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Winners in Youth Division Of Pecan Food Show



Grand champion winners in the youth division of the Colorado-Payette Counties Pecan Food Show held recently in Schulenburg are shown above, left to right, Brian Hyak, grand champion in candy division; Claire Fricks, quilt bread; Joni Roeschwald, pie; Kevin Conn, cookies; and Phillip Haver, cakes.

New Town 4-H's Place In Food Show

The New Town 4-H Club girls attended the Colorado County 4-H Food Show held at Columbus High School on Saturday, December 13. The following youth participated in the show and were judged on their recipes and prepared dishes:

In the Sub. Debs division: Anita Dancy showed "Old Fashion Mince Cookies" and won a red ribbon; Rolanda Hemphill showed "No Bake Christmas Cookies" and won a blue ribbon.

In the Junior Division: Carrie Lee Jara showed "Peanut Butter Fudge" and won a blue ribbon; Leslie Glover showed "Quiche Lorraine" and won Reserve Champion; Della Powell showed a "Pecan Pie" and won a blue ribbon.

These young 4-H'ers enjoyed many hours of cooking and preparing their foods for this show.

Others of the New Town 4-H Club who did not participate in the Food Show were: Carol Rhodes, Stephanie Tillman, Stephanie Rhodes, Anthony Milligan, Sheryl Hemphill, Tracy Davis, Henry Morgan, Betty Morgan, Melody Morgan, Felicia Fraser, Kassandra Gordon, and Michelle Milligan.

The 4-H Leaders are: Lois Davis, Ada Tillman, Olivia Maxie, Lillie Parker, Rev. Obie Rhodes, and Annie Dancy the first Organizational Leader.

combined amphibious landing exercise which involved 16 Navy ships, 5,000 Marines and forces from the Republic of the Philippines. The exercise provided the participating forces with experience in amphibious landing techniques and combined operations ashore. The operations were supported by the Marine Corps' vertical take-off attack aircraft, the AV-8 "Harrier".

A 1978 graduate of Rice High School, Abilene, Texas, Hewitt joined the Navy in June 1978.

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WCJC Chooses Christmas Sweetheart

Blonde Susan Schoenberg, a sophomore floral design and shop management major from Louise, has been elected "Christmas Sweetheart" at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton.

The nineteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Schoenberg of Route 1, Louise was crowned by last year's winner, Donna Alvarado of El Campo, at a student-faculty Christmas party held Tuesday in the Pioneer Student Center.

The 1979 Louise High School graduate plans to enroll next fall at Texas A&M University majoring in liberal arts.



And to all our sincere wishes for a great holiday.
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Adult Division Pecan Show Winners



Grand champions in the adult division of the Colorado-Payette Counties pecan food show held recently in Schulenburg are shown above, left to right, Mrs. Lillie Schone, Mrs. Vickie Wagner, Miss Karen Moore and Mrs. Albert Boer. Not shown in the photo are Mrs. Cathy Leopold, Mrs. Elizabeth Schoellman and Mrs. Ed Lee Schaefer. Photos courtesy of Fayette Electric Cooperative, Inc.



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Christmas Is Time For Giving

(By the Rev. George T. Walsh, Rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Eagle Lake)

No one ever gets too old to remember the childhood thrill of looking forward to receiving Christmas presents. What great gifts would we get? A shiny new Flexible Flyer sled, a new doll, an Erector Set - the visions danced in our heads until we became giddy with anticipation. Then Christmas dawned and with hearts thumping we rushed to the tree, hands trembling with excitement as we opened the wondrous gifts.

As we grow in age the wonder dims and we say, "Christmas is more than gifts." But is it? At its very heart Christmas is gift-giving. To Mary and Joseph God gave the gift of a child. To the shepherds on the barren hillside, God gave the angels' song with its gift of freedom from fear. To the wisemen, God gave the star of hope. To each one of us who makes room in the inn of our hearts, God gives the great gift of eternal joy and peace. Christmas is filled with giving and receiving wondrous presents which gladden the hearts of young and old alike. Mary and Joseph responded by giving a loving home to a child. The shepherds came with their hearts filled with grateful adoration. The wisemen gave him their most prized possessions.

This is the response of one woman to Christmas: "What can I give him, Poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man, I would do my part; Yet, what I can I give him - Give my heart."

(Christina Georgina Rossetti)
May the gift of Christmas fulfill your heart's desire!

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Busiest Firemen Recognized



Three Eagle Lake volunteer firemen were cited for attending over 100 fires each during the 1980 year. The Eagle Lake Fire Dept. answered a record 132 fires, 52 in the city and 80 out of the city. Recognized at the Firemen's Christmas Party Saturday night were: left to right, Thurston Webb who answered 103 of the 132 fire alarms; Pete Canaris, who was the "busiest fireman" answering 120 of the 132 alarms; and T. J. Smith, first assistant fire chief who recognized the firemen for outstanding fire fighting and drill attendance. The third fireman recognized and not shown was Gary Glaiser who was busy at the time this photo was taken fighting a car fire on East Main Street around 9:00 p.m. Saturday night, drawing a company of the firemen away from the banquet briefly for this emergency call.

Firemen End "Unusual" And Record Year With Banquet

Firemen Honored For Outstanding Service At Event Last Saturday

The year of 1980 was a most unusual one, bringing sadness, gratification and thankfulness to members of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department, commented Fire Chief L. J. (Sonny) Spanihel at the department's annual Ladies Night Christmas Banquet and Dance held in the Eagle Lake Community Center Saturday night, Dec. 20th.

He noted that the department had its "busiest year ever" answering a total of 132 alarms (52 in the city and 80 out of the city), 61 more than in 1979. The total included 30 alarms in the month of July.

"We found the year to be a sad one following the tragic injuries to four volunteer firemen in an explosion while answering an alarm in the city, but also one for gratitude and thankfulness that these firemen were able to recover from their injuries (two were critically injured), added the Fire Chief as he welcomed over two hundred persons who gathered for the annual event Saturday night. Spanihel also expressed heartfelt thanks in behalf of the department for the overwhelming support shown by citizens near and far for the FIRE Fund (Firemen's Injury, Retirement and Endowment Fund) established to aid the injured firemen and their families.

Three Attend Banquet
Three of the four firemen who were injured, and their wives, were at the banquet Saturday night. Tim, Luedke, Wilfred Luedke and Monroe Briscoe were present; but Lane Voelcker has been transferred by his employer, a cable television company, to Kansas City and



MERRY CHRISTMAS
May you have the happiest of Holidays among friends and bright with laughter and joy of the season.
Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary
(Pink Ladies)

he and his wife expressed regret in not being able to attend and extended thanks to the firemen and citizens of the community for their help and cooperation during the days he was recovering from critical injuries in a San Antonio hospital.

After the invocation by the department's chaplain, Clark Powers, and the singing of "Silent Night" led by Clark and wife Vicki and Mrs. Edward (Cynthia) Sunderman, a delicious menu of turkey and dressing and the trimmings was enjoyed by the more than two hundred persons present. Mrs. Frank Broecker and staff catered the event.

The fire chief recognized the department's 1980 and 1981 officers and especially the new mascot, Chad Sunderman, who replaces Shane Glaiser in that position. Chad is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sunderman.

Special Guests
Chief Spanihel introduced special guests and wives, City Manager Bob Klockman, Councilmen Roy Dean Van Nort, Mike Duarte and Ralph Truby, City Officers Larry Hill and Bill Chavis; Ambulance Corps President John Mahalic, Jr.; Commissioner Bill Stiles; Headlight Editor Fred Franks; and City Secretary, Lucille Lange. Also special guests were Jim Clippson, Johnny Kalusa and Vance Duncan and Joe Mike Spanihel who assisted in making the department's "biggest ever" stew supper a big success. Also recognized were life members and past fire chiefs and spouses.

He also introduced the president of the Firemen's Auxiliary, Mrs. Bobby Joe (Becky) Marsalis. She in turn introduced the Auxiliary officers and the new 1981 mascot, "Miss Sparkle", little Miss Rebecca Marsalis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marsalis. Rebecca replaces Krista Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Miller, as "Miss Sparkle".

Mrs. Marsalis presented to Fire Chief Spanihel, in behalf of the Auxiliary, a gift of hip boots which the chief said were sorely needed in certain emergency and fire-fighting situations. She also recognized life members, Lou Birdwell, Jonie Mae Muzny, Emma Pustejovsky, Willie May Tate, Loraine Smith and Edna Hollas and Anna Loosin.

First Assistant Fire Chief
T. J. Smith reported on fire calls during the year - a record 132 alarms with 52 in the city and 80 out of the city; and on attendance of the firemen at these fires and at practice drills. A full report on these may be found on page 1, section 2-A.

Awards Presented
He presented certificates of appreciation in behalf of the department to the three administrators of the FIRE (Firemen's Injury, Retirement and Endowment Fund): Treasurer Pete Canaris, Secretary Melvin Stanch and Fire Chief Spanihel for "outstanding and

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FIRE Fund Administrators Cited



First Assistant Fire Chief T. J. Smith, right, presented awards in behalf of the Eagle Lake Fire Department, to three members of the department's FIRE Fund administrative board at the Christmas Banquet Saturday night in the Community Center. Left to right are: secretary Melvin Stanch, Fire Chief L. J. (Sonny) Spanihel, and treasurer Pete Canaris who received citations for "outstanding and dedicated service in administration of the FIRE Fund for the benefit of injured firemen and their families."

permit their employees to make these calls as a service to the community even though it proves to be a real hardship to their business at times," said Smith.

Mayor Praises Firemen
Mayor Elmer Stevens spoke briefly extending thanks in behalf of the city and the citizens of this community for the dedicated service of the firemen and their wives. He asked the gathering to give the firemen a standing round of applause for their cooperation and consideration during the past year; and with the singing of "Jingle Bells" led by the trio of Clark and Vicki Powers and Cynthia Sunderman.

After the banquet the firemen did some social dancing and listening to the music of the Knights of Dio as a fitting climax to a very delightful pre-Christmas hospitality.

The gift was made in behalf of the Auxiliary of the Fire Department's annual Christmas Party by the Community Center Saturday night.

Keep up with all activities of the Fire Fund District by reading the Headlight.

Caperton Names Three To Staff

Senator-elect Kent A. Caperton announced he has filled three key positions on his staff for the upcoming legislative session. The three staff members will be Roger P. Miller, Administrative Assistant; Susan Owens, Executive Secretary; and Glen Henry, Legislative Assistant.

For further information contact: Glen Henry (713) 945-1748.

Merry Christmas To All