



Abel, Stilwell announce June 8 wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abel of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Heather Leigh, to Allen Michael Stilwell of Houston, the son of Charles and Brenda Stilwell of Houston.

Heather attended Sam Houston State University and is now employed as a chemist in Houston.

Allen attended the University of Houston and is employed with Compaq.

The First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake will be the setting for the June 8, 2002 wedding.

Columbus Festival offers more fun this weekend

With so much to do, it's no wonder all wagons will be rolling into Columbus, May 17-19 when the Live Oak Festival will unwrap its 2002 slate of events. This year's traditional Columbus festival promises to have even more for everyone.

Friday, the festival will kick off on the courthouse square at 5 p.m. with Jason Keepers and the German food. At 7 p.m., Magnolia Belles, a Columbus tradition, will be presented.

At 9 p.m., young people from Colorado and surrounding counties will flock to the Colorado County Ag Complex pavilion where the Emotions will take center stage for a concert/dance. At the same time, Second Hand Rose will take the stage on the square, offering a variety of popular songs and tunes.

A Gone to Texas costume contest kicks off Saturday's schedule at 9 a.m. on the Colorado County Courthouse square, reportedly one of the most beautiful in Texas.

After the contest, don't miss the Gone to Texas parade at 10 a.m. featuring the Texas Army, Texas Historical Shootists Society, horse drawn wagons, antique cars and miniature horses.

Throughout the day, eat, drink and be merry on and around the courthouse square. An array of festival fests will be available on the square, offered by local civic clubs. From flavored lemonade to cobbler with ice cream, festival goers will have their pick of treats and eats.

Notable craft vendors from across south and central Texas will have their wares available on the square. Unique and beautiful hand-crafted items from pottery to stained glass, will be on sale under the shade of the beautiful Magnolia trees surrounding the historic courthouse.

Don't forget to bring the kids for games. Children may enjoy egg toss, gyroscope, train rides, jumping castle and lots of other fun stuff. Older "kids" should start practicing now for the wasser contest. And, there will be a youth talent show for all ages at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the south side of the courthouse. Kids young and old will want to visit the Robert R. Wells Jr. Airport, just south of Columbus, to see the Airplane Expo on Saturday.

Shoppers and antique seekers may visit the big antique show happening at the KC Hall; or they may want to take in the historic sites of Columbus. The 41st annual Magnolia Homes Tour will feature the 1847 Sylvania Plantation (Tait Ranch) at 1 p.m.

Saturday afternoon, evening and night will offer music, music, music. Live music performances are scheduled throughout the festival with a special performance by country-western recording artist, Gary P. Nunn

at the Colorado County Ag Complex, Saturday evening.

At 6:30 p.m., the Stafford Opera House dinner theater season continues with the musical comedy, "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum", presented by On Stage Theatre Company.

Sunday, the Live Oak Festival will swing into action with walkers, runners and joggers joining the Pilot Club Fun Run.

Not in the mood to run? How 'bout dominoes. Sunday at 2 p.m., the festival will host its first-ever Domino Tournament under the tent on the square in downtown Columbus.

There will be a free shuttle from the Stafford Opera House to the Sylvania Plantation, KC Hall, airport and back to the courthouse throughout the weekend. For more information or tickets, call 979-732-6090. For dinner theater tickets, call Columbus Convention & Visitors Bureau, 732-8385.

Sheridan Lions give donations

Tuesday, April 30, Monte Peck, President of the Sheridan Lions Club, presented checks to the Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department, Sheridan Memorial Library, Sheridan Little League and Sheridan Community Center as a part of the Lions Club's continuing support of the Sheridan community and its organizations.

Previously, donations were made to Rice Project Graduation, Sheridan Boy Scouts and the 4-H Community Buyers Group.

The Sheridan Lions Club also presents a \$1,000 scholarship to a Rice High School graduate from Sheridan

and is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Sheridan Community Center.

Members of the Sheridan Lions Club have held three fund raising dinners and the annual Gumbo/Stew Supper and Raffle to raise funds for these donations. The continued support of the Sheridan community and friends in surrounding communities is greatly appreciated.

Sheridan Lions meet the first and last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Sheridan Community Center. WE SERVE!

Highlights

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Villa, San Benito, Arroyo City, East Rio Hondo and Rio Hondo. Also getting warnings were the North Alamo Water Supply Co. and the Central Power and Light generating plant in San Benito.

"The only thing that will stop us running out of water now is a big storm or Mexico releasing water to us," said Sonia Kaniger, general manager of Cameron County Irrigation District No. 2. "Unfortunately, I think

we have more chance of a storm, but that is pretty remote."

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison has requested that Mexico immediately repay 100,000 acre-feet of the water it owes the U.S., but Mexico has not replied yet.

The International Boundary and Water Commission says Mexico is 1.5 million acre-feet of water in arrears to the U.S.

Happy 3rd Birthday
Chastity
May 20, 2002
Love,
Mom, Dad, R.J.,
Joyce & Faith

LIONS CLUB
SHERIDAN

On hand for the presentation were, from left, Bill Gohlke, representing Sheridan Little League and Sheridan Community Center; Lillian Gohlke, Director, Sheridan Memorial Library; Monte Peck, President Sheridan Lions Club; and Franklin Walker, Treasurer, Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department.

Sheridan Lions Club Photo

A NEW ARRIVAL

Ryan Abel Hovey

Laurie and Ross Hovey of Montgomery, Texas, are pleased to announce the arrival of their first child, a son.

Ryan Abel Hovey was born at 4:28 a.m. April 23, 2002.

Weighing in at seven pounds, four ounces, Ryan can be seen on line at www.mhhs.org in the on-line nursery at the Woodlands Hospital.

Ryan is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abel of Eagle Lake and Wayne and Krista Hovey of Pasadena.

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May 9, 2002 Market Report
Animals on hand: cattle, 1886; two horses. Sellers: 313. Packer cows: higher dressing utility & cutter cows, 39-45 per lbs.; lower dressing utility & cutter cows,

33-38 per lb.; thin cows, 27-32. Packer bulls: heavyweight bulls 55-60; utility cutter bulls, 50-54¢. Head tested: 290.

Stocker/Feeder-Calves/Yearlings
Steers #1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.25-1.40; 300-400 lbs., \$1.09-1.19; 400-500 lbs., 95¢-1.05; 500-600 lbs., 83-93¢; 600-700 lbs., 76-82¢; 700-800 lbs., 68-75¢.

Steers #2: 200-300 lbs., \$1.05-1.15; 300-400 lbs., 90¢-1.00; 400-500 lbs., 82-90¢; 500-600 lbs., 78-82¢; 600-700 lbs., 68-73¢; 700-800 lbs., 62-67¢.

Heifers #1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.20-1.30; 300-400 lbs., 92¢-1.05; 400-500 lbs., 82-91¢; 500-600 lbs., 76-81¢; 600-700 lbs., 70-75¢; 700-800 lbs., 63-69¢.

Heifers #2: 200-300 lbs., \$1.05-1.15; 300-400 lbs., 80-88¢; 400-500 lbs., 74-80¢; 500-600 lbs., 67-75¢; 600-700 lbs., 63-79¢; 700-800 lbs., 57-62¢.

Good stocker cow/calf pairs, \$650-725 by the head; medium cow/calf pairs, \$600-645; common cow/calf pairs, \$525-590; good stocker cows & heifers, \$530-600; medium stocker cows & heifers, \$460-575.

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May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month

Lyme Disease is caused by a bacteria that is transmitted to humans by tick bites, primarily by the deer tick. These ticks feed on infected animals such as mice, raccoons, skunks, squirrels, or domestic pets which harbor the bacteria. Bacteria enter the skin and move to various body organs. The typical infection results in a classical "bull's eye" rash. The infection may cause lethargy, fatigue, stiff neck, and/or muscle and joint pains. Fever may be present. When not treated, problems with the central nervous system may develop. Arthritis and heart abnormalities also can occur.

Lyme Disease is treatable with antibiotics. The rash may disappear without antibiotic treatment, however that does not mean the disease is cured. If diagnosed early, three weeks of oral antibiotics such as amoxicillin or doxycycline is recommended. For children or pregnant or breast-feeding women, doxycycline should be avoided. Substitute antibiotics include penicillin and ceftriaxone. After the infection is present, intravenous antibiotics are recommended for 21 days. Lyme is the only FDA-approved vaccine for preventing Lyme disease, but is being removed from the market by the manufacturer due to poor sales.

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Senior Friends tour is May 16-17

May 16-17, Senior Friends will travel to King Ranch in Kingsville for a tour and lunch and stay overnight in Corpus Christi. Dinner will be at Luby's. The next day, after a continental breakfast, Friends will take walking tours of the Texas State Aquarium, USS Lexington Museum and Corpus Christi Botanical Gardens. Cost is \$220/person, double occupancy \$257/person single occupancy. If interested call Robin ASAP at 979-282-6808.

WCJC early registration underway

Wharton County Junior College Summer 2002 credit class early registration schedule is underway. Call the following campuses to schedule an appointment: Wharton Campus, Bay City, 979-532-6303; Fort Bend Technical Center (FBTC), 281-239-1544; or Sugar Land Campus (SLC), 281-243-8410. Regular registration dates and locations are Wharton Campus, Monday, May 20, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; FBTC at Richmond, Tuesday, May 21, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; SLC, Wednesday, May 22, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Bay City, Thursday, May 23, 5-7 p.m. (no appointment needed).

KC golf tourney is June 2

The Knights of Columbus Council #4843 will host their 18th Annual two-player scramble golf tournament Sunday, June 2. (Rain date is June 9.) Entry fee is \$100 per team and includes tournament fee for the team, green fees, chicken fried steak dinner and chances for closest-to-the-hole. **Entry deadline is May 31.** Lady team members are also welcome. The dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Additional meals will be served by advance tickets sales for \$6 per plate. Proceeds benefit the KC charities and scholarships. For more information, call Glen Janow at 979-234-5282; Craig Guthman, 234-3211; Pinto Broesche, 234-3780; or Tee-Up Pro Shop, 234-5981.

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Preservation

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"Despite its importance in the social, cultural and economic life of the community, the spirit of place is easily destroyed," said National Trust President Richard Moe. "Older neighborhoods, rich in texture and character, start to decline. Familiar landmarks are allowed to deteriorate or are replaced by new buildings that fail to respect their historic setting. Scenic vistas are spoiled by insensitive development and precious open space is devoured by sprawl. Uniqueness fades into anonymity. Everyplace starts to look like Anyplace, and eventually they all look like Noplace."

"Preservation Week 2002 calls on us to do all we can to recognize, save and enhance the irreplaceable features that give each community the distinctive character."

As part of the week-long celebration, citizens nationwide will celebrate with alumni reunions, career days, pageants, workshops, clean-up days, rallies, re-enactments and home and garden tours.

Here in Eagle Lake, Preservation Week 2002 will be observed with an Open House Saturday, May 18, at the historic Norris Building, 113 E. Main Street. Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance (ELPA) members will greet the public from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information on the local preservation movement will be shared and refreshments will be served.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, chartered by congress in 1949, is a private, non-profit organization with more than a quarter million members. It provides leadership, education and advocacy to save America's diverse historic places and revitalize communities. The National Trust has six regional offices and 20 historic sites and works with thousands of local community groups nationwide. For more information, visit the National Trust's website at www.nationaltrust.org.

Foot Facts

TREAT A BROKEN TOE
By Dr. Eric Tepper, DPM

Toes get injured in many ways. They get dropped on, stepped on, and stubbed. And when they break, they need treatment. While many people ignore an injured toe because they believe it will heal on its own, broken toes should be seen by a doctor. A broken toe most commonly breaks at an angle so the toe points in or out. The patient may experience pain while walking, in addition to swelling, bruising, weakness, or numbness. Treatment involves either splinting the toe by taping it to an adjacent toe or prescribing a stiff-soled, cast shoe to prevent the toe from bending. Pain and swelling are often relieved with anti-inflammatory medications. Broken toes require three to six weeks to heal.

Self-diagnosis and treatment for problems such as a broken toe may not always be in your best interest. Whatever troubles your feet encounter, give them professional attention while the problems are still in their minor stages. It's much better, easier, and less costly to deal with problems early on than to face major treatment at a later date. Remember that foot problems don't usually disappear on their own. Remember too that we are here at Rice Medical Center to help when your feet hurt, no matter what the cause. Please call us at 234-5571 for an appointment. Office hours are on Tuesdays.

P.S. Self-care for broken toes involves regular icing, elevating the foot, and maintaining any splints.