



Conway, Cranek To Wed

Clayton and Kathy Conway of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Anna Kathryn Conway to Cody Gene Cranek of Canton, son of Larry "Huck" and Donna Cranek of Garwood.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Canton High School and attended Texas Tech University. She is employed by Pro-Trak Trailers.

The future groom is a 2000 graduate of Rice High School and a 2005 graduate of Tarleton State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in ag-business. He is employed by G-N-P Sheet Metal.

The couple will be married at 5 p.m. on April 15, 2006 in Canton.

Kilpatrick To Teach Oil Painting Class At Live Oak

The Live Oak Art Center (LOAC) has scheduled an oil painting workshop, which will be taught by award-winning, nationally known artist Bobbie Kilpatrick.

This special one-day workshop will be held on Saturday, April 29 from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The workshop will offer imaginative and practical ways to use oil paints.

It is a class designed to expand a painter's skills. Some knowledge of oil paints is required.

Participants are encouraged to bring their new work for an afternoon critique. According to LOAC President Dr. Robb Gobert, "For anyone interested in oil painting, this is a unique opportunity to study under a

well-known master artist."

Ms. Kilpatrick's work is included in many prominent individual and corporate collections including Moody Gardens Hotel, Paine Webber, Stanley Morgan-Dean Witter and many others nationwide.

In addition to her acclaimed nature studies, she also paints abstract works in large format under her maiden name of Dickinson.

She has been selling in fine art galleries since 1982 and is represented locally by the Turner/Chapman Gallery in Columbus.

Class size is limited. To register for the class or for more information and a supply list, contact the Live Oak Art Center at 979-732-8398.

Conservation Association To Hold Meeting March 22

The Coastal Conservation Association (CCA)-Live Oak Chapter will hold a general membership meeting Wednesday, March 22 at 7 p.m. at the Motorcoach RV Park-I-10 at Hattermann Lane Exit in Columbus.

Guest speaker will be Captain Jesse Arsola sharing his knowledge of East Matagorda Bay to the Laguna Madre/Baffin Bay.

You won't want to miss the op-

portunity to ask questions and learn from a pro!

The Live Oak Chapter of the CCA is comprised of members from Weimar, Columbus and Eagle Lake and their surrounding communities.

The public is invited to attend.

For questions or more information call Todd Radke at 979-732-0486 or Jeff Glueck at 979-733-4544 or email liveoakcca@yahoo.com.

German Society Meeting Slated For March 22

On Tuesday, March 22, the Bluebonnet Chapter of the Texas German Society (TGS) will be hosting Roy and Jan Kelm of Brenham, who are experts at Grave Dowsing. Everyone is invited.

Grave dowsing is an art that has been used for many years, and most people can develop proficiency with practice.

Many cemetery caretakers use this means for verification prior to a grave being dug for current use.

Often when an isolated old grave is

found, dowsing can identify additional graves in that area. There are many skillful ideas that can be applied that provide additional information about the individual buried there.

These will be demonstrated during the presentation.

The chapter meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Hill Center in Sealy.

This is a free event and should be a most interesting topic.

The TGS strives to preserve and promote German heritage, culture, and language. For more information call Robert Herridge at 979-865-0935.

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Lady Raider JV Track Places Second At Flatonia

The Rice Raider JV girl's track team participated in the Bulldogs Relays on Thursday, March taking second overall with a team total of 133 points.

Results of the meet were as follows: Shot Put: Riggins, 1st, 28'3-1/2"; Thomas, 5th, 27' 6"; Discus:

Thomas, 4th, 66' 9"; Long Jump:

Stevenson, 3rd, 14'2"; Triple Jump: J. Stovall, 2nd, 30' 1/2"; Stevenson, 6th, 25' 11-1/2";

High Jump: Stevenson, 3rd, 4'6"; 3200 M Run: Rameriz, 4th, 15:10.2; 800 M Run: Johnson, 1st, 2:34.8; 100 M Dash: Godley 3rd, 13.87;

400 M Dash: Johnson, 1st, 1:04.8;

200 M Dash: Stovall, 1st, 28.6, Godley

6th, 31.05; L. Thomas, Stovall; 800 M Relay: 3rd, 1:57.3, Stovall, Godley, Thomas, Stovall; 1600 M Relay: 2nd, 4:40.1, K. Thomas, L. Thomas, H. Johnson, B. Stevenson.

Prairie Chicken Refuge To Host Youth Employment Program

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Attwater Prairie Chicken (APC) National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is accepting applications for summer employment in the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program.

This program offers gainful employment to youth interested in wildlife conservation for eight weeks in an outdoor atmosphere.

Enrollees will be paid the minimum wage of \$5.15 for a 40-hour work week. Work will begin on June 5 and end on July 28, 2006.

Youth must be at least 15 years of age when the program starts and must be no more than 18 when the program ends. All applicants must be U.S. citizens and meet the eligibility requirements as set forth on the official YCC application.

No prior work experience is required, but we do encourage all youth interested in a conservation career, with a federal or state agency, to apply.

Employment is without regard to social, economic, racial or ethnic background. The YCC program is for both young women and men.

Is It Time To Fertilize The Yard?

It depends on the type of grass you are growing and the lawn appearance you desire. It is best to fertilize when grass is actively growing and can take up the fertilizer.

Fertilizer is best applied during the growing season. The growing season is often measured as the period between the last spring and first autumn frost dates. The average growing season for Colorado County is eight (8) months.

The first Spring Nitrogen fertilizer application to warm-season grasses should begin after the grass has greened up and has been mowed several times.

This indicates the grass is actively growing and can readily use applied nitrogen. Once a lawn is maintained on an appropriate annual N fertilizer program there is usually enough residual spring N to maintain grass through several mowings.

The first application of fertilizer should be made after the second or third mowing of the lawn grass.

Mowing weeds does not count. This would put your first Nitrogen application around April 1.

During the summer supplemental N applications should be spaced at least 45 to 60 days apart.

Slow release N sources are particularly suited for summer fertilizer applications to prevent surges of lush growth and the need for more frequent mowing.

The YCC program is a well-balanced work-learn program that develops an understanding and appreciation of our environment and heritage.

Some of the projects the enrollees will work on are erecting Attwater's prairie-chicken acclimation pens, fence line clearing, litter clean-up, exotic plant removal, community service, first aid/CPR certification, and environmental education.

Enrollees must furnish their own transportation to and from the refuge daily. Work hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Applications will be accepted until April 26, 2006 at the Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR, located approximately 6.5 miles northeast of Eagle Lake or 10 miles southwest of Sealy on FM 3013. Mailed applications must be postmarked no later than April 26. Applications may be obtained from your local high school principal or their designated person, by calling the Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR at (979) 234-3021 ext. 18, or by writing to P.O. Box 519, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

Selections will be accomplished by random drawing by an impartial person outside the refuge system to ensure fair selection.

All individuals selected must have a social security number prior to going to work. It takes about four weeks to receive a social security number after applying to the Federal Social Security Administration.

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