

## Living Hope VBS is a big success

Living Hope Church in Eagle Lake was the most exciting place in town the week of June 14-18 as the church's annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) was held.

For the fourth year in a row over 100 children attended. Ninety of those were perfect in attendance and were awarded "Son Castle Faire" t-shirts.

"We continue to look for ways to fully utilize our space. This year we added another class and also provided additional workers for music and game time. The effect was to make the VBS very fast paced and resulted in about a 10% increased attendance over last year. For the first time, we

had over 100 every day," said Pastor Joe Fling.

Trine Alvarado and Elsa Ramirez taught the staff nursery; Martha Yanez and Maria Reyes taught four year olds; Maria Diaz and Jeff Rodriguez taught five year olds; Sonia Vasquez and Laura Thomas taught Kindergarten.

Oralia Supak and Michael Ellis taught first grade; Theresa Losoya and Alex Ramirez taught the second grade; Linda Yanez taught the third grade class; Cleve Scott taught fourth graders; and Valarie Scott taught fifth grade; Jack Ellis taught sixth grade and Eddie Losoya taught seventh and

eight grades.

Pastor Fling commented, "All of the credit for this marvelous program goes to our teachers and workers. Everything went off without a hitch. About a dozen workers used vacation time from their jobs to be able to make this voluntary investment of their time in these youngsters."

Long-time teachers Donna Ellis and Gloria McCain devoted themselves to the music and game session, entertaining all 11 classes in intervals. In addition McCain played the court jester to the delight of the children.

Jesse Yanez managed refreshments.

Other helping out were Crystal Ramirez, Lola Valdez, Augustine Martinez, Bart Catlett, Rhonda and Bill Lattimore and Alvina Ramirez. Also workers from My Friend's House and New Beginnings day cares pitched in to help with all the children.

Living Hope Church was transformed into Son Castle Faire, where children were taught about using the gifts God gave us from the lives of (See Hope, Page 8)

## SHERIDAN LIBRARY NEWS

The summer reading program is in full swing. We encourage our young people to attend the last four sessions. Mrs. Parham is doing a terrific job with the youngsters.

Our next session is Wednesday, July 14, from 2-3 p.m. This year's theme is "Open a Book-On with the Show!"

The Sheridan Friends of the Library are continuing to grow. Seven new members were added during the month of June. Membership dues are \$5 per person. With these funds, the library is able to purchase items not included in the annual budget.

Friends for 1999 include Charles & Mary DeShazo, Marguerite McCoy, Wayne & Natalie Dupre, Harry & Grace Brisco, Rosalie Brocker, Evelyn Holt, Willard & Irene Hag-

endorf, Everett & Minnie Spittler, Martha Polach, Jenavee Peterson, Jim & Carolyn Brisco, Bill & Lillian Gohlke, Bill & Gail O'Neill, Phil & Elaine Mailloux, Ed & Kay Parham, Gordon & Beverly Mercer;

Also, Jean & Zelda Walker, Franklin & Trisha Walker, Mark, Leah, Courtney and Jesse Ross, Eldon & Joyce Ohm, Mary Lou Criswell, Duane & Kathy Ricks, Omi Kinche- loe, Eddie Ray & Lois Taylor, McDowell and LaVerne Criswell, Bobby Haines, Pat & Louise Brandenburg, Shirley Moore, Dean &

Betty Varley, Dot Wartham and Bessie Dorhauer.

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The library received book donations from Eldon & Joyce Ohm, Barney & Jimmi Kaspar and Breck & Nancy Chabreck.

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The library received five memorials during the month of June: in memory of Violet Bretting; Ed & Kay Parham; in memory of J.B. Ross; Bill & Lillian Gohlke, Ed & Kay Parham, Charles & Mary DeShazo, Reggie & Barbara Brisco.



### Mueller, Zbranek announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mueller of Wharton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Louise, to Alan Paul Zbranek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Zbranek of Nada.

The bride-elect is a 1985 graduate of Wharton High School and a 1987 graduate of Wharton County Junior College with an Associate of Arts in Business. She is a 1990 graduate of Sam Houston State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and Finance and is a Senior Accountant with Coastal Oil and Gas Corporation in Houston and a Certified Public Accountant.

The prospective groom is a 1983 graduate of Rice High School and attended Wharton County Junior College. He is a 1987 graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Fisheries. He is the owner and operator of Zbranek Brothers Gravel and Trucking in Nada and a cattle rancher.

The couple will exchange vows at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 4, 1999 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Wharton.

## COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

### DISTRICT COURT CASES FILED

Tina L. Kocurek vs American Home Product Corporation, et al, personal injury; 7-8-99.

The State of Texas vs Estanislao Martinez Molina, judgement nisi; 7-8-99.

The State of Texas vs Gary Wayne Ebarra, judgement nisi; 7-8-99.

The State of Texas vs Agapito Rosas-Vargas, judgement nisi; 7-8-99.

### DIVORCES FILED

Barbara Jean Hebert and Frederick James Hebert; filed 7-8-99.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Jose R. Rangel and Maria DeJesus Osornio; 7-6-99.

Alejandro Reyna Hernandez and Gladys Denham; 7-7-99.

## Highlights

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tion of Texans between the ages of 18 and 34 attending four-year universities is 18% below the national average and Texas' per capita income is 12% than average for the 10 most populous states.

To improve education is to improve the economy, said Regent Charles Miller, a Houston businessman and chairman of the regents' academic affairs committee. "There are benefits all up and down the line," he said.

### Guard Shortage Identified

Texas' highest security prison, the Estelle Unit near Huntsville, was short 31 guards when a convict escaped June 27 by scaling two fences and leaping over a third.

The governing board of the Texas prison system is investigating whether the job vacancies were a factor in the escape of Dallas murderer Clifford Dwayne Jones.

Jones was captured in a tree three miles from the prison, 49 hours after his escape.

"Anytime you operate at less than 100% you risk problems," prison board chairman Allan Polunsky said in a report published last week by the *Austin American-Statesman*.

The shortage of prison guards has increased in the past year, according to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Starting pay for prison guards is about \$18,000 per year.

3 Measures Get Gov's Signature Gov. Bush last week had a cere-

monial signing for a new law requiring defendants to share their witness list with prosecutors.

Sen. Eddie Lucio, who sponsored the measure approved in May by the Texas Legislature, hailed the new law as a step to ensure victims' rights in a trial.

Lucio, D-Brownsville, said the new law also allows prosecutors time to prepare for expert testimony.

"We are talking about highly technical testimony with expert witnesses... and since jurors are not allowed to ask the questions, they must rely on the thorough questioning by the attorneys on both sides of the case," Lucio said in a report to the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Also at the ceremony, the governor signed two other new laws. One eliminates appeal bonds for people convicted of violent offenses or who receive sentences of 10 years or longer; the other increases the number of training hours child-care providers must receive on what causes brain injury in infants.

### Other Highlights

The nearly 450,000 Texans who live overseas now can use a toll-free number (800-438-8683) to call Secretary of State Elton Bomer's office for information on elections and absentee voting. The service is administered by the Department of Defense's Voting Information Center.

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