bar along

with other qualifications, he works extensively with farmers, ranchers and family-owned firms in financial, business and estate tax planning.

The registration fee is \$100 and information is available from Hayenga's office or you may call the County Extension Office at 979-732-2082.

Colorado County Fair poster contest slated

Students in kindergarten through 12th grade who are residents of Colorado County or attend school in the County are invited to participate in the Colorado County Fair Poster Contest.

Contestants can create their design on a full or half-size poster board. The poster design should reflect some aspect of fair activities such as the livestock or home economics shows, parade, rodeo, queen's contest, etc.

The words "Colorado County Fair, Sept. 13-16, Columbus, Texas" must appear somewhere on the front of the poster. Contestants are encouraged to use bright, bold colors so their poster will "sell" the Fair.

Stencils may be used for lettering, but no other tracing or computer generated graphics are allowed. Students should put their name, address, phone (See Poster, Page 8)

Couple honored with pre-wedding shower

Saturday, June 23, Dena Shea Dromgoole and Ari Renoir Gammill were honored with a pre-wedding party at the Northington Saloon in Egypt, hosted by Alex and Connie Gammill.

About 100 guests attended the party and were served a barbecue chicken dinner with all the trimmings catered by Staff's of El Campo.

A white layer cake with raspberry filling which read, "Congratulations Ari and Dena Shea" and an assortment of cookies were served for dessert.

Special guests of the groom were his parents, Rusty and Betty Gammill of Brandon, Florida; brother and sister-in-law, Alex and Connie Gammill, and their sons, Tyler and Major of Austin; uncle, Raymond M. Trowbridge Jr. of Tyler; aunt and uncle, Arleen and Jack Jones, and son, Stanley of Tyler and their oldest son, James of Austin.

Special guests of the bride were her mother, Carol Joy Dromgoole;

brother, Mack Wade Dromgoole; sister, LeShon Dromgoole, all of Bonus; and uncle and aunt, Jack and Elaine Dromgoole of Elm Grove.

The Saloon was decorated with antiques and historical memorabilia. The tables held wild flower arrangements around kerosene lanterns.

After dinner the wonderful indoor and outdoor gifts they received.

The party continued with conversation and dancing.

The couple will be joined in marriage Saturday, August 18, 2001 at the First Baptist Church of El Campo.

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and Richmond with extension centers in Bay City, El Campo and Palacios.

The college's fourth campus, the Ft. Bend Technical Center in Richmond, will open this fall and is located at 5333 FM 1640. It offers an opportunity to students through a partnership between WCJC and Texas State Technical College (TSTC). The center will house technical and vocational programs, as well as academic support courses including English, math, history and science. TSTC will provide training on-site for several technical programs. For information about TSTC programs and registration, call 1-800-792-7874.

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Mrs. Beatrice Wilson attended a Cosmetology institute...

Mrs. John Littleton of Garwood honored her niece, Barbara Penney, with a swimming party...

Mrs. L. Frederickson Sr. complimented her granddaughter, Marsha Lee Rosenthal of Baltimore, Maryland...

John Pilkington observed his third birthday anniversary.

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