

Joy to the World!



Rejoice! Sing out the news.
Christ is born at Bethlehem.

**Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year**

U.S. Post Office

ROBERT S. MARIN, POSTMASTER
Eagle Lake

Christmas Customs from Other Lands

Beautiful Christmas traditions reflect the ancestral legacy of many nations. The meaning and joy of this special holiday survives most fully through these treasured ethnic customs.

In Sweden, the Christmas season begins December 13th, the feast of Saint Lucy, with a festive cake and coffee breakfast. The treat is served by a young girl, dressed to resemble the young patron — complete with lighted crown.

A more complete meal, called a Wilia, is served to break a pre-Christmas fast in French homes. The banquet table is decorated with straw and made to resemble a manger, and a vacant place is set in honor of the Christ Child.

The Nativity is also recreated in Italian homes where a colorful tableau is set in a place of honor during the holidays. This "Trasepio" is displayed until the feast of the Epiphany, when the figures of the three Kings are added and small gifts exchanged.

In Mexico, such gifts and delicious sweets are contained inside a colorful paper ornament called a pinata. Its breaking brings to an end a Christmas Eve celebration of children's parades and paper mache magic.

Birds and cattle are re-

membered in a special way at Christmastime by Norwegian families. A decorative outdoor "Christmas tree" is made from a shaft of grain and set outside, so as to feed the feathered friends which remain during the cold, winter season. Also, special fodder is given to cattle through the duration of the holy season.

A "Christmas watch" is kept by Danish families with the help of a special, holiday candle. The candle is divided into 24 days, each representing one day before Christmas. The candle is burned for one hour each evening and is blown out by the youngest child in the family.

There, and other international traditions add so much to the meaning and happiness of Christmas. Such customs remain as constant reminders to all peoples that there is no celebration quite as wonderful as that of the birth of Christ.

Greetings

The blessings of Christmas
Be yours in fullest measure.

**K. R. Abel &
Son, Inc.**

Kenneth, Janet and Bill
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Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Norton
& Sons

Pecan Bake Show Winners



Adult Division Grand Champion Pecan Bake Show winners in the Colorado-Fayette Counties Pecan Bake Show held Dec. 4th in Weimar. From left to right: Mrs. Helen Obenhaus of Columbus, Sour Cream Coffee Cake; Mrs. Leslie Kahlden of Weimar, Buttermilk Pecan Pie; Miss Peggy Guntner of Weimar, Christmas Stollen Tea Ring; Mrs. Leroy Polk of Weimar, Cherry Pecan Bars; Mrs. Charlene Holub of Weimar, Divinity Pecan Candy; and Mrs. Elizabeth Schoellmann of Nada, Holiday Italian Cream Cake.

Photo Courtesy Fayette Electric Co-op.

Mrs. Schoellmann Has Grand Champion Cake in Pecan Show

[By Donella R. Paster
County Extension Agent]

One hundred and one adult entries were judged at the Colorado-Fayette Counties Pecan Bake Show December 4 at Weimar City Hall. The show was open for public viewing from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. December 4th and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon December 5th.

The participants and their awards were: Grand Champion Cake by Mrs. Elizabeth Schoellmann of Nada; blue ribbons to Mrs. Leslie Kahlden, Mrs. Frank Koleski, Sr., Linda Holman, Mrs. Dennis Poppe, Mrs. Linda Youens, Mrs. Herbert Guntner, Mrs. Clarence Matula, Mrs. Joe Poppe and Mrs. Elizabeth Schoellmann; red ribbons to Mrs. Albert Boer

and Mrs. Ernie Genz; white ribbons to Mrs. Charlene Holub and Mrs. Virginia Brandt.

Candy Winners
Grand Champion Candy was entered by Mrs. Charlene Holub of Weimar; blue ribbons went to Mrs. Frank Wesselski, Mrs. Ernestine Schneider, Mrs. Herbert Starnadel, Martha Adamick, Herman Wehner, Mrs. John Emmel and Virginia Brandt; red ribbons to Mrs. Bertha Rees, Catherine Gunn, Suzanne Gunn, Mrs. Evelyn Kloesel and Mrs. Edna Janacek; white ribbons to Mrs. Walter Gold, Mrs. Sandra Huvor, Mrs. Barbara Spindel, Helen Radack, Helen Obenhaus, Mrs. Jim Huchanek, Donna Trefny, Hilda Brandt, Elmer Muenster and Wesley Lange.

Cookie Winners
Grand Champion Cookie was entered by Mrs. Leroy Polk of Weimar with blue ribbons going to Karen Maers, Barbara Weick, Evelyn Jurecka, Mrs. Milroy Christen, Donna Trefny, Ann Kobersky, Evelyn Kloesel, Hilda Brandt, Mrs. Henry Billeck, Lillie Schoen, Violet Lange, Rita Mae Senry, Doris Lidick, Mrs. Beatrice Schoellmann, Mrs. Jerome Wick, Helen Obenhaus and Mrs. Homer Karstuner; red ribbons to Bernice Heinsohn, Virginia Whitebeck, Mrs. Henry Oeltjendiers, Mrs. Edna Janacek, Mrs. Frank Koleski, Sr., Bessie Kobersky and Lillie Schoen; white ribbons to Martha Adamick, Mrs. John Emmel and Mrs. Gus Schobel.

Bread Winners
The Grand Champion Yeast Bread was one entered by

Mrs. Peggy Guntner of Weimar; blue ribbons went to Mrs. Leslie Kahlden of Weimar, blue ribbons to Mrs. Leroy Polk, Mrs. Henry Adamick and Mrs. Joyce Hajovsky; red ribbon to Mrs. Donald Doplauf; white ribbons to Virginia Whitebeck and Judy Emmel.

The Grand Champion Pie was by Mrs. Leslie Kahlden of Weimar; blue ribbons to Mrs. Leroy Polk, Mrs. Henry Adamick and Mrs. Joyce Hajovsky; red ribbon to Mrs. Donald Doplauf; white ribbons to Virginia Whitebeck and Judy Emmel.

The Grand Champion Miscellaneous was entered by Mrs. Barbara Spindel of Nada; blue ribbons went to

Mrs. Leroy Polk, Mrs. Henry Adamick and Mrs. Joyce Hajovsky; red ribbon to Mrs. Donald Doplauf; white ribbons to Virginia Whitebeck and Judy Emmel.

The game ended a very successful season for Miss Pullin and her team and marked the eighth time that East Bernard has been represented in the State Tournament.

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East Bernard Tribune.

Let us rejoice and welcome the news from Bethlehem.

ERNEST H. MOORE, REALTOR
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Moore
Columbus, Texas

HAPPY YULETIDE

As revered as the time-honored tradition of Christmas is our dedication to the service of our customers! Merry Christmas!

The First National Bank

Directors, Officers & Staff
Member F.D.I.C. - Eagle Lake

General Communications & Electronics
Ethel and Roland Hahnke - Eagle Lake

May you be blessed with much love and happiness.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Holy Night

May all the world share the spirit of Christmas.

REJOICE



Best wishes from all of us to all of you.

Warmest thanks to our friends and neighbors

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Coleman
Eagle Lake

Christmas Cheer

May your holiday be bright and most abundantly blessed.

THE STAFF OF
Burgess Power Equipment Co.
Eagle Lake

E.B. Volleyball Team Loses State Class AA Contest

The East Bernard Brahmarettes volleyball team bowed out of the State Tournament in Austin Friday, Dec. 7 by virtue of a heart-breaking 2-1 defeat at the hands of the team from Seminole. The scores were 15-11, 4-15, 14-16.

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Univ. of Texas
Offers Financial
Aid For '80-'81

Applications for financial aid for the 1980-1981 academic year are available now at the University of Texas Office of Student Financial Aid, 2608 Whitt, Austin.

Also available is the financial aid information booklet, which explains aid programs and policies.

Students are encouraged to apply early to receive priority consideration and are reminded that the application process requires eight to 10 weeks.

The priority deadline for the 1980 summer session is February 15, and for the 1980-81 academic year, July 15.

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Gilbert Wilbeck
Eagle Lake

Greetings

A Child is born; the heavens sing praises in His Name.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

STAFF AND MANAGEMENT OF
Boettcher-Hlavinka Co.
East Bernard, Texas

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Sending a message that brings us all a little closer: "Merry Christmas!"

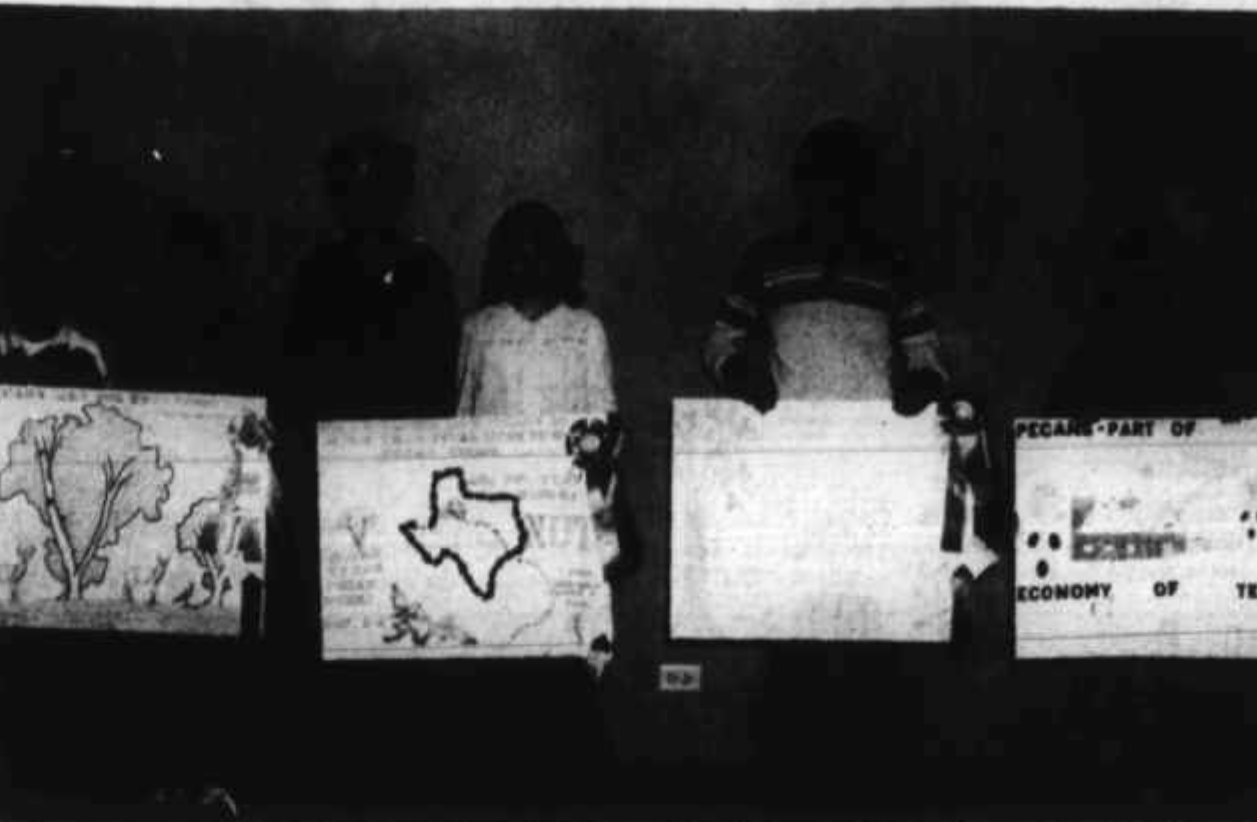
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Pecan Show Poster Art Contest Winners



Poster Art Contest Grand and Reserve Champion winners at the recent Colorado-Fayette Counties Pecan Show were left to right: Colorado County winners: Kevin Genz and Phillip Huvor of Nada, Reserve Champion, elementary division; Carol Korenek and Lisa Drilk of Nada, Grand Champion, elementary; Craig Raincock of Weimar, Grand Champion, Jr. High; Allen Kansteiner, Reserve Champion, Jr. High. Photo Courtesy Fayette Electric Co-op.

Youth Pecan Show Bake Contest Winners



Baked Goods Grand Champion winners at the recent Colorado-Fayette Pecan Show in Weimar were left to right: Donna Drilk of Nada, Youth Cookies, Date Log; Sandra Korenek of Nada, Youth Candy, Divinity; Michelle Genz of Nada, Youth Cakes and Pecan Tart; not pictured, Keith Korenek of Nada, Youth Pies, Pecan Pie. Photo Courtesy Fayette Electric Co-op.

Colorado-Fayette Pecan Bake Show Poster Contest Winners

[By Shirley M. Brown,
County Extension Agent]

The 1979 Colorado-Fayette County Pecan Show was held Tuesday, December 4 at the Weimar City Hall.

This year's competition included judging of pecans, baked goods, and a poster art contest.

Youth Comp. - Baked Goods
In the baked goods division, the Colorado County Grand Champion winners were: Donna Drilk of Nada with a Date Log in Youth Cookies; Sandra Korenek of Nada, Divinity; Youth Candy; Michelle Genz of Nada, Fresh Apple Cake, Youth Cakes;

Other winners in the baked goods division were: Youth Cookies - blue ribbon winners: Jenny Barta, Patricia Canik, Lisa Drilk, Gary Granes, Kevin Genz, Michelle Genz, Duane Korenek, Martin Korenek, Karri Kindred and Jan Zhranek; red ribbon winners: Richard Hernandez, Audrey Williams and Jan Zhranek; white ribbon winners: Sonia Hernandez and Vicky Hernandez.

Youth Candy: blue ribbon winners: Phillip Huvor, Brian Hyek, Janice Hyek, Ronnie Korenek, Sandra Korenek, Christine Schneider, Sharon Shimek, Kim Trefny and Audrey Williams; red ribbon winners: Susan Gold, Missy Huvor, Brian Hyek and Janice Hyek; white ribbon: Kevin Genz.

Youth Cakes - blue ribbon winners: Freddie Hernandez, Carol Korenek and Edwin Labay; red ribbon: Linda Korenek.

Youth Pies - blue ribbon winners: Bryan Bubela, Jason Wesselski and Carl Wied; red ribbons: Stephen Drilk, Anthony Labay and Carol Korenek.

Youth Quick Breads: white ribbon winner: Charlene Koleski.

Youth Miscellaneous - blue ribbon winners: Paula Baumgarten, Michele Genz and Greta Popp; red ribbon: Randa Muenster.

Poster Art Contest Winners
The Pecan Poster Art Contest was a new attraction added to the 1979 Colorado-Fayette County Pecan Show. The contest was open to elementary and junior high students from Colorado and Fayette counties. There were four outstanding winners selected from each of the two county schools. Ribbons for the poster art contest were donated by Hill Bank and Trust and First State Bank of Weimar.

The winners in the 1979 Pecan Poster Art Contest were:

Elementary school winners: Colorado County: Grand Champion, Lisa Drilk and Carol Korenek; Reserve Champion, Kevin Genz and Phillip Huvor; Fayette County: Grand Champion, Craig Cernosek; Reserve Champion, Laura Connor.

Junior high school winners: Colorado County: Grand Champion, Craig Raincock; Reserve Champion, Allen Kansteiner; Fayette County: Grand Champion, Sharon Jurecka; Reserve Champion, Robert Michalsky.

Many Other Winners
Other Colorado County participants were: Elementary - blue ribbon winners: Brian Beck, Scarlet

Crane, Elmer Dretnier, Donna Drilk, Sharon Shimek, Sonia Hernandez, Tommie Holub, Troy Kainer, Sandra Korenek, Lisa Owens, Dawn Popp, Shari Popp, Chris Staff, Emil Staff, Shannon Till and Deborah Ulrich; red ribbons: Paula Baumgarten, David Berger, Sam Candalaria, Owen Gallagher, Richard Hernandez, Dora Hernandez, Mario Hernandez, Rubin Hernandez, Carol Hillscher, Duane Korenek, Keith Korenek, Luann Korenek, Todd Korenek, Anthony Labay, Rex McCloud, Darryl Monisek, Shannon Owens, Christine Schneider, Michael Wanjura, Jason Wesselski, Audrey Williams and Tammy Young.

Junior High - blue ribbon winners: Jeremy Barta, Missy Huvor, Bryan Bubela, Stephen Drilk, Freddie Hernandez, Michele Genz, Susan Gold, Janice Hyek, Lisa Janacka, Charlene Koleski, Martin Korenek, Edwin Labay, Greta Popp, Wayne Rabel, Joji Ruesswald and Jan Zhranek; red ribbon: Melanie Heper, Brian Hyek, Johnny Hobbs, Karen Kocurek, Linda Korenek, Ronnie Korenek, Darryl Tesch and Richard Waligura.

The total entries in the Pecan Poster Art Contest were 88.

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Christmas Bonus To Tex. Taxpayers

Warren G. Harding, State Treasurer, announced that the taxpayers of the State of Texas are receiving an early Christmas present. As a result of prudent and timely money management and investment policies during the year ended November 30, 1979, the State of Texas had 96.4% of all State Funds invested and earned \$180,176,104.53 on investments of cash funds.

This amount represents an increase of \$51,219,283.90 and an increase of 37.1% over the previous year - largest in the history of Texas.

A colonial farmer in 1776 managed to feed only himself and two others. This year, aided by modern machines and chemicals, each U.S. farm worker will feed 60 people.

Warm holiday greetings to all our friends.

RICE INDUSTRIES, INC.
Officers, Directors and Staff
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Merry Christmas

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Mistletoe, Anyone?

Most likely there is a sprig of mistletoe hung from a chandelier or over a doorway. This is a curious custom, and one that has been kept alive over centuries. The mistletoe is simply traditional, in earlier centuries it had very specific meaning and it was even believed to have special powers.

Virgil was one of the first to refer to mistletoe. In his tale of Aeneas's venture to the underworld, it was a bough of mistletoe which Aeneas plucked from the oak to safeguard him on his journey. This bough was called the Golden Bough, for as the berries mature they assume a yellow tinge which the ancients thought symbolized gold.

Every Christmas season there are boughs of holly. There are trees, candles and all sorts of trim. But nothing has more intriguing appeal than the mistletoe.

Christmas Joy



The strains of the carollers, the holly and pine awaken in us rich memories of Christmases gone by. Once again, there is a feeling of warmth and good will among men! It is our fond hope that this gentle spirit fills your holidays and each day of the coming year.

YOUR

Eagle Lake Community Hospital

Board, Medical Staff & Employees
Eagle Lake, Texas