

Wiese Home On Garden Club Holiday Tour

"A Hunter's Christmas" at the Wiese Home

It was probably no coincidence that the visit to review the Donnie and Anna Mae Wiese home for the Christmas home tour occurred the week of the opening of deer season in Texas.

The extended Wiese family and their love of outdoors and deer hunting have gone hand in hand for many decades. And that's part of what makes the holiday season so special for them.

The lovely country home of the Wiese family is located about two miles east of Eagle Lake on FM 1093.

The land was purchased in 1970 from Donnie's uncle Clifford Wiese, and this is where they decided they wanted to raise their three children.

Since then, frequent visits by eight grandchildren have only

added to the festive holidays that are celebrated there.

The house is 39 years old and was renovated in 2008 to provide even more comfortable family living.

Since the Wiese's are a family of hunters, there will be plenty of ornate horns right along with the Christmas tree and other decorations.

And much of that lovely natural décor will come straight from their South Texas ranch, the family's second home during hunting season which extends right into the anticipated holiday season.

Anna Mae enjoys the bright red accents throughout the home year round, but they will be further expanded during this colorful season.

The decorative focal point of the house will be the large family Christmas tree displayed in the



The Donnie and Anna Mae Wiese home will be featured on the Garden Club's Holiday Homes Tour on December 5.

living area.

Adorned with turkey feathers, deer horns and red poinsettias, it will welcome visitors into the holiday-festooned home.

A section of the living area houses a game table which will be set for the holidays, ready for family and friends to sit down for a good old-fashioned game of dominoes.

The warm and welcoming yellow country kitchen, with charming beaded board cabinets, hosts a dining area on either side. There's a lot of family to feed during the holidays so all tables will be set with Christmas décor, but perhaps most treasured is the 100 year old dining table which was Grandma Wiese's and is still lovingly used by her ancestors.

The table is just one of many treasured family heirlooms still enjoyed by the Wiese family.

Special Christmas décor will be in the master and guest bedrooms, with the prominent western motif already in the grandkids' room being expanded for an enchanting Western Christmas theme.

Special framed prints, kerchief curtains, wooden bunk beds, and a country table set are enjoyed there by the grandchildren on a

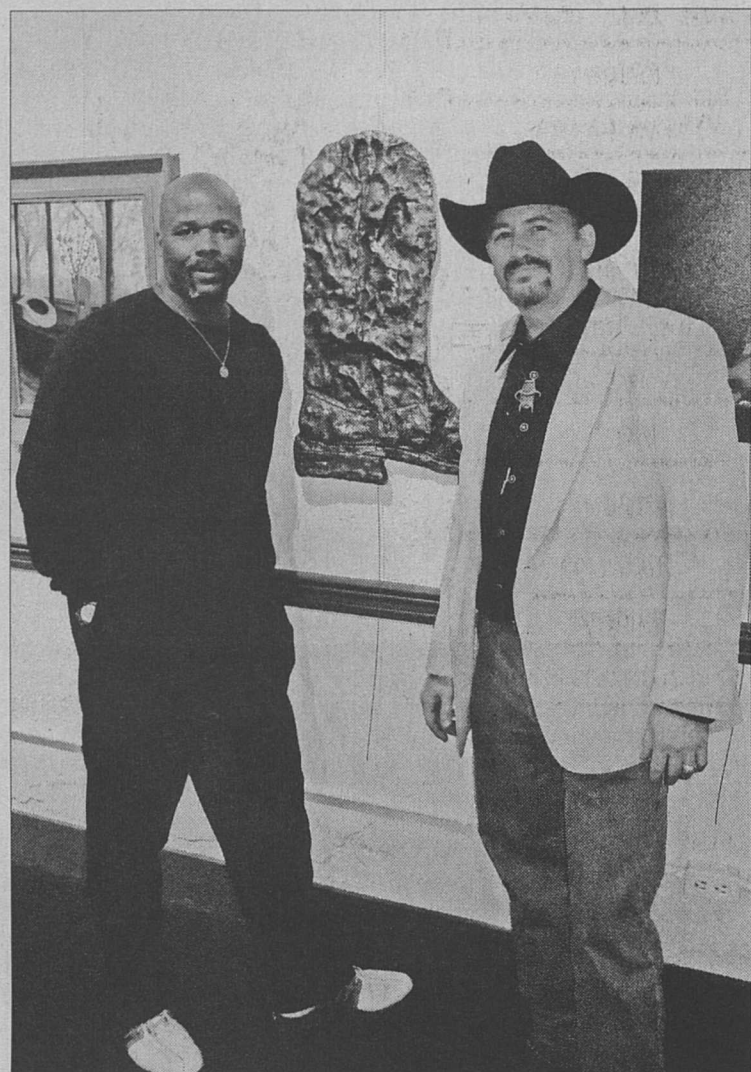
regular basis.

With this active and extended family, was there a favorite Christmas memory for them? "The house has always been a gathering place for both extended families, the Wiese and Cooper families, but there were a few Christmases that were very special when all three of our school age children still had visiting great grandparents present for the holidays," says Anna Mae.

There were four living great grandparents, the grandparents, aunts and uncles and cousins along with the immediate family and even some good friends included. That made for some large Christmas celebrations still not forgotten.

The Wiese's continue their warm welcome to family, friends and visitors by opening their lovely home for the Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club's "Holiday Tour of Homes" scheduled for Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. It will be one of six holiday locations to visit.

Visit www.visiteaglelake.com for more information. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any Garden Club member or may be purchased the day of the tour only at The Prairie Edge Museum.



Pictured above are Tony Tyler and Billy Rotter at the Morton Street Gallery for the Boots-to-Heal that was held recently.

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EAGLE LAKE WEATHER REPORT

Information Courtesy of Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Experiment Station, Eagle Lake

Date	Temp (H/L)	Rainfall(in.)
Mon. 11-02-09	77/50	0.00
Tue. 11-03-09	76/50	0.00
Wed. 11-04-09	78/51	0.00
Thu. 11-05-09	79/48	0.00
Fri. 11-06-09	78/52	0.00
Sat. 11-07-09	79/58	0.00
Sun. 11-08-09	76/64	0.10

Groundwater District

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assumes that there is not enough water for the present and future constituents of the district plus any outside entities that may want to sell or market water elsewhere.

It further implies that it's in the constituent's best interest to stop a water distributor or marketer from operating in the area. Some of the reasons to proceed or not are economic or political and since I'm not a politician (despite what some people seem to think a politician is), I'll stick to the technical aspects of the issue.

Without more well data (mainly water level measurements and pumpage estimates), there is a high probability that we will underestimate how much water is being used and overestimate how much is remaining. The reader can decide the consequences of

that.

Another point in the question is that the term "our water" should instead be replaced with the term "the landowner's water". The common law rule with regard to groundwater in Texas, called the "Rule of Capture" allows landowners to withdraw water under their property with little regard to other groundwater users as long as the water is beneficially used and isn't intentionally wasted.

Unless a groundwater district has rules in place and knowledge of aquifer conditions, the landowner can essentially produce as much as he wants for whatever purpose including bottling it or selling it to another city.

Hopefully this helps a bit. Visit our web site at www.ccged.net for ongoing information on district rules.

County Commissioners

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a new pipe will be installed and a pump is planned at a later date.

--Approved changing the county's contribution to the employee retirement from \$1.50 for each \$1 contributed by an employee to \$1.75 for each \$1.

That will mean an additional \$92,000 a year contribution by the county.

County employees received no raises this year, and the auditor had figures that showed a three percent pay raise would have cost \$111,000.

--Granted permission to the U.S. Census Bureau to use an office in one of the county build-

ings next year from Feb. 15 to April 15.

--Granted permission to the Robert R. Wells Jr. Airport Committee to place a commemorative plaque honoring former Airport Manager Bob Cowart, at no cost to the county.

--Approved paying approximately \$38,000 to sheriff's employees for compensatory time.

Auditor Raymie Kana said the money will come out of the sheriff's budget.

--Discussed selling copies of a new county map book to members of the public at a cost of \$25.

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