

# Library's annual luncheon, silent auction Nov. 18

The annual Fall Luncheon and Silent Auction, sponsored by the Friends of the Troup Library, takes place this Saturday, Nov. 18. Here's the chance to enjoy a delicious luncheon, a hilarious speaker, and pick up great gifts to fulfill your holiday shopping lists and wonderful food items to grace your holiday table, according to organizers. At the same time, you will be making an important contribution to the Troup Municipal Library.

Guest speaker will be Bob Urban, a collector of "goofy"

toys. He likes those that move, sing, dance and generally act or look like fools, even if they are supposed to be serious.

What he began as a hobby to entertain himself, then his children and his grandchildren, has now become the basis for many invitations to share his toys, his jokes, and his zany sense of humor with others.

An East Texas native, Urban was born in Crystal City and moved from there to Jacksonville, where he graduated from high school and Lon Morris College. After a stint in the Navy,

he enrolled in TCU and emerged a few years later with two degrees.

Urban has toys for every holiday and plenty left over for otherwise uncelebrated days. For the fall luncheon in Troup, he will bring a variety of Christmas favorites and a few Thanks-



Bob Urban

giving specialties to cover both seasons as the luncheon and silent auction do.

Jetta Jarvis, assisted by Carol Whitsell, Joyce Wilkinson, and Sondra Roundtree, is chair of the luncheon this year. Navoleine Roddy and Essie Massingill, co-chairs of the silent auction, report they are expecting a record array of items this year.

The luncheon, prepared by many of the best cooks in Troup, is always beautifully presented and perfectly delicious. The silent auction offers an ex-

cit array of homemade food items, handcrafted decorative pieces for the home, and enough gift items to fill out everyone's gift list.

The Christmas Book Tree will also make its debut at the fall luncheon and silent auction on Nov. 18.

It will remain on display through Dec. 24.

Once again patrons can buy the library a Christmas present in the form of a new book the library needs, but cannot afford to purchase at this time. When the gift books arrive in the li-

brary shortly after the new year begins, they will be put on the shelves with special book plates commemorating the gifts and givers.

Tickets for the Fall Luncheon and Silent Auction are on sale now at the Troup Library and by members of the Friends of the Troup Library. Each ticket costs \$12.

Call the Troup library at 903-842-3101 to reserve your tickets or drop by the library, located at 102 S. Georgia, during its regular operational hours to pick up your tickets in advance.

## Project brings joy at Christmastime

The holidays are no time to have to do without. Too often, families are forced to endure difficulties due to layoffs, loss of incomes, sickness, etc. It is once again time for the community to help these families get through this time of great need.

Project Joy is the annual Christmas food and toy drive to aid needy Whitehouse families. Last year, groups came together and helped more needy families than ever before with food and gifts for Christmas.

Whitehouse ISD, along with churches and organizations in Whitehouse, worked together to make Project Joy 2005 a great success. Cain, Brown, Higgins and Holloway held one of the biggest food drives ever. The high school and junior high school worked very hard to raise a record amount of money to buy toys and gifts for all the children in these families. Several teachers responded to individual families by personally providing gifts and food.

The Ministerial Alliance and local churches helped to raise money to purchase perishable foods. Tyler Metro Church provided the location where the volunteers prepared the boxes of food, and Philadelphia Blessing provided extra food. Many volunteers, Whitehouse High School students along with Chick-Fil-A of Tyler provided 20 new bicycles. Brookshire Grocery Store in Whitehouse partnered with the group to provide extra food, roasting chickens and Spirit Christmas boxes.

"Working together and helping each other during these times can and will make Whitehouse an even stronger community," said Ray Baldwin, Project Joy coordinator.

Again this year, the opportunity is there for everyone to help. Watch for information at local schools, churches and organizations and join in this effort. For more information contact Ray Baldwin at 903-352-0039.

### A CELEBRATION OF HEROES



A display in the entrance of the Whitehouse Junior High Gym welcomed visitors to the Veterans Day program. See related photos page 6B.

### COLORS OF AUTUMN QUILT



Mary Anne Coney and Shirley Mathis work on the Colors of Autumn quilt.

## Quilt raffle benefiting library, Susan G. Koman foundation

It is rare to see a newly created hand-made quilt in this day and time. It is even more rare to see one made through the handiwork of 83 individuals. That is what makes the "Colors of Autumn" quilt being made in Troup so very special.

Sponsored by Aunt Lillie's Antiques, this king-size quilt was pieced by Carol Wilson. Alice English, Martha Reneau and longtime Aunt Lillie's employee Shirley Mathis have been overseeing the quilt's completion.

This beautiful design has been stitched using an old-fashioned quilting frame suspended from the ceiling. This frame is on loan from Ms. Reneau of Arp.

Folks from several states including New York and Ken-

tucky, as well as all over East Texas, had a hand in the quilting. The backing of the quilt is covered with fall leaves bearing the names of all who took part in the stitching.

Hundreds of hours have gone into completing this quilt that will be awarded to the winning raffle ticketholder on Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Troup Municipal Library at 6 p.m. Along with the drawing, done by Santa himself, the library will host a Christmas Open House serving refreshments.

Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. They are available at Aunt Lillie's Antiques in Troup, Tri County Leader in Whitehouse and Troup Municipal Library.

All proceeds go to the Cameron-J. Jarvis Troup Municipal Library and Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation.

### Meals on Wheels Weekly Menu Nov. 16-24

Please call the day before if you are going to eat the next day.

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118 Railroad Ave.  
Whitehouse, Texas  
903-839-6958

**Troup Municipal Library**  
102 S. Georgia  
Troup, Texas  
903-842-3101

Thu (16): Chicken enchiladas/chili, pinto beans, Spanish rice, crackers, jello.  
Fri (17): Turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, English peas, roll, pie.  
Mon (20): Meatballs with gravy, buttered noodles, broccoli with cheese, roll, fruit cobbler.  
Tue (21): Pork patty, Potatoes Rockefeller, peas and carrots, bread, peaches.  
Wed (22): Chicken tenders, scalloped potatoes, winter bl. vegetables, roll, spice cake.  
Thurs (23): HOLIDAY  
Fri (24): HOLIDAY

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