



New family

Another newly-found relative for Dora is Marybelle Cardenas, in the middle. Also pictured are her cousin, Belinda Cardenas, at left, and Dora. Photo Courtesy of Dora Cardenas

LIBRARY LINES

By Patti Holloway

The Wintermann Library gratefully acknowledges the following memorials in memory of Mrs. Eula Wintermann: Paul & Nancy Pressler, Weimar Sheet Metal, Mr. & Mrs. James W. Stansel, Robert & Betty Wilcox, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Grammer, Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Hadley, Mrs. Virginia Reed, Mr. & Mrs. Doyle Waldrop, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Ander-

son, John P. Cowan, Jean Thornton and Tommie Lynn Holden, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Anderson, the Library Staff, Eagle Lake Rice Dryer Inc., Mr. & Mrs. Meredith Long, U.S. Rice Producers Association, Dr. & Mrs. R.R. Thomas, Eagle Lake Study Club and Dorothy K. Cassidy. Even though Christmas is over and we are headed for the new year, you

might want to stop by the library and see Betty Wegenhof's Santa Claus collection which she loaned to the library for the holidays. Some of the Santas are representative of cultural differences regarding the "Jolly Old Elf."

Anyone making New Year's reso-

lutions might want to check out some self-help books to get started in the right direction. We also have some helpful books in case dieting is on your mind.

Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and will have a Happy and Safe New Year.

NPSOT to meet Jan. 4

The Columbus Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT) will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001 at the Nesbitt Memorial Library, 529 Washington in Columbus.

The speaker for Jan. will be Tho-

mas B. LeRoy, Montgomery County Extension Agent-Horticulture. Mr. LeRoy has been a county horticulturist for 24 years.

He has a Bachelor's degree in Horticulture and a Master's degree in Plant Breeding from Texas A&M University.

Mr. LeRoy will give a brief overview of seed propagation of woody plants with emphasis on native plants.

He will also include discussion on seed dormancy and how to overcome it plus care and culture after germination.

For further information, call Kathy Burris at 979-732-6188.

Tobacco prevention program coming

A group of organizations seeking a statewide tobacco prevention and cessation program announced the information of a new coalition, called the TRUST Alliance (Tobacco Reduction Using the Settlement in Texas). The Alliance will ask state legislators to invest some of Texas' future tobacco settlement funds in a program similar to the highly successful Florida campaign, which has reduced youth smoking rates by 40% over two years.

"When Texas settled its lawsuits against tobacco companies, the type of effective, statewide program Florida has implemented was what we had in mind," says Dr. Charles LaMaistre, renowned cancer specialist, President Emeritus of UTM Anderson Cancer Center, and former Chancellor of the University of Texas youth from Big Tobacco."

The goal of the Alliance is to secure funding for an initiative that will reach all Texans, especially youth, with a program that not only discourages tobacco use but also makes available cessation services to those who desire to quit smoking.

Organizations participating in the TRUST Alliance include: the Texas PTA, American Heart Association (AHA), American Cancer Society (ACS), American Lung Association (ALA), American College of Cardiology (Texas Chapter), BlueCross BlueShield of Texas, Dallas Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society, Girl Scouts of America, Hispanic Health Coalition, Lone Star State Medical Association, Seton Healthcare Network, Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, the Houston Chapter of the Oncology Nursing Society, Texas

Association of Broadcasters, the Texas Prevention Summit, Texas Public Health Association, Texas School Health Association, Texas Thoracic Society, and the Urban League of Dallas.

"The Texas tobacco lawsuit settlement brought attention to the addiction, suffering and death caused by tobacco use, as well as to the way tobacco companies target our youth. The settlement also presents our state with a rare opportunity to reduce the toll tobacco inflicts on our citizens," says Dr. Lawrence Frankel, President of the ACS, Texas Division. The direct medical costs associated with smoking are approximately \$50 billion a year in the United States. Productivity and lost earnings because of smoking-related disease and premature death cost an additional \$50 billion a year, according to Dr. Frankel.

Dr. Bennie McWilliams, a current board member of the ALA, Texas Division, says that comprehensive tobacco programs address youth "in a way they embrace."

"It's not adults telling kids 'don't smoke because it is bad for you.' It's kids telling each other 'we won't let the tobacco industry use us to replace all the smokers that die each year', he says. "These programs also include community groups offering positive ways to get involved in something besides smoking; cessation for those who use tobacco products and wish to quit; enforcement of laws on youth access to tobacco; and a strong evaluation system to measure results."

"Dollars invested now will be re-

turned to taxpayers many times over in long-term reduced health care costs," says Dr. LaMaistre. "Since the tobacco lawsuit settlement, an estimated 40,000 Texans have died from smoking-related illnesses, 140,000 (See Prevention, Page 4)

Roping competition held

The Crescent Roping Club 2000 Fall Series was held recently.

Placing were Derland Sanford in the boys senior division: first, tie down calf roping; fifth breakaway calf roping and second in ribbon roping.

Cody Crane, also in the boys senior division: first, team roping heading; and third in team roping, heeling; first in breakaway calf rop-

ing; and fourth in ribbon roping.

Cody Kohleffel, Cord Kohleffel, Mason Boettcher and Korby Halla all received participation awards for the Sub. Jr. Figure Eight Barrels.

Boettcher received the Hard Luck Award. Seems he broke his arm during competition but recovered great!

Halla received the Most Improved Rider Award.



Taking part in the recent roping competition were, in back, from left, Derland Sanford, Anthony Palmer, Lance Bittner, Jericca Smidovec and Cody Crane. In front are Cord Kohleffel, Korby Halla and Cody Kohleffel. Not pictured was Mason Boettcher.

Photo Courtesy of Tara Halla

Zahradnick receives scholarship from TLU

Students and donors came together at the annual Texas Lutheran University (TLU) Scholarship Banquet recently to recognize academic excellence.

Eagle Lake resident Rachel E. Zahradnick, the recipient of the Berta Lee Fuchs Scholarship, was among those honored at this event.

TLU, offering degrees in 27 academic disciplines and 10 pre-professional programs, has been repeatedly recognized by U.S. News & World

Report as one of the 10 best liberal arts colleges in the Western U.S., as well as the No. 1 financial value in its category in the 2001 rankings.

An exclusively undergraduate private liberal arts university, TLU prepares students academically, spiritually and socially in a residential community of faith and learning for service and leadership.

For more information on TLU, visit the TLU web site at www.tlu.edu.

COURTHOUSE REPORT

COUNTY COURT CASES FILED Dec. 13, 2000
 Bianka Lea Guerra, possession of marijuana, (PoM).
 Eric Jermaine Johnson, PoM.
 Ramon Arguello Jr., driving while intoxicated (DWI).
 Keith Jeffrey Mefford, PoM.
 Ivan Francisco Hernandez, DWI.

Dec. 14, 2000
 David E. Russell, driving while license suspended (DWLS).
 Leroy Edward Janecka Jr., DWLS.
 Cipriano Martinez, DWI.
 Cipriano Martinez, unlawfully carrying a weapon.
 Victor Hugo Sema, DWI.

Dec. 15, 2000
 Atanacio Oscar Espinosa, DWI, 2nd offense.
 Terry Lee Crume, PoM.
 Marcus Scott Skinner, DWI, 2nd offense.
 Marcus Scott Skinner, PoM.
 Moises Terrazas Garcia, DWI, 2nd offense.

Dec. 22, 2000
 Joseph Hiram Mitchan, theft.



Happy 2nd Birthday Jadelynn

Love, Mommy, Daddy, Ryan, NiNi & Popo, Granny Joann, Nanny Wilma & Great-Great Granny Lillie Mae

Year-End Savings!

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