



The Loretta's Pride Chapter of the Eastern Star sponsored a school supply drive for the students of Rice CISD and Columbus ISD. School materials for almost one hundred children were gathered and presented to the school district officials for distribution.

Locally, those representing RCISD were Sue Weller, Beth Waddell, and Veronica Villafuerte, and those representing the Eastern Star were Worthy Matron Brenda Hemphill, Associate Matron Gwen Knight, and members Robbie Rhodes, Arie Frazier, Annie Dancy, and Nellie Munoz-Washington.

Pictured, front, left to right: Brenda Hemphill, Sue Weller, Annie Dancy, Beth Waddell. Back, left to right: Robbie Rhodes, Veronica Villafuerte, Nellie Munoz-Washington, Arie Frazier, Gwen Knight.

Other members not pictured are Shirley Brooks, Rosalyn Caldwell, Melda Coleman, Dolie Coleman-Turner, Tabitha Connor, Patricia Evans, Rachel Flowers, C.J. Hemphill, Georgia Hemphill, Sue Henderson, Natasha Knight-Jones, Mechealinda Sanford, Beverly Smith, and Tanaye Weatherspoon.

4-H Celebrates 100 Years

Colorado County 4-H members and adult volunteers are celebrating the 100th anniversary of 4-H in Texas this year.

The celebration began Sept. 1 and will continue through August 31, 2008.

Colorado County 4-Hers and adult volunteers will also be celebrating National 4-H Week October 7 through 13.

When Jack County Agent Tom Marks and 25 young farm boys organized the first Corn Club in 1908 they had no way of knowing how wildly successful their efforts would be.

That first corn club became the roots of today's Texas 4-H, which still teaches innovative, science-based methods of farming and much more.

Because today's 4-Hers come from both rural communities and urban neighborhoods, the program offers such projects as photography, public speaking, technology and consumer decision-making in addition to its time honored crop, animal, food and nutrition and clothing projects.

Participation has expanded just a bit too.

Texas now claims 658,810 youth members and 42,500 adult and youth volunteers, while Colorado County's 4-H program had 214 members in nine units – six community clubs and three project clubs in 2006-2007.

There were 70 registered volunteer leaders and many more that helped with the projects and activities.

423 youth participated in short term or special interest projects and 596 youth in county schools have participated in school enrichment programs provided by 4-H and the Colorado County Extension Staff.

The nine clubs in Colorado County include: Eagle Lake 4-H

Club, Frelsburg 4-H Club, Colorado County 4-H Horse Club, Sheridan 4-H Club, Wild Clover 4-H Club in Weimar, Bluebonnet 4-H Club in Garwood, 4-H Challengers Club in Columbus, Columbus Area Shooting Sports, PHYDO Dog Club in Columbus.

The Colorado County 4-H Council is comprised of delegates from all of the 4-H clubs.

This group sponsors and organizes all countywide 4-H activities with the help of the Colorado County Extension Staff and other adult volunteers.

In the 2006-07 4-H year Colorado County had members participate in district, state and national events, including District and State Roundup, Leadership Lab, Junior Leadership Lab, District Horse Show, District, State and National Shooting events, Major Livestock Shows and State Dog Show.

The 4-H Council raises funds by sponsoring an annual fruit and nut sales campaign.

Members from each club participate in this activity.

Profits from this campaign are used to fund camps, contests and activities sponsored by the 4-H Council.

In 2006-07 the Council sponsored four animal clinics and three day camps.

Swine and Lamb/Goat clinics were held in May and a Leatherworking day camp and Beef clinic took place in June.

A Leadership day camp, a two day sewing camp and a Poultry Clinic were held in July.

The Council also sponsored a "Make-a-Dish" workshop in July.

These were attended by both 4-H and non 4-H youth.

The Council also gives two \$250 scholarships to graduating seniors who have participated

in 4-H.

In 2007 Stacy Jobe and Jacob Weishuhn received the scholarships.

Also this year Lauren Trojacek and Weishuhn each received \$12,000 4-H Foundation scholarships and Jobe and Weishuhn each received \$500 scholarships from the Colorado County Youth Foundation Scholarship, Inc.

Other activities sponsored by the 4-H Council include the bi-monthly newsletter, annual 4-H awards program, county food show, fashion show and roundup, annual appreciation meal for leaders and an annual community service project.

In 2006 Kristy Kulhanek and Kayla Packer received a \$2000.00 Health Rocks! Grant.

These two youth collaborated with the Champion Valley Boys and Girls Club in Weimar to work with youth in an after school program.

In 2007 4-H has again received a \$2000.00 Health Rocks!

Grant and Kulhanek, Jaclynn Jacobs and Sally Garrett, CEAFCS, attended training in Little Rock, Arkansas and will be implementing the program in the fall.

The goal of 4-H is not only to have members complete a project of some type, but to teach responsibility, leadership and community service.

Most of the 4-H members in Colorado County are learning to excel in these areas.

Our club and project leaders continue to help our 4-Hers *Learn by Doing* and continue to use the Texans Building Character and Quality Counts programs in our projects and activities.

For more information about 4-H membership, contact the Colorado County Extension Office, 316 Spring St., Columbus, 979-732-2530.

St. Anthony Church-Columbus

Fall Festival

Sunday, October 14, 2007
KC Hall I-10 W Exit 693

BBQ Beef and Sausage

Serving Starts at 11 a.m.

Meat To-Go at Pit • Drive-Thru Line

Adult-\$7 • Children-\$3 (under 12)

Sunday Mass At 1602 Bowie 8 and 10 am

Father Dan's Annual Cake Bake

Silent Auction 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Big Country Auction 1 p.m.

Old Tyme Music By Donnie Wavra &

The Hi-Liters 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Outdoor Entertainment By
DJ-Darren Kunz

Bingo • Cake Walk • Country Store

Grocery Walk • Plant Walk • Penny Draw

Fish Pond • Cookie Monster • Ring Toss

Are You Prepared For A Disaster

This new century has already brought many disasters to Americans—September 11, Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita—to name a few.

Today, many are still trying to re-build their lives.

When disaster strikes, it is almost impossible to conduct business as usual.

You and your family need to have a recovery plan in place, not only for personal safety, but for financial recovery.

If you had to vacate your home today because of a hurricane, flood or other disaster, do you have a plan in place for temporary housing, paying your mortgage, car payment and other bills?

Are your important papers and documents such as insurance policies, social security cards, credit card and bank account numbers where you can access either originals or copies?

You might consider making copies of all-important personal documents.

Keep one set in a sealed waterproof container or bag where you can access it in an emergency.

The FDIC says that consumers should use caution when keeping this important information in your home.

You want to keep this information safe for you to carry away in a disaster, not a thief to carry away during a burglary.

A safe deposit box at your community bank is always a good option.

You might also consider sending one or two sets of these documents to trusted friend or family members for safekeeping.

Rather than keeping paper copies, you may want to scan this information to computer disks for safekeeping.

Be careful not to send them to someone within close proximity to your home as they may face the same disaster situation.

These documents would provide a starting point in the event you have to re-build your identity or reconstruct your financial records.

Be sure you have enough checks with you to last a few weeks.

Although many Americans today transact their financial business online, having your checking account number with you may be helpful if you need to make a payment over the phone.

Your debit card will be especially helpful during a disaster because it will provide quick access to cash.

Be sure you know your PIN number, but don't write it down.

If a major disaster strikes, your bank may not be able to function as usual for a brief period and you will need to have other financial options available if you cannot physically go to the bank for financial transactions.

Additionally, be sure to keep important phone numbers available, including numbers for your bank, credit card companies,

insurance companies.

You will need to contact these providers should you need to replace lost or stolen cards, open new accounts or need other assistance.

If you have not yet signed up for direct deposit for your paycheck or social security check, this might be a good time to do so.

By using direct deposit, you don't have to worry about getting important deposits to the bank during a disaster or rely on the mail, which may be interrupted during an emergency.

Your local community bank is required by federal law to have an emergency plan in place in the event of a disaster.

This includes plans to recover important financial data, ensure cash availability and function even if key personnel are not available, the bank is closed or phone and power service is down.

A word of caution to those of you who may not be involved in the actual disaster, but who want to help those who have been affected.

While disaster situations bring out the best in most people, it also brings out many con artists to take advantage of your good intentions.

Be sure to give to charities or organizations that you know are reputable.

Never give cash and never divulge your personal financial information.



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Colorado County Courthouse Report

Judge Kirkendall sentenced the following eight individuals in District Court on Monday, Oct. 1, 2007.

Winfrey E. Brown, delivery of a controlled substance. Sentenced to four years TDC.

Daniel B. Davis, possession of

a controlled substance. Sentenced to two years TDC.

Henry D. Geigley, theft reduced to Class B misdemeanor, sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$500.

David A. Kehlenbeck, Jr., burglary of a building. Sentenced to four years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,000.

Debra Knott, possession of a controlled substance. Probation conditions modified, two years probated for three years, fined \$1,000.

Charles L. LeBouf, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, fined \$250, 30 days in jail.

Andre' Gerard McMillian, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Probation conditions modified, 30 days in jail (week-ends).

Ramiro Rico, Jr., assault causing bodily injury date/family/household. Sentenced to 180 days county jail.

Mt. Moriah To Hold Bazaar October 20

On Saturday, October 20 from 7 to 11 a.m. Mt. Moriah Baptist Church of Alleyton will have a church bazaar and fun day on the church grounds come out and join in.

Youth, if you want to jam for Jesus come to Moriah Baptist Church of Alleyton Saturday, October 20 at 4 p.m. Special guest will be R.A.G.E. along with many

other guests.

Past members, present members, family and friends Mt. Moriah Baptist Church of Alleyton invite you to come to the 99th church anniversary Sunday, October 21 at 3:30 p.m. special guest will be Pastor George Nelson, Jr. and Grace Fellowship Church of Brenham.

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