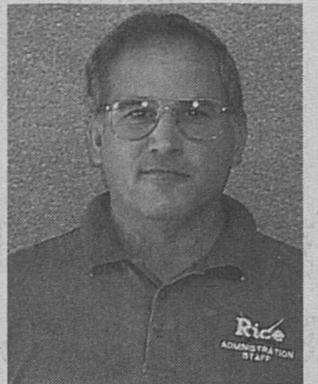


Take your pick at the Auction...



Having trouble finding just the right gift? Not any more. Why not bid on this ceramic white dove tree made and decorated by Elaine Hickey.



Ralph Gertson of ELC Internet has donated three months of Internet service as part of this year's Study Club Auction. Make yours the highest bid, then get ready to surf the net.



Eagle Lake Rice Dryer has donated this lovely gift basket.



Bobbe and Art Guerra have donated this Woodland Santa Claus. Each part, including the Santa, were handmade by Art and Bobbe.



Patrick Hlavinka, son of Terry and Susan Hlavinka, shows off the tractor donated by Hlavinka Equipment Company of East Bernard for Saturday's Auction.

Photo Courtesy of Hlavinka Equipment



Marshall Holloway made and donated this tuteur with potholder. According to Marshall, "tuteur" is French for guardian or tutor and also describes structures or props used to "tutor" or train climbing plants. They're not new, but based on designs found in European gardens as early as the 17th century.

Photo Courtesy of Marshall Holloway

Unclaimed property fund hits \$1 billion

More than 142,000 unclaimed property owners who have lost track of \$71 million in cash and other valuable assets could find their names in Texas newspapers.

"This is unclaimed property owned by Texans that has been reported to the state within the last year alone," Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said. "When you add up the money that remains unclaimed from previous years, the unclaimed property fund has now reached an incredible \$1 billion. That's money that rightfully belongs to hard-working Texans."

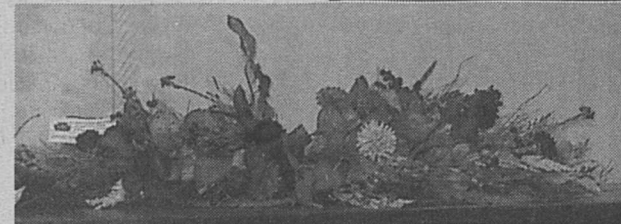
"With so much money waiting to be claimed, it's important to take a few minutes to check the Unclaimed Property List every year," Strayhorn said. "As one tough grandma, I know no Texan can afford to walk away from their hard earned dollars."

"While the state is holding this money, it is put to good use to educate our children and provide other essential state services, but I would rather give it back to its rightful owners, especially in these tough economic times."

In addition to checking the Unclaimed Property List in the newspaper, Strayhorn urges Texans to visit her web site, www.window.state.tx.us/up. The site contains the names of unclaimed property owners on this year's list and from previous years. The online database also includes unclaimed property owners who have less than \$100 in unclaimed property, which are not published on the newspaper list.

Unclaimed property can be anything from a forgotten rent or utility deposit, to an uncashed check, a dormant bank account or an abandoned safe deposit box. Banks and busi-

The Furniture Shoppe, known for lovely furnishings, offers this lamp with an antler base and ducks, along with the fall swag below as accents for any living space.



The right bid could add elegance to any picnic with this Grey-Goose L'Orange Picnic Basket donated by Cindy Riehs of Cindy's Spirits. Why not stop by her new location and check out all the new merchandise she has to offer.



This Fitz and Floyd Autumn Duck and DVD Player were donated to Study Club Auction by Linda and Steve Balas of Eagle Lake Drugstore and Radio Shack.

Quilt Guild plans presentation

Gerline Kieschnick of Giddings will present "Quilt As You Go, the Easy Way" at a meeting of the Colorado Valley Quilt Guild (CVQG) Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. She will also have available her new book which was recently published.

CVQG members know Gerline as Block Party Chair and owner of Gerline's Quilt Shoppe in Giddings. The meeting, held in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church, 1215 Von Minden, is free and open to everyone. For information, contact Program Chair Vickie Vogel at 979-242-4504.

CVQG is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering appreciation of fine quilts and the art of quilting among both quilters and the public; increasing the knowledge of traditional and contemporary techniques of quilting; providing an encouraging environment where quilters can practice and exchange ideas; and educating the public as to the significance and history of quilting as an art form as well as an ongoing craft.

24th Annual Eagle Lake Study Club

AUCTION

Casual Dress

This Saturday

Silent Auction & Fire Dept. Stew Supper Begin at 5 p.m.

Main Auction Begins at 7:15 p.m.

Joe H. & Candy McCreary, Auctioneers

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Proceeds to benefit the Eula & David Wintermann Library

Main Auction Items...

- Golden Tin Garden Angel donated by Phyllis & John Psencik
- 2-Ton Hydraulic Floor Jack, S&W Parts, Jim Wood
- Barbecued Ham (to be ordered), Austin's BBQ, Ron & Denice Janow
- 4 Houston Astros Tickets, Becky & Mark Anderson
- Texas Red Cedar Quilt Rack, Robert & Laura Finney
- 4 Rockets Tickets for Jan. 11, 2004; Russell Spalinger, Protrac Inc.
- 19" Sylvania Television, Kate & Charlie Spalinger
- Homemade pralines, Jackie Middleton
- Child's Riding Case-IH Tractor, Joe Hlavinka, East Bernard
- \$50 Gift Certificate, Wal Mart, Columbus
- Live Tree (Leyland Cypress), Charles Glueck
- "Bluebonnets" Oil Print by B. Herd, Betty & Bob Wilcox
- "Brighton" Ladies Sunglasses, Twin Sisters, Bellville
- Fishing Trip on the coast for 2, Ernie Rodgers
- Gourmet Dinner for 8 (in memory of Dr. Raymond Thomas), Elfe Thomas, Robin & Russell Thomas, Bret & Julia Pardue
- DOOR PRIZE: Eagle Lake Supermarket
- Mammogram, Rice Medical Center
- 16" Huff Bicycle (ages 4-7 approx.), Fair Wells
- Box of Rib Eyes, etc.; Vincek's Market, East Bernard
- Oil Change, Wash & Detailing, Michael's Quick Lube, Michael Duarte
- Life-size Woodland Santa, fashioned and donated by Bobbe & Art Guerra
- 4 Houston Rodeo Tickets, Judi Johnson
- White Ceramic Christmas Tree w/Candles, Elaine Hickey
- G. Harvey Print on Canvas of Old Ft. Worth, Struss Auto, Sidney & Barbara Struss
- 4 Houston Astros Tickets, Mary Lou & Arthur Anderson
- Bridge Luncheon for 12, Joan Matthews
- 2-Night Stay, "The Pot Belly Stove Cottage" in Fredericksburg, Heidi & Buddy Mills
- Internet Service for 3 Months, ELC, Ralph Gertson
- Folk Art Birdhouse (handmade), George Causey
- \$50 Certificate to Poody's Restaurant, Edward Jones Co., Gary & Russell Braun
- \$100 Toward Duck Mount, B&S Bird Taxidermy, Bobby Wied
- DOOR PRIZE: Eagle Lake Supermarket
- German Chocolate Cake, TZ's Catering, Wendy Herman
- Progressive Luncheon & Cards for 12, Anna Lee Higgins & Beverly Taylor
- DVD & VCR Combo, Radio Shack, Steve & Linda Balas
- Clock, Elaine & Orson Hess
- Large Basket w/Grey Goose Vodka, 2 Martini Glasses & Shaker, Cindy's Spirits, Cindy Riehs
- Deer from the Grey Rock Collection, Alice & Henry Sunderman
- Stained Glass Cross, Susan Hadley
- Stained Glass Hummingbird Hanging, Dwight Hadley
- Wildlife Lamp, Furniture Shoppe, Melvin & Darrell Stancik
- Shelled Pecans, George & Margie Cason
- Wreath, Laura & John Myres
- 3-Piece Ceramic Train Set (Christmas), Xi Psi Sorority
- Batch of Cookies Each Month for 1 Year, Christine Herman Owen
- Gift Box, Kovasovic's Meat Market
- Large Silk Arrangement, Creative Expressions, Anna Gertson
- DOOR PRIZE: Eagle Lake Supermarket
- Large Basket of Mary Kay Products, Linda Balas & Sherri Gould
- Fitz & Floyd Goose, Eagle Lake Drugstore, Steve & Linda Balas
- "Black Labs" Oil Painting, Old Town Antiques, Nancy Walker
- Pot Plant, Alpha Delta Phi
- Half-page Ad in Newspaper, Eagle Lake Headlight
- "Indian" Print by Frank C. McCarthy, Esta & Larry Lippman
- Metal Art on Glass, Joe Duncan
- 6-Gallon Shop Vacuum, Lake Lumber
- Custom Web Site Design, Meldahl Associates, Jane & Dave Meldahl
- Fish Fry for 30 People, Jane Lu Meldahl
- A Christmas Surprise, Connie & Willard Lange
- DOOR PRIZE: Eagle Lake Supermarket

Silent Auction Items...

- Bird House donated by Mary Lou Anderson
- Basket of Goodies, Margo Harrison
- 6 DVDs (current), Josie Ibohoy
- Grapevine Angel, A&G Auto Parts, Glenn & Ann Wesselski
- Gold Cross w/Stones, Walter & Doris Wilkerson
- Blue Cross w/Stones, Walter & Doris Wilkerson
- Painted Scarecrow, Becky Marsalia
- Baby Quilt, Mike & Sylvia Rucka
- Case of Chicken Fried Rice, Laura & Robert Finney
- Peanut Brittle, Laura & Robert Finney
- Gift Certificate, Taco Tony's
- Fall Arrangement, Truly Properties, Sandy Bandy
- 2 Green Sofa Pillows, Bobbe & Art Guerra
- Musical Red Bird Globe, Eunice & Fred Frnka
- Spreaders & Notes, Anonymous
- Colorful Vase, Zoetic's Gifts & Hardware, Columbus
- Yankee Candle, Calico Hens, Columbus
- Basket of Fajitas & Fixings, 2K's Taqueria
- Bag of Beauty Products, Marcy's Beauty Salon
- Grill, HEB, Columbus
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- \$30 Gift Certificate, Cazadores Mexican Restaurant, Sealy
- 1-Month Membership, Eagle Lake Rehabilitation
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- Hummingbird Feeder, Mary Lou Anderson
- Chip & Dip Dish, Eagle Lake General Store
- Cross, Eagle Lake General Store
- Yard Windchime, Eagle Lake General Store
- \$40 Gift Certificate, Sportsman's Restaurant
- 3 Chicken Fried Steak Dinners, Gulf Coast Dairy Queen
- 2 Pans of Kolaches (6 each), Martin Herman
- Decorated Christmas Wreath, Rylie & Remy Roark
- Crocheted Baby Afghan, Tamra & Harold Black
- Bracelet, Esty Lippman
- Reversible Vest, Betty Wilcox
- Table Runner (Reversible), 6 Placemats & 12 Napkins, Betty Wilcox
- Hymnal Angel, Mary Guerrero
- 3 Gallons Blue Bell Ice Cream, Dairy Delite, Rhonda Bridges
- Cheese Roll, Georgia Dierschke
- Large Wood Plant Stand, Marshall Holloway
- Homemade Strudel, Danette Cantu
- Porcelain Pitcher, Ida Causey
- Wagon, Evelyn Thomas
- 14-Piece Pack w/2 Sides, Gerri's Fried Chicken
- Gift Certificate, Simple Simon's Pizzeria
- Decorated Crow Centerpiece, Patty Holloway
- 2 Pans of Kolaches (6 each), Martin Herman
- Hair Products, Tresse's, Donna Gertson
- Large Crystal Vase, Fair Wells
- Large Crystal Candy Dish, Fair Wells
- 5 Books on Tape, Rollin Baker
- Basket of Grandma Reese's Oatmeal Raisin Cookies, TZ's Catering, Wendy Herman
- Fruit Basket, B&B Food
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- 2 Pans of Kolaches (6 each), Martin Herman
- 9 Depression Glass Sherberts, Betty & Bob Wilcox
- Unique Rain Gauge, Ruth Ann & Clifton Marshall
- Rice Basket, Eagle Lake Rice Dryer
- Fall Swag, Furniture Shoppe, Melvin & Darrell Stancik
- Mick Shepherd Hook, Wildseed Farms, John Thomas
- Cinderella Collector's Doll, Bernice Bornstein
- Small Lighted "Village" Building, Grace Dell Cooper
- Large Lenox Platter, Meredith Nethery
- 1 Fall Check Up, EB Air Conditioning, East Bernard
- 1 Fall & Spring Check Up, Cannell Air Conditioning
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- 2 Pans of Kolaches (6 each), Martin Herman
- Silk Flower Arrangement, Laura & John Myres
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- \$25 Gift Certificate, Carol's at Cat Spring
- Winchester Clock, Johnny's Sport Shop, Michael Grigar
- 4 Books on Tape, Rollin Baker
- Artificial Fruit Arrangement, CK's Gift Shop
- Arrowhead Plant in White Basket, Robert Wilcox
- Rose Clock, Prairie Edge Thrift Shop
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- Gold Necklace w/Angel, Robert & Maxine Griffith
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- Squirrel Feeder, Vic Corman
- 2003 Texas Capitol Ornament, Robby & Mary Kay Cook
- 1999 Millennium Silver Dollar (Uncirculated), Wallis State Bank
- Set of 1999 First 5 State Quarters, Wallis State Bank

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