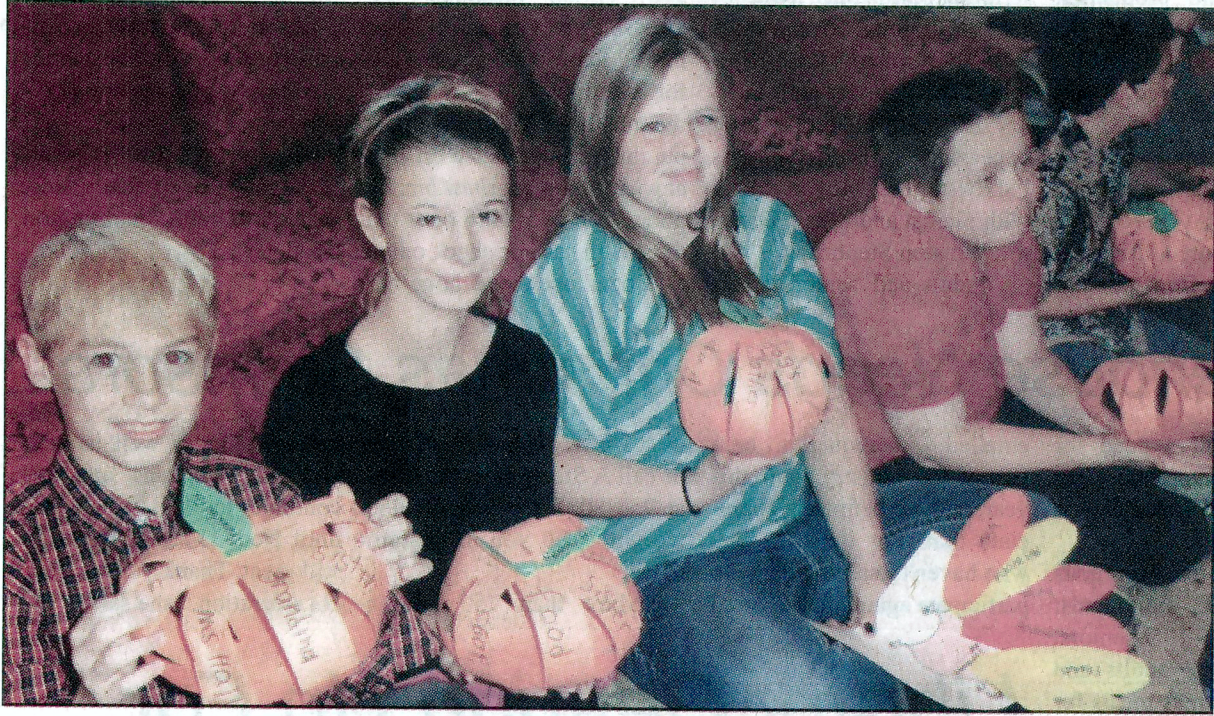


People



Students show their pumpkins with advice at a party hosted by Bermuda Run Garden Club.

Holiday Luncheon Fills Dining Hall

By Alice Bostrom
Special to the Enterprise

There was much excitement in the air as school buses arrived at Bermuda Run Country Club Nov. 20.

Approximately 170 exceptional children from 10 Davie County schools, their teachers and bus drivers were guests of the Bermuda Run Garden Club for a holiday luncheon that has become a tradition the week before Thanksgiving.

Garden Club President Sue Whitaker welcomed everyone as pianist Mike Hendrix played holiday favorites for a sing-along. Several special guests joined the festivities this year including the Mayor of Bermuda Run, Ken Rethmeier, who enjoyed spending time visiting with students and staff.

One young man, Jacob, said that he had dressed up especially to meet the mayor.

Jennifer Custer, exceptional children's program director of Davie County Schools, attended to see the smiles on the students' faces.

Many students had made individual cards and beautiful Christmas ornaments which they delivered to garden club members during the sing-along. Other gifts included colorful posters, orange paper pumpkins, and even a red paper poinsettia plant, all expressing tender holiday thank you messages.

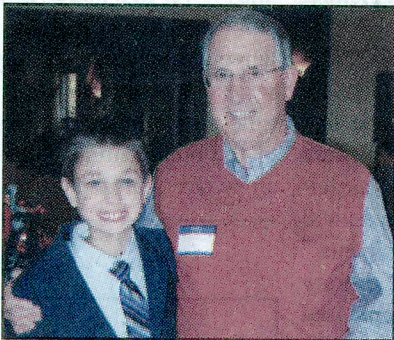
Chair Lynn Marcellino and her committee composed of Shelby Nichols, Alice Bostrom, Pat Wagner and Marbee Gingras began planning many months in advance. They spent much time arranging for food donations and decorations provided by many garden club members. Special appreciation was expressed to Lowe's Foods and store manager Matt Bratton for their donation of 68 pounds of turkey.

Bermuda Run Country Club Catering Director Lucy Gidley, and Executive Chef Eric Kirkeeng as well as the club wait staff assisted with time and talents in preparing and serving turkey, green beans, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, deviled eggs, rolls and beverages. For dessert, numerous tasty cupcakes and cookies were shared.

Such a special day for these

students has truly become one of the highlights of the year for the garden club members as well as the Bermuda Run Country Club staff.

Everyone associated with this event appreciates the opportunity of being able to share and give back to Davie County.



Ellis student Jacob dresses up to meet Mayor Ken Rethmeier.



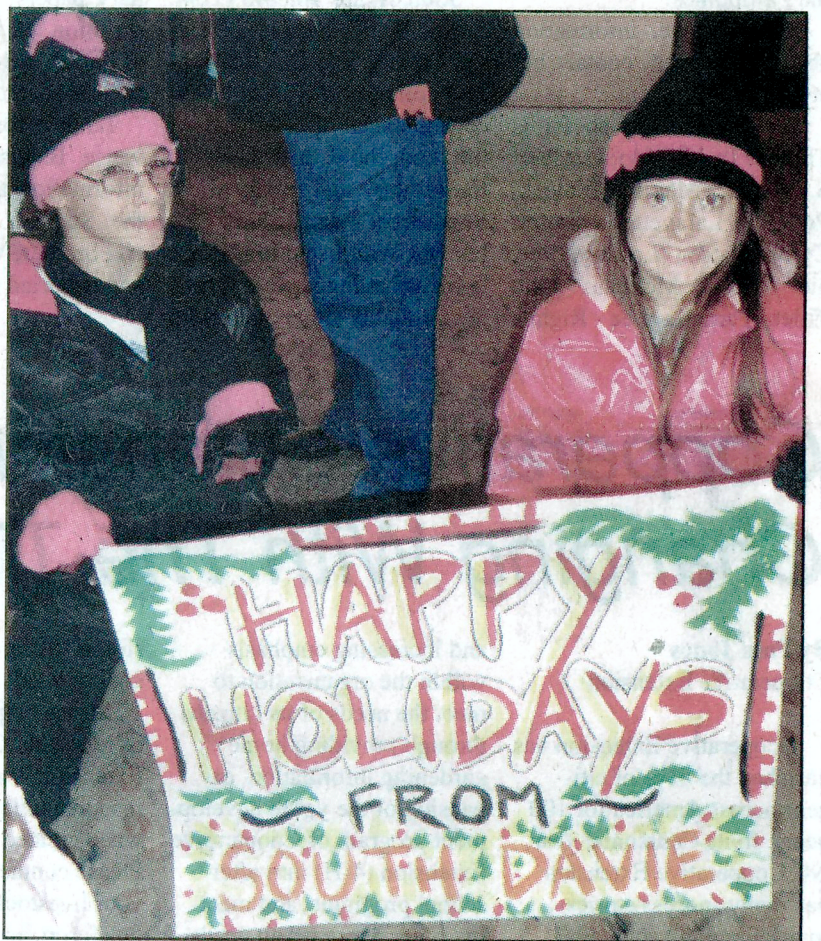
This student holds a sign saying "Happy Thanksgiving" to everyone.



Club members welcome guests.



Bermuda Run Garden Club member and event organizer Shelby Nichols accepts a paper poinsettia from Pinebrook Elementary students.



South Davie students say thank you.



Bermuda Run Garden Club members celebrate a successful holiday party.



The Bermuda Run Country Club dining hall is filled with exceptional children from Davie County Schools and Bermuda Run Garden Club members.