



Sheryl Carnes, left, and Allyssa Krpec won awards in San Antonio with Zip.

4-H Gives Gold Star Awards

The 4-H Council hosted the annual Awards Program and dance recently at the Diamond Center in Frelsburg.

The theme for this year's program was "A Night At The Movies". The event began at 7 p.m. with Stacy Jobe welcoming those attending. Kristy Kulhanek and Stacy served as MC's throughout the evening.

Sally Garrett and Dale Rankin presented the Star Awards. Nicholas Hoelscher received the Silver Star Award and was presented a monogrammed travel bag.

Christopher Hobough and Kayla Pfeffer, both of Frelsburg 4-H, received the Gold Star Award and were presented monogrammed brief bags.

4-Hers who completed record books for competition received monogrammed padfolios and 4-Hers who participated in district or state activities were presented certificates.

Friend of 4-H Awards were presented to Dee and Bennie Kazmir and Shirley and Curtis Pittman, all of Sheridan. Darnell Varley and Carmen Jackson of the Sheridan 4-H made the presentation.

Portwood Productions provided music for the dance. 4-H members, clubs and the 4-H Council provided refreshments, drinks and door prizes.



Constitution Week is celebrated each year by the Smith-McMillan chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution during the wee of Sept. 17-23. The Mayor of La Grange, Mrs. Janet Moerbe is shown signing a Proclamation for La Grange declaring this week of celebration for the City of La Grange. Mayor Moerbe is seated with Cathy Chaloupka, Chairman of Constitution Week Committee, Shirley Pyburn, Chapter Regent and Julie Elliott, chapter Treasurer, standing.

4-H Officer Training Set For Sept. 25

An officer training for all council and club officers of Colorado County 4-H clubs has been set for Monday, Sept. 25.

The training will be held at the County Ag Building at 6:30 p.m. Courtney Dodd, District 11 4-H

Specialist, will present some of the topics for the training.

Please contact the Extension Office no later than Sept. 18 if you plan to attend so that adequate handouts can be prepared.

Locals Place In San Antonio Horse Show

Sheryl Carnes and Allyssa Krpec both showed Zippos Texan to year-end awards in the Alamo Area Youth Horse Association.

Sheryl showed Zip to the All Around High Point Award winning a custom-made silver show saddle.

Zip also won the 2-4 year old halter gelding award which was a monogrammed halter bag and the High Point Performance horse award, which was a silver belt buckle.

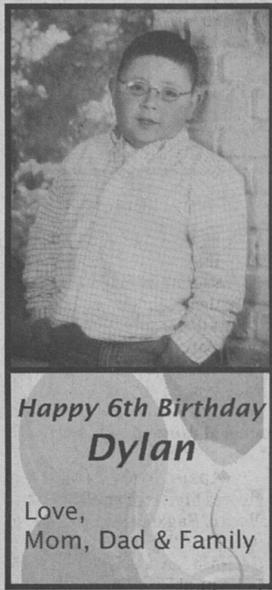
Sheryl showed her other gelding RPL Decisive Chabo to the 5 and over year old halter gelding award.

Allyssa also showed Zip under Sheryl's guidance to the Reserve Walk-Trot Novice Rider

year-end buckle award. Both riders won numerous awards during the 10-show circuit.

Sheryl is the daughter of Leona Abell and the late William Abell of Garwood.

Allyssa is the 12 year-old daughter of Chris and Brandee Krpec of Nada.



Happy 6th Birthday Dylan

Love, Mom, Dad & Family

Texas Crop Weather Report

Agricultural Summary

The Southern Plains, Cross Timbers, Edwards Plateau, Southeast Trans-Pecos and South Central all received rainfall ranging from 0.5 to two inches.

The Trans-Pecos, Blacklands, North East Texas, South Texas, and the Northern Plains for the most part received 0.01 to 0.5 inches of rain.

Along the Coastal Bend down to the Lower Valley, rainfall amounted to 0.5 to 1.5 inches, while some areas received two to six inches.

Insect pressure increased dramatically as many experienced problems of armyworms.

Field Crops Report
Small Grains: Planting of wheat progressed slowly in the Northern High Plains due to an increase in wet conditions.

Rains had more of a positive effect in the Southern High Plains as sub-soil moisture was stored, which will be very beneficial for small grains.

The Cross Timbers and Blacklands began planting oats. Producers in South Texas started pre-plant watering activities for oats, wheat, and rye.

Cotton: In the Northern High Plains, growth was slowed due to drastic decreases in temperature.

On the other hand, cotton in the Southern High Plains continued to mature as more bolls began to open.

Statewide, cotton condition was mostly fair to very poor.

Corn: Producers in the High Plains will resume harvest as soon as fields dry. The corn condition statewide was mostly fair to very poor.

Sorghum: Producers in the High Plains were pleased as sorghum was aided by the recent rainfall.

Cooler temperatures allowed earworms and armyworms to appear.

Despite this misfortune, the crop headed out with good head size and seed amount.

Producers along the Coastal Bend were not as fortunate as drier weather conditions stressed the sorghum crop. Statewide, sorghum condition was mainly fair to very poor.

Peanuts: As peanuts neared harvest in the Northern High Plains, producers prepared for digging.

High moisture along with cooler temperatures caused diseases to be prevalent as some producers experienced blight and web blotch.

Peanuts continued to develop in South Texas. Peanut condition statewide was mostly rated good to fair.

Rice: Rice was headed out. The condition of rice was mainly good to fair.

Soybeans: Harvest began to wind down in the Upper Coast. Many fields were sprayed due to the problems of Asian Soybean Rust, stinkbugs, and snails. Statewide, the condition was mostly fair to very poor.

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Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report
Growers in the Lower Valley prepared for sugarcane harvest.

Pecans: Disease was an issue as the crop started to fill in the Cross Timbers and North East Texas.

Farmers in the Cross Timbers experienced high levels of pecan weevil while those in North East Texas had less serious issues of webworms.

Pecans remained in the shell-hardening stage in the Trans-Pecos area.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Grass and rangeland conditions continued to improve throughout the Plains.

Forage growth increased in the Northern Low Plains, causing many ranches that intended to start early culling and shipping yearlings to hold off a little while longer.

Although pastures began to green up in the Cross Timbers, livestock remained in poor condition as more rainfall is needed to refill farm ponds.

Many areas of the state continued liquidating livestock due to unavailable water and forage.

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Romero Financial Aid Counselor At WCJC

Richmond native Priscilla Salas Romero has "come home" to Richmond following her appointment to financial aid coordinator/counselor at the Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) Fort Bend Technical Center.

A graduate of the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District and the University of Houston, Salas Romero joined the WCJC Financial Aid Office as receptionist in October 2004. Later she was named data exchange specialist, transferring reports and other vital information between the U.S. Department of Education and the college.

Salas Romero is delighted to be back in Richmond and admits it's convenient to have lunch with members of her family and her

husband's family, both of whom reside here. She's excited about her new role since it affords her the opportunity to work one-on-one with students. In addition, she believes her ability to communicate with Hispanic families and her knowledge of the Richmond-Rosenberg area is particularly beneficial to the community.

"I enjoy working with students and their families to obtain the funding they need to attain their educational goals. I know how difficult it is to finance a college education," she said.

Salas Romero lives in Bay City with her husband, Silvestre Romero, Jr., and their two sons, ages 14 and four. Undeterred by her daily commute, Salas Romero is working on her master's degree



Priscilla Salas Romero

in school counseling at the University of Houston - Victoria. She also enjoys playing softball and volleyball when time allows.

ALL AROUND COWBOY CHURCH INVITES YOU TO COME AND BE BLESSED BY JAMES PAYNE

James is a Grammy nominated songwriter. He has authored over 2000 songs and recently released his 24th recording project. His Classic signature song "The Night Ole Jack Daniels Met John 3:16" was not only a hit in gospel music, but crossed over to the country charts.



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Rice Harvest Sees Average Yield

2006 rice harvest yields in the Eagle Lake area were average to above average for the first harvest, said Thomas Kallina, owner of the Area Rice Marketing Company of Eagle Lake.

On average, rice fields in the

area produced an average of approximately 7,100 lbs. per acre dry weight.

Milling yields have also been above average, however the percentage of damaged rice has also been above average.

Milling yields in the area have

averaged around 50.5 percent.

Soil moisture in the area remains short, with light isolated showers helping to relieve dry conditions in some areas according to Paul Schattenberg of Texas A&M University.

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