

## Prairie Edge Players present two evenings of successful dinner theatre

The near-capacity audiences both Friday and Saturday nights marked a new era for the Prairie Edge Players. *He Done Her Wrong or Wedded But No Wife* by Anita Bell was well received by the audiences.

Each evening, the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department (ELVFD) and ELVFD Auxiliary served a delicious meal.

At 8 p.m., the curtain rose for a well-rehearsed and polished production of the melodrama.

The superb cast, supported by a dedicated crew, drew much spontaneous laughter, applause, cheering for innocent characters and booing of the evil bigamist.

Vicki Powers, in her first year as director, and Helen Craig, in her 15th year as producer, helped achieve the success.

On both nights, new display signs were unveiled proclaiming the dedi-

cation of the Raymond Thomas Theatre with another sign unveiled honoring the Prairie Edge Players.

Friday night, Elfe Thomas and other family members were on hand for the ceremony.

The cast, crew, Prairie Edge Play-

ers, Prairie Edge Museum and ELVFD and its Auxiliary wish to express their gratitude to all who supported the production.

The first dinner theatre presentation in the new Raymond Thomas Theatre was a great success.



Eagle Lake Middle School teacher and newly-discovered stage presence Karl Karvonen, at left, took part in his first Prairie Edge Players' production this year. Director Vicki Powers said they were having trouble casting the part of Fitzjohn Olipant when Karvonen walked into the Wintermann Library and she knew he was the one she wanted.

Fitzjohn's love interest, Hyacinth Haven (played by Darlene Argo, center) and Hyacinth's employer, Mrs. Octavia Moneycracker (played by Janet Duncan) share the stage with Karvonen. *Headlight Photo*



Lee Politsch was superb brow-raising, mustache-twisting villain was Fleetwood Dashaway, harkening back to the days of slap-stick comedy. *Photo Courtesy of Joe Wendel*



The cast of "He Done Her Wrong or Wedded But No Wife!" take their bows after an extremely entertaining performance. From left are Deborah Politsch, Janet Duncan, Karl Karvonen, Marsha Priesmeyer, Darlene Argo and Lee Politsch. *Photo Courtesy of Joe Wendel*



Members of the Raymond R. Thomas Theatre were on hand Friday when the theatre at the Prairie Edge Museum was renamed and dedicated as the Raymond Thomas Theatre. Pictured are three of the four Thomas siblings, Julia Pardue, Griff and Kurt, with their mother, Elfe. Russell Thomas was unable to attend. *Photo Courtesy of Joe Wendel*

## Gonzales attends seminar in Austin

Becky Gonzales of Eagle Lake and new Justice Court Clerk for Pct. 4, Colorado County (replacing recently retired Chief Clerk Phyllis Thomas), recently returned from a four-day "New Court Personnel Seminar" in Austin.

The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, Justices of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas Inc. and funded

by a grant from the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Subjects of the seminar included understanding the role of a court clerk in the justice court; authority and liability; fundamentals of criminal law focusing on the clerk's role in processing criminal cases including jurisdiction and venue of justice court, pleas in justice court, criminal docket and trial process; fundamentals of civil law

including procedure of processing a civil case from filing through appeal and comparison of justice court and small claims court, venue, motion to transfer venue and court costs; processing a traffic case from filing to appeal, including complaints, probable cause affidavits and all other issues relevant to traffic offenses; rules, procedures and statutes relevant to the eviction process; how to properly assess court costs fees, and fines in criminal cases; identifying dockets and procedures required for miscellaneous hearings conducted by the justice of the peace, including DPS administrative hearings, towing hearings, examining trial/magistrate hearings, peace bond hearings, emergency protective orders, search warrants, emergency mental commitment hearings, and inquest hearings.

## OBITUARY

### Edward McCoy Lee

February 11, 1920 - November 6, 2001

Edward McCoy Lee, 81, of La Porte, Texas, passed away, Tuesday, November 6, 2001 at his residence.

Born February 11, 1920 in Desdomona, Texas, to Edd and Joseph Andra Ivy Lee, he married Lillie Modene Chew in Mason, Texas, November 21, 1942.

Lee was of the Baptist faith and a former active volunteer of the Eagle Lake Fire Department.

He had been a resident of Cut N Shoot, Texas, near Conroe for many years before moving to La Porte four years ago, leading a career in the trucking industry as a commercial driver and trucking company manager.

Preceded in death by his parents; his wife (1986); and a sister, Frances Nichols; survivors include daughters and son-in-law, Jo Ann Lenard and Patsy and Lewis Kopecky of La Porte; son, Larry Edward Kopecky of Greenville; sisters, Mary Ewald of San Mar-

cos, Ella Seymour of Lawton, Oklahoma, and Betty Miller of Lampasas, Texas; brother, Robert Lee of Corpus Christi; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; other relatives and loved ones.

Graveside services and interment were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 8, from Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake with Rev. Brent Beasley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake, officiating.

Dulany Funeral Home of Eagle Lake was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Larry Lee, Lewis Kopecky, Mike Dobias, James Hanson and Bruce Wade.

Honorary pallbearers were grandchildren, Herbie and Mike Lenard, Greg Kopecky, Ryan Lee, Chris Shelton and Bruce Atkinson.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Bible Verse of the Week

"Pray without ceasing."

—1 Thessalonians 5:17

Submitted by

Neddy Phillips

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Wintermann...

The body of a man was found mutilated after being struck by a train in Alleyton last Thursday...

The Eagles will host Giddings for homecoming Friday night. Football captains Cleo Lednicki and Gayle Thomas will escort the homecoming queen during half-time ceremonies...

Kenneth Perry was elected by the Eagle Lake FHA chapter as their favorite "beau"...

R.J. Campbells are attending the Bottler's Convention in Chicago this week...

Band director O.N. Campbell and the ELHS Band will be among 147 bands taking part in UT's Band Day Saturday...

Frankie Jeanne Pidgeon became the bride of Lt. Jean Adams Saturday in ceremonies at the Methodist Church...

Coach Tootsie Alford's Eagle girls' basketball team defeated Wharton Tuesday night 30 to 18 with Carey Hanly scoring 14 and Shirley Frnka adding 11...

Mr. & Mrs. Draper Stephens and son, Charles Martin, formerly of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, established residency here last week...

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schiurring attended the Lions Cabinet meeting at the Shamrock Hotel in Houston on Sunday...

Miss Dorothy Krenak and Allen Korenek exchanged marital vows at St. Mary's Catholic Church Tuesday morning.

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This scholarship fund is a non-profit corporation and has been established as a memorial to the life of Raymond R. Thomas, Sr. This fund will provide scholarships to train paramedics at the Wharton County Junior College in a two year course toward an Applied Associate Science degree in Emergency Medical Technology. Scholarships will be awarded annually. The corporation has applied for Federal 501 (c) 3 status and gifts will be tax deductible.

Friends of Dr. Ray and those who recognize this scholarship fund as a worthy cause may send gifts payable to the Raymond R. Thomas, M.D. Scholarship Fund to 403 N. Walnut, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

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