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To THE EDITOR & YOU

'Deputy Santa' is underway

Colorado County Sheriff R.H. "Curly" Wied, announced that the "Deputy Santa Program" for 2003 is getting underway at the Colorado County Sheriff's Department. Contacts are currently being made to begin collecting information concerning needy children throughout the Colorado County area.

Last years "Deputy Santa Program" was once again an overwhelming success. Over 800 presents were given to the less fortunate children throughout the county, and you, the citizens of Colorado County along with many local businesses donated toys for all ages

that were distributed to those needy children, that without your help, would have had a less cheerful holiday season.

Sheriff Wied is aiming to make Christmas 2003 another overwhelming success. Getting an early start, allows plenty of time for the citizens to drop off their toys and get familiar with the "Deputy Santa Program". The program will provide gifts to children ranging from ages 10 and under.

Anyone wishing to donate items to the "Deputy Santa Program" may drop off your toys at the Colorado County Detention Center, 2215 Walnut in Co-

lumbus, or at Wal-Mart in Columbus where a drop box has been placed for your convenience.

Sheriff Wied stated that his office will accept toys through Dec. 12.

The toys will be wrapped and Deputy Santa will give the gifts during the week of Dec. 15-19.

Should you have any questions concerning the "Deputy Santa Program" or contributions, please feel free to contact Karen Schobel at 979-732-2388.

Sheriff Wied thanks everyone in advance for your support towards the "Deputy Santa Program".

'When persons start acting childish'

The problem with Coach Roark is starting to wear me out and get on my nerves.

When persons start acting childish and immature by vandalizing the football field at the high school, I am ready to say, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

It's time to grow up and let our administration and school board do the job they were elected and hired to do. Everything we know about this situation is from gossip, hearsay and the media.

Do we always believe everything that we read or hear? Most of us don't

even have enough facts to determine what is true and what isn't.

I also thought our justice system says a man is innocent until proven guilty and, as far as I know, Coach Roark hasn't even been indicted yet.

Of course the Grand Jury in Wharton County is to convene this week at which time the evidence will be presented.

However, the defense gets to just stand by and basically watch at this time. (Is it not ironic that the Grand Jury is meeting the same week that we are playing Wharton in football for the district title?)

Let's take things one step at a time and not convict before Coach Roark has his day in court.

Yes, I believe Roark was wrong and he made some bad decisions; however, how many of us haven't in our lives? No one is perfect. I keep hearing that Coach Roark is supposed to be a role model. Well, so am I and so are you!

By the time our children get into junior high and high school, they should already know right from wrong, good from bad and their moral charac-

ter should already be established from what they have learned at home.

Parents, we should be setting examples, not those on the outside. Yes, I believe outsiders can influence, but with open communication between us and our children, this influence is minimal.

And finally my "CHRISTIAN" friends... Role Model, you say... Jesus Christ should be the role model affecting our decision and thought process in this situation. Didn't Christ forgive all sinners if they asked for forgiveness? Haven't we been told to love the sinner, hate the sin?

IN MY BIBLE, Luke 7:37 says, "Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven." My preacher discussed forgiveness in church Sunday, so here are some other bible references for persons to read: Matthew 18: 21-35 and Mark 11:25.

In closing, John 8:7 says, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her (him)." I'll be carrying a bag of stones with

Heritage tourism brings in revenue

A tourist, the old saying goes, is a whole lot easier to pick than a bale of cotton.

The expression probably dates to the 1930s, when Texas first began to realize that visitors with money in their pockets were as beneficial to the economy as a good cotton crop, a robust cattle market and gushing oil wells.

These days tourism is a large enough industry to be categorized. One of those categories receiving growing attention is what the industry labels "heritage tourism." That, according to the Texas Historical Commission, is "travel directed toward experiencing an area's unique heritage and culture."

In other words, Texans make money when a family from Vermont



decides to come to San Antonio to see the Alamo.

Texas is the nation's second-largest heritage tourism destination, with heritage travelers spending \$29 a head per day more than those traveling for other purposes. By 2005, national heritage tourism revenue is expected to reach \$200 billion.

In addition to adding to the state's economic vitality, heritage tourism protects historic, cultural and natural resources; builds stronger communities; and helps Texans and others understand the state's unique history and traditions.

To learn what your community could do to increase tourism, contact THC at 512-463-6092 or go to their web site at www.thc.state.tx.us.

New state Republican chair...

A change in leadership for the state's two mainstream political parties was completed late last week with the selection of Tina Benkiser as chairwoman of the state Republican Party.

A Houston lawyer, Benkiser succeeds Susan Weddington, who stepped down as head of the party-in-power to run a charitable foundation.

Like San Marcos attorney Charles

Soechting, who became interim head of the state Democratic Party the week before, Benkiser will have to run for a full two-year term at the Texas Republican convention this June.

Benkiser was elected by her party's state executive committee in a 36-27 vote over Gina Parker, an attorney from Waco. Parker has said she'll run against Benkiser again this summer.

Texas Book Festival...

During the regular session this spring, followed by three called special sessions, Texas lawmakers certainly found plenty to disagree about in the Capitol.

But starting Thursday, the big granite building at the head of Congress Avenue will be filled with people who agree on at least one thing: They believe books are important.

The eighth annual Texas Book Festival, started by Laura Bush when she and her husband George W. lived in the Governor's Mansion, will feature authors from across Texas and the nation.

Two writers with strong Texas roots, novelist Shelby Hearon and San Angelo western writer Elmer Kelton, will be honored at 9:45 a.m. Saturday for their lifetime achievements.

For more information on the book festival, check the event's Web site at www.texasbookfestival.org.

Report cards...

Last year, according to the Texas Education Agency, 77% of Texas' (See Highlights, Page 3)

me, and they will be available to anyone who is without sin. Are you going to cast that first stone?

Ann S. Pavlicka

Of the same opinion

Mr. Meisner, thanks for your letter in last week's paper. It says it all and I hope the school administration hears it.

Mr. & Mrs. Denis Hentzler

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Oct. 18, 1979

City Patrolman **Jimmy Jenkins**, who has been with the Eagle Lake Police Department for the past two months, tendered his resignation. He accepted a position with the Fredericksburg Sheriff's Department...

Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple announced the association of **Charles Kallina III, MD**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kallina Jr. of Garwood...

Sue Wegenhoft Briscoe, CPA of Eagle Lake, was honored by her appointment to Texas State Board of Public Accountancy. She has the singular honor of being the first woman to ever serve on the board in this state...

Friends in the community learned with deep regret of the tragic death of **Rev. & Mrs. Richard Douglass** of Putnam, Oklahoma, formerly of the

First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake some years ago...

Miss Lydia Susan Kell, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William A. Kell Jr. of Eagle Lake, and **Charles Kirk Engstrom**, son of Mr. & Mrs. Truman O. Engstrom Sr. of Garwood, were honored at a cocktail party and kitchen shower in the home of Mr. & Mrs. **Victor Scott** on Oct. 6...

These pretty young ladies will lead the Eagle Lake Middle School Band. They are **Lisa Corman**, **Ann Scholton**, **Julia Rosprim** and **Melissa Wilcox**...

Mr. & Mrs. Abel Viamontes of Hialeah, Florida, announced the birth of a son, born in Hialeah Hospital Oct. 9. The young man's name is **Abel II**. The new mother is the former **Susan Olvera** of Eagle Lake...

Mr. & Mrs. George Burke returned from a trip to the Bahamas accompanied by their daughter, **Elizabeth Burke Thomas**...

Carl Seaholm III of Austin and formerly of Eagle Lake is making quite a name for himself as an outstanding chili cooker. He took first place in the Round Rock Chili Cook Off...

Mr. & Mrs. Richard L. (Rick) Higgins announced the arrival of their second son, born Oct. 11 at Caney Valley Hospital in Wharton. His name is **James Michael**...

Funeral services were held for **Edward Booker** on Oct. 15. He passed away Oct. 11 in Hallettsville at his residence...

Mr. & Mrs. Bennie Miller and sons, **Wade** and **Mitchell**, rushed to Brownwood after receiving word that Mrs. Miller's mother and sister, **Mrs. George Norwood** and **Mrs. Christine Gosnell**, had been involved in an auto accident.

Oct. 13, 1955

Virginia Starke was elected chapter sweetheart of the Future Farmers of America Chapter...

Albert Warnken of Eagle Lake was elected president of the East Texas Baptist College for the 1955-56 college term...

Gladys Mae Schenk, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. **Emil Schenk** of Eagle Lake, won the Shrine Circus Camel-Naming Contest by naming the new arrival at the Hermann Zoo, **Humpy**, **Grumpy** and **Tumpy**...

Mrs. Westmoreland entertained with a dinner party, honoring her daughter and husband, **Mr. & Mrs. H.D. Maxwell** of Tacoma, Washington, who were down for the weekend.

Oct. 20, 1955

Miss Evangeline Loessin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. **Herbert Loessin** of Eagle Lake, was named "Fairest of the Fair" of the Garwood Lions Club Fair and Carnival...

Miss Norma Shoop, Fairest of the Fair in 1954, was seated on a float entitled "Hearts and Flowers" for the Garwood Garden Club's entry which won first place...

Rev. Warren W. Beale, president of the Consolidated Fund, said hopes are high for reaching the goal of \$5,000 set to start at 6:45 a.m. Tuesday morning...

E.D. Preschell, local district manager of Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., announced an open house for new telephone office...

Alfred Michalke, son of Mr. & Mrs. **Ed Michalke** of Weimar, was named outstanding 4-H club boy in Colorado County for 1955...

Mrs. William N. Lehrer of Garwood has been elected delegate for the Colorado County Republican Women's Club to the convention...

Rev. Norman L. Roberts, Baptist minister of Columbus, was named to the Refugee Relief Program...

Miss Clara Louise Pausewang, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. **A.R. Pausewang** of El Campo, became the bride (See 24 & 48, Page 4)



A.J. STRUSS AUTO SUPPLY

Celebrates Over 70 Years on the
Downtown Square of Eagle Lake
November 21st and 22nd, 2003

A. J. Struss introduces the first

-Auto Parts for Repair of Chevrolets in 1921 at Garwood, Texas
-GE Refrigerator in 1936
-Zenith Radio in 1939
-Winchester 30-30 and ammunition in 1946
-Zenith Porthole B&W Television in 1949
-Briggs & Stratton Lawn & Garden Equipment in 1956
-Radio Flyer Wagons in 1959
-Zenith Color Television in 1961
-Schwinn Bicycles in 1962

The 3rd Generation owned and operated business establishment continues to carry all of the products that have been introduced in it's 82 years of business in Colorado County.

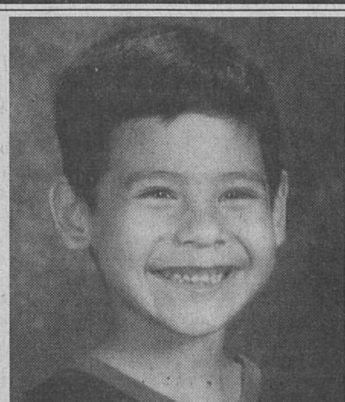
WE WANT TO THANK THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY FOR THEIR PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE BUSINESS BY HAVING A GRAND OLE PARTY IN EAGLE LAKE ON NOVEMBER 21ST AND 22ND, 2003.

Friday, Nov. 21st from 1-4 pm - 2-Person Scramble Golf Tournament in Eagle Lake
Friday, Nov. 21st from 6-10 pm - Social at Our Host Hotel, The Farris Hotel
Saturday, Nov. 22, from 6-Midnight - Community Center Dinner and Dance
(Come meet some of the original employees of A. J. Struss Auto Supply from the 1930s)
Music will be played for your dancing enjoyment from the 1930s to present

DRESS IS CASUAL • TICKETS \$10 PER PERSON
SETUPS PROVIDED (BYOB)

Tickets are Available from the Farris Hotel, Wallis State Bank, Royal Cleaners and Johnny Prazak's Barber Shop Downtown

All of the Surrounding Community Are Invited to Attend This Gala Event



Happy 6th Birthday Christopher Lopez

Nov. 3, 2003

Love, Mommy, Daddy Wesley, Sarah, Amanda & Daddy Jaime

EAGLE LAKE GENERAL STORE

Corner of FM 3013 & Hwy. 90A
979-234-2191

Come By & Check Out Our Sale Items!!

Great Prices! All Sale Items Must Go!

Ladies Boots, Men's Work Boots, Belts, Lawn & Garden Items

Nothing Over \$20!!!

Thursday, Friday & Saturday ONLY!!

While sale items last!