

Colorado County 4-H Horse Club Names Winners

The Colorado County 4-H Horse Club held their annual year-end banquet and award ceremony on Monday, July 27 at the Lutheran Church in Columbus.

The members participated in a competitive riding program, which included three weeks of western pleasure and reining

and three weeks of speed events such as barrel racing and pole bending.

The summer riding program started in June and was held at the Colorado County Fairgrounds in Columbus.

The 4-H Horse Club wishes to thank their Managers' Jeri and

Byron Jobe for everything they do and to the many sponsors that donated prizes and money. Because of these generous area merchants every rider received a prize for competing.

Awards went to the following: Junior Group: Tim Beken, 1st; Dillan Ford, 2nd; Intermediate Group:

Ashley Cook, 1st; Cydney Cook, 2nd; Cassie Cantu, 3rd; Morgan Dyer, 4th; Cathryn Myres, 5th; Morgan Smith, 6th; Cody Goolsby, 7th; Cody Wallin, 8th; Emma Kelley, 9th; Sarah Grace Wallin, 10th; Advanced Group: Kendall Baumbach, 1st; Chelsi Goolsby, 2nd; Kelly Wick, 3rd; Angela Isel, 4th.

Entries Sought For Little Miss, Little Mr. Contest

The Colorado County Fair Association will offer contests for the children of the county prior to the 2009 fair.

The Little Mister and Miss contest is for children who will be 4-6 years old as of September

1. The Junior Mister and Miss contest is open to children who will be 7-9 years old as of September 1. All contestants must be residents of Colorado County or attend school within the county. Brandy Tuck will serve as chair-

man and mistress of ceremonies for the event.

The Little Mister and Miss contest will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 5, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Columbus. It will consist of an on-stage interview before a panel of out of county judges. Contestants will be scored 90 percent of personality and 10 percent on dress. The Junior Mister and Miss contest will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 5, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. It will consist of an on-stage interview before the same out-of-county panel of judges.

Scores will be based 90 percent on personality and 10 percent on dress. Contestants in both events must wear western attire.

For complete contest rules and entry forms, contact one of the following: George Fox at the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce at 979-732-8385, Dianne Causey in Eagle Lake at 979-234-2958 and Donna Guentert at The Hair Stop in Weimar at 979-725-6635.



Pictured from left to right are the Advanced Riders, Angela Isel, Chelsi Goolsby and Kelly Wick.

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81st Session Offers Disappointments, Achievements

Although Texas Farm Bureau's goals for true eminent domain reform and repeal of the Trans-Texas Corridor were not realized, agriculture was successful in several other areas during the 81st legislative session.

"One of Farm Bureau's goals this session was to prevent any major changes in water policy," said Colorado County President Marv Ulbricht. "Several water bills were thwarted, including two that would have given more control over groundwater conservation districts to the Texas Water Development Board."

Legislators also scrutinized the property tax appraisal process and a couple of key changes were adopted.

"Most important, the fundamental tax considerations agriculture enjoys—property tax agriculture use valuation and sales tax exemption for inputs—were maintained," Marv said.

Other legislative victories for agriculture:

- The Texas Department of Agriculture successfully underwent Sunset review and won approval for continued operation through 2021.



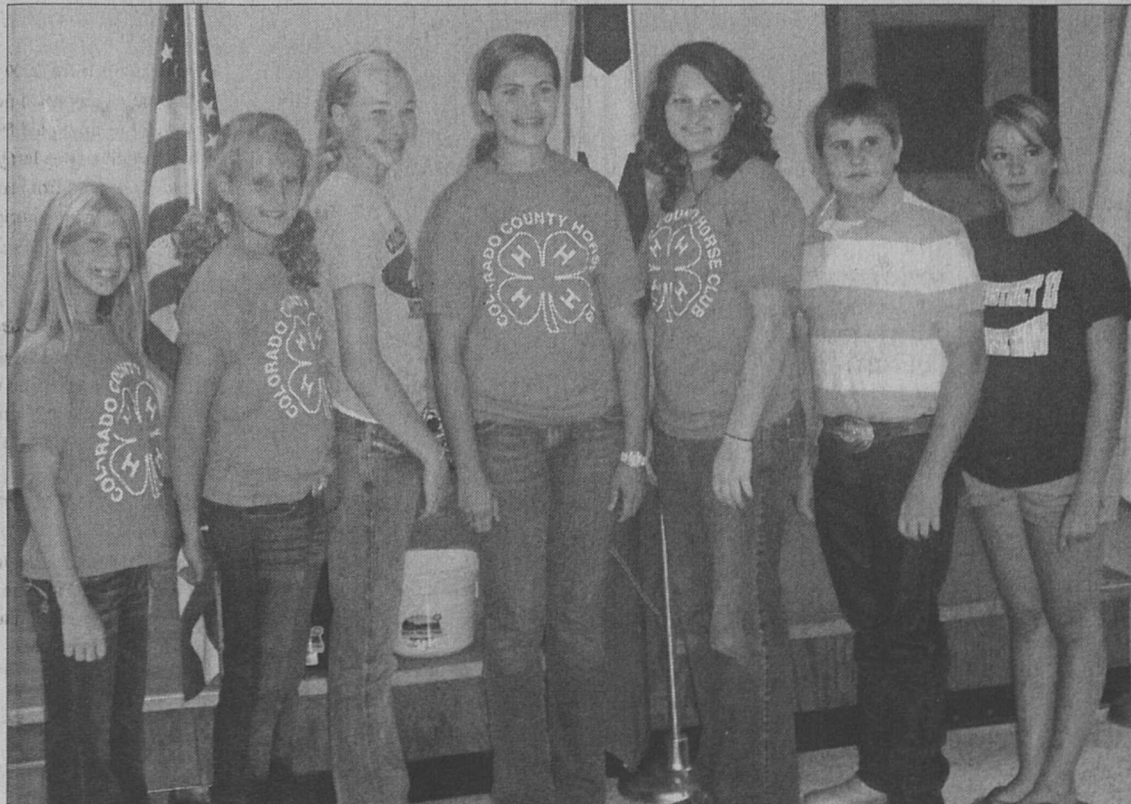
Pictured from left to right are the Intermediate Riders, back row - Cody Goolsby, Cody Wallin; front row - Morgan Smith, Ashley Cook, Cydney Cook, Cassie Cantu, Cathryn Myres, Emma Kelley and Sarah Grace Wallin.

Happy 3rd Birthday Anneliese (Ali)

We Love You Mom, Dad, Mike, Mariah, Brittany, Tio Gongo, Tia Becki, Matthew, Samantha, Kyle and Destiny



Pictured left to right are the 2008-2009 Officers Jacob Valenta, Koree Robinson, Kylee Werland, Sarah Grace Wallin, Emma Kelley and Kelly Wick. (Not pictured Cody Valenta).



Pictured from left to right are the 2009-2010 Officers Ashley Cook, Emma Kelley, Sarah Grace Wallin, Kylee Werland, Koree Robinson, Jacob Valenta and Cathryn Myres.

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