



Pictured above are the Rice Lady Raiders Cross Country District Competitors. Front row left to right: Marneikwa Woods, Melinda Llanos. Back row left to right: Carmen Saenz, Rebecca Dota, Chelsea Korenek, Kayli Kallina, Kelsey Danklefs.



Pictured above are the Rice Raiders Cross Country District Competitors. Left to right: Sareal Valdez, Garreth Casper, Travis Kaley

## Surreal Visions Art Exhibit Now Open At WCJC

An art exhibit featuring the works of Wharton native Melanie Nickolyn opened at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 5 beginning with a two-hour reception just outside the Wharton County Junior College Duson-Hansen Fine Arts Building Art Gallery. The reception and the exhibit that continues through November 21 are both free and open to the public.

At the reception, Nickolyn

was available to discuss "Surreal Visions," her collection of mixed media figurative paintings created since graduating from WCJC in 2004.

"I would get in trouble drawing on things I wasn't supposed to when I was young," laughed the 24-year-old visual artist.

It was Pat Blair, her third grade teacher who is now a high school teacher, who first pointed

out this artistic gift. Entering junior high, Nickolyn was thrilled to discover art as an elective class that met daily for a full class period. Here she started painting. She also joined the Wharton Art League where her talent was immediately recognized after drawing just one picture.

Nickolyn credits Dr. Bruce Turner, now retired from Wharton High School, with encouraging her

to work in different mediums.

"He made me do a lot of things I was afraid to do or that I hadn't tried before," said Nickolyn.

High school also kindled Nickolyn's interest in the surrealism of Spanish painter Salvadore Dali and helped influence her work. During her sophomore year, she won a gold medal in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art Program which included free classes at Houston's Glassell Art School.

WCJC Art Instructor Jess Coleman remembers Nickolyn as a serious and talented art student while at WCJC. Reconnecting with her since she graduated cum laude from Texas State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting, he said she has blossomed.

"I particularly like the mixed media piece with multiple faces," said Coleman of Nickolyn's "Surreal Visions" exhibit, adding that he sees the influence of Dali in some of her work, while other pieces are more decorative.

Nickolyn elected to major in painting after learning that designers were creating sculptures and fashion drawings and calling them paintings.

"I didn't want any boundaries," said Nickolyn, who at one time considered majoring in fashion design.

"Surreal Visions" is on display in the WCJC Duson-Hansen Fine Arts Building Art Gallery, room 109, through November 21. The exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

For additional information about "Surreal Visions" contact 979-532-6322.



Jose and Isabell Morales present Tesla Reyes with a gift bag from Golden Goose Designs during the Eagle Lake Community Outreach event held recently.

## Texas Crop Weather Report

The Texas Field Office released the following report regarding Texas agriculture for the past week.

### Agricultural Summary

The eastern half of the state received 0.01 to 0.25 inches of rainfall while the rest of the state observed little to no rainfall.

Small grains were progressing and in good condition in the north.

However, in the south, small grains were suffering due to lack of rain.

Cotton harvest was in full swing across the state.

Grain sorghum harvest was in full swing across the state with variable yields in the Southern High Plains.

Peanut harvest continued in some areas of the state.

Pecan harvest continued but looked dismal.

Livestock were in fair to good condition across the state with some supplemental feeding taking place.

Topsoil moisture was mostly short to adequate across the state.

### Field Crops Report

Winter wheat in the plains was progressing well and was in good condition while some areas needed rain.

Wheat farmers in the Cross Timbers were almost finished sowing, and wheat was doing well. Most of the wheat in parts of the Blacklands had been planted, but needs moisture to grow, while other areas were in need of rain.

Wheat and oats were emerging slowly in Edwards Plateau while wheat planting continued in South Central Texas.

In South Texas, wheat and oats continued to suffer due to dry conditions.

Wheat condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Oats condition was mostly very poor to fair.

The cotton crop in the High and Southern Plains had suffered from the freeze in some parts while harvest continued.

Cotton harvest was just beginning in the Northern Low Plains while it was underway in the Southern Low Plains.

Cotton was being harvested in Trans-Pecos.

Harvest in Edwards Plateau was in full swing and in good condition while cotton in South Central Texas was winding down.

Cotton condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Corn harvest in the Northern High Plains was in full swing and nearing completion.

Corn condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Sorghum harvest was in full swing and almost complete in the Northern High Plains and South Central Texas.

Harvest continued in the Southern High Plains while yields were variable.

Sorghum condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Peanut harvest continued in some areas of the state.

Peanut condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

Pecans were nearing harvest in the Cross Timbers.

Pecans were still waiting for frost in Trans-Pecos, and the crop looked dismal in Trans-Pecos and Edwards Plateau.

Spinach was growing well in South Central Texas but extremely dry.

Pumpkin harvest was complete in the Northern High Plains.

Onions were emerging in the Trans-Pecos.

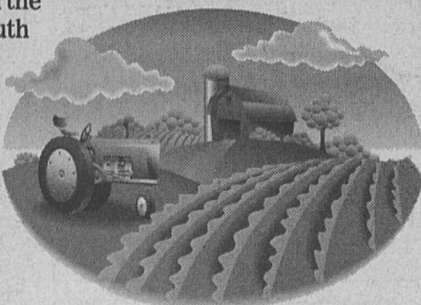
### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Livestock were in fair to good condition across the state with some supplemental feeding taking place.

Pasture and range land were in good condition in the Northern Plains.

Pastures and fields need rain in Cross Timbers and Southern Low Plains.

Range and pasture condition was mostly poor to fair statewide.



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