

Kelley Home To Featured On Garden Club Holiday Homes Tour

She always knew she wanted to return to the street on which she had lived years ago. That's one of the first things Donna Lou Thomas Kelley shared about her present residence at 101 East State Street, one of the homes scheduled for the Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club's "Holiday Tour of Homes". Built in 1924 by prominent Eagle Lake citizens, N.W. and Cora Brown Callison, the family lived there till 1929, at which time it was purchased by another prominent family, the Wintermann's, with David Wintermann and his family residing there through 1942. Since then, many families either

owned or rented this property. The 1-1/2 story home has had many additions and changes over the past 85 years, including a complete renovation by the present owner prior to occupying it in 2008. The original hardwood floors, several of the interior doors and hardware, windows and window-panes remain. This beautiful traditional home, located on two lots, will have many traditional Christmas decorations scattered throughout its lovely interior. But there will also be touches of elegance and whimsy presented amid the six beautiful trees that will be

displayed along with other lovely Christmas décor. Whimsical themes will be presented in the "cat and mouse" tree in a back utility room the feline residents call home and upstairs, where visiting granddaughters gather, a Barbie-themed tree will accent bright, youthful décor. A guest bedroom will be traditionally decorated with Hallmark pieces and lace angels, along with beautiful decorations from Ms. Kelley's mother, acquired through her extensive travel and years of holiday celebrations. A duck tree in the den will portray one of Eagle Lake's favorite seasonal occupants. The pleasant

dining area and open kitchen, with attached butler's pantry, will present the other festive trees and decorations. Her favorite Christmas memory in this home? "The holiday tea party for my two granddaughters and their friends, ages 7-11, last year," she quickly replied. The girls were dressed for the holidays, wearing their favorite fashionable hats, celebrating amid festive holiday decorations. It was all very elegant until the celebrants, being the playful children they should be, rang the table bell requesting ketchup be available with the formal meal. There was a gift exchange, sugar cookie decorating and even an ap-

pearance by Santa himself. "Prior to my retirement (living in Colorado), I knew I wanted to return to Eagle Lake to be closer to my family (which includes the two granddaughters, three sons and one daughter-in-law). When the home at 101 East State Street became available, which was only three blocks from where I grew up in the 40's and 50's, it was a dream come true." Come experience the hospital-

ity of this family dream home by enjoying the Garden Club's "Holiday Tour of Homes" on Saturday, Dec. 05th, from 10am-7pm. It's one of six stops along the tour, each to be introduced weekly in forthcoming articles. Check out www.visiteaglelake.com for more information. Tour tickets may be purchased in advance from any Garden Club member or, the day of the tour, at the Prairie Edge Museum.



The Donna Lou Thomas Kelley residence at 101 East State Street is one of the homes scheduled for the Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club's "Holiday Tour of Homes" on Saturday, December 5.

Feeder Cattle Prices Up Slightly

For the week ending Oct. 24, feeder cattle prices at Texas auctions were \$1 to \$4 higher per hundredweight on offerings weighing fewer than 600 pounds, and steady to \$2 higher on heavier weights. Higher fed cattle prices and improved pasture conditions contributed to the increase. Fed cattle prices were \$2.50 to \$3 higher. Cotton prices ended the week higher on concerns about harvest delays and quality losses caused by wet weather in the Mississippi Delta.

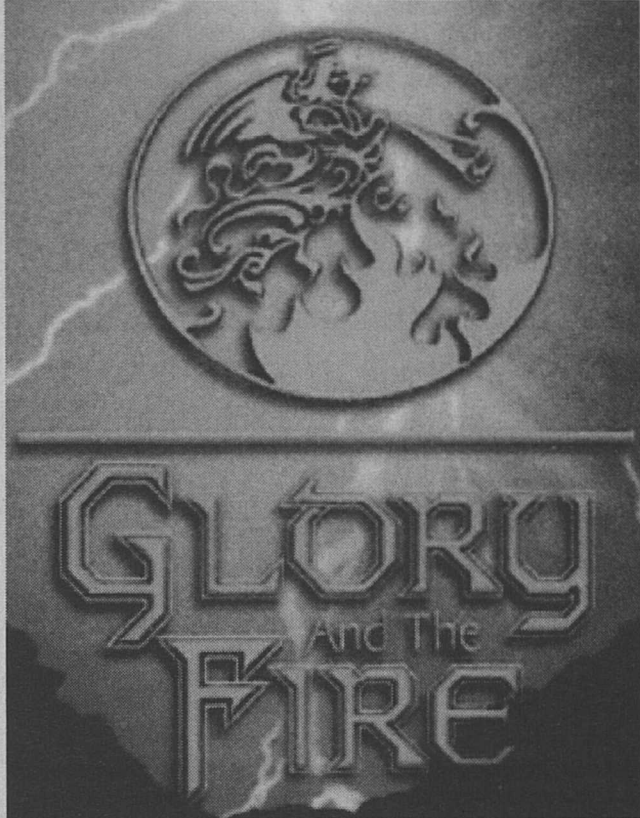
Slow crop progress in the Midwest, a weaker dollar and higher crude oil supported grain markets. As for futures markets, feeder cattle, finished cattle, wheat and corn were higher while cotton and lumber were lower. Showers fell over much of Central and East Texas during the week, with two to six inches of rainfall recorded in some locations. Winter wheat planting continued in many areas with the emerged crop reported in mostly good to fair condition.

Armyworms damaged some fields in the Blacklands region. Cotton continued to mature on the Northern High Plains and Edwards Plateau, while rains delayed harvest on the Southern High Plains. The crop remains in mostly good to fair condition. Corn harvest was 88 percent complete and 70 percent of the grain sorghum acreage was harvested. Pastures continue to improve with the recent rainfall and were reported to be in mostly fair to good condition.

Raider of the Week



Luz Becerra, daughter of David and Alicia Becerra of Eagle Lake, was chosen by the faculty as the Raider of the Week. She is a freshman at Rice High School. Luz has made the transition into high school easily. "I like high school because there are more people to get to know," she said. Algebra is her favorite subject and she participates in FCCLA. Outside of school Luz spends her time hanging out with her family and babysitting. Since she likes to cook, her favorite TV shows are on the Food Network. One day Luz hopes to attend college to study cosmetology.



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