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The home will be featured on the Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club's Annual Holiday Homes Tour on November 24.

A July 7, 1917 article in the Eagle Lake Headlight, "Frank Stephens Home Finest In County." The article continued, "the new Stephens home will cost over twelve thousand dollars; this however does not include the bathroom fixtures in the two

bathrooms which Mr. Stephens purchased aside from the contract for thirteen hundred dollars."

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens traveled to meet with famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright prior to the planning and construction of the home. Mr. Stephens announced the new home "will be an up to date bungalow effect." Architectural changes were made in 1937 when the house was redecorated and two bedrooms were added upstairs.

Each item of building material was carefully inspected before removed from the train downtown

to insure the best quality. Extra strength was insisted upon since the family had come from Eastern Tennessee via Indian Territory and Cripple Creek, Colorado enduring temperature extremes and storms. A cellar/basement is still in use for storage and central air unit for the first floor. Prior to building, the entire property was built up to accommodate the basement and a drainage system from the porches and landscaped area.

The Taylors have carefully retained many of the original features such as the ice delivery

door, the front garage door opener built for a model A or T, and the kitchen calling system from the dining and breakfast rooms and the upstairs bedrooms.

Original massive cherry wood trims, tall ceilings and windows, and wood floors make this spacious home unique and beautiful. Welcoming porches, open and screened, add to the warmth and charm. Many of the furnishings are original to the house along with art, antiques, and interesting collections. You are invited to share the ninetieth (90th) spirit of Christmas at 111 East State Street.

Catholic Daughters Hold Monthly Meeting

The Catholic Daughters members of Court Our Lady of the Rosary #1595 met on Tuesday evening October 9 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada.

Prior to the meeting parishioners met St. Mary's Catholic Church for a Living Rosary to show our respect for life from conception until natural death. Father Jose Vrana led the Rosary.

Living Rosary Chairman Betty Leopold served as the coordinator for the recitation of the Rosary assisted Janie Mae Popp.

As each decade of the rosary was recited Altar server Ryan

Korenec lit a candle held by each parishioner. Also participating was Father Anthony Boateng-Mensah.

Following the Living Rosary service Regent Anita Meisner welcomed Father Joe, Father Tony, District 37 Deputy Darice Mikosch of Columbus, guests Dorothy Hoffman, Vivian Spanihel and CDA members to the meeting which was opened with a prayer led by Father Joe and pledge to the U.S. and Texas flags. Vice Regent Bernita Korenek led the members in the opening Ode.

After reports from committee members were heard, Vivian

Spanihel was introduced; she gave a very informative presentation on the Ground Water District election to be held on November 6.

A special report from the Standing Rules committee was head and revisions will be voted on at the November meeting. The members voted to send a memorial donation to the Diocesan Burse of Father Joe Kobel who served as pastor of St. Mary's for many years.

Members attending Mary Mahalic. A financial audit was held

and revealed the organization being in financial good standing. Audit committee members were Bernice Kallina, Pat Wobbe and Janet Mahalite.

Following the meeting Hostess chairman Bernita Korenek assisted by Grace Korenek, Kelly Korenek, Bernice Kallina, Sally Kallina, Anna Lou Kasmiarsky, Evelyn Korenek, Leona Korenek and Jane Korenek served delicious refreshments of chicken spaghetti, green salad, jello pineapple salad, garlic bread, punch and coffee. The Halloween theme was carried out and beautiful fall floral arrangements were placed throughout the meeting room by Grace Korenek.

The meeting was closed with a prayer and blessing by Father Joe. The next meeting will be held on November 13 when a Memorial Mass will be celebrated for all deceased members of Court Our Lady of the Rosary #1595, Nada.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lavaca County Resident Gives Water District Opinion

Dear Editor:

Regarding the proposed Groundwater Conservation District (GCD) in Colorado County, groundwater has been managed successfully for the past 200+ years without any intervention from the government.

This IS why there is surplus groundwater beneath my land. As a resident, landowner, and taxpayer of Lavaca County, a proposed GCD will be on the May 2008 ballot.

We all want this question answered: "How can rural groundwater be protected?" Period. Remember, the Texas Constitution identifies what the State's natural resources are. Groundwater is NOT one of them.

Section 36.002 of the Texas Water Code reads: "The ownership and rights of the owners of the land and their lessees and assigns in groundwater are hereby recognized, and nothing in this code shall be construed as depriving or divesting the owners or their les-

sees and assigns of the ownership or rights, except as those rights may be limited or altered by rules promulgated by a district."

If you have no GCD, the State cannot control your groundwater.

With a GCD, your groundwater rights are history. This is about control, not protection, of this next "Texas tea." Frankly, I'm fed up with urban developers building complexes where the average population jumps from <10 to >100 people per square mile with-out accountability where water for them will come from.

Instead, we have legislation requiring marketing water. Where does excess water come from? Yep, from our rural communities. I say, no more.

I encourage the voters of Colorado County to vote NO for the GCD. It cannot not protect our groundwater.

Instead, we need to demand legislation that protects our rural groundwater (i.e., revise the rule

of capture).

If you are afraid that groundwater will pump your groundwater dry, it simply is not cost effective unless you have a GCD.

A GCD must provide the infrastructure for transporting water. Those infrastructure costs will come from you.

That's when it becomes cost-effective for water marketers. Do not be afraid to take a stand on this pivotal issue. I suggest your temporary water district request your county be removed from Region K.

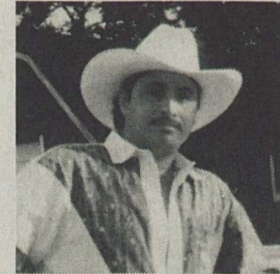
The water needs of your county do not compare with the other counties of Region K (Bastrop, Travis, Williamson, etc.). You should not be hampered by the expenses of their water projects.

Let our rural communities stand together and require our state officials act according to our rural values and requirements. The buck should definitely stop here!

Thank you.
Marie Day-Shiner

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