

Texas Settlement Region cookbook available during the Fantasy of Lights in Sealy Saturday

The reprint of the "Gone to Texas Heritage Recipes," a cookbook compiled by Texas Settlement Region has arrived just in time for Christmas.

"We're really excited by the cookbook because it represents all our traditions: Czech, Danish, German, Irish, Italian, Mexican, Swedish and Austin Old 300."

Many of the recipes are family favorites that have been handed down. Some are newer recipes that are sure to be treasured by future generations. Nearly all have heritage notes that have been added by the contributor.

A sample listing would include: "Miss Jessie's Whorehouse Cookies" from La Grange, a recipe to prepare "Blackberry Cordials" from Indianola, and Danish Frikadeller. Old time favorite desserts include "Green Grape Pie", "Dewberry Cobbler", and "Waxy Pecan Squares".

Some of the recipes are old time remedies like "Remedy for Snake Bite"

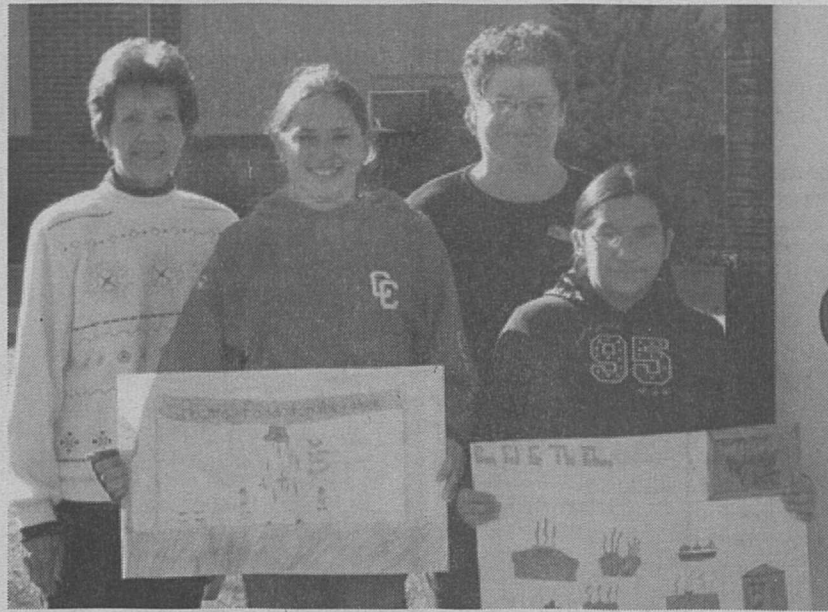
or "Remedy for Drunkenness". Also, proverbs are found throughout the cookbook as well. An example is this Danish one: "Give to a pig when it grunts and a child when it cries and you will have a fine pig and a bad child."

The cookbook is published in a wipe-clean 3-ring binder with tabbed dividers so those purchasers can add their own recipes for their own use or to give with the cookbook as a gift. There are 500 recipes, remedies and practicalities.

Cookbooks are \$17 each available at the Sealy Chamber of Commerce, 309 Main St., or call 979-885-3222. It will also be available for purchase during the Fantasy of Lights Arts and Crafts Show, Saturday, Dec. 6.

Recipes are also being collected for the Volume II cookbook that will be published in time for Mother's Day gifts. Mail recipes to: Texas Settlement Region, P.O. Box 1132, Victoria, TX 77902.

Texas Settlement Region represents 18 counties: Aransas, Austin, Brazoria, Calhoun, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Ft. Bend, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Jackson, Karnes, Lavaca, Matagorda, Refugio, Victoria and Wharton.



Kathy Ricks, Colorado County EEA treasurer, presented the 2003 Jr. Division Pecan Poster Art Contest awards to Columbus Jr. High School students Regan Dittmar, reserve champion, Deborah Petrovsky, art teacher, and Stephanie Zavala, grand champion.



2003 Elementary Division Pecan Art Contest winners received their awards Tina McMillian, Sheridan Elementary art teacher, Mitch Mowery, reserve champion, and Brandy Brewer, grand champion.

CCEEA sponsors 2003 pecan poster art contest

The Colorado County Extension Education Association (CCEEA) sponsored the 2003 Pecan Poster Art Contest held in conjunction with the Colorado County Pecan Food Show.

The 2003 theme for the contest was "Pecans-Food for the Future" and all area youth and schools were invited to enter.

Three county schools (Sheridan and Garwood Elementary and Columbus Jr. High School, Riverside Campus) participated in the event. Entries were judged for neatness, creativity, originality and theme use.

Elementary Division winners were Brandy Brewer, grand champion; and Mitch Mowery, reserve champion; both of Sheridan Elementary School.

Junior High Division winners were Stephanie Zavala, grand champion; and Regan Dittmar, reserve champion; both of Columbus Jr. High School.

Grand champions in each division received a cash prize of \$10; the reserve champions received \$5.

Additionally, the Pecan Food Show Task Force Committee awarded teachers of the grand champion prizewinners, Tina McMillian, Sheridan Elementary art teacher, and Deborah Petrovsky, Columbus Jr. High School art teacher, a monetary prize for use of their classrooms.

CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

Civic Garden Club

By Patty Holloway

When you live in the upper Gulf Coast region and there is no typical winter, you need to be prepared for anything. This past week proved that!

If you want to help your plants survive the freezings and thawings they are subjected to, there are a few simple steps you can take.

Always keep your soil moist and, if the autumn has been dry, be sure to give the soil a good deep watering once in awhile. This ensures deep root growth, providing protection from the cold.

Water replaces air in the soil and eliminates rapid cooling. Plants can survive freezes much better when the soil is wet.

Make sure your drainage is good though because plants will rot in standing water whether it's cold or hot.

Since our freezes don't last long, you may want to try to sprinkle the frost-damaged foliage before the sun hits the plants. Hopefully, this will

eliminate or at least lessen the damage to the plant.

Be sure to leave the frost damaged tops on the plants, allowing this "ugly stuff" to protect the rest of the plant.

When the danger of frost is past (just a few short months away) you can cut this "ugly stuff" away and, hopefully, will find fresh green growth.

This is the last month to plant early blossoming spring bulbs, so take the tulips out of cold storage and plant late this month.

Fertilize trees and spring blooming shrubs with 13-13-13 and Louisiana iris with manure and cotton seed meal. Pansies need a monthly application of superphosphate and manure or a liquid high phosphate fertilizer.

This is a good time to prepare new beds so they will be settled by planting time. I need to do this in my own yard if I can just find the time on a perfect day: not too cold; not too windy; not too wet.

Colorado County Fair board

By Pamela Potter

The board of directors of the Colorado County Fair held the annual meeting of the association Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the County Ag Complex.

The main order of business was election of officers and directors for the 2004 Fair.

Henry Schneider of Columbus was elected president; Scott Orange, Columbus, first vice-president; Pamela Potter, Columbus, second vice-president; Raymie Kana, Columbus, treasurer; Molly Strunk Janak, Oakland, secretary; and Evelyn Orange, Mentz,

executive director.

Directors elected to another three-year term were Darrell Gertson of Eagle Lake; Wade Gibson and Rita Ruffeno, Columbus; Darlene Hayek, Mack Janak and Angela Richter, Weimar; David Pilsner, Alleyton; and Jerry Henneke, Cat Spring.

New directors elected to their first term were Kaylee Robinson and John Batla, both of Columbus.

The association set the dates for the 2004 Fair for Sept. 9-12.

Food Show top winners

Grand and reserve champions in this year's Pecan Food show were, in front, from left, Stacy Jobe, Mary Ann Henneke, Page Yeverino and Kristy Kulhanek. In back are Stephanie Coleman, Beverly Tuck, Barbara Prause, Evelyn Barrett, Jane Booker, JoAnn Haddock, Jasmine Huffman and Katherine Williams.

Photo Courtesy of Peggy Jurica

E.B. parade draws near

As Dec. 6 draws near, there's a lot of excitement in the air. East Bernard has a lot to look forward to...this will be their first Christmas parade as a new "city". The Chamber has received over 30 entries thus far and is expecting a few late ones.

The parade is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. Saturday morning, being lead off by the American Legion Post #226 hosting as the "Color Guard", followed immediately by the City's newly-elected mayor Buck Boettcher, City Marshal Brandon Whitley, chauffeured by Nolan Kovar, EB High School senior class president, student council secretary and national honor society vice president. The City Aldermen, Tommy Vacek, Tony Hlavinka, James Jalowy, Amy Tovar and Charles Bucek, will be chauffeured by Bryon Hlavinka, national honor society president, student council vice president and senior class secretary. These dignitaries will be followed by an array of floats, decorated vehicles, horses and our own special guest, Santa Claus.

The East Bernard Chamber has a special presentation that Chamber President Duane Mayberry will conduct in front of the MC's podium to

the mayor, city aldermen and marshal on behalf of the community. Becoming a city is an historical event that deserves to be recognized and honored.

The Chamber hopes many people from East Bernard and surrounding communities will come and show their support by being at the parade to watch this special presentation.

There are several events taking place before and after the parade that spectators can take advantage of to help them get into the Christmas spirit. Local storeowners will have their doors open early with "special" buys/discounts being offered. Afterwards, the children can sit on Santa's lap, get autographs with the Grand Marshal, Kim Ensey and her court, or ride ponies and eat hot dogs, while parents shop the Lion's Club giant yard sale or Nutcracker Market or just stroll along Main Street and check out the stores for that special gift whether it be furniture, hardware supplies or floral decorations to adorn your home. Don't forget there are two meat markets to order that special cut of meat for the holidays.

East Bernard has a lot to offer. Come see for yourself this Saturday.

LCRA's website allows public to report concerns

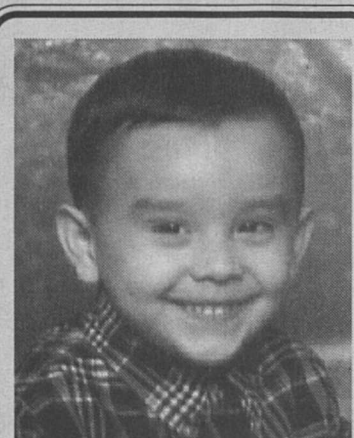
LCRA's website now includes a revamped pollution complaint form to allow members of the general public to easily report water quality concerns any time day or night. A link to the form is on LCRA's home page at www.lcra.org.

LCRA encourages people to report water pollution problems or any activity that looks like it may have the potential of impacting water quality. LCRA investigates and works to resolve these water quality complaints. Besides using the LCRA home page to report pollution complaints, the public can call the pollution complaint hotline at 1-800-776-5272, ext. 6843.

In cases when pollution control and permitting are handled by another regulatory agency, such as the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, LCRA can coordinate the reporting and

tracking of the issue until it is resolved. "Water quality is everybody's business. We encourage residents and visitors to take an active role in helping maintain the high quality of the water in the Colorado River basin and the Highland Lakes," said Lisa Hatzembuehler, LCRA manager of Water Resource Protection.

LCRA's regulatory authority includes protecting the quality of groundwater and surface water in 10 counties along the lower Colorado River. For more information on water quality, contact LCRA at watershed@lcra.org.



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J.J.

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7th
Birthday
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The Glover Family



Christmas Coloring Contest

Pick up picture to be colored at your nearest Shoppa's Farm Supply.

Deadline to enter is Wednesday, Dec. 17th.
Ages: 2 - 5 years old & 6 - 10 years old

PRIZES

2 - 5 years old

1st Place - Battery operated Tractor w/Cart
2nd Place - \$100.00 Gift Certificate
3rd Place - \$75.00 Gift Certificate

6 - 10 years old

1st Place - \$150.00 Gift Certificate
2nd Place - \$100.00 Gift Certificate
3rd Place - \$75.00 Gift Certificate

Winners to be announced
Monday, December 22, 2003.

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