



Causey, Waggoner to wed Dec. 29

Paul and Susan Causey of Grapevine are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Morgan Rose, to Jacob Clifford Waggoner, son of Skipper and Linda Waggoner of Graham.

Grandparents of the bride are George and Ida Causey of Eagle Lake and Mrs. William Staff of Dallas.

Grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Waggoner of Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Rogers of Ruidosa, New Mexico.

Morgan is a senior Spanish and Sociology Major at Austin College in Sherman. She is in the Teacher's program and will graduate with a Master's degree in May 2003.

Jacob has a double major in Psychology and Religion and will graduate this December. Upon graduation, Jacob will be employed as an Admission's Counselor at Austin College.

The wedding will be held December 29, 2001 at Wynn Chapel on the Austin College Campus.

Dear Neighbors,

This letter comes to you on behalf of some very special children in our county, children who are under the care of your Colorado County Children's Protective Services Board (CCPCSB).

CCPCSB oversees the operation of the Child Protective Services of our county, consequently our concern is for children who are in foster care or institutional care due to neglect or abuse. These children, as you might guess, often have some unique needs and our board strives to see that those needs are met.

Our Board is confident that each of you shares our concern for these abused and neglected children, but we would like to ask you to consider taking another step. Would you consider giving us your financial assistance?

Typical needs that are not funded:

- Christmas gifts for children in foster care.

- A special one-time clothing allowance. (Often, when a child has to be removed from a home, all the child has are the clothes they're wearing.) This allowance gives the child much needed clothing.

- Special opportunities like summer camps for foster children.

- Special needs such as tutoring for a child needing educational support.

- Unusual medical exams or needs not covered by normal channels.

- Special items like a musical instrument.

- Funds for children to have bus fare home to see their families on special occasions.

- Special occasion items like graduation rings.

- Educational toys recommended by therapists.

- Film and developing for case workers investigating and documenting cases.

As previously mentioned these are the types of things not covered with State or County funding and our Board makes every attempt possible to meet such needs.

Our Board is also concerned about our Foster parents. We have several foster parent families that are doing a great job at filling a big void in the lives of those children in their charge. Twice a year, Thanksgiving and Christmas, our Board likes to give a turkey or a ham as an expression of appreciation. Annually our Board helps in hosting a foster parent appreciation picnic.

Another Board responsibility is that of raising public awareness. We have created awareness pamphlets, special parenting plaques to new mothers in our local hospitals, school distribution of "awareness" knickknacks, for targeted grades and other such promotional materials to raise community consciousness of the needs and problems connected with child abuse.

With all of the afore mentioned activities and efforts we are engaged in, you can readily see that we must have outside assistance to cover these needs that are not covered in any other way. We hope that in the year to come you, or your organization, will find it in your heart to put us in your personal charitable giving and work toward having us placed on the budget of any service club or group to which you belong.

People serving jury duty are allowed to designate their jury fee to our Board, and we will welcome any financial assistance anytime it is offered.

Another branch of our service is our Rainbow Room, in which, our caseworkers can obtain emergency resources immediately, for children who have been victimized or neglected. We routinely need items such as diapers, baby formula, baby food, towels, wash cloths, new underwear, shampoo, dental hygiene, etc.

We desire to have well adjusted, healthy, nurtured children in Colorado County, and we need to assist the foster parents and children through their various crises.

Our Board is comprised of volunteers from all over this county, who have been approved by the Commissioners' Court and County Judge. The members are willing to give more information or assistance upon request.

Your tax deductible donations may be mailed to Colorado County CPS Board, 100 Deer Run, New Ulm, Texas 78950.

Board members include Darnell Varley of Sheridan, Mary Corcoran and Rev. Doug McLemore of Weimar, Rev. Obie Rhodes of Eagle Lake, Arline Brune and Rev. Walt Glasscock of Columbus and Riana Jamison and Beth Swalm of New Ulm.

Thank for your help and consideration.

By Patty Holloway

Betty Wegenhoft has suggested these two books for your reading pleasure.

The reading contest is still open and will go until Jan. 1, 2002.

"Middle age is when you're sitting at home on Saturday night and the telephone rings and you hope it isn't for you." — Ogden Nash

"Use what talents you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best." — Henry Van Dyke

"It isn't what people think that is important, but the reason they think what they think." — Eugene Ionesco



Parker, Lemons to wed Dec. 29

Mrs. Earleen Upson of Eagle Lake requests the honor of your presence in the marriage of her daughter, Aberleen Parker, to Rev. Nathaniel Lemons.

The bride-elect is a member of Greater Rising Star Baptist Church of Eagle Lake.

The prospective groom is the Pastor of First Baptist Church in Glen Flora.

A December 29, 2001 wedding is planned at 6 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

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Nativity New Year's Gala being prepared

Are you ready for a big bash in Eagle Lake? The Catholic Parish of the Nativity is preparing its first Gala for New Year's Eve for 200 people who want to celebrate the fullness of the Christmas Season and bring in the New Year.

The Nativity Gala will be held at Didner Hall, 201 Crain Street. A \$50 ticket will admit a couple to all the festivities including an open bar, a full banquet meal, music, dancing, a silent auction and a money raffle. The raffle will include a \$500, \$250, two \$100, and a \$50 drawing, totalling \$1,000.

Only 100 pre-sale tickets will be sold. Tickets may be purchased at the Parish Office, Marcy's Beauty Salon, S&W Parts and Tresse's Hair Salon. The social hour begins at 6 p.m., banquet at 7, and dancing, 8 to 1 a.m. All proceeds will benefit the Parish Memorial Building Fund for the construction of its new sanctuary. Donations for the silent auction may be brought to the Parish Office at 545 S. Austin Rd. (please call first: 979-234-2842).

Una Celebración Nocturna de Natividad siendo preparada

¿Esta listo para un buen tiempo en Eagle Lake? La Parroquia Católica de la Natividad está preparando para su primera celebración de Año Nuevo para 200 personas quien quieren celebrar el tiempo Navideño complet-

amente y recibiendo el Año Nuevo. La pachanga será en Salon Didner, 201 Crain Street. Un boleto de \$50 por pareja será para todas festividades que incluyen refrescos en la bara, un banquete, musica, baile, subasta silencia, y rifa de dinero.

La rifa incluye premios de \$500, \$250, dos \$100, \$50 por un total de \$1,000.

Unicamente 100 boletos serán vendidos de ante mano. Boleto

Sisters 2001

Again, the four daughters of Sidney and 'Ura' Miller enjoyed their yearly 'Sister's Weekend' After Thanksgiving together to shop, relax, dine out and just have fun doing a "ladies only" vacation.

This year, however, each one invited their daughters to spend this special time with them to make a party of nine ladies.

The younger set had fun doing hair-does, serving a nostalgic treat of peppermint ice cream and watching movies, a favorite childhood treat at Grandpa and Grandma Miller's house. Cheryl Bunjes, Liz Beck's daughter, sang some favorites; some of the girls spent an evening out together.

All nine shopped till they dropped starting the holiday shopping season of bargains and sales at the mall. Half

pueden ser comprados en la oficina parroquial, Marcy's Beauty Salon, S&W Parts y Tresse's Hair Salon.

La hora social será de 6 p.m., el banquete a las 7, y el baile a las 8 p.m. hasta la 1 a.m. Todos las ganancias serán para beneficio de parish Memorial Building Fund para construcion de su nuevo templo. Donaciones para la subasta silencia pueden ser triados a la oficina parroquial en 545 S. Austin Road o llamando a 979-234-2842.

By Helen Eaton

the fun was keeping up with nine ladies in a crowded busy mall... until we discovered each one had a cell phone. Dining out was the only way to go.

Kathy Ware's husband, Mike, had prepared a meal of pork loin barbecue for us, so we ate one meal at home. Lois Herman's husband, Martin, furnished our breakfast of his famous homemade kolaches of all kinds.

Sunday church and lunch together was enjoyed by all.

The event was hosted this year by Kathy Ware of Missouri City.

Helen Eaton of Spring was joined by her daughter, Jeri Nicks of Spring; Elizabeth Beck of Cuero was joined by daughters, Donna Leist of Bay City and Cheryl Bunjes of Westhoff; and Lois Herman of Eagle Lake was joined by daughter, Shannon of McAllen.

LIBRARY LINES

I know we all have someone on our gift list who has everything and is difficult to buy for, but I have a suggestion... buy a library book in honor of your chosen recipient.

You may donate funds for a children's, adult or a reference book. After the library purchases the book, a label with the gift honoree's name will be placed in the front of the book noting the donation.

The library will also mail a notice to the honoree telling them of your gift. You will be supporting your library and providing a unique gift to someone.

The Wintermann Library also has a memorial fund to which you can contribute to remember a friend or relative.

The Wintermann Library gratefully acknowledges the following memorials. In memory of Bill Wright: Robert & Betty Wilcox; in memory of Lucille Perry: Mr. & Mrs. Doyle Waldrop; in memory of Jodie Canaris: Mae Ashby; in memory of Philip Mehner: Virginia Wells, Mae Ashby; in memory of Ray Zahradnick: Mr. & Mrs. A.A. Anderson; in memory of Lillian Zahradnick: Mr. & Mrs. A.A. An-

derson; in memory of Elvira Ugarte: Lauren, Alysa and Kristian Ugarte.

Betty Wegenhoft wants us to be sure and read the short novel *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham during or after the holidays. Luther and Nora Krank decide to skip the holiday altogether and take a Caribbean cruise. The hilarious turn of events will keep you smiling.

Also, Cheryl Tiegs says in the magazine *Book Page*, "I like to travel and have adventures, but if I can't go, I read about it."

A *Year in Provence* by Peter Mayle transports us to a delicious Year in Provence. The library has other good books by Peter Mayle, but all of them are not travel. Check them out!



ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Grace Annette Cardenas

Daniel and Pamela Cardenas of Columbus are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, born December 7, 2001 at Columbus Community Hospital.

Grace Annette weighed 10 pounds, six ounces and measured 19 inches at birth.

She was welcomed home by brothers, Cordero Lynn, nine; and Cody Walter, 14 months.

Maternal grandparents are Walter

Guthmann Sr. of Columbus and the late Gloria Guthmann.

Paternal grandparents are Atilano Jr. and Lydia Cardenas of Eagle Lake and the late Oscar and Frieda (Swoboda) Greak Sr. of Borden.

Great-grandparents are Atilano Cardenas Sr., the late Sarah and Mike Flores, and the late Maria de la Luz Cardenas all of Eagle Lake, and the late Marcus and Eva (Moeckel) Guthmann Sr. of Columbus.

Marco Alan Ramirez

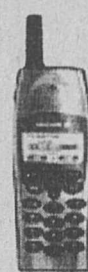
Martin and Elsa Ramirez of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, a son, born December 2, 2001 at 7:51 a.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Marco Alan weighed seven pounds, 15 ounces and measured 21 1/2 inches at birth.

He was welcomed home by his siblings, Cassidy Ariel, 11; and Martin Thomas, six.

Maternal grandparents are Melchor and Marina Rodriguez of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Pedro and Carmen Ramirez of Eagle Lake.



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