

# Thomas, Immel married in Fredericksburg

Tricia Thomas and Scott Immel were united in marriage on Saturday, June 22, at 3:30 p.m. in Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Fredericksburg.

The bride is the daughter of John and Marilyn Thomas of Fredericksburg, formerly of Eagle Lake. She is the granddaughter of Pearl Meitzen and Ralph Thomas of Eagle Lake and Mary Hight of Concord, California.

Tricia is a 1991 graduate of Rice High School and a 1995 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is employed by Wildwood Farms in Fredericksburg.

The groom is the son of Lyndon and Barbara Immel of Fredericksburg and the grandson of Viola Immel and Margaret Zenner, also of Fredericksburg.

He is a 1987 graduate of Fredericksburg High School and a 1992 graduate of Southwest Texas State University.

Scott is employed by the Wimberley Independent School District. The church altar was decorated with three large sprays of fresh white flowers.

The pews were accented with candlelight tulle and gold trimmed sheer ribbon.

May Ann Murchison was the organist and Todd Meier was the trumpeter. "Trumpet Voluntary" and the "Bridal Chorus" were played for the processional and Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" accompanied the

recessional.

Andy Gertson and Diana Williams were the soloists. Selections included "Loving You Religiously" and the Lord's Prayer.

Kimberly Corman and Logan Dietel read the scripture and prayers.

For her wedding, the bride wore an off-the-shoulder candlelight gown with beading on the bodice and splashes of beads on the full floor-length skirt and cathedral train. Five beaded roses accented the back.

In her hair, she wore three satin roses with ribbon-lined tulle. She carried a fresh bouquet of gardenias, stephanotis and bridal white roses.

Maria Thomas of San Antonio was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Tess Balas of Eagle Lake, Renee Bullard of San Antonio, Laurie Dietel and Wendy Reeh of Fredericksburg and Lezi Schilling of Houston.

They wore straight black dresses with candlelight tops accented with lace. They carried fresh bouquets of gardenias, stephanotis and white carnations.

Mattie Loter, daughter of Pat and Kathy Loter of Wimberley, was the flower girl. She carried a basket of fresh gardenias and stephanotis accented with candlelight sheer ribbon streamers.

Russell Immel of Fredericksburg was the best man.

Groomsmen were Ryan Thomas, Stephen Jung and Glenn Miller of Fredericksburg, David Sine of Conroe, and Tim Stuewe of College Station.

Dillon Reeh, son of Wade and Wendy Reeh of Fredericksburg, was the ring bearer.

Serving as ushers were Dean Dietel, Marc Duderstadt, Wade Reeh, Quentin Riley and Jason Stehling.

A reception, dinner and dance followed the ceremony at Markplatz outside pavilion with music by Vermilion.

The tables were decorated with hurricane lanterns accented with greenery and candlelight sheer ribbons. White twinkling lights hung from the rafters. (Thanks to the help of friends!)

The five-tiered basket-weave bride's cake was a white confection with lemon filling. The cake was accented with fresh red roses and greenery.

The chocolate basket-weave groom's cake was accented with chocolate dipped strawberries and sat on a grapevine wreath with ivy.

Following a wedding trip to the Bahamas, the couple is making their home in Wimberley.



Mr. and Mrs. Scott Immel

## Friend's House begins 7th year

My Friend's House (MFH) opened its doors as a children's ministry the summer of 1989, under the loving guidance of Robin Clippson.

The idea of a Christian based program originated as a Wednesday morning ministry developed to fill the void left by the closing of the Mother's Day Out Program sponsored by the First Baptist Church.

With the assistance of Sherry Magnum, Ms. Clippson developed a pre-school program designed to meet the developmental needs of young

children. With in a few months, the Wednesday morning children's ministry evolved into a three day pre-school program which eventually incorporated afternoon day care.

With the support of the United Methodist Church and some other very capable individuals (Nancy Sherrick, Brenda Teyki, Janet Jasek, Ollie Sims, and Anna Gertson), the MFH dream became a reality.

Seven years later, the Pre-School/Day Care, is still growing strong.

In the nursery, Joyce Hancock, a Certified Nurses Aid, gives individual attention and loving care to infants between the ages of six and 12 months.

Jill Stephens, Terry Stedman and Regina Valdez are also care givers who help with the day care program for the older children.

There is a toddler room available for children between the ages of 12 months and two years of age. The care giver for this room had not been determined at press time.

Since its conception, MFH has provided experiences to children which encourage learning in a Christian context.

The pastor of the United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake, Barry W. Bauerschlag, is responsible for guiding the spiritual growth of the children at MFH.

Brother Barry leads the weekly chapel time and introduces Christian values through song, stories and prayer.

He will also provide counseling for children, parents and care givers. He believes that day care should be a home away from home.

"I am thankful for the emphasis on 'care' given to the child care and educational program of MFH," says Brother Barry. "I celebrate the personal attention shown each child."

"Our holistic approach nurtures not only their physical and intellectual well-being, but their inner life development and emotional, moral and spiritual levels as well."

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Parents who wish to reserve a place for their child should call Gail Gertson at 234-3330.

The three Pre-School teachers are Monica Pagel (two year olds); a four-year veteran of MFH whose style of teaching makes every child eager to learn; Michelle Montgomery, (three year olds); her warm manner and gentle guidance has made her a big hit with the kids; and Deborah Politsch (four year olds); a certified teacher, with a bachelor degree in elementary education and a minor in early child development.

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## Double shower honors two couples

The backyard of Georgia Wendt, 705 Empire, in El Campo, on July 20 at 4 p.m. was the setting for a double Honey-Do/Lawn & Garden Shower.

Honored at the gathering were Stacey Spanihel and Dustin Leopold who will be married on Nov. 9 in Nada; and Stacey Leopold and Vance Brown who will exchange their wedding vows on Oct. 12, also in Nada.

grandmother of Stacey and Dustin Leopold.

Hosting the special occasion were Linda and Dan Kana of Needville, Jeanette and Arnold Parker of Victoria, Mary Ann and Ed Derrick of West Columbia, and Tom and Jeanna Wendt of Spring.

The hostesses presented each couple with a set of lawn chairs.

The backyard of Mr. Wendt was decorated in a festive picnic setting with balloons and streamers.

The main table held two beautifully decorated cakes in each of the couples chosen colors for their weddings.

The honorees received many nice gifts and shared the evening visiting with friends and relatives.

Approximately 75 guests attended the shower and enjoyed a meal of chicken salad sandwiches, chips, dips and fruit and vegetable trays, along with punch and tea.

Special guests attending the shower were Joe Mike and Diane Spanihel of Eagle Lake, parents of Stacey Spanihel; Don and Suzy Leopold of Nada, parents of Stacey and Dustin;

Vernon and Dorothy Brown of Rock Island, parents of Vance Brown; Wilbert and Vernell Kucherka and Leon and Charlyne Spanihel, all of Eagle Lake, Stacey Spanihel's grandparents; and Georgia Wendt of El Campo,

## Gonzalez, Prill announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Jose I. Gonzalez of Houston proudly announce the upcoming wedding of their son, Jose I. Gonzalez, to Janie E. Prill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Prill of Washington State.

The couple will exchange vows on August 10, 1996, at the Westchase Hilton and Towers in Houston followed by a reception and dance. The couple will then depart for Orlando, Florida, where they will spend their honeymoon. The couple will reside in Bremerton, Washington, where Jose is currently stationed for the U.S. Navy.

## CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

### Daughters of the Republic of Texas

The Monument Hill Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas held their July meeting at the home of Beatrice Meiners of La Grange.

The meeting was called to order by President Imogene Williams at 10:30 a.m. Chaplain Elizabeth "Bessie" Bean gave the invocation and Historian Joyce Stancik led pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

We were pleased to have with us as guests, Jeanette Smart and Elizabeth Freeman.

Lillian Stuesser called the roll, reporting that there were 14 members and two guests present.

Carolyn Marble moved that because the minutes of the last meeting were mailed to the membership, we dispense with the reading and accept the minutes as mailed, noting that Barbara Ann Kocurek was referred to as Barbara Ann Thornton.

A volunteer to serve as interim secretary was called for. Because there are only four scheduled meetings left in this term, Stuesser and Debora Behlen offered to take notes which will be typed and edited into minutes-form by President Williams.

Marble gave the treasurer's report.

### Country Squares news

By Gladys Nay, Sheridan  
The Country Squares Square Dance Club hosted its annual Pic Dance Monday night, July 29, at the Sheridan Community Center.

Attending were 60 guests and 26 members. What a wonderful crowd. Everyone had plenty of pie and even took pies home. The only complaint I heard was we didn't have enough chocolate pies.

Phyllis and Nelda did a fantastic job decorating the hall.

Our caller, Traylor, did most of the calling, but we also had two others, one from El Campo and one from Austin. They all called a very good dance.

Between the square dance tips we had line dancing.

Our guests were from clubs in Gonzales, La Grange, Bellville, El Campo, Ganado, Victoria, Corpus Christi, Austin and also had some from the camping squares.

We will be starting lessons again in Sept., so if anyone is interested, contact Traylor Walker.

We dance every Monday night from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Answer to question in "About Town" on Page 3:  
The city in the U.S. with the highest per capita enrollment at Harvard Law School is Eagle Lake, Texas!

According to an article by Tom Reed, published in the *Houston Chronicle*, since we have two students at Harvard and approximately 3,500 residents, Eagle Lake has the highest per capita at the prestigious school.

Jaime Marquart and Darryl Anderson already have the first year of law school under their belts. Congratulations and keep up the good work to both young men!

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