

Matters of The Heart Christian Books and Gifts Mercy Fling

Dayspring Christmas
Cards, Ornaments
and Music

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Dream Becomes Reality...

What began as a dream became reality as GAR members with the help of many from the communities of Nada and Garwood held the Christmas in Garwood event on Saturday December 5 in downtown Garwood.

The opening ceremonies began with a welcome from Anita Meisner.

The invocation was given by Meisner followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Tim Carnes and the pledge to the flag. Meisner acknowledged the members who helped to make Diane and Larry Smidovec's vision of returning Christmas to Garwood.

DJ Vestal Odom and wife Becky provided Christmas music during the day's events. Many

vendor booths were set up with various wares to sell.

During the opening ceremonies Robert and Dorothy Schiuring were recognized as Parade Marshalls. The Citizens of the Year from Garwood were recognized. The recipient was Charlyne Frnka (Mrs. John) Williams who has been a lifetime resident of the Garwood community.

She lives in the oldest home in Garwood, which has been in the Frnka family for over 100 years. She has been very active in the community, been a teacher and when her children were growing up she participated in all their activities including being a rodeo wife and mom.

She has three children George, Richard and Ann Odom who passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer.

The Citizens of the Year from Nada were named they are Alfred and Jeralyn Prihoda.

Both have been very involved in church and community activities. They donated the funds to erect the monument, flag and flagpole at the Veterans Park at the South entrance to Garwood. Alfred is a WWII veteran in his acceptance he stated that during WWII he was captured by the Japanese twice and was able to escape.

He stated that to this day he doesn't know how he managed to do that. He further stated that with his and his wife's faith he has been able to over come several years of battling cancer.

He stated that a person should never give up fighting because when you stop fighting you loose.

The Prihoda's have three children, Janice Thompson, Barbara Dettling and Anthony Prihoda and eight grandchildren.

The recipients were presented with a plaque.

Catherine Berger awarded the Garwood yard lighting winners those were first place, Vicki and Todd Nelson, second Mike and Bea Bittner and third Larry and Diane Smidovec. Helen Noteboom awarded the Nada yard lighting winners first Tammy and Kevin Till, Walter "Shorty" and Bea Schoellmann second and Chris and Sandy Wishert third.

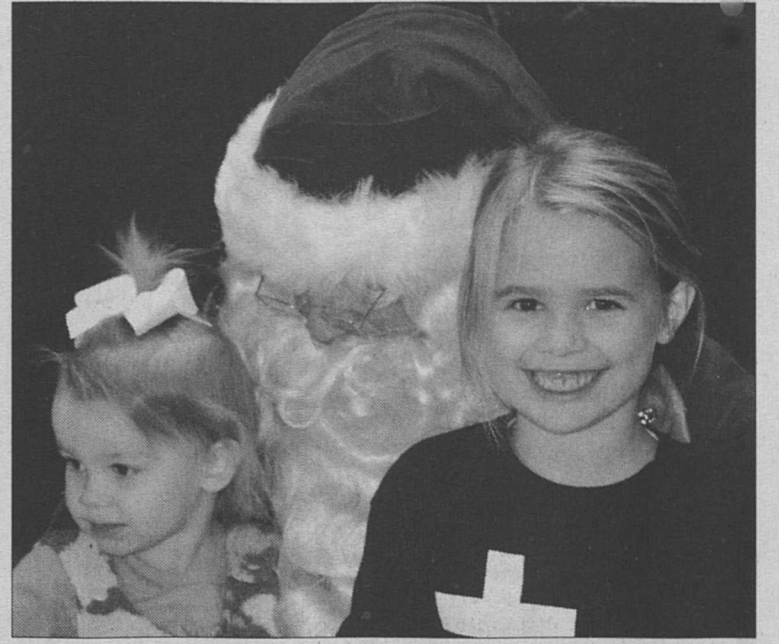
At 6 in the evening the Lighted Christmas Parade was enjoyed by over 400 people. Parade co-ordinators were Chris and Tina Leopold.

Over 29 floats participated winners were first place, Johnny and Natalie Underwood, second Ed Gold Trucking and third, Ruby Hoffmann's Christmas Train riders were Rachael, Darrell and Taegon Pieprzyca, Brent, Charlotte, and Hope Schneider. Kimberly Kunz, Ashlyn Brown and Cody Bell and Ruby Hoffmann.

Garwood Fire Department Mascot Rowdy Kunz was featured on the Garwood Fire Department's truck entry.

The parade concluded with the arrival of Santa (aka) Mike Lanier aboard the 1927 Antique Garwood Fire Truck.

The GAR members are grateful for the participation of the many that made this event possible and are eagerly awaiting the 2010 Christmas in Garwood event.



Gracy and Brooke have a visit with Santa after the Garwood Christmas Parade.



This entry was called "Huntin' For a White Christmas."

Please be advised
that effective
January 1, 2010
Eagle Lake
Rehabilitation Services
will relocate its
services to
600 S. Austin Road
inside the
Rice Medical Center.
If you have any
questions, please call
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More Info On Chamber Mall And Parade

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modate everyone that is willing to donate. This drive will benefit area residents.

Vouchers from donations can be designated to any patient post donation by calling the blood center (713.790.1200) or logging in to www.giveblood.org and clicking the digital donor link.

Commit for Life donors will receive Commit for Life points for their donation to use in the

online store. To schedule an appointment please call the Chamber office 979-234-2780, log on to www.giveblood.org and click on the digital donor link or email the Chamber at events@VisitEagleLake.com.

The holidays are a time of giving, and this is a great way to give back what others in the community have received from the blood bank this year.

In addition to the Christmas Mall and events taking place

throughout the day, the annual Parade of Lights sponsored by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will be rolling down Main Street beginning at 6:45 p.m.

This year the theme is iChristmas Around the World. i Come see the creative floats, marching bands, car clubs, school organizations, churches, businesses and more take part in this wonderful event. It is going to be a parade you don't want to miss!

To top off the day, come visit

Santa in the Chamber building, 303 E. Main St., immediately following the parade. Santa will meet, greet and take pictures with all of those good girls and boys until 9 p.m.

10 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Christmas Mall & Sing-A-Long

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Blood Drive

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Parade Line-up and Judging

6:45 p.m. - Parade Starts

Visit Santa in the Chamber Building, 303 East Main St., immediately following the parade.

How To Look Your Best This Holiday Season

No matter if you're going to a holiday party at work or to a family get-together, this season we all want to look our best.

Neatness and good grooming are "in" this year.

You don't want to show up in formal attire for a casual office party or vice-versa.

Here's how to look your best this season:

*** Dress Right For The Party:**

If you are attending a holiday party with co-workers, be sure to dress -- and behave -- conservatively.

Unless it's a formal shindig, both men and women should go business casual.

Men should beware of gaudy holiday ties, while women should go easy on both jewelry and make-up.

*** Neatness Counts:** Nobody wants to spend time with a messy party guest.

Crisply pressed clothes project a confident image and show you pay attention to detail. Use a clothing iron with a pointed tip and a double-pointed soleplate, to smooth out tight spots like collars, buttons and cuffs.

These spots are the first things people notice and you don't want them wrinkled.

*** Grooming Is Key:** Just because it's a celebratory season, doesn't mean you should be a slovenly reveler.

Especially when you dress casual, grooming is crucial. Your hair should be neat, don't skip that shower or bath, and men should be cleanly shaved or have well-trimmed beards. Never go light on the grooming!

*** Fast Fixes:** Are you late for the party and all wrinkled? Did your clothing get rumpled in your luggage on the trip home for the holidays?

If you're in a hurry, use the steam setting on an iron and gently hover over wrinkles, smoothing out the warm fabric with your hand. If a complete ironing is needed quickly, use an iron with a bigger surface area, more steamholes and a double-pointed soleplate, which will eliminate 25 percent from ironing time. Always travel with a sewing kit to reattach buttons and mend hems.

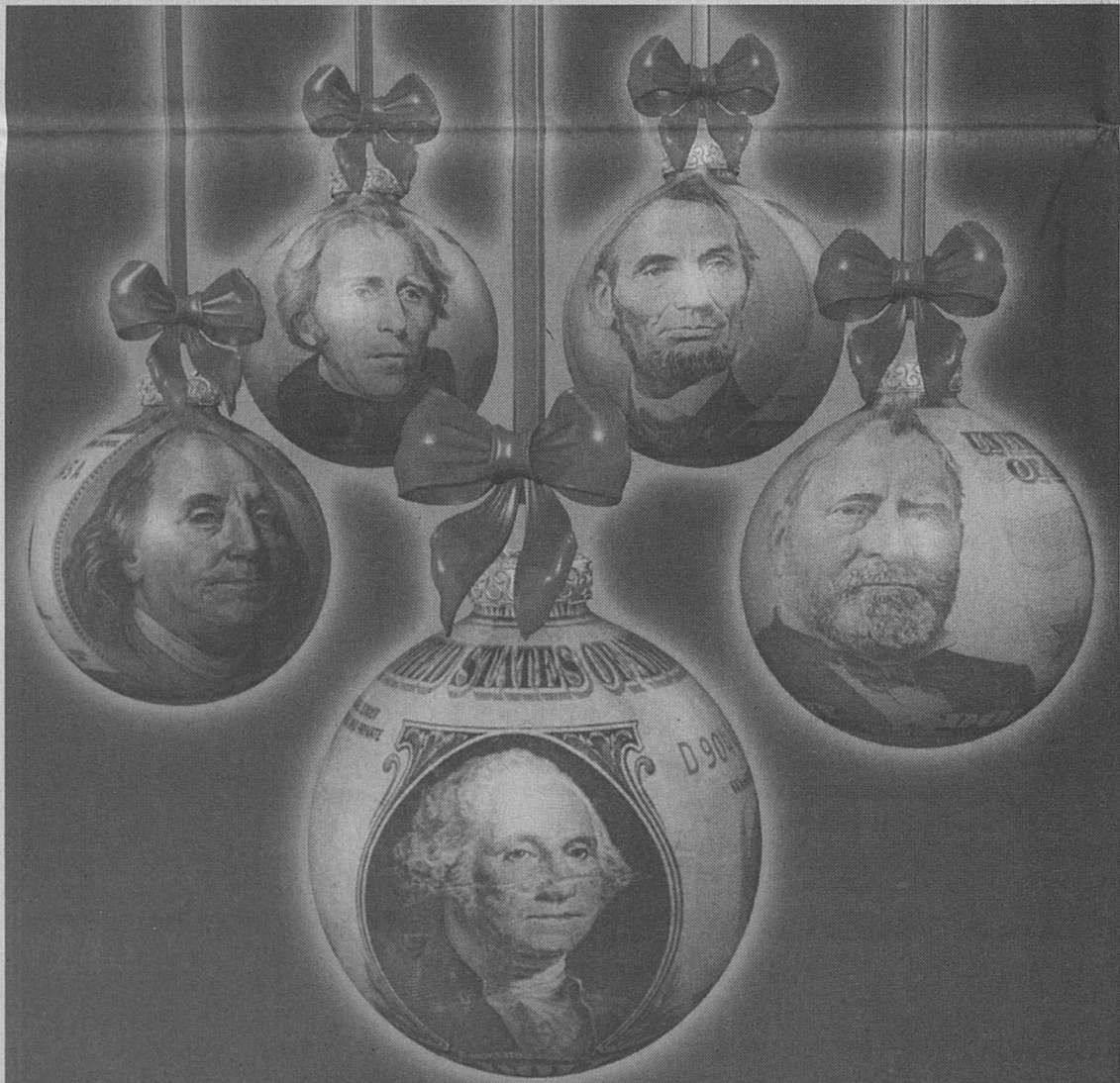
*** Look Great Without Spending on Dry Cleaning:** Dry cleaning can be expensive and add yet another errand to your list during this busy season.

Some clothing, like sweaters, may be labeled dry clean only but can be washed at home in a garment bag on the gentle cycle using gentle detergent.

If your pants or blouses aren't dirty, just wrinkled, return them to perfect condition with a precision iron.

You can also avoid dry cleaning by using different settings on your iron, such as for silk, or smoothing out the front crease of your pants with your iron. You can extend the life of certain clothing by dry cleaning items less frequently.

Of course, another way to look good this holiday season is to skip that extra piece of pie or holiday cookie!



BANK ON A GREAT SEASON!

First National Bank
invites you to join us for Christmas Confections
and Hot Cider on

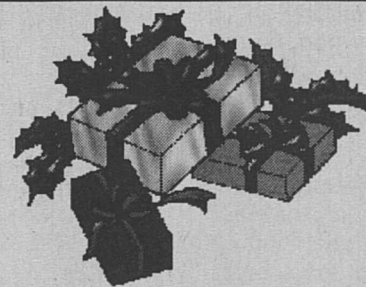
Friday December 11
from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Santa will be here from 3-4:30 p.m.

*Have a Merry Christmas and a
Safe and Happy New Year!*

During the bank's open house, between the hours of 11 am and 2 pm, the bank will offer complimentary shredding for your personal documents that you wish to destroy. For more information call Melinda at 979-234-5591 x1138.

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