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## To THE EDITOR &amp; YOU

## American Legion #226 asks for your help

## Residents of East Bernard and surrounding areas:

There are only three methods for American Legion Post 226 to generate money. They are the Wild Game Dinner in Feb., the rental fee for private use of the hall and the weekly Bingo games.

First of which is the annual Wild Game Dinner. One hundred percent of the profits go directly into our scholarship fund. Seniors from East Bernard High School and three at large scholarships (from other schools) are eligible to apply for and in most cases, receive one. Your continued support is encouraged and certainly appreciated.

The hall is available for wedding parties, dances, Quincineras etc. at a competitive fee. In some cases, you need to reserve early to get your desired date. These monies are deposited into the General Fund.

Last, but certainly not least, is our weekly bingo games held each Friday night and the first Sunday of each month. In past years, bingo had always been our "ace in the hole" as far as raising money. Now, for whatever reasons, the economy, too much rain at the wrong time, Louisiana Casinos, etc., our bingo receipts have fallen off. So this is where the Legionnaires of Post 226 invite you to come out and play Bingo!

For your comfort and ours, a state-of-the-art smoke eliminator has been installed (at considerable cost) to provide a virtually smoke-free environ-

ment. I, as a non-smoker, certainly enjoy this improvement.

Now brace yourself for a little bragging. As old Dizzy Dean once said, "it ain't braggin' if it's a fact." From the aforementioned General Fund, we contribute to East Bernard Little League, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, East Bernard Fire Department, Boys state, EMS and more. Post #226, along with the Chamber of Commerce, sponsor the Christmas parade, which is enjoyed by young and old. This activity was spearheaded by our dearly departed com-

rade, O.F. Chauvin. Also, we were a major contributor to the construction of the Veterans Memorial on the Wharton Courthouse Square.

So, in closing, I only hope this has been more informative than boring. And remember, you might get to yell out "BINGO!" Try it, you'll like it.

Cordially yours,  
Glenn Raasch  
U.S.M.C. 1943-46  
Member of American  
Legion Post 226  
East Bernard, TX

## Let's Look Back...

## 24 &amp; 48 YEARS AGO

Dec. 22, 1977

Tuesday, Dec. 20, was a red letter day at Eagle Lake's newest industry, **Eagle Lake Concrete Products Inc.** For on that date, just a little over a year from the date construction was started, the company began production of its first concrete products...

The Rice High School Raider girls basketball team won the first place trophy in the Yoakum girls cage tournament. Members of the team are **Roberta Tomchesson, Angel Farrow, Tammy Walker, Sandra Flowers, Jane Dostal, Latonya Pratt, Sylvia Briscoe, Sharon Sims, Annette Axel, Andrea Parker and**

**Virginia Garza.** The team is coached by **Reuben Wunderlich...**

**Miss Dianne Van Nort** was chosen as the 1978 Eagle Lake Noon Lion's Club sweetheart...

**Miss Marla Burris**, bride-elect of **Gary Cranek** of Garwood, was feted with a Miscellaneous Tea Shower at the home of **Mrs. Leon Cranek...**

Current officers of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) are **Viola Zboril**, president; **Kate Spalinger**, first vice-president; **Ida Causey**, treasurer; **Esther Sunderman**, second vice-president; and **Eunice Frnka**, secretary...

**Harold & Inez Thomas** accepted

a plaque for the honor of being named the Resident Conservation Farmer of the Year...

**Mr. & Mrs. Allen D. Causey** recently returned from a most enjoyable month's trip to France, Belgium, Holland and England...

It was with great sadness that citizens of the community learned of the death of **M.E. (Buster) Selph**, 74, a resident of the county for most of his life.

Dec. 17, 1953

**Joe Lee McCreary, M.M. Jones, L.S. Tate and Dan A. Thornton** were elected as new directors of the Eagle

Lake Chamber of Commerce to succeed **Clyde Nispel, B.H. McElhinney, Mose Thomas and Harold Ware** on the board...

**Edgar Baring**, manager of **A.L. Baring**, invited citizens to see the new 1954 Chevrolet...

Donations are being sought to feed "The Hungry 46" at the Eagle Lake Public Schools. It is estimated that \$1,207.50 will be needed for the PTA sponsored project, according to **Supt. Deane D. Fletcher...**

The combined choirs of **Colly Memorial United Methodist Church** and **Evangelical United Brethren Church of Lissie**, directed by **O. Neal Campbell**, will present a Christmas Pageant and Cantata...

**H.C. Johnsons** announced free movies for the children at the Rice Theatre while parents shop...

Retail Merchants Association is to sponsor a visit of Santa Claus and four live reindeer here. The reindeer come direct from the Bering Sea and are owned by **Grady Carothers**, a Goldwaite rancher...

The Eagle Lake WHD Club installed **Mrs. H.T. Neiswender** as new president, **Mrs. A.W. Linke** was (See 24 & 48, Page 3)

## Warning: Don't Be Fooled By Appearances!

The fact is, even one drink of alcohol can significantly alter your good judgement. That means even if you or a friend appears to be okay, reaction time could be slowed enough to make a critical difference should a split-second decision need to be made.

This holiday season, don't take unnecessary chances. Use



the designated driver system, public transportation, call a taxi or stay overnight. Or be a trendsetter by hosting an alcohol-free New Year's party in your home.

Whatever you do, **DON'T** drink and drive. We want to see you again next year.

This Urgent Message Is Brought To You By These Concerned Individuals and Businesses:

**Lynda Appelt Evans**

**Michael Cooper**  
Eagle Lake Mayor

**Larry Dulany**  
Justice of the Peace  
Precinct #4

**Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce**

**Eagle Lake Rice Dryer**  
"The 'Rice' Place To Do Business"

**Darlene Hayek**  
Colorado County Clerk

**Ron Holland**  
City Manager  
Eagle Lake

...A last minute reminder...  
**DON'T DRINK, but DRIVE IN TO Ellison Chevrolet-Cadillac For the Best Deal!**

last minute reminder...

PLEASE  
DON'T  
DRINK  
& DRIVE

Have A Happy and Safe 2002!

**Larry Contreras**  
Eagle Lake City Council Member

**Barbara Pidgeon**  
Eagle Lake City Council Member

**Lonnie Sommerlatte**  
Eagle Lake City Council Member

**Truly Properties**  
Sandy & Don Bendy

**Harvey Vornsand**  
Colorado County District Clerk

**Keith H. Webb**  
Chief of Police  
Eagle Lake

**R.H. "Curly" Wied**  
Colorado County Sheriff

**Ken Sparks**  
Colorado County Attorney

2002  
feliz año nuevo  
Gracias, Amigos!

From  
El Zarape

HOPE IT'S FILLED WITH  
GOOD TIMES

Make every second count in the year to come, and may it be bursting with good fortune. We really enjoyed every minute of serving you this past year!

Thanks for being our customer.

Furniture Shoppe

Melvin & Joyce Stancik  
Valarie Scott, Louis Matthews, Lupe Cano

Valley portion of Truan's district) apparently made the crucial difference.

McAllen Democratic Rep. **Juan Hinojosa** has said he'll be running for the seat **Truan** has held since **Jimmy Carter** was president.

By district, here are the other Senatorial changes in the offing:

**District 2 (Part of Dallas County):** Incumbent **David Cain**, a Dallas Democrat, gained a lot of Republican territory in redistricting and still is contemplating his political future.

**District 4 (Southeast Texas):** Sen. **David Bernsen**, Beaumont Democrat, is vacating his seat to run for Land Commissioner. Redistricting has increased the chances of a Republican gaining the seat and three candidates have filed so far.

**District 12 (Part of Tarrant County):** Incumbent Democrat **Mike Montcrief**, adversely impacted by redistricting, is weighing whether to run again or bow out.

**District 17 (Portions of Brazoria, Fort Bend and Harris counties):** Republican Sen. **Buster Brown** of Lake Jackson, in office since 1979, will not be seeking re-election. Redistricting has changed the district, but it still will lean Republican.

**District 22 (Central Texas):** Republican **David Sibley** of Waco is leaving the Senate for the lobby. One Republican has filed for the race, another is pondering the possibility and one Democrat plans to make a try.

**District 30 (Northwest Texas):** Republican **Craig Estes** recently won a special election to replace the late **Tom Haywood** of Wichita Falls. But he will have to run again to actually vote on anything other than a committee action. He is expected to do so and probably won't face any stiff opposition.

## How to keep up

Best place to check on who's running for what office is the web site of each of the two traditional political parties.

To see the Democratic Party filings, check their web site at [www.txdemocrats.org/campaigns2002-enter2.htm](http://www.txdemocrats.org/campaigns2002-enter2.htm).

For the Republican Party candidates with their hats in the proverbial ring, go to [www.texasgop.org/filings2002/index.asp](http://www.texasgop.org/filings2002/index.asp).

Deadline for filing is Jan. 2.

## Another hot tip

Other than money, what's green and can go up in smoke?

According to the Texas Department of Insurance, the answer is: A Christmas tree.

Last year 400 Christmas tree fires nationwide killed more than a dozen people and resulted in \$10 million-plus in property damage. Short-circuited ornamental lights are the leading cause of such fires.

Easiest precautions: Don't let your tree get dry and check those lights.

## Did You Know...

•The first name of the Queen of Sheba was **Baikis**.

•**Elvis Presley's** home, **Graceland** mansion, is located at 3764 **Elvis Presley Boulevard** in **Memphis, Tennessee**.