



Rangel, Hernandez to wed

Rafael and Graciela Rangel of Rock Island are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Nancy, to Ramiro Hernandez Jr., son of Ramiro and Felix Hernandez of Garwood.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Rice High School and currently employed by The Robertson Family of the Tennessee Oilers.

The groom is also a 1993 graduate of Rice High School and a graduate of Wharton County Junior College. He is now attending the University of Texas, majoring in Kinesiology.

The couple plan to wed October 3, 1998, in El Campo.

Varley honored by CPS, Commissioners

Darnell Varley of Sheridan was honored recently by the Colorado County Child Protective Service (CCCPS) Board and the Colorado County Commissioners. She retired as President of CCCPS Board this summer.

Darnell had been a member of the Board since May of 1981 and served as Board President the last six years.

Darnell was a dedicated and hard working member of the Board who provided creative and talented leadership. She will be missed.

During her time in office, she helped open a clothing room in the Columbus area, assisted in organizing a community forum, organized a golf tournament fund raiser and, most recently, helped organize and open the Rainbow Room (a room with emergency supplies - food and clothing - for CPS workers to distribute to children in emergency need situations).

The purpose of the CCCPS is to develop a program for the protection, care and well-being of the abused and neglected children of Colorado County. The Board works with the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services to help meet the special needs of children in foster or institutional care, to recruit and promote foster parenting, raise public awareness of the ever-present problem of child abuse and neglect, work toward the prevention of child abuse and neglect, and promote the needs of



children of Colorado County.

Darnell came to the CCCPS Board from the Sheridan Community where she has also been active.

She has served as a CCD teacher at the Catholic church, is an active member of the Sheridan Parks and Recreation Center (the group that worked to make Splashway Water Park a reality), and she has been an adult 4-H leader with the Sheridan 4-H Club for 18 years.

Darnell has three children, Andrew, Tiffany and Kimberly. She retired to spend more time with them and her husband Larry, who was, by the way, also a member of the CCCPS Board for several years.

On behalf of CCCPS, the Colorado County Commissioners and the children of Colorado County, we thank Darnell for her loving and dedicated service.



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New Antiviral for Infants and Children

In June the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved a new medicine for the prevention of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) — the most common cause of infections (e.g., pneumonia) in the lower respiratory tract of infants and young children. The new medicine is *palivizumab* (Synagis). RSV is a deadly virus that causes over 4,000 deaths in the US each year. Nearly all infants will have contact with RSV by their second birthday. Children who are especially susceptible to infection from the virus include those who were born prematurely and children under age 6 years who have experienced breathing difficulties as infants. Approximately 100,000 children are hospitalized each year for treatment of this infection.

Until the approval of palivizumab, the only product available for the prevention of RSV was *RSV-immune globulin* (Respigam), a medicine that is given into the vein (intravenous) of the child. An advantage of palivizumab is that it is given intramuscularly (IM) and can be administered outside the hospital setting. Health experts suggest that high risk children receive a monthly IM injection during the fall and winter months for a total of 5 injections.

Monument Hill DRT reports July meeting

The July meeting of Monument Hill Chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) met at the Fietsam ancestral home, now occupied by James Fietsam family, on July 11.

Because of tour scheduling of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Ammannsville, our meeting began with our program. The history of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church goes back to 1890 when the original church was built. It was replaced in 1910 with a second church which was used until 1919 when the present St. John's was

built. The architecture of the church is in Western European design (with no post supporting the roof).

At that time the community was composed primarily of Czechoslovakian and Southern German immigrants. The German influence is evident in the structure by the elaborate stenciling of the walls and ceilings. Marbling is another type of painting that adds to the beauty of the building. The stained glass windows are color coordinated with the painting and they contain names of donors in Czech.

The population of Ammannsville at the time the church was built about 3,000, but the community, which at one time had a bank, post office, and even a jail, lost inhabitants when the railroad came through Schulenburg and La Grange.

Other interesting facts imparted by our tour guide were that the communion table was to face the people in 1965 and that the rule for Catholic cemeteries is that only one body may be buried in a grave. Further he noted that the beautiful statues were painted

by a very gifted artist who had no formal education in painting, but worked with all types of materials.

When we reached the Fietsam home, President Marilyn Miller called the meeting to order and asked Chap- (See DRT, Page 8)



Celebrated 62 years of marriage

Family, friends and fellow residents gathered at Avalon Place in Wharton Thursday, Aug. 6, to celebrate the 62nd wedding anniversary of Russell and Ruth Reese, formerly of Eagle Lake.

Adding to the good wishes of others with proclamations were the mayor of Wharton, Joel Williams; a representative of LCRA; and State Representative Robby Cook.

The Reeses raised five children in Eagle Lake, one of who still resides here. Their children are Tommy Lou Reese Herman of Eagle Lake, Barbara Reese Rhodes of Lake Limestone, Mary Ann Reese Gallier of Normangee; and their twins, Roslyn Reese Sliva of Boling and Russell Reese of East Bernard.

Pictured with the long-time couple are Russell Reese, Mary Ann Gallier, Amanda Reese (grandchild), Yvonne Reese and Tommy and Butch Herman.

Russell and Ruth were married Aug. 8, 1936.

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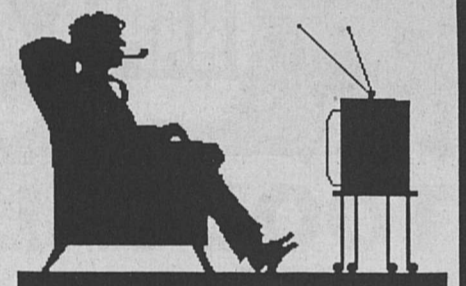
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