

Living Hope's Bible School was a big success

Living Hope Church in Eagle Lake was the most exciting place in town the week of June 9-13, 1997, as the church's annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) was held.

For the second year in a row, about 100 children attended. Fifty-six of those had perfect attendance and were awarded "SonRise" t-shirts.

"Last year we were surprised by the turnout. This year we worked very hard to get ready. We remodeled our education building to add two new classrooms and impressed three more teachers into service. The effect was that we handled the same number of children, but everyone had twice as much fun doing it as last year," said Pastor Joe Fling.

Trine Alvarado and Debbie Lewis taught the three year olds, Donna Ellis and Martha Yanez taught four year olds; Lori Moore and Sarah Rivera the five year olds; Bart Catlett and Maria Diaz taught six's and seven's. Frances Geib taught the seven and eights. Cherri McCain taught the 9-11 year old class; and Gloria McCain taught those 12 and older.

Pastor Fling commented, "I can't



Participants in the week-long Vacation Bible School at Living Hope Church gathered for a commemorative picture before closing out the 1997 program. Photo Courtesy of Living Hope Church

say enough about how great our teachers performed. Some of the classes averaged nearly 20 children, and it all went off without a hitch. At least seven of our workers used vacation time from their jobs to be able to make this voluntary investment of their time in the youngsters." Others helping out were Jack Ellis, Julian Moore, Carmen Ramirez and Lola Valdez.

Living Hope Church was transformed into the SonRise Balloon Adventure, where children were carried on a journey of faith. Jonah and the

Whale hung from the front of the sanctuary, and the three Hebrew children walked with God inside the Fiery Furnace on the platform. Off to one side, Moses was parting the Red Sea. The opening assembly and music were tremendous times of celebration as the children came together. "The songs were the best I ever heard in VBS material" said Pastor Mercy Fling, "they are songs that will stay with the children and adults for years to come."

Five fun filled days concluded on Friday afternoon with the Skyfest Balloon rally, an afternoon party with games food and fellowship for children and parents.

The response of children and parents alike was so tremendous that the church has continued children's meetings every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. at the church education building. The program is under the direction of Cherri McCain and features fun, food and games centering around the same F-A-I-T-H theme that highlighted the VBS.

Children ages five through 14 are invited to this continuing program through the end of the summer.

As with all programs at Living Hope Church, you may contact Joe or Mercy Fling at 234-5536 for more information.



Vacek, Guthman to wed

Mr. and Mrs. August J. Vacek of East Bernard are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Jonathan Lee Guthman of Orchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Wegenhoft of Columbus and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Guthman of Bastrop. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Kulcak of Needville and Mr. Frank J. Vacek of East Bernard and the late Mathilda Vacek.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mrs. Mary Reinecker of Orchard and the late Lester Reinecker and Mr. Lee Roy Guthman of Lissie and the late Inez Guthman.

The bride elect is a 1993 graduate of East Bernard High School and a 1997 graduate of Texas A&M University. She is employed at Shell Service Company in Houston.

The prospective groom is a 1991 graduate of East Bernard High School and a 1994 graduate of Texas State Technical College in Waco. He is employed with Hi-Way Equipment in Houston.

The couple will exchange vows at 2 p.m. August 2, 1997, at the Holy Cross Catholic Church in East Bernard.

Baird receives Leroy Burt Scholarship

The Colorado County Youth Scholarship Fund Inc. has awarded its annual Leroy Burt Memorial Scholarship to Bridget E. Baird of Eagle Lake.

Bridget, the daughter of David and Carolyn Baird, is a 1997 graduate of Rice High School.

She has been active in FFA activities, earning the DeKalb Agricultural Achievement Award, the Sheep Entrepreneurship Award, Grand Champion Lamb Award and Showmanship Lamb Award.

Bridget is was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council and various athletics programs.

Bridget has been awarded the Rice High School Booster Club Scholarship, Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club Scholarship and Alpha Beta Pi Sorority Scholarship.

She will be attending Texas A&M University.

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SHERIDAN LIBRARY NEWS

The summer reading program is now in full swing on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30 until 3:30 p.m. at the Sheridan Memorial Library.

Beverly Houser has real treats in store for the attending youngsters. The incredible dream machine will continue until July 23. Mark the Wednesdays on your calendar.

The Friends of the Library are still looking for some more members. The list now numbers 62 supportive patrons. The cost to join is \$5 per person. The money will be used to purchase items not financed in the budget.

Members for this year are Martha Polach, Bill & Gail O'Neill, Alice & Tammie Hinze, Nancy Chabreck, E.R. & Minnie Spittler, Judy Tesch, Jason & Tami Pausewang, Janet Otto, Ora Tesch, Jenavee Peterson, Ora Criswell, Connie Laake, Dollie Botard, Monica Broesche, Donald & Patsy Alex, and Loretta McCloud.

Also, Wayne & Natalie Dupre,

Bill & Lillian Gohlke, Beverly Houser, Evelyn Holt, Rosalie Brocker, Dean & Betty Varley, Eddie Ray & Lois Taylor, Chuck Wern, Willard & Irene Hagendorf, Ed & Gladys Nay, Ed & Kay Parham, Charles & Mary DeShazo.

Also, Larry, Darnell, Andrew, Tiffany & Kimberly Varley, Jean, Zelda, & Traylor Walker, Franklin, Trish & Brandy Walker, Mark, Leah, Courtney, & Jesse Ross, J.B. Ross, Eldon & Joyce Ohm, Harry & Grace Brisco, and Mary Lou Criswell.

The library received book donations from Becky Placke, Alberta Pittser, Brandy and Shelby Bourne, Jenavee Peterson and Larry and Darnell Varley and software donations from Dean and Betty Varley, Beverly Houser and Ken Truman.

The library received the following memorials through June 9:

In memory of Gilbert Holub: Bill & Lillian Gohlke, Jenavee Peterson, Reggie & Barbara Brisco, Eddie Ray & Lois Taylor Dub & Liz Fuller, Herbert & Alice Hinze and Tammie; In memory of Lydia Hinze: Bill & Lillian Gohlke, Alton & Sybil Balusek;

In memory of Bridget Brinkmeyer: David & Loretta McCloud, Herbert & Alice Hinze and Tammie; In memory of Sister Anastasia Grahmann: Bill & Lillian Gohlke;

In memory of Dexter Anderson: Herbert & Alice Hinze and Tammie, Darryl & Pam Hinze and children, Bill & Lillian Gohlke.

The library has purchased three pieces of software for patron use: Print Shop, Announcements and Borders.

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CLUB NEWS

Tom Waddell Nature Club

The Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club (TWONC) will hold its traditional summer outing at the Laughlin-Baker rustic retreat next to County Road 106B, a side road west of the Rock Island-Columbus road. This will be Saturday, July 12, beginning anytime after 2 p.m. with barbecue and all the fixings being served beginning about 5 p.m.

Dick and Doris Laughlin will conduct the barbecue. Furnished also will be iced tea, Fresh homemade bread and a large pot of beans.

Members, potential members and guests are invited to bring (1) a covered dish (vegetable, salad, dessert) and (2) an item to be auctioned off as part of TWONC's annual fund-raiser.

Mowed nature trails along lake banks, woodlands edges and deep woods will be handy for those with hiking shoes and field glasses and to view an outdoors ungrazed by livestock (save for a few pesky feral hogs) for more than 15 years.

Painted buntings are featured birds at feeding stations in the area.

For more information and road directions, call either TWONC President Doris Laughlin at 409-732-8875 or co-hosts Mary and Rollin Baker at 409-234-2027.

Native Plant Society

The Columbus Chapter of the Native Plant Society will meet at Mary Anne and Bob Pickens' farm Thursday, July 10, at 6 p.m.

The July meeting will include a pot luck supper and program presented by John Detling entitled, "Birds by Sight and Sound and the Native Plants that Attract Them".

Please come prepared to walk the mowed paths to outlying woods and pastures. Wear boots or rubber boots, long pants and bring insect repellent and field glasses, if you have them. Also, don't forget your covered dish.

All interested persons are invited to join us.

To get to the Pickens' farm from Columbus, go six miles north (from the intersection at 71 and 109) on 109 to 1709 Hwy. 109. The entrance is marked by a green pipe gate and it is just north of Redgate Creek.

For more information, please call Mary Anne or Bob Pickens at 409-732-5058.

4-H Club

Sub-junior (9-10 year olds) Colorado County 4-H members traveled to the Marine Center at Palacios where they joined Matagorda County sub-junior members in a marine science project June 17.

The project consisted of a birding program, falconing video, bird and nature walk, sea creature show, fish (See Clubs, Page 8)

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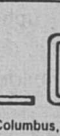
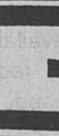
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