

CC Pecan Food Show Winners



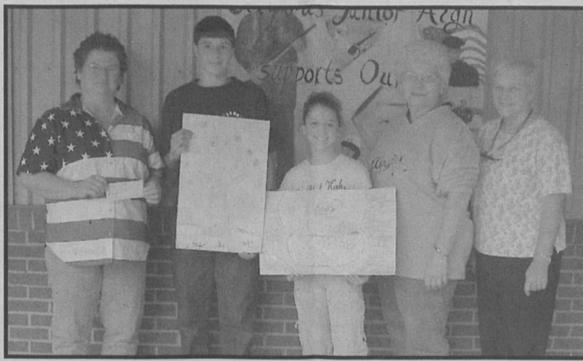
The 2004 Colorado County Pecan Food Show, which is sponsored by the Colorado County Pecan Task Force Committee and Texas Cooperative Extension in Colorado County, was held on Monday, November 22, 2004 at the Colorado County Courthouse in Columbus. Youth and adult participants were able to place entries in 6 classes: Cookies, Cakes, Candy, Pies, Quick Breads, and Miscellaneous. The entries were judged and then displayed and sold to the public at the courthouse.

Grand and Reserve Champion winners in these two age groups and classes were: Youth Division: Cookies, Grand Champion: Andrea Stock, Weimar; Cookies, Reserve Champion: Walter Christensen & Preston Pickett, Columbus; Cakes, Grand Champion: Laura Moeller, Columbus; Candy,

Grand Champion: Kristy Kulhanek, Fayetteville; Pies, Grand Champion: Kristy Kulhanek, Fayetteville; Pies, Reserve Champion: William Christensen, Columbus; Quick Breads, Grand Champion, Dylan Hasse, Weimar; Quick Breads, Reserve Champion: Laura Moeller, Columbus.

Adult Division: Cookies, Grand Champion: Catherine Berger, Garwood; Cookies, Reserve Champion: Suzy Boettcher, Columbus; Cakes, Grand Champion: Catherine Berger, Garwood; Cakes, Reserve Champion: Monica Stock, Weimar; Candy, Grand Champion: Suzy Boettcher, Columbus; Pies, Grand Champion: Barbara Praise, Columbus; Pies, Reserve Champion: Stuart Hill, Columbus; Miscellaneous, Grand Champion: Mary Ann Henneke, Nada.

2004 Pecan Poster Contest Winners Announced



The 2004 Colorado County Pecan Poster Contest Winners were announced by the Extension Education Association of Colorado County and Texas Cooperative Extension, Colorado County. The poster contest, which is held in conjunction with the Colorado County Pecan Food Show and Colorado County Pecan Producers Show, was open to all elementary and junior high school students in Colorado County. The contest is used as a promotion of pecans and their uses while illustrating creative use of the contest's theme. This year's theme was "Celebrate Pecans".

Grand Champions received a monetary award of \$10.00 and Reserve Champions received \$5.00. All entries in the contest received participation certificates. Winners were as follows: Division II Grand Champion, Korby Halla, Garwood Elementary; Division III Grand Champion, Kevin Hillmer, Columbus Jr. High; Division III Reserve Champion, Aerial Hoelscher, Columbus Jr. High.

All Pecan Show photos courtesy of the Colorado County Pecan Food Show and Colorado County Pecan Producers Show.

Forest Oaks Proud hold progressive dinner

By Dorothy Welch

Amid beautiful, twinkling Christmas lights on homes and the sounds of seasonal music and sleigh bells at front doors, many residents and property owners in the Forest Oaks Subdivision visited the homes of Ed and Betty Walker, Dorothy Welch, and Ron and Joyce Chastain on Saturday, December 4, launching the holiday season and celebrating an evening of community spirit, friendship, and feasting at the annual Forest Oaks Proud Progressive Dinner while enjoying superb winter weather and crisp night air.

An attractive, delicious, bountiful assortment of hors d'oeuvres and salads greeted participants at the Walker house, a beautifully decorated and furnished new home which was further enhanced by the Walker's gracious welcome. Mrs. Scott Smyth and Mrs. Ted Francis assisted Betty with this course.

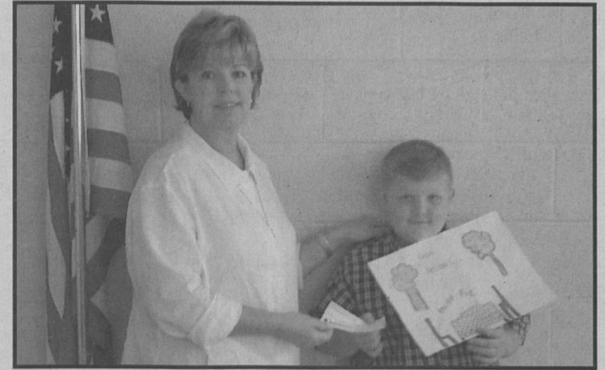
Colorado and Forest Oaks residents, Danielle and James Eldridge, daughter and son-in-law of Ms. Welch and co-hosts, cheerfully greeted guests with their warm, engaging hospitality and offered open seating at the dining and sun room tables of the Welch home. The tables were tastefully appointed with centerpiece of snowy white seasonal flowers and illum-

nated with candles, overhead candelabrum, glittering crystal, and silver. Guests served themselves at a festive, colorful buffet featuring treasured recipes and holiday favorites of Ms. Welch and Danielle.

Beautifully decorated cakes, pies, and chocolate dipped strawberries accompanied by steaming cups of coffee, chocolate, and tea, were just part of the many items on hand for the conclusion of the evening at the appealing custom-built home of the friendly, ardent Chastains. Forest Oaks Proud President Ron Kariker and his lovely wife, Doris, served as co-hosts.

Among the guests were the Ron Lamberts of Wallis, the Scott Smyths of Schulenburg, the Skip Pustejovskys and granddaughter, Keslie, the Ted Francis' and sons, Brian and Ted, Ms. Peggy Wunneburger, the Dick Carrs, and the George Vandermarks and daughters, Paige and Carlee, of Eagle Lake. Carlee entertained by playing Christmas selections on her flute during the evening to the delight of everyone.

Missed by all were the George Wessels, dedicated supporters of Forest Oaks Proud, who just happened to be happily cruising the Caribbean for the ninth time during another holiday vacation.



Santa's Helpers - Now Hiring!

'Tis the season to make money. Work opportunities abound around the holidays. From Oct. through Jan., businesses hire additional employees to keep up with the demand from increased holiday sales. "Extra work around the holiday season is beneficial to employers, employees and the economy as a whole," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. "The extra revenue from holiday sales allows for extra hiring, which in turn gives the workforce more disposable income and allows for a rise in consumer spending. It's a win-win situation all around."

The last holiday season showed an increase in the number of people employed across the state. Last year, 100,700 jobs were gained from August through Dec. The biggest workforce boosts usually occur in the retail sector, with transportation, warehousing and trade also seeing increases.

"This is a traditional time for employers in many industries to add to the workforce as business activity expands and sales increase," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "We are already seeing gains over the last year in virtually every major industry, and further increases due to the holidays will only add to those."

TWC recently launched a new resource for job-seekers, WorkInTexas.com. This powerful, web-based tool matches employers of all sizes with workers from entry-level to executive. WorkInTexas.com also offers career resources, including information about resume preparation, job interview tips and current employment data.

"It is good to see so many workers joining the labor force, whether for temporary or permanent employment," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Seasonal employment not only adds to an individual's income, but in many cases, a temporary job can be the springboard to permanent employment."

Employers and job seekers alike sometimes have questions about laws relating to temporary work. TWC offers the following information about seasonal staffing:

- Temporary employees are subject to the same laws as regular full or part-time employees. Even if a worker's job is scheduled to end at a specific time, temporary staff members are not contract labor. They are entitled to the same protections under the law as regular employees.

- The Texas Payday Law requires that both temporary and regular employees receive their wages in full and in a timely manner. Employers cannot withhold any amount of a paycheck without prior written authorization from the employee, or unless authorized by state or federal law, or by court order. Additionally, current minimum wage laws apply to wages earned.

- Employers must pay Unemployment Insurance taxes on their temporary employees. The wages earned must be reported and are subject to taxes. This law applies even though a temporary employee knows from the outset that the job will end at a set time

and the employee doesn't plan to seek another job after that assignment has ended.

- Federal and Texas child labor laws ensure that children are not employed in an occupation or manner that is detrimental to their safety, health or well-being. Any individual under 18 years of age is defined as a child. Youths age 16 and 17 may perform any job not declared hazardous by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) for unlimited hours. Youths age 14 and 15 may work outside school hours in various nonmanufacturing, non-mining, nonhazardous jobs under the following conditions: no more than three hours on a school day, 18 hours in a school week, eight hours on a nonschool day or 40 hours in a nonschool week. Except during the summer, 14- and 15-year-old employees may not begin work before 7 a.m. or work after 7 p.m.

Safety Tips

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Unplug light strings before replacing bulbs.

Turn off the Christmas lights and all other electrical decorations when you sleep and when you leave your home. Consider using a timer to automatically turn on and off your electrical decorations according to your schedule.

Outdoor Decorations

Before using any light strings, animated displays or other electrical decorations outdoors, make sure the product is approved by a nationally recognized certification organization and marked "for outdoor use".

Never use indoor extension cords outside.

Keep outdoor electrical connectors above ground and out of puddles.

Make sure trees decorated with lights are not touching power lines.

When connecting light strands, wrap a plastic bag around connections and tie ends with Teflon tape.

Do not staple or nail through light strings or electrical/extension cords. You could damage the wire or insulation, which could lead to an electrical shock or fire.

Do not decorate after dark when it is difficult to see electrical cords and easier to pierce one while hanging light strands.

Do we have any carpenters in the area?

By Pastor Ken Jones

I remember the song by Peter, Paul, and Mary "If I had a hammer" that was popular when I was in high school way back in the sixties.

The front steps at the Eagle Lake Lighthouse are falling in, and need both a new riser and treads. I almost fell through the gaps when carrying in food for the young people the other

afternoon. I am sure any help would be appreciated.

Cookies, cookies, where are the cookie makers?

The Lighthouse has requested that anyone who could make some holiday cookies and bring them in on the 15th or 16th sure would be appreciated. You say, you don't have the time to work with 90 young people, to coach, to tutor, to guide, to mentor, and to love. Then how about the time to make a couple dozen cookies, and drop them off either at the Lighthouse, or at Lissie UMC, where Pastor Ken will be happy to bring them in to the kids.

Happy 4th Birthday

P.J.

Dec. 12

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Priscilla, Grandma K, and
MoMo and PoPo Moreida

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5th Annual Christmas Coloring Contest

Pick up picture to be colored at your nearest Shoppa's Farm Supply.

Deadline to enter is Noon

Saturday, December 18th.

Ages: 2 - 5 years old & 6 - 10 years old

PRIZES

2 - 5 years old

1st Place - Battery operated Tractor w/Cart

2nd Place - \$100.00 Gift Certificate

3rd Place - \$75.00 Gift Certificate

6 - 10 years old

1st Place - \$150.00 Gift Certificate

2nd Place - \$100.00 Gift Certificate

3rd Place - \$75.00 Gift Certificate

Winners to be announced

Thursday, December 23, 2004.

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