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Walker wins awards at pecan show

The Colorado/Fayette County Pecan Show was held Wednesday, December 2 at Veterans Memorial Hall in Weimar with E. Harrison Walker of Eagle Lake named as reserve champion in the native division and grand champion heaviest native entry with 54.1 nuts per pound.

The show this year had 91 entries, 49 of the entries were in-shell varieties, 21 were shelling varieties and 21 natives. Pecans were divided into three major divisions according to use.

In-shell pecans are those varieties which have less than 50 nuts per pound and are usually sold to be home cracked. Shelling pecans are those improved varieties that have more than 50 nuts per pound that are produced for the machine shelling market and sold shelled. Natives are the third major division and consist of all of the unnamed natives which are usually marketed into the shelling markets.

Champion and reserve champion are selected in each of the three major divisions, plus first through third places in each variety.

Grand champion in-shell was won

by Walter Roeder of Schulenburg with his Choctaw variety entry. Reserve champion was a Desirable exhibited by Donald Cernosek of Holman.

Cernosek's Cheyenne entry gave him the grand champion shelling variety with Charlie Hajovsky of Holman receiving reserve with his Sioux entry.

Grand champion native was exhibited by Lawrence Loessin of Weimar and the reserve champion was won by Walker.

The champion in-shell pecan had 32.4 pecans per pound and the percent kernel was 55.5. The champion shelling pecan had a 55.1 percent kernel and the native had 48.3 percent shell-out.

Heaviest in-shell was a Mahan by Frank Kolk Jr. of Weimar with 31.22 nuts per pound. Walter Roeder of Schulenburg had the reserve champion entry, a Choctaw with a 32.4 per pound.

The grand champion heaviest percent kernel in-shell Sterling entry by Mike Waligura of Garwood had a 58.5 percent kernel. A Mohawk entered by



Harrison Walker proudly displays his winnings from the pecan show where he received reserve champion in the native division and grand champion in the heaviest native entry per pound.

Emil Mensik of Holman with 58.3 percent kernel was selected as the reserve entry.

The grand champion highest percent shelling pecan was 59.5 percent Cheyenne entry by Harry Buzek of Nada. Henry Adamcik of Weimar won reserve with a 58.4 percent Sioux entry.

Harrison Walker of Eagle Lake had grand champion heaviest native entry with 54.1 nuts per pound. Lawrence Loessin of Weimar had reserve heaviest native with a weight of 56.1 nuts per pound.

Percent kernel is an important consideration when purchasing pecans. This can be easily remembered if a person ever cracked a pecan which was only half filled. This results in a low percentage kernel, and a higher cost per pound of kernels. Percent kernel in the 1987 show ranged from a high of 59.5 for a Cheyenne entry and 33.8 for a native. The most important point is not the variety, but how the trees have been cared for and how the nuts have filled.

Cash awards were presented in addition to the plaques and rosettes to the champion and reserve champion winners.

Donors for the show were Columbus State Bank, First State Bank of Columbus, M-G Inc. of Weimar, First State Bank of Weimar, Hill Bank and Trust of Weimar, Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan Association, F&W Food Market of Garwood, Helmscamp Lumber Co. of Weimar, Herder Lumber Co. of Weimar and Veterans Memorial Hall of Weimar.

A number of entries from the joint Colorado/Fayette County Pecan Show will be entered in the regional pecan show to be held in Kerrville, December 15-18. The regional pecan show will include entries from 33 counties in the south Texas area.

The joint county pecan show was sponsored by the pecan committee from each county, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas A&M University. The local Commissioners' Court make the program available.

East Bernard school menu

Monday, December 14: breakfast, cereal or doughnut, fruit, milk; lunch, chicken fried steak, rice and gravy, green beans or broccoli, fruit, homemade bread, milk.

Tuesday, December 15: breakfast, cereal or scrambled eggs, breakfast sausage, biscuit, jelly, juice, milk; lunch, hot dog with chili and cheese, tater tots, ranch style beans, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, December 16: breakfast, cereal or pancakes with syrup, juice, milk; lunch, chulupas with lettuce, tomato and cheese, corn, jello, bread, milk.

Thursday, December 17: breakfast, cereal or sausage patty, biscuit, jelly, juice, milk; lunch, chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, peas or vegetables, fruit, hot roll, milk.

Friday, December 18: breakfast, cereal or cinnamon roll, fruit, milk; lunch, pizza, fried okra or pea salad, fruit, brownie, milk.

Hospital News

Patients (December 7)

Eagle Lake: Vester Booker, V.J. Kana, Shirley Shorter and baby boy; Miguel Arellano, Juanita Williams; East Bernard: Lillian Oldag; from Altair: Sarah Perry and baby boy; from Sheridan: Aileen Jung.

Dismissals

Eagle Lake: Josie Cook, Leslie Lucero, Darlene Solomon, Daniel Supak Sr., Dora Larsen; Wallis: Aris George, Gilberto Moreno; from Columbus: Myrtle Simmons, Vivian Coleman; from Rock Island: Billie Mayes, Darrell Edds; from Sheridan: Joe Stapleton.

Saunders seeking re-election

State Representative Robert Saunders of La Grange announced he will seek re-election for a fifth term to the Texas House of Representatives in the March 8, 1988 Democratic Primary. He has held this position since 1980. Representative Saunders presently serves as the chairman of the Environmental Affairs Committee and is also a member of the powerful State Affairs Committee. In addition to these assignments, he has been appointed to the Legislative Council which is very influential in establishing legislative policies and procedures.

"I have certainly enjoyed serving the people in District 30 these last seven years. Although lately we have seen hard economic times which require tough decisions, I wish to be a part of the solution rather than bow out while the going is rough," said Saunders. "I believe the district would be at a disadvantage in the next session without an experienced leader to voice our concerns in the Legislature," he stressed.

During the most recent legislative session he worked for the successful passage of an economic development plan to stimulate growth and attract new industries to the state. He also supported a strong educational system at all levels to give our children the skills necessary to prosper in today's



highly technological society. He has used his Environmental Affairs Chairmanship as a forum to work continuously to clean up the Colorado River which is so vital to our area.

In the previous re-election campaign, Representative Saunders outdistanced a field of four challengers without a runoff in the primary and carried the general election by nearly a 2-1 margin. Saunders stated, "I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet with everyone again during the campaign and discuss how I can better serve them in the future."

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