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Margo Alvarado, Manager ~ Delores Estrada, Assistant Manager

Spending more and buying less? Maybe you should be shopping at WAL-MART DISCOUNT CITIES in Columbus, where your dollar goes a lot further? Conveniently located at 2103 Milam, phone (409) 732-8341, this full line store offers something that most other stores can't compete with... the area's very lowest prices on EVERYTHING! Here you'll find clothing for the entire

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CITYWIDE MORTGAGE CO.

Mark Skelton, Owner

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Laura Reyes and Rebecca Luna, New Owners

Flowers speak softly the language of love... especially when they're from DEE'S FLORAL AND GIFT INC.: the florist with something extra! Located at 9123 Highway 60 in East Bernard, phone 335-4489, this well-known and respected flower shop adds that personal touch to every arrangement that leaves the store. Their service, de-

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Do something beautiful for someone you love. Say it with flowers from DEE'S FLORAL AND GIFT INC. and say it better! They offer local delivery and wire service to anywhere! The authors of this 1997 Fall Business Review and Reference Guide suggest that all of our readers show where service and selection are greatest!

GABY'S FOODS CATERING

In charge of the arrangements for your company's annual holiday party, your daughter's wedding reception, or your high school class reunion? Is it up to you to arrange your parents anniversary celebration? You can rely on GABY'S FOODS CATERING, located at 11202

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in catering. They're known for coordinating all the details into a flawless occasion, and giving personalized attention to each customer. Make your event a memorable one by calling the specialists at GABY'S FOODS CATERING.

RICE PACKAGE STORE

Frankie Jobe, Owner

Be sure to visit RICE PACKAGE STORE, located at 1101 East Main in Eagle Lake, phone 234-3727, toll free (888) 372-6644, fax (409) 234-3741, for one of the largest assortments of liquor, wines or beer anywhere. They are sure to have just what you need to make any celebration or party an enjoyable success. Just a glance at their well-stocked shelves

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domestic wines at prices you'll appreciate. Let their qualified staff assist you in your selection. They can help you take home just the right beverage to make your dinner or party complete. For a complete selection of wine or spirits at reasonable prices, stop by RICE PACKAGE STORE.

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Janine Long, Owner ~ Spaces Available

Shopping for antiques, crafts and gifts is not an activity just for collectors. Everyone can enjoy shopping for new, old, unusual and even very valuable items. In this area, THE ROSE GARDEN has something for everyone... serious collectors and casual shoppers alike. They're located at 123 South Mechanic in El Campo, phone 543-1097 and take pride in offering a wide selection of beautiful

and unique pieces. At THE ROSE GARDEN you will find antique, crafts, gifts and accessories for your home or to give as a special gift. Browsing around the shop, you'll discover lovely handmade crafts by local crafters, antiques and collectibles. A large assortment of household accessories and miscellaneous items gives you much to choose from. They also special-

ize in Hanna's candles, chimes and Angels of all kinds. THE ROSE GARDEN is a shopper's paradise and a craft and antique collector's treasure trove. The varied selection of antiques, crafts and gifts found here offer a chance for enjoyable browsing. Relax and take a stroll through THE ROSE GARDEN.

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Larry Dulany, Director

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•In the honor roll published in last week's *Headlight*, Rice High School left off seniors Karen Kazmir and Jennifer Miller. They said there was a computer glitch at the school.

•Cecil McDonald is home for a couple of weeks after "graduating"

from the Army. He and his wife, Lena, along with step-daughter, Carol Chavez, will travel to West Virginia for a couple of weeks; then it's on to Fort Drum New York, where they will make their home. Good luck to them and best wishes.

ABOUT TOWN...



**Foot
Facts**

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

AT RISK FOR ONYCHOMYCOSIS

There is a foot problem that has been quietly growing in recent years, affecting more and more people who often have never heard of the condition before: onychomycosis. A type of fungal infection of the nail, onychomycosis usually sets in toward the end of a toenail, eventually turning the entire nail black or brown and leaving it thin and flaky. Treatment typically includes the prescription of several months of oral antifungal medications. Reasons for the rise in this condition may include widespread use of new antibiotics (which are effective against bacteria, but can leave the body susceptible to fungi), longer life expectancies, and more cases of immunosuppressive illnesses (such as AIDS).

If you suspect things are not the way they should be concerning your feet in general, or your toenails in particular, see your podiatrist for an accurate diagnosis and treatment. This is the best way to insure a speedy recovery as well as healthy feet. We have chosen our staff, office procedures, and podiatric equipment to provide you with the finest quality services in a friendly, caring atmosphere. We treat feet of all ages here at Rice Medical Center. Call 234-5571 for an appointment (I am there every Tuesday).

P.S. Signs of onychomycosis often first appear in the 40s and 50s - the ages of today's baby boomers.

Cranek, Jones united marriage

Tiffany Ché Cranek and Scot Allen Jones of Eagle Lake were united in marriage at 4 p.m., September 20, 1997, at The Parish of the Nativity Sanctuary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake. Father Eddie Winkler performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Donna J. Gertson and Roy H. (Burr) Cranek of Eagle Lake.

Parents of the groom are Gary and Shirley Jones, also of Eagle Lake.

The bride's grandmother is Doris Gros of El Campo.

The groom's grandparents are Harry and Helen Supak of Eagle Lake.

Large arrangements of mums, gladiolas and eucalyptus in a gold urn accented the altar while two seven-branch candelabras with flowing flowers and greenery adorned both sides of the altar.

The pews were decorated with ivory, gold and tulle bows.

Kenneth Loosier of Houston, the brides cousin, served as Lector.

Patty Stephens served as organist and Cynthia Sunderman was soloist.

The bride chose an elegant candlelight Italian satin gown by Mori Lee, featuring a V-modified sweetheart neckline and sequined and beaded fitted bodice which dropped to a Basque waist.

The gown's hug-the-shoulder sleeves were accented with Battenberg lace, crystals, candlelight bugle beads and hand beaded bridal beads. The full ballroom skirt on the gown was trimmed in Battenberg lace and encrusted with clear sequins and pearls.

The open illusion back was accented with a jeweled bow at the waist. The beautiful open detailing on the train featured a fully edged carriage back which flowed into a cathedral length train.

The bride carried a bouquet of mauve lilies, cream roses, open spray roses with babies breath and greenery.

She fulfilled the theme of something old and something new with her great grandmother's (Julie Cranek) handkerchief embroidered with pearls from her wedding dress entwined in Tiffany's bouquet.

Miss Fawn Morgan of Baytown served as maid of honor. She carried a bouquet of mauve lilies, cream roses, open spray roses and babies breath.

Bridesmaids were Julie Leal of Garwood, cousin of the bride; Misty Jones of Eagle Lake, sister of the groom; and Teresa Wornat of Eagle Lake, a friend.

Kaitlyn Schindler of Eagle Lake, a friend, served as flowergirl. She carried a basket of fresh flowers.

Bridesmaids were gowned in dresses with elegant grape Alfred Angelo chantilly-type lace bodice with scalloped sleeves flowing to a floor



length, French satin princess-style dress. They carried bouquets of lilies, pixie's, babies breath and gold ribbon.

Noe Belmares of Eagle Lake, a friend, served as best man.

Groomsmen were Raymond Leal Jr. of Garwood and Kris Gertson of Wharton, both cousins of the bride; and Jason Webb of East Bernard, a friend.

Joshua Gertson of Eagle Lake, brother of the bride, served as ring bearer.

Ushers were Larry Supak of Eagle Lake, uncle of the groom; Jeremiah Henry of Lissie and Karl Navaretti of Eagle Lake, both friends.

After the ceremony, a reception and dance were hosted by the bride's parents at the Veteran's Memorial Hall in Columbus.

The meal consisted of brisket and chicken with all the trimmings, catered by Austin's Barbecue and Catering of Eagle Lake.

The grand march was led by Monroe and Carol Ripper.

The entrance to the hall was decorated with six palm trees (three on each side) with a lattice on each side of the doors entwined with tulle and gold and ivory bows.

The registration table was decorated with an ivory tulle skirt, ivory table cover and an engagement picture

of the couple. Also on the table was a Magnolia flower arrangement and the couple's wedding book.

The tables were decorated with ivory table covers and arrangements of Magnolia greenery and flowers with ivory and grape candles and gold and ivory bows.

The brides three-tier cake consisted of six satellites of different flavors, columns and fountains and a fountain on top of satellites. Also on the cake were ivory angels and roses made in icing with flowers to match the bride's bouquet.

The groom's cake was made of chocolate with a "no luck" golfer lost in poison ivy on the golf course.

House party members were Tara Halla, Roxanne Schindler, Connie Lange, Peggy Lund, Michelle Spanihel, Jennifer and Nicole Krenek, Vanessa Rodgers and Florence Westselki.

The rehearsal dinner was held at Didner Hall in Eagle Lake hosted by the groom's parents.

The bride is employed by Tresses' Hair Salon in Eagle Lake.

The groom is employed by Eagle Trailer Parts, also Eagle Lake.

After a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple now reside in Eagle Lake.

Hepatitis B, Chicken Pox vaccines available

Last year, the Texas Department of Health (TDH) recommended all 11 year old children receive the vaccine to prevent Hepatitis B infection. They have expanded this to include children born on or after Jan. 1, 1991, who are at least 11. The vaccine, which is a series of three shots, is felt to provide a lifetime of protection (although in some cases, a booster may be needed). Hepatitis B is a virus that attacks the liver; in some severe cases it can cause liver failure and death. The virus is spread by intimate contact (i.e.: exposure to an infected person's blood or by sexual contact-kissing and petting will not spread the disease).

Also, if your child has not had Chicken Pox or received the vaccination, this vaccine is now available to all children born on or after Jan. 1,

1983, and are at least 12 months old. For children 12 years and younger, the vaccine consists of one shot; 13 years and up will need a series of two shots.

The TDH Vaccine for Children (VFC) Program is providing the vaccine in conjunction with Thomas Clinic. There is a \$10 administration fee for each VFC visit, but no other charges will be incurred if the child is brought in only for the vaccine.

Medicaid and some private health insurance plans already pay for Hepatitis B and Chicken Pox vaccines. If your child is covered by medical insurance, you should check and see if it covers these. If it doesn't, or you can't pay the deductible, your child will be eligible for the VFC program.

Please call Thomas Clinic at 234-2551 to make an appointment for your child or for further information.

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With so many of the new models being similar in features and price, how does the prospective new car buyer know which automobile is best for him? Well as the saying goes, "If you don't know cars... know the man you buy from." Consumers are very fortunate to have a dealer like LAKE MOTORS INC. in the area. Located at 323 South McCarty Avenue in Eagle Lake, phone 1-800-525-3001, LAKE MOTORS INC. is an authorized representative for famous OLDSMOBILE, CADILLAC, CHEVROLET and GEO cars and trucks. Besides offering a full line of quality products, this community-minded

dealership bases its success on a simple fact of good business: Keep the customer satisfied! The business of customer satisfaction begins in the showroom and continues right on through their complete service department where skilled technicians and the latest diagnostic test equipment assure you that your new car or truck will "keep you satisfied" for many years to come!

The writers of this 1997 Fall Business Review and Reference Guide suggest you stop by LAKE MOTORS INC.'s showroom very soon. We think you'll be more than satisfied.

Peroni leaves Air Force

MSgt. Ron Peroni was recently honored at a retirement dinner hosted by his co-workers at Kelly AFB at Karam's Restaurant, San Antonio.

Peroni was presented with a plaque and picture of a CSA autographed by his co-workers. He also received a flag in a wood and glass frame with a certificate stating the flag was flown over the United States Capitol Aug. 1, 1997, in appreciation of his 28 years of dedicated service.

His co-workers did a rendition of *The Wild Blue Yonder* on their kazooos.

At the official ceremony the next day, he received an Air Force Com-

memendation Medal and Certificates of Appreciation and Retirement.

His wife, Joy, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a beautiful bouquet of roses.

Peroni started out in the Seabees, spent a few years in the Army National Guard and finally retired from the Air Force after spending a total of 28 years in the Armed Forces.

Bible Verse of the Week

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

— Colossians 3:2

Submitted by Neddy Phillips