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To THE EDITOR & YOU

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Reminder from Family & Friends—God's Helping Hands

The 9th Annual Family & Friends—God's Helping Hands benefit was held Dec. 7 at the Eagle Lake Community Center after the Spirit of Christmas Parade.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and hostesses who always lend a hand. Also, a ton of gratitude goes to Royal Dry Cleaners for always keeping Santa & Mrs. Claus looking nice and spiffy.

Following, there is a list of our drawing winners and a list of live and silent auction donors, successful bidder and their bids. A huge thanks goes to donors and all bidders, if you were the final bidder or not; we appreciate your trying!

We're short on our canned food items and turkeys, so if you have either of these to donate, please let me know as soon as possible. Family & Friends has a freezer at B&S Taxidermy for those of you who need a place to drop-off their donated turkey. We will need to order what is not donated by the end of the week.

Also, if you adopted a tag off of

the Love Tree from the benefit, please bring your wrapped gift, with the tag attached to B&S Bird Taxidermy or to Wallis State Bank by Tuesday, Dec. 17. If you adopted a tag from the Baptist, Episcopal or Methodist Church tree please bring your wrapped gift with the tag attached back to the tree where you initially got the tag by Sunday, Dec. 15.

If you didn't make it to the benefit and want to adopt a tag, please call Lynn Ellis. As you can see, there are many people that are devoted and involved, we appreciate everyone for all that is done for this benefit's success!

This is a lot of information, so if you have any questions please call Ellis at 234-7582.

May God bless you, your family and your health.

Your 2002 Family & Friends hosts were: Brent & Heidi Beasley, Scott & Shawn Carr, Brian & Lynn Ellis, Julie Evoritt Gannon, Danny & Joi Ishee, Keith Jr. & Chita Ishee, Allen & Katrina Kohleffel and Tim & Geri Vandermark.

Live Auction

Pickles, pickled okra, jellies, Broesche's, Rhonda Hotz, \$17.50; Old Smokey pit, Baumgart Agencies, Joi Ishee, \$20; running horse, Custom Metal Art, Affordable Bail Bonds, \$40; exam, cleaning and x-rays, Eagle Lake Dental Clinic, Brent Beasley, \$65; floor jack, S&W Auto Parts, Burr Cranek, \$35; front end loader tractor, Shoppa's Farm Supply, Monica Pagel, \$25; large gift basket, Frank & Anna Lee Higgins, Helen Hotz, \$70; children's picnic table, Dan Rouse, Julie Gannon, \$80; large wooden snowman, Louis & Connie Epps, Heidi Beasley, \$40; four unbaked pear strudels, Broesche's, Willie Moore, \$45; three piece large tin snowman, Family and Friends, Glenda Moore, \$92.50; Christmas duck family, Family and Friends, Phyllis Psenick, \$50; Christmas wreath, Lynn's Grooming, Wanda Henry, \$70; large wheeled scooter, Kelly Al-Obaidi, Tallon Canaris, \$80; grapevine Christmas deer, Creative Expressions, Wanda Henry, \$70; wooden train set, Harvey & Judy Cooper, Wesley Duncan, \$35; tin country snowman, Family & Friends, Clifton George, \$35; 4 front row tickets to Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, Jack & Judi Johnson, John Gertson, \$200; wooden wall angel, Brian Ellis Family, Candy McCreary, \$25; tree, Ray & Danette Cantu and Family, Wanda Henry, \$25; angel wreath, Willie & Glenda Moore, Kathy Stern, \$25.

Silent Auction

Christmas decorated panel, Family & Friends, Geri Vandermark, \$9; movie rentals, Video-2-Go, Charlie Sosa, \$5; bubble gum machine, Brian Ellis Family, Wanda Henry, \$15; crystal ice snowman, Lynn's Grooming, Trini Apodaca, \$8; \$25 gift certificate, Eagle Lake Headlight, Danny Ishee, \$12; eight day passes to Splashway, Splashway Waterpark, Lynn Ellis, \$58; two #1 dinners, Taco Tony's, Cheryl George, \$10; Radio Flyer wagon, A.J. Struss, Joi Ishee, \$28; Northstar snowman, Family & Friends, Darrell Stancik, \$10; Texas A&M mascot dog, NAPA Auto Parts, Kelly Al-Obaidi, \$50; Pro-One baseball bat, Johnny's Sport Shop, Lynn Ellis, \$8; Norfolk pine, Peter Canaris Family, Scott Carr, \$19; fire truck sleeping bag, Family & Friends, Denise Cook, \$38; vaccinations

for dog or cat, Wharton Vet Clinic, Dwayne Pagel, \$25; Ol' tyme wooden Santa, Don & Sandy Bendy, Valerie Evans, \$22; Mongoose scooter, Donnie & Kathy Stern, Joi Ishee, \$35; carved wooden moose, Kevin Ellis, Janet Duncan, \$15; felt and velvet snowman, Family & Friends, Valerie Evans, \$25; church house bird feeder, Tricia Vasut, Len Matula, \$40; waffle maker, D&V Town & Country, Dwayne Pagel, \$12; metal ivy plate and fork holder, anonymous donor, Cheryl George, \$20; angel with rose, Furniture Shoppe, Joi Ishee, \$10; cooling rack, anonymous donor, Linda Wied, \$7; radio controlled vehicle, Eagle Lake Drugstore, Joi Ishee, \$30; felt snowman door hanger, Joi Ishee, Denise Cook, \$12; set of shrub plants, anonymous donor, Joi Ishee, \$12; Texas Longhorns cooler bag, Family & Friends, Paige Vandermark, \$21; camouflage cooler, Family & Friends, Danny Ishee, \$26; two foot felt Santa, Danny Ishee, Gwen Paschall, \$10; equipment bag with bat, Johnny's Sport Shop, Kevin Ellis, \$23; electric knife & can opener, Lake Lumber, Charlie Sosa, \$16; Christmas chest, Chita Ishee, Joi Ishee, \$12; fruit wreath, Jimmie & Helen Hotz, Pat Matula, \$20; placemats with tea towels, Anna Lee Higgins, Charlie Sosa, \$13; Jimmy Neutron air rocket, Louis & Connie Epps, Wanda Henry, \$15; shake flashlight, Eagle Stop, Kari Canaris, \$20; set of three candles, anonymous donor, Charlie Sosa, \$14; cedar birdhouse, Eagle Lake General Store, Joi Ishee, \$8; birdhouse metal bucket (See Family/Friends, Page 5)

Texas settles with Farmers Insurance

While Texans flocked to the shopping malls after Thanksgiving, thousands of homeowners got an early holiday present from the state: a settlement with Farmers Insurance Co.

Not only will the company, which has a big percentage of the Texas home insurance market, continue home coverage in the state, policyholders will receive reduced rates, refunds and premium credits.

The \$100 million settlement of the legal and administrative actions filed by the state against Farmers was announced by Gov. Rick Perry on Nov. 30.

"My goal has always been to find a resolution that not only protects Texas consumers, but allows Farmers to continue doing business in this state," Perry said. "I commend Farmers for settling these legal matters and I welcome the company's continued presence in the state."

Though the settlement ended the immediate problem, in Jan. legislators will begin considering various insurance reform measures.

New Attorney General takes oath
 With John Cornyn leaving office early to be sworn in as Texas' newest U.S. senator, Greg Abbott took the oath of office as the state's 50th attorney general on Dec. 2.

State Capitol Highlights
 By Mike Cox
 Texas Press Association

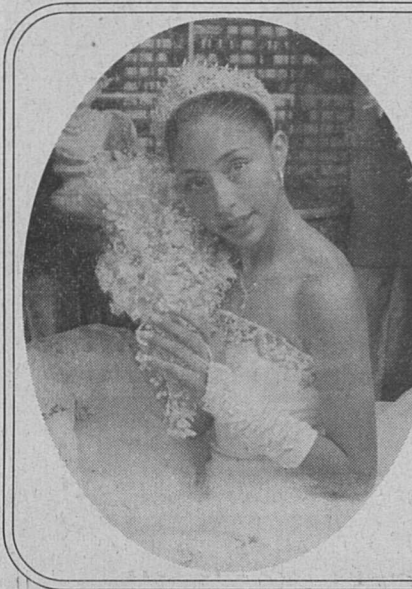
"We have many challenges ahead of us and many responsibilities, but ultimately they can be reduced to one salient point: we have an obligation to serve the people of Texas," Abbott said. Texas' other newly-elected officials will be sworn in next month.

Perry names HHS Commissioner
 Albert Hawkins, an aide to President George W. Bush, has been named by Gov. Perry as Health and Human Services (HHS) Commissioner.

The commission, with 625 employees and an \$8 billion budget, oversees Texas' Medicaid Program and Children's Health Insurance Program.

Hawkins replaced Don Gilbert, who retired after 30 years of state service.

Know any heroes?
 The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is looking for someone who rose to the challenge and performed a lifesaving act during 2002. (See Highlights, Page 3)



Grecia Molina
 along with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ramon Molina, will be celebrating her **15th Birthday** Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Eagle Lake Community Center (Invitation Required)

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Nov. 2, 1978

Miss Kim Wunderlich, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Reuben Wunderlich, was crowned 1978 Halloween Queen at the Sheridan PTS Carnival. Miss Kristi Myrick, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Myrick, was named Princess of the Coronation...

Attending the Houston Ducks Unlimited benefit banquet at the Shamrock were David Wintermann, Harold Thomas, Tommy Pilkington, Dan Thornton, Donald Obenhaus, Louis Schorlemmer and Bill Hogaugh...

Gregory B. Popp, a 1977 graduate of Rice High School, has been assigned to the U.S.S. Sperry AS12, San Diego, Calif. He is currently working for the U.S. Recruiting Command in Houston...

Annette Axel was named Rice High School 1978 Football Sweetheart...

Raider Players of the Week were Lenard Sims and Lonnel Bluntson...

Mr. & Mrs. James A. Mathis Sr. of Eagle Lake announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sarah Frances, to James Lee Turner, son of Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Lee Turner of El Campo. The wedding is set for Dec. 30 at St. John's Catholic Church in New Taiton...

The Garwood-Sheridan Raiders football team has completed another perfect season, the second in a row, and has now compiled 14 straight victories over junior high competition. Members of the team, coached by Mike Stansifer and Bennie Machac, are Glen Hefner, Ricky O'Neal, Michael Beyette, Henry Garcia, Terry Saulnier, Mark Munoz, Felix Soto, David Mozisek, Kenneth Mozisek, Robert Layton, Ronnie Korenek, Clarence Davidson, Matthew Rohwer, Robert Labay, Patrick Gold, Frank Bittner, Edwin Labay, Larry Pavlu, Mark Ross, Mel Pratt, Wayne Rabel, Michael Hemphill, Thomas Waligura, Paul Korenek, Dwayne Pagel, Jeffery Berger, John Williamson, Kevin Henderson, Rodney Sanford, Rob Johnson, Vincent Dancy, Darren Lanyon, Eugene Kazmir, Anthony Drlik, Joe Gonzales and Kenneth Johnson...

Navy Radioman Seaman Appren-

Marvin Thomas, son of Jesse J. Thomas and Ophelia Morrison of Eagle Lake, is currently on an extended deployment in the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean...

Mr. & Mrs. J.H. McCauley of Sheridan announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Deborah, to Anthony Brown, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Brown of Hallettsville. The wedding vows will be exchanged Nov. 11 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Hallettsville.

Nov. 4, 1954

About one-third of the qualified voters went to the polls here and elected Mrs. Glenn W. Kveton as Commissioner Precinct 4 to succeed her late husband. She received 457 votes to only 203 for the three other candidates, E.J. Luedecke, C.C. Epps and H.A. Dromgoole...

Local citizens voted against amendments permitting women to serve on jury duty and for four-year terms for county officials...

Eagle Lake High School cheerleaders are Martha Walker, Nelda Guidry, Evangeline Loessin and Virginia Starke...

The City of Eagle Lake was granted judgments in five paving suits... Construction has started on a dial phone building for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. on W. Main Street...

The Quarterback Club began a drive for funds to purchase a whirlpool for the ELHS athletic department...

Virginia Hahn, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. C.E. Hahn, won first place in the pre-school division of the PTA Halloween parade with her hobo get-up...

Don Frnka was honored on his birthday with a costume party at the Community Center...

Lt. & Mrs. Joe Hintz were honored with a farewell dinner in the home of Mrs. Louis Hintz...

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