



Treichel, Anderson to marry

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rolf of Boling and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson of Eagle Lake announce the engagement of their children, Brittany Dennee Treichel and Barry Dale Anderson.

The granddaughter of Maudie Valenta, Brittany is a 1998 graduate of Boling High School, graduated from the Winters School, and received her registration in Massage Therapy. She also has her certification in Infant Massage Instructing.

Barry is a 1995 graduate of Landmark Preparatory School in Prides Crossing, Massachusetts. He will graduate from the Art Institute of Houston, School of Culinary Arts, with an Associates degree in Applied Science in Dec. 2002.

The wedding ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, September 22, at the First United Methodist Church in Wharton.

Following the ceremony, there will be a reception held at the El Campo Civic Center.

Historic PT-309 'sets sail' on last mission to Fredericksburg

A World War II vintage patrol torpedo (PT) boat has been restored to its former combat-fit splendor and will be transported on a huge custom trailer the week of Aug. 20 to Fredericksburg where it will anchor a new exhibit at the National Museum of the Pacific War (Admiral Nimitz Museum).

The engines have been removed from the 50,000-pound PT-309, one of the few surviving PT boats in existence. The craft has undergone extensive restoration over the last seven years on the Texas coast — first in Clear Lake and later in Kemah.

The 78-foot long, 20-foot wide wooden boat will be transported from dry dock in Freeport in a specially made cradle that will rest atop a giant Emmert International tractor-trailer equipped with eight maneuverable axles, according to Joe Cavanaugh, director of the museum.

The route, approved by the Texas Department of Transportation for the boat's move from Freeport to Fredericksburg, is expected to take four to five days, since the vessel will have to move very slowly and be maneuvered around tight corners and under power lines.

The vessel will pass through

Gertson in Alabama to train

Army Private Matt L. Gertson, son of Susan and Gayle Gertson of Eagle Lake, arrived at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, to complete the Avenger air defense weapons system repairer advanced individual training course.

Gertson will learn to inspect, troubleshoot, repair, replace, test and perform support maintenance on the Avenger short-range air-defense systems and associated equipment, assemblies and sub-assemblies.

The Avenger is a lightweight, highly mobile, and transportable surface-to-air missile fire unit equipped with pods for Stinger missiles and a .50 caliber machine gun on an electric turret mounted on top of a mobile, multi-purposed wheeled vehicle.

Gertson is a 1999 graduate of Rice High School.

Local youth attend camp

Children of The Shepherd's Way Church in Sealy, attended camp this summer at Forest Glen Christian Camp, June 29-July 1.

Cleve and Valerie Scott of Eagle Lake were the head coordinators for the camp this year.

While at Forest Glen, the children were encouraged to pray, worship, fellowship and just to have a good time.

Cleve served as teacher for the camp this year, sharing with the children on many different Bible stories. These Bible lessons not only encouraged everyone to seek God, but also to learn and live by God's word.

Leesa Eklund of Sealy was in charge of crafts. She related her craft to the Parable of The Sower, found in the Bible. The children were given pots to decorate and seeds to plant. They were asked to take their pots home and add good soil, water and sunlight.

Mary Ann Uvalle and Rosie Necker, both of Sealy, were in charge of games and activities for the camp. Thomas Uvalle, also of Sealy, assisted the children and helpers in all indoor and outdoor activities.

Eddie and Teresa Losoya of Eagle Lake led the children in praise and worship. Which included music from the soundtrack, "Shout to the Lord for Kids". This time of praise and worship was uplifting and encouraging for both children and adults.

During their stay at Forest Glen, the group enjoyed a nature hike through the forest followed by a refreshing swim in the junior size olympic swimming pool.

Many of the children enjoyed a game of sand volleyball, while others enjoyed a game of basketball. Forest Glen provided a 6,000 square foot covered and lighted recreation area for many group games.

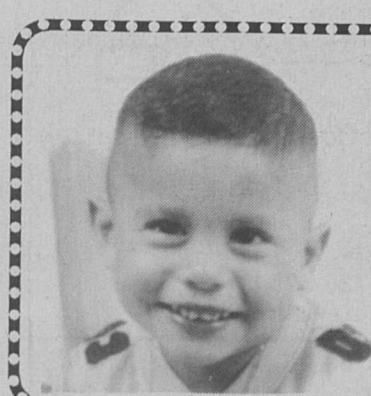
During the three-day stay, the children experienced rooming in "bunk-house cabins", which were spacious enough to be a home away from home.



Pictured above are locals from throughout the area who attended the camp at Forest Glen Christian Camp July 1-3. Not pictured is Lauren Hayslip.
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Three new Friends have been added to the membership list, making the total 82 Friends of the Library. Joining this month were Ora Vanek and Herman & Margaret Feistel. Patrons have until Oct. 31 to join for this year. Membership fees are \$5 per person.

The library received book donations from McDowell & Lavene Criswell, Evelyn Feaster, Michelle Hill, Candi & Callie Schaeffer and Eldon & Joyce Ohm. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

The library received seven memorials for the month of July: in memory of Joe Vanek: Willard & Irene Hagendorf, Lavo & Ruth Brisco, Isam & Helen Brisco, Reggie & Barbara Brisco; in memory of Angie Zbranek: Lavo & Ruth Brisco, Willard & Irene Hagendorf; in memory of Alvin Boehm: Willard & Irene Hagendorf.

VA has new benefit

Improvements to the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) will bring financial relief to older survivors and dependents of some disabled or deceased veterans who face medical expenses not paid by Medicare or other third-party payers.

Called "CHAMPVA for Life," the new benefit is designed for spouses or (See Benefits, Page 6)

"CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST" "CRAFTS SHOW SET FOR AUGUST 25-26 IN WHARTON

Clothing, woodcrafts, ceramics, and hundreds of other items will be featured at the "Christmas in August" Arts, Crafts, & Gifts Show on August 25-26 in the Wharton Community Civic Center. Free door prize drawings will be held each hour. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday & 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$2.00 for adults. Children 12 & under admitted free. For booth rental information, please contact Landmark Productions at 936.569.8650. (Advertisement)

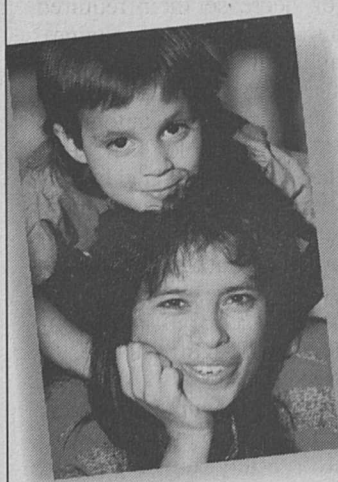
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