

LIBRARY LINES

Dec. is a good month to visit the Eula and David Wintermann Library. New books, videos, and audio books are going on the shelves weekly.

Christmas books of all kinds, from serious to funny, are in easy reach for small people.

New Easy Reader books abound, such as: *Beezy at Bat*, *Gus and Grandpa and the Two-wheeled Bike*, *Gus and Grandpa at the Hospital*, *Three Stories You Can Read to Your Cat*, *Three Stories You Can Read to Your Dog*, *Messy Bessey and the Birthday Overnight*, *Ready... Set... Read!*, *Dragon's Fat Cat*, *Dr. Suess's Sleep*

Book, *I Wonder*, *Aunt Eater's Mystery Vacation*, *Dog and Cat Shake a Leg*, and *Hooray for Snail*.

The latest videos on the shelf are: *The Blair Witch Project*, *The Mummy*, *George of the Jungle*, *Adventures of Odysseus/Shadow of a Doubt*, *Out to Sea*, *Cindy Crawford: The Next Challenge Workout*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *Budgie*, *The Little Helicopter*, *Barney's Night Before Christmas*, *Six Day and Seven Nights*, and *The Waterboy*.

Several more videos are either on the shelf or will be soon including three *Pokemon* movies.

From the *Eagle Lake Headlight* Archives:

Before the gates of Heaven was a pushing, surging crowd.

To join the golden angel throng they wished to be allowed.

The daily time for opening had just then come around.

St. Peter came and stood before the gathering he found.

"The poorest men on earth, my friends, who did the greatest good shall get first," St. Peter said as by the gate he stood.

Then forward pushed the struggling crowd and made an awful din, Each attempting bad to tell why he should be first in.

"I was a preacher," one declared, "my lot was hard indeed."

"I was a farmer," came a cry. "I was always in need."

"I was a poet," shouted one, "I had no earthly store."

"And I was a merchant," Peter heard, and them came more and more.

Just then an angel whispered in the gray haired gateman's ear.

St. Peter called for silence and he

bade them to stop and hear.

"Mr friends," said he, "make not this noise." The uproar quickly died.

"The man who first shall enter here approacheth, step aside."

A hungry looking fellow came and passed within the gates.

He seemed to show his life had been one battle with the fates.

"Now, come ye on," St. Peter said.

"Ye who are free from sin.

"Pass through. The country editor was first, he's safely in."

Paw Paw Bazoo.

There is no end of places to find poetry at the library.

The Eula and David Wintermann has a problem.

When there are activities across the street at the Community Center

people are using our parking spaces that need to be available to our patrons.

We are open Monday through

Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We would appreciate if you would find somewhere else to park.

Thank you.

Parish of the Nativity invites all to Posadas

The nine-day, novena, celebration in honor of the nine months that Mary carried Jesus in her womb called Posadas will begin Thursday night, Dec. 16, and continue through Christmas Eve.

The celebration commemorates Mary and Joseph going from house to house asking for lodging, *posada*. The tradition is that they are denied entrance until the last house at which there is a party because Mary and Joseph have been allowed in. Parishioners of the Catholic Parish of the Nativity will open their homes for this time of prayer, catechesis and enjoyment.

The one exception being Wednesday, Dec. 22, when the host for the evening will be Iglesia Bautista Getsemani. This is the first time a non-Catholic congregation will be involved with Posadas.

"Come experience and enjoy on any night!" says Maria de la Paz Nunez to all in the Eagle Lake area. Paz is the Pastoral Minister of the Parish of the Nativity and coordinator for Posadas. "You can come on just

one or two nights or attend all nine," she added.

For more information, call the Parish office at 234-2824. A full schedule of homes celebrating Posadas is given below.

La Parroquia de la Nativity invita a todos a las Posadas

Las Posadas es una celebracion durante nueve dias, novena, que significan los nueve meses que la virgen Maria llevo a Jesus en su vientre, y conmemora los momentos dificiles que pasaron Maria y Jose al ir de casa en casa pidiendo posada.

De acuerdo a la tradicion, la entrada les es negada en las primeras casas, siendo en la ultima casa en que les es permitido el alojamiento a Maria y Jose, por tal motivo enseguida da comienzo la pachanga. La celebracion comienza la noche del jueves, diciembre 16, y continua hasta diciembre 24.

Parroquianos de la Parroquia Catolica de la Natividad abran sus hogares para este tiempo de oracion, (See Posadas, Page 8)

COURTHOUSE REPORT

DISTRICT COURT CASE FILED
Richard D. Toth II vs Jose Guadalupe Gozales, personal injury; 12-10-99.

DISTRICT COURT DISPOSITIONS
12-10-99

Ervin Ray Kay Jr., burglary of a building; 6-19-99. Sentenced to 180 days in a state jail facility. No credit for time served.
Emily Shropshire, aggravated assault, 84-98, reduced to Class A assault. Sentenced to two years deferred adjudication, \$50 fine, 30 days jail with 21 days credited. State agrees to request PR bond on county case when 30 days is completed.

Gregory Hernandez, forgery, 5-14-98. Sentenced to two years state jail facility to run concurrent with cause no. 99-61.

Joe Vargas Martinez, theft, 5-19-99. Sentenced to 18 months in a state jail facility to run concurrent with Wharton

County cases.
Michael Lujan, driving while intoxicated (DWI), (felony), 5-29-99. Sentenced to six years in TDC.

Merced Aguilar, DWI (felony), 7-31-97. Sentenced to six years in TDC.

DIVORCES FILED

Ronald Wayne Tielke and Mel Yeatman Tielke; filed 12-8-99.

Betty Jecmenek and Clarence Jecmenek; 12-10-99.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Gonzalo Edmundo DelaGarza and Rosa Margarita Lozano; 12-7-99.

Jerry Belton Drexler and Evelyn Elaine Smith; 12-10-99.

Israel Martinez Salinas and Diana Barbara Tellez Torres; 12-10-99.

Highlights

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EPA approval of its Source Water Assessment Protection Program.

By May 2003, more than 16,000 public drinking water sources in Texas will be tested under the program.

Results of the testing will be public information. Among the data will be sources and possible sources of contamination and contaminants found in the water.

Online Auction Is Under Way

Unclaimed property will be auctioned online, Dec. 10 through Dec. 16, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced.

The agency will use online auctions at www.eBay.com, www.Yahoo.com and www.Amazon.com to sell 81 items including jewelry, silver flatware, stamps, coins, currency and collectibles. Items up for auction came from unclaimed safe deposit boxes turned over to the state from banks that were unable to locate the property owners.

Texas is the first state to hold an online auction to dispose of unclaimed items from safe deposit boxes, Rylander said.

Prison Guards March

State prison guards marched to the Capitol Dec. 4 to persuade Gov. George W. Bush to call a special session of the Legislature to seek pay raises.

Bush's spokeswoman Linda Edwards said the governor will not call a special session to consider pay raises.

Wayne Scott, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said Texas prison employees rank 46th in the nation in pay.

Other Highlights

Some 200,000 revelers are expected to attend Austin's downtown New Year's Eve party. At about 6 p.m. on Dec. 31, Congress Avenue will be converted into a ballroom. Name bands will be playing and admission will be free.

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