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To THE EDITOR & YOU

Eagle Lake Chamber sends thanks

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the local businesses in Eagle Lake who helped by making donations for the 2000 Santa Bags.

Contributors were: Austin's Grocery, Canaris Nursery, The Cupboard, Dairy Delite, Eagle Stop, Eagle Lake Drugstore, Eagle Lake Insurance Associates, Eagle Lake Supermarket, Eagle Lake Super Stop, Furniture Shoppe, J&K's Corner, Laker Printing and Wallis State Bank.

Acting as Santa's Helpers were Veronica Gonzales and Alex Torres, Debbie and Melvin Schmitt, Beverly Mason, Theresa Zapalac, Lana Dulaney, Dillan Gertson, Fernando Cano and Brent Mathis.

Also a big "thank you" goes to Southwestern Bell for funding the trophies; to Thurston Webb of Laker Trophies for making them; to Ryan Enterprises of El Campo for the lighting; the Dwayne Pagel Family for the loan of the flatbed and helping decorate it; Gary Tise for the sound system; civic organizations for making it extra special; Julian and Dorothy Flores and Union Pacific Railroad; Dillan Gertson, who helped pass out the trophies and rosettes;

Lion's Club, City of Eagle Lake

employees, Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department; Eagle Lake Police Department, Colorado County Commissioner Pct. 4 Darrell Gertson and his crew; and City Manager Ron Holland, who with all of their help made the parade run smoothly.

And last, but not least, to Lynda Appelt Evans for being mistress of ceremonies.

Thanks again,
Eagle Lake
Chamber of Commerce

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Dec. 9, 1976

Edith W. Swanson of Baytown, sister of Mrs. Roger Brown, a resident of Tomball but formerly of Eagle Lake, died Nov. 27...

Mrs. & Mrs. Jack Dorman Crout of Rosenberg announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Carla Jean, to Dudley Clay Latimer, son of Mr. & Mrs. D.L. Latimer of La Marque. Both Miss Crout and Mr. Latimer are teachers in the Rice CISD. The wedding is planned for Dec. 18 at the First Baptist Church in Rosenberg...

The Eagle Lake float was in Wharton for the annual Christmas parade in that city. The float won a fourth place prize of a ribbon and \$15...

Kimberly Ann Moss arrived at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Jim Moss weighing six pounds, 15 ounces and 19 inches long. She was born Nov. 21st at 7:10 a.m. in a Sinton Hospital...

Miss Brenda Kallina, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Kallina of Garwood, captured the title of Miss Texas Gulf Coast in competition in Beeville last week-end...

Jackie Laake announced this week the purchase of The Beauty Barn, located at 112 N. McCarty in Eagle Lake, from Mrs. Dorothy Carley. She has re-opened the shop as Jackie's Hair Fashions...

The Rice High School boys basketball team captured first place in the 7th annual Rice High School tournament. The Raiders will be seeking their third straight tournament championship in the Columbus tournament this week-end. Members of the team are Sammy Flowers, Ollie Moore, Bobby Turner, John Grammer, Clayton Smith, James Parker, Anthony Prihoda, Keith Sommerlatte, David Banks and Lionel Bluntson. The team is coached by Coach Jack Grammer...

Betsy Glaiser, president of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department's Auxiliary, presented a gift of a bunker coat to Eagle Lake Fire Chief L.J. (Sonny) Spanihel at the annual Firemen's Banquet in the Community Center...

Mrs. Mary Longoria, 55, died Nov. 25 in a Galveston hospital. She was the mother of Richard Cortez of this city...

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Tate announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sandy, to Leon Schneider, son of Mr. & Mrs. N.J. Schneider of Garwood. A Nuptial Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada will unite the couple in marriage on Jan. 15 at 2 p.m.

Nov. 27, 1952

Four El Campo youths were nabbed after a Sheridan robbery, ending a long trail of burglaries in two counties...

Howard Lee and Jack Dowdy are on the second All-District 24A team...

Congratulations to Miss Lorene Mendell and M.G. Lanier who exchanged vows in Garwood Nov. 20th...

1873 Election was also contested

An important election challenged over a technicality of the law. The matter goes to the Supreme Court while political futures hang in the balance in the capital city of Texas. Someone from Florida is causing problems. Austin in Nov. 2000? No, Austin in 1847.

The contested Nov. 7 presidential election, in which Democrat Al Gore

garnered the most popular ballots while Republican George W. Bush apparently collected the most ballots in the Electoral College, has left Austin in political limbo.

It has been 126 years since any other election polarized - and paralyzed - Austin to such an extent.

On Dec. 2, 1873, Democratic challenger Richard Coke defeated the Republican incumbent Gov. E.J. Davis, by a two to one margin. Recount? No matter the vote totals, the matter was nearly decided with guns.

Davis, first elected in 1869, had been an officer in the Union Army during the Civil War. His 1873 opponent had served on the Confederate side.

A native Floridian, Davis had not been a popular governor. There had been talk of impeachment.

When the election results finally came in, most Texans thought they were rid of Davis. But on Jan. 5, 1874, in a decision styled Ex Parte Rodriguez, the Texas Supreme Court held the election to be unconstitutional.

At issue was this language in the state's election law: "All elections... shall be held at the county seats of the several counties until otherwise provided by law; and the polls shall be open for four days."

The fight was over the meaning of the semi-colon after the word "law."

Based on this decision, which most historians believed was reached on the basis of partisan politics, not a reasoned interpretation of the law, Davis declared he would not vacate the governor's office.

Coke, in turn, said he would not be denied the governorship, no matter the findings of the pro-Davis Supreme Court.

For two weeks, from Jan. 5 to Jan. 19, Austin verged on civil insurrection. The capitol became an armed camp as two different sets of party partisans, legislators and other elected officials tried to keep or gain control

State Capitol Highlights

By Mike Cox
Texas Press Association

of the building.

A war could have started on Jan. 16, when a pro-Coke party forced open the state arsenal and removed rifles and ammunition. Fortunately, Coke ordered the men to return the weapons.

Davis, meanwhile, had appealed to Republican President U.S. Grant for help. The president recommended that Davis "yield to the verdict of the people."

When the president turned down a second request for federal troops, Davis reluctantly decided to step down.

Despite all the tension, the only shooting that resulted from the incident was a 102-gun salute fired on the capitol grounds after Coke's inauguration.

The lesson for Texas during the waning days of the year 2000? Painful as the presidential election process has been this year, at least the only confrontations have been between the spin masters, the lawyers and the courts.

As the year 2000 slowly runs out of calendar pages, at least this is certain: The 77th session of the Texas Legislature convenes on Jan. 9.

As of late in Nov., more than 400 bills have been pre-filed.

Lawmakers have until March 9 for filing bills or joint resolutions that are not local or not considered an emergency.

In Austin, despite the political uncertainty brought about by the contested national election, lobbyists and interest groups are poring over bills as if they were Christmas shopping lists.

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Medicines Used For Leukemias (CLL/ALL)

There are different types of leukemia, but the two most common are chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) and acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). Normally, cells made in the bone marrow mature into different types of blood cells (e.g., red blood cells, white blood cells, and platelets). In leukemia, however, there are too many white cells, and they do not mature correctly. Leukemic cells tend to accumulate in the bone marrow, spleen, liver, and central nervous system. Although ALL is the most common malignancy of children ages 3 to 5 years, it can affect adolescents and adults. Most CLL occurs in persons over 60 and is more common in men.

Remission from ALL is sometimes accomplished with early combinations of daily prednisone and weekly doses of vincristine (Oncovin) and asparaginase (Oncaspar). Once remission is reached, maintenance medicines such as methotrexate (Rheumatrex) and mercaptopurine (Purinethol) often are administered. In CLL fludarabine (Fludara) alone or with steroids like prednisone often is effective. Prednisone alone has produced a brief, but striking and rapid, improvement in some persons with advanced CLL.

'Shop the Block' is set for Dec. 14

Move over Santa! The 1st Annual Shop the Block Christmas party is about to hit East Bernard!

Local small business owner's, Liz Reed and Patti Daniel of La Vela Bonita Candle Company are spearheading the event which will take place Thursday, Dec. 14, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Sandy's Specialties, Savon Drugs, Vacek's Hardware, Sheila's, B&K Furniture and Old Trails West Outfitters will have their doors open for an after-hours shopping party. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be awarded at each location.

"We wanted to show the community our appreciation for their kindness and support in helping us get started with our candle-making venture. The idea came to us during one of our usual late night conversations and picked up speed from there.

"We took the idea to the local merchants on "the block" and everyone received it very warmly. It all seemed to just fall into place. If this proves to

be successful, we hope to continue the fun next year and would like to include area crafters."

All of the stores will be loaded with great gift giving ideas. Shoppers can take advantage of the late hours to purchase those last minute Christmas presents or maybe just enjoy a few relaxed hours of visiting and refreshments with our local business owners...or both!

Sandy's Specialties is well known for her dry cleaning and monogramming business, but she also has a great variety of gift ideas. Decorative t-shirts, wood-crafts, dishes and more will be available for customers to choose from...and let's not forget those fantastic candles that smell good enough to eat!

Sheila may not have a pair of scissors in her hand Thursday night, but she will have lots of goodies for shoppers to pick from. Jewelry, purses, belts, hair products and much more will fill her store.

Old Trails West Outfitters is new to our business community and what a great addition! Check out all of the handcrafted country items in this store!

If "Tim the Tool-Man Taylor" is on your list, Vacek's Hardware has just the gadget to give him "more power!"

If you are trying to find that last minute ornament or string of lights for the tree, or the perfect present for the little ones on your list, Savon Drugs has it! Stop by and browse through a wide selection of cute gift ideas or maybe a little something for yourself.

Santa, don't get moved to the doghouse because you have forgotten Mrs. Clause. MaryAnn at B&K Furniture can lead you to that special present that will brighten your home...and her smile.

So take your work shoes off and put your shopping shoes on and come out Dec. 14 to enjoy the fun!

Santa, cars at Eagle Lake Drugs Dec. 9

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at Eagle Lake Drugstore Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for visiting and photos.

Nava Photography will be on hand to take your picture.

Eagle Lake Drugstore will also have a demonstration of radio-controlled cars on the side parking lot.

They hope you will take time to join them for photos and lots of fun!

Winter rice meeting set

The Colorado County Winter Rice Meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 8 a.m. at the Lehrer Building in Garwood. Three Texas Agricultural Extension Service Specialists will be conducting the meeting.

Dr. Arlen Klosterboer, professor and extension agronomist, will discuss varieties and varietal combinations to plant to increase production along with work being done on new varieties.

Professor Dr. Fred Turner, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at (See Rice, Page 3)