

Cranek, Martin to wed

Larry "Huck" and Donna Cranek of Garwood are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cari Lyn, to Matt "Hollywood" Martin, son of Glenn and Barbara Martin of Edna.

Cari is a 1994 graduate of Rice High School and a 1998 graduate of Sam Houston State University with a Bachelors in Business Administration. She is employed as a proposal service analyst for NeoDyme Technologies in College Station.

Matt is a 1991 graduate of Edna High School and attended Southwest Texas State University. He is employed as an insurance agent by Farm Bureau.

The wedding is calendared for August 12, 2000 at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.



ANNOUNCING A NEW ARRIVAL

Terra LeeAnn Jones

Timothy and Kimberly Jones of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, born at 2 a.m. June 24, 2000 at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Terra LeeAnn weighed five pounds, 13 ounces and measured 19-1/4 inches at birth.

She was welcomed home by her brother, Trevor Michael Jones, five years old.

Maternal grandparents are Lawrence "Buddy" and Jennifer Korenek of Garwood.

Paternal grandparents are Howard and Ernestine Lott of Eagle Lake.

Great-grandparents are Clem and Esther Contreras of Eagle Lake, Tony and Annie Schneider of Garwood and Adela Korenek of Nada.

NPSOT to meet July 6

The Columbus Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) will hold its July meeting at the pavilion in Beason's Park Thursday, July 6.

The meeting will begin with a pot luck supper at 6:30 p.m. Drinks and paper products will be provided.

Stan Reinke, zone wildlife biologist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, will present the evening's program on the identification of plants indigenous to the region and will tell of their value in attracting various species of wildlife. Mr. Reinke, whose specialty is upland game, is from Victoria and serves the Columbus area on a request basis.

The meeting will concentrate on woody plants, forbs and grasses. If you care to bring a plant that evening for assistance in identification, get a fresh cutting which includes flower or seed head or any unique features.

Anyone interested in the native plants of our region is invited to join us for the program and dinner. Remember to bring your covered dish.

For more information, call Kathy Burris at 979-732-6188 or Irene Pennington at 979-357-2292.

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supposed to."

"Martin said from that day on, he always put extra time in on Mike, if he needed it, to be sure he learned what he needed to."

A funny thing in English class

"One day, we went to English Class. Miss Ann Wells, teacher, called the class to order. We all hushed and sat down. Miss Wells sat down at her desk. She heard a scratching noise in the right side of her desk. She opened the little swing door on the right and out walked an armadillo.

"Miss Wells sorta fainted—Coach Rensch didn't. I'm sure you guys remember him.

"It was never proven that Mike put the armadillo in the desk, but he paid the restitution with the coach, and I'm sure the paddle was kinda tired after it was all over."

I remember

"Those are some of the things that I remember about Mikey. There are many others. But I'm gonna conclude at this time by saying this, 'I know what Mike would have us do about his passing, and I know him well.'"

"He would despair of any sadness on our part. Mike would want us to do what we did when my ole paw died, and he told me this many times. We, the family, got together and celebrated the long and useful and wonderful life he had. We celebrated over what he was. We celebrated and were thankful for having been part of his life. We celebrated, knowing that some day, we will be joined together again.

"Thank you very much and it has been my honor to have been able to speak on the behalf of my dear friend Mike.

Living Hope Vacation Bible School a big success

Living Hope Church in Eagle Lake was the most exciting place in town the week of June 12-16, as the church's annual community-wide Vacation Bible School was held.

For the fifth year in a row, over 100 children attended. Seventy-four of those had perfect attendance and were awarded "SonZone Discovery Center" t-shirts.

"It is always a joy to see so many children coming from every part of the community to learn about Jesus Christ," said Pastor Joe Fling. "All of the children were so anxious to learn. They participated in the singing and games with such enthusiasm. All in all, this was the smoothest running, best Vacation Bible School we have ever had."

Alicia Casper taught the four year olds; Trine Alvarado and Cleve Scott Jr. taught the five year olds; Mary Saucedo and Kathryn Ellis taught kindergarten; Martha Yanez, Donna Ellis and Erika Watson taught three classes of first and second graders.

Cherrie McCain taught fourth graders; Valerie Scott taught fifth graders; and Cleve Scott taught the sixth and seventh graders.

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

Others helping out were Rhonda Lattimore, who ran the snowcone stand; and Aaron Yanez, Elsa Ramirez, Jessica Yanez, Sonia Vasquez, David Watson, Jody Carter, Laura Thomas, Jesse Yanez, Jack Ellis, Michael Ellis and Bart Catlett.



Those participating in the Living Hope Church Vacation Bible School gathered for a group photo just before the rain drove them back indoors last Friday.
Living Hope Church Photo

Living Hope Church was transformed into SonZone Discovery Center, where children were taught about God's Plan for us.

They learned the answers to such questions as "Why in the world am I here?", "What is God like?", and "Why did Jesus die?" Everyone who came was also treated to the elaborate decorations which have become the standard of Living Hope's Vacation Bible School.

The opening assembly and music were tremendous times of celebration as the children came together.

Pastor Mercy Fling said, "The songs we sing in Vacation Bible School will stay with the children and adults for years to come."

Pastor Fling also recognized four students, Michael Morales, Sterling Fling, Josiah Fling and Alyssa Ellis, and workers, Trine Alvarado, Donna Ellis and Katherine Ellis, who have been a part of every Bible School that Living Hope has held.

Five fun-filled days concluded Friday afternoon with the SonZone Extravaganza, an afternoon party with

games, food and fellowship for children and parents.

"The missions project this year netted \$473 in offerings during the week, all of which go to a foreign worker," said Pastor Fling.

"Living Hope keeps no part of these offerings. We provide Vacation Bible School for the kids and the kids' offerings all go to our missions project each year."

Amy Catlett's class of fourth graders won the prize for bringing in the most money, and were treated to watermelon for their Friday refreshment.

Living Hope provides a continuing program for children every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. at the church education building. The program is under the direction of Cherrie McCain and features fun, food and games concentrating on the same theme of Following God's Plan for Us that highlighted the VBS. Children ages

five through 12 are invited to this continuing program.

As with all programs of Living Hope Church, you may contact Joe or Mercy Fling at 234-3710 for more information.

Did You Know...

*In outer space, it's impossible to sneeze.

Happy 23rd Birthday

Judy Lynn

Holloway



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Cranek honored with shower June 25 in Nada

Cari Cranek of Garwood, bride-elect of Matt Martin of Edna, was honored with a miscellaneous come-and-go bridal shower Sunday, June 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the lovely home of Frank and Monica Staff in Nada.

Guests were served refreshments of chips and dips, sherbert punch, cake, coffee and mints by the 36 hostesses.

Special guests were Donna Cranek, mother of the bride-to-be; Barbara Martin, mother of the prospective

groom; Margaret Bures and Leona Cranek, grandmothers of the bride-to-be; and Mary Mothers and Helen Martin, grandmothers of the prospective groom.

The hostesses presented the honoree with a vacuum cleaner and a microwave oven.

Cari and Matt will be married Aug. 12, 2000.

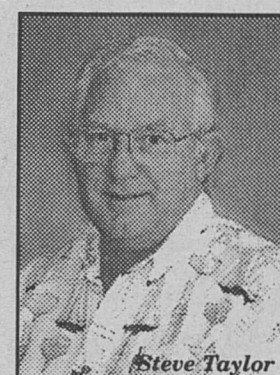


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON COLORADO COUNTY CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Colorado County CAD will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2001 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on July 11, 2000, at 1:30 P.M. in the Colorado County Central Appraisal District Board Room at 106 Cardinal Lane, Columbus, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$586,198.

The amount of increase over the current year's budget is \$39,768.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 9 employees.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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Use Medicines with Caution During Pregnancy

Everything a woman consumes (foods, drink, and drugs) during pregnancy can affect the development of the unborn child. The World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control estimate that 9 out of 10 pregnant women take some type of prescription or nonprescription medicine. Unfortunately, medicines are estimated to be the cause of 2 to 3% of all birth defects. It is essential that medicines normally taken or anticipated as needed during pregnancy be discussed with the physician caring for the expectant mother. Caffeine, nicotine from cigarette smoke, drugs associated with substance abuse (e.g., cocaine), and alcohol should be included. Excessive amounts of alcohol are associated with fetal alcohol syndrome, a condition which may include birth defects and the likelihood of death soon after birth.

Prescription medicines that can cause birth defects include, but are not limited to:

- most cancer medicines;
- the acne medicine isotretinoin (Accutane);
- some antibiotics such as tetracycline and ciprofloxacin;
- the diuretic medicine spironolactone (Aldactone); and
- some thyroid medicines such as propylthiouracil and methimazole.