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To THE EDITOR & YOU

Thanks for great benefit

The 7th Annual Family & Friends-God's Helping Hands benefit was held at the Eagle Lake Community Center on Dec. 2, after the parade.

We had a wonderful turnout for this annual fundraising event which raises funds for our less fortunate families in and around the Eagle Lake area.

Lots of fun, food and gleeful frolic filled the room.

I wanted to send out another thank you to all of our donors, buyers and guests; you all are appreciated so very much!!

I also want to thank the Episcopal Church and Father Steve, the Methodist Church and Brother Lynn, the First Baptist Church and Brother Brent, and the Rice District Community Hospital Volunteers, the Annual Business Women's Luncheon attendees, and the Garwood CCD Class.

Each of these groups plays a tremendous part in the success of our benefit. I also want to remind those of you who want to donate a turkey to please bring it by B&S Bird Taxidermy by Friday, Dec. 15.

We need a count so we can order the remaining turkeys still needed.

If you adopted a tag from the benefit or from the hospital, the gifts are due in by Friday the 15th; they may be dropped off at the Wallis State Bank, B&S Bird Taxidermy or the hospital.

If you adopted a tag from your church, the gifts are due in by Sunday, Dec. 17.

We will be distributing all of these goodies from the First Baptist Church next week.

Thanks again for all of your cooperation and devotion. May God bless your family and health.

Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year!!

Lynn Ellis, Family & Friends President

Luedecke resigns as constable

The following is a letter sent by Pct. 4 Constable Wilfred Luedecke to County Judge Al Jamison:

Dec. 5, 2000 Honorable Al Jamison Colorado County Courthouse

P.O. Box 236 Columbus, Texas 78934

Re: State of Texas v. Wilfred Luedecke

Dear Judge Jamison:

Please accept this as my immediate retirement from and relinquishment of my position as Constable, Precinct Four, Colorado County. This action relinquishing my elected position is for both my current term and the term beginning January 2001. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of Colorado County.

However, circumstances change and at my age I need an opportunity to spend more time with my outside business interest and my family.

Therefore, I am retiring from my position as Constable, Precinct Four, Colorado County, effective immediately.

Anything that I can do to assist the county in a smooth and orderly transition for the next person occupying my office, I will be most happy to do.

Sincerely, Wilfred Luedecke

Note: Luedecke was first sworn-in as Pct. 4 Constable in Jan. 1993. The above-mentioned case filed against him has yet to be resolved.

Not much happening in Austin...

Texas waiting for Florida decision

Still not knowing a month after the elections whether Texas will get a new governor and lieutenant governor, not much is going on in the halls of state government other than the hiring of staff, monitoring prefiled bills and following the daily news from Florida. And relishing a little humor, even if some of the jokes are a bit worn.

With the opening gavel of the 77th Legislature barely a month away, here are four tried and true legislative jokes to help you through the winter of our electoral discontent:

•The Legislature meets every two years for 140 days. Some say it should be every 140 years for two days.

•Legislation is like a Russian novel: Long, tedious, and in the end, everyone dies.

•There are two things you never want to see being produced: sausage and legislation.

•Finally, an editorial comment supposedly made by an Austin newspaper when the Legislature came to town during Reconstruction, in the early 1870s: "No man, woman, child or civil liberty is safe when the Legislature is in session."

Texas' Constitution has been around since Feb. 15, 1876, and we're still adding amendments. At last count, the amendment tally is upwards of 370.

Among the scores of bills prefiled so far, one that should appeal to most Texans who like the great outdoors: Rep. Barry Telford's House Joint Resolution 14. The bill would allow Texans to vote on a constitutional amendment that would make hunting and fishing a guaranteed constitutional right.

Telford, a Democrat from De Kalb, said the proposed amendment is intended to protect Texans who enjoy hunting and fishing from disapproving animal rights groups. Voters in North Dakota and Virginia have passed similar right-to-hunt amendments.

Nearly \$50 million in matching grants has been awarded by the Texas

State Capitol Highlights

By Mike Cox Texas Press Association

Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program to dozens of Texas counties for restoration of their historic courthouses.

So far, 44 courthouse projects have been funded, with work under way or planned all across Texas, from counties and courthouses as diverse as Jeff Davis and Williamson counties to

Cameron and Denton counties. Project coordinator is Dan Utley with the THC's Architecture Division.

One county that will get help is Newton where its historic courthouse was gutted by fire in August.

But the THC said much more work remains to be done in other counties. Numerous other historic Texas courthouses are in desperate need of restoration, according to the agency. Because of that, THC will be seeking funding in the coming session for additional projects.

For more information on Texas' historic courthouses, check out the THC website at www.thc.state.tx.us.

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Dec. 16, 1975

The first service will be held in the new United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake Sunday, Dec. 19. The pastor, Rev. David Edgar, and members invite citizens to attend this momentous occasion. A formal open house is planned for Jan. ...

Friends in the community were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Alice Fogg in St. Luke's Hospital in Houston. She is the sister of Rev. George Welch, rector of Christ Episcopal Church here, and was formerly employed at Thomas Clinic...

John Grammer, Rice High School Raider basketball starter, suffered a fractured wrist in a game with Yoakum...

The Band Officers for the Eagle Lake Middle School Band for 1976-77 school year were elected by the band members this fall. They are Michele Sibley, president; Fred Young, secretary; and Suzanne Frybert, monitor...

Mark E. Causey, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ed Causey Jr. of Houston, received a degree in Architecture from Texas A&M University Dec. 11. He is the grandson of Mrs. Grace Towell and Mr. & Mrs. Ed Causey of this city...

Miss Teresa Marie Spanihel, bride-elect of Frank Joseph Briscoe, was honored with a Tea Shower Dec. 11 in the home of Mrs. Raymond Lee Kohleffel...

Miss Sarah Love Volker became the bride of Dennis Clay Burdette Dec. 4 in Norman, Oklahoma...

Friends in the community learned with sadness of the death of Herry D.

Swearingen Dec. 9 in Ruston, Louisiana. He had resided in this community for many years.

Dec. 11, 1952

The Overton Campbells have opened the Gingham Girl Cafe here... Clyde Gold has opened the Texaco Station on Hwy. 90-A...

C.C. Bradford is the new owner of former Harris' Drive-Inn...

Eight stores were burglarized here Tuesday night; \$35 taken...

Junior class members will present a comedy at the school Friday night.

Member who have roles are Joe Beyette, June Adkins, Travis Arnold, David Cook, Gann Thomas, Carole Crim, Joel Ann Middlebrook, Cleo Lednicki, Phyllis Johnson, Alfred Marx, Grace Dell Sinclair and Barbara Smith. It is under the direction of Mrs. Lulu Monkhouse...

The Sam K. Seymour returned from a three-week flying trip to Europe...

The Rice Theatre building is getting a new roof and front this week...

Rusty Thomas killed a doe with seven points on the Mason ranch land...

The offensive play of Shirley Frnka sparked the Eagles to a 41-40 win over Rock Island...

Eldoris Kotrla was named the County WHD Gold Star girl...

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Seaholm Jr. announced the birth of a son, Carl William III...

Chief M.F. Campbell attended an auto theft conference in Houston...

The W.E. Lenharts presented a new alms bason to Christ Church.



You can try out radio controlled cars again this Saturday

Thanks to Eagle Lake Drugstore and Radio Shack dealer, some Eagle Lake youngsters had a fun time visiting with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus and trying out all the newest radio controlled cars last Saturday, Dec. 9.

The radio controlled cars will be available again this Saturday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Why not come by and shop while the kids have fun trying out all of the radio controlled cars and trucks?

Photo Courtesy of Linda Balas

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