

Kallina, Wesselski to wed

Angela Rachelle Kallina and James David Wesselski, along with their parents, are pleased to announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

Rachelle, a 2001 graduate of The University of Texas, is the Athletic Director for Corpus Christi Fitness Center.

Jamie is a Consultant with the Indoor Air Quality Industry. The couple will exchange vows Saturday, February 8, 2003, in El Campo.

Pecan Show is Nov. 26

By Benard Mitchell, Colorado County Extension Agent-AGRI/NR

The Colorado-Fayette Pecan Show will be held Tuesday, Nov. 26 at the Fayette County Fairgrounds Home-makers Building in La Grange.

The County Pecan show highlights production in the counties, while producers learn the art of grading to determine the value of their pecans. If you have one tree or a thousand, you can enter.

Pecans are graded according to percent kernel, nuts per pound and shelled verses in-shell quality.

Pecan entries are due Nov. 25 to the Fayette County Extension Office, or the Colorado County Extension Office. You may bring them to the show as long as you get them there before it begins.

Bring entries in medium sized paper bag and include name, address, phone number and variety.

Processing will start at 9 a.m. with judging at 1 p.m. on Nov. 26. All pecan producers are invited to help process at 9 a.m.

Following is a set of rules for the 2002 show:

Pecans must be from the 2002 crop and produced in Fayette or Colorado County.

Each entry should consist of at least 55 pecans for improved varieties and a minimum of one pound of natives.

Pecans must have been grown by the person exhibiting. A person owning a tree regardless if it is an orchard or yard is considered a grower.

One grower may enter one entry in each variety class. John Doe can enter a Desirable, Mahan, Success, etc.

One grower may enter as many natives that he/she has produced; natives should be fairly good sized and not mixed.

Competent judges will judge all entries and division winning pecans will be entered in the Regional Pecan Show.

Pecans entered in the show will become property of the show. Pecans will be sold and the money will be used to keep the show self-sustaining.

Plaques and ribbons will be awarded to the winning entries.

There will be three major categories: commercial variety champion and reserve champion, classic variety champion and reserve, and native champion and reserve.

Additional categories: champion highest % kernel, commercial variety and reserve champion, highest % kernel classic variety grand and reserve, and highest % kernel native grand and reserve.

Champion and reserve champion pictures will be taken after the judging, Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 3 p.m.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Colorado County Extension Office at 979-732-2082 or Larry Nickel, Fayette County Extension Agent, 979-968-5831.

We will seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for this meeting.

We request that you contact the Colorado County Extension Office.



Ramirez, Casanova wed Nov. 9

Shelly Renee Ramirez of Eagle Lake and Charles Casas Casanova of Sinton were united in marriage Saturday, November 9, 2002, at Andrew Hall in Eagle Lake.

Shelly is the daughter of Mary Munoz and Alex Ramirez Sr. of Eagle Lake.

Charles is the son of Linda (Casanova) Beisel of Rosenberg and the late Richard Casanova. The couple now resides in Eagle Lake.

Buckle up for Thanksgiving

Texas leads the nation in traffic fatalities. In 2000, 3,769 people were killed and more than 300,000 were injured on Texas streets and highways. Many of these deaths and injuries could have been prevented if the victims had been wearing safety belts. Safety belts save lives. And that's why Texas is drawing the line for drivers and passengers: buckle up or face a fine.

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will be joining with hundreds of police and sheriff's departments throughout Texas to launch a massive statewide Click It or Ticket effort to enforce the state's occupant protection laws for adults and children.

The Click It or Ticket campaign will begin Sunday, Nov. 24, at 12:01 a.m. and end Sunday, Dec. 1, at midnight, a total of 10 days.

Texas laws requires every person sitting in the front seat of a vehicle to wear a safety belt. All children under 17 years old must be secured with a safety belt or in a child safety seat, whether they are sitting in the front or back seat. A child less than four years old or less than 36 inches tall must be secured in a child safety seat. A safety belt violation can result in a fine of \$25 to \$200.

In addition to the Click It or Ticket campaign, the DPS will be participating with Operation Combined Accident Reduction Effort (C.A.R.E.). The goals of CARE are to reduce crashes, deaths and injuries.

Operation CARE-Thanksgiving Holiday will begin Wednesday, 12:01 a.m., Nov. 27 and will end Sunday at midnight, Dec. 1.

"We urge all parents to utilize car safety seats and booster seats for their children," said DPS Trooper Gary Pflughaupt. "Parents need to set an example by wearing their seat belts as well."

With this in mind, DPS Troopers will be patrolling Texas roadways looking for drivers and passengers not obeying these occupant restraint laws. In addition to unrestrained occupants-excessive speed, reckless driving and intoxicated drivers will be targeted.

DPS reminds the public that the statewide stranded motorist hotline, 1-800-525-5555, can also be used to report obviously intoxicated drivers.

Give the gift of life... be a living donor

By Sunny Gertson Zarate

In the 1980s, my uncle Benton New was diagnosed with Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD), which is a genetic disorder characterized by the growth of numerous cysts in the kidneys. He is the son of Allen and Lillian (New) Glueck of Sealy and the late Alton New.

Over the past several years, his condition had gotten worse. In Oct. of 2001, he suffered kidney failure causing him to go on dialysis.

It was at this time the doctors asked if he had a list of people whom would be willing to give him a kidney or if he wanted to be added to the long list of patients waiting for a transplant.

Several on his list began the testing but were eliminated for one reason or another. Quickly, his list was down to zero.

It was very heartbreaking for me to see the life being drained out of my uncle and I knew then that I had to do what I could to extend his life.

I knew the best organ for a transplant comes from a living donor with

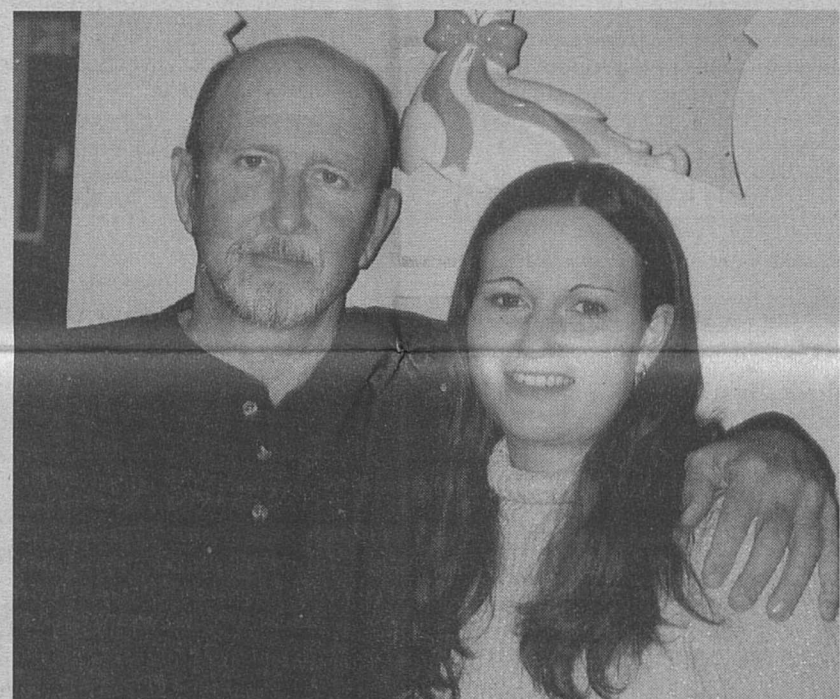
a blood and tissue type compatible with the recipient. The end of Sept., I began testing for compatibility. Our blood and tissue was a match.

Then the final stage of testing was done the beginning of Oct., to see if I was physically capable of being a donor. By the middle to Oct., I received a call from the Transplant Coordinator at Hermann Hospital in Houston letting me know everything was fine and the surgery had been set for Oct. 23.

I met with Dr. Stephen Katz the week before surgery and he informed me I was a good candidate for the new Hand-Assisted Laparoscopic procedure. This meant my recovery time would be two to three weeks less than the open technique, which usually takes eight to 10 weeks to recover.

My surgery was going to be about the 20th he had performed; all with great success. The percent of living donors is on the rise since this less-invasive procedure is being performed.

I felt so blessed to be the one to help extend my uncle's life. My kidney was given to him on the morning



Benton New, son of Lillian (New) Glueck of Sealy and the late Alton New of Lissie, and his niece-donor, Sammi Gertson Zarate, daughter of Darrell and Gail Gertson of Eagle Lake.

of Oct. 23, and by 5:30 p.m., the function of his new kidney had almost doubled.

Since Uncle Ben and I went through the transplant process, our family has become closer and more appreciative of each other.

I've been experiencing an overwhelming sense of pride and an inner peace from knowing I improved someone's life.

I'm still recovering from the surgery and very proud of the scar I wear. It's been three weeks and I'm back at work, just moving a little slower for now.

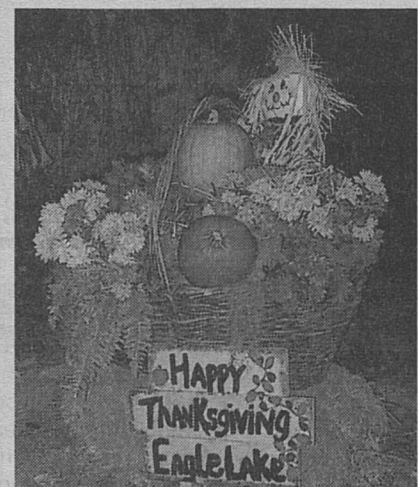
Uncle Ben is doing well and it's anticipated that he'll be able to return to work around the first of the year. I'm another one who has discovered that even though we may be ordinary people, we have the ability to do extraordinary things.

Please consider being a living donor and give the gift of life.

Benton New and I, Sammi Zarate, would like to thank our employers, fellow employees, family and friends in all the surrounding communities for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you for all the contributions

made to the Ben New Kidney Fund that has been used for our medical expense.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to help with Ben's continued medical expense may do so at: The United Way of Brazoria County, Attention: The Ben New Kidney Fund, 1212 North Velasco, Angleton, TX 77515.



The sign explains it. This cute display was done by Candy McCreary on the empty lot on E. Main across from The Furniture Shoppe. Headlight Photo

National Farm-City Week is Nov. 22-28

All Americans benefit from America's efficient and productive food system. That's why Farm Bureau fully supports commemorating the connection between farm and city each year during National Farm-City Week. Under a theme of "Partners in Progress," this year's recognition takes place Nov. 22-28.

"With agriculture as a cornerstone of our nation's security and way of life, America's farmers and ranchers provide the safest, most abundant and most affordable food supply in the world," said Leon Hattermann, president of the Colorado County Farm Bureau. "It's important to remember, though, that American agriculture reaches far beyond the farm and ranch."

Hattermann noted that agriculture

is an industry that includes many urban and suburban residents who help process, sell and trade the nation's food and fiber. In fact, more than 24 million American workers, about 17% of the total U.S. workforce, are involved.

"National Farm-City Week strives to increase understanding, cooperation and relationships between rural and urban residents. As this year's commemoration again culminates on Thanksgiving, all Americans are encouraged to thank someone who helps make it possible for you and your family to enjoy the bounty of our food supply," he said.

For more information on National Farm-City Week, visit the National Farm-City Council web site at www.farmcity.org.

Bowen to participate in DYT Program

Shaina Bowen, daughter of Wayne and Jonna Bowen of Eagle Lake, has been selected to participate in the "Distinguished Youth of Texas (DYT) Scholarship and Recognition Program" to be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin Nov. 29 through Dec. 1.

During the weekend event, two Texas students will be selected to receive a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond and the right to serve as a State Program Titleholder for one year.

In addition, both winners will receive \$250 to present to their respective schools from the Distinguished Youth of America Program.

In all, more than \$5,000 in awards and prizes will be presented to various participants.

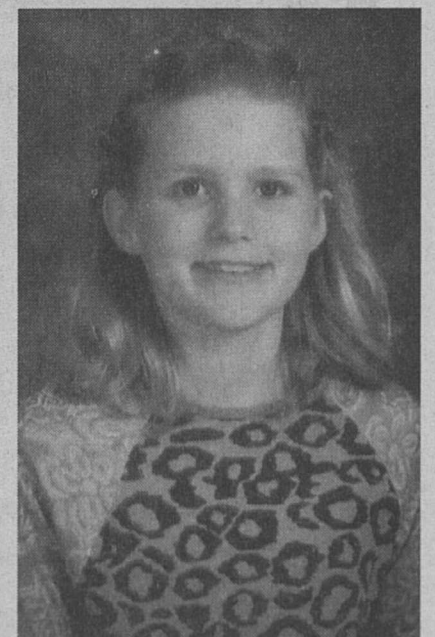
The Distinguished Youth Program is designed to recognize girls who rank high academically and who are leaders in their schools and communities.

The judging criteria used to select the two state titleholders includes the following: Scholastic Record; Service to School and Community; Personality Projection; and Interview.

Program Founder, Warren Alexander said, "This program truly reflects the female youth of the 21st century. The candidates are intelligent, well-rounded students. Sixty percent of the judging involves written resumes, with another significant portion being the Judge's Interview."

The Program Finals will be held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 1, at the Renaissance Hotel and will culminate in the naming of the new Young Miss of Texas and Little Miss of Texas.

Special guests featured in the program will be the current Young Miss of Texas, Shea Flynn of Wharton, and the current Young Miss of Texas, Kara



Magnum of Arlington. Featured Mistress of Ceremonies will be Miss Teen of Texas Ashlie Kelly of Pasadena.

Shaina will be sponsored for the weekend by the following: I&J Dozer Works; John Myres, D.D.S.; Wiese Crop Insurance; Rita Bowen; Laker Trophies; Creative Expressions; Eagle Lake Insurance; Eagle Barber Shop; and Johnny's Sport Shop.

Did You Know...

In the last 50 years, every time the University of Kentucky has won the NCAA basketball championship (1949, 1951, 1958, 1978, 1996 and 1998), the New York Yankees have won the World Series.

A lion's mane protects his during fights-softening the blows of his enemies.

Happy 38th Birthday Bridgette
Nov. 19, 2002
Wishing You Many, Many More!
From Your Mom,
Pearlie Ford

Foot Facts
By Dr. Eric Tepper, Podiatrist
CORRECTING CLUBFOOT IN INFANTS

The Ponseti method of external manipulation and casting has proven successful in correcting infant clubfoot deformities, eliminating the need for more invasive surgery. Clubfoot deformity involves the pointing downward and turning inward of the foot. Approximately one in 750 infants are born with clubfoot deformity, which results from a tight Achilles tendon and shortened tendons and ligaments on the inner lower leg. With the Ponseti method, doctors combine external manipulation procedures with casting to align the foot and correct soft-tissue abnormalities. The thin plaster cast, which runs from toe to groin in two parts, is changed every five to seven days. Treatment typically lasts about two months. Special straight-laced shoes with a bar preserve the correction during the foot's development.

Correcting foot problems has greatly improved over the past few years for patients of all ages. Today's newer treatments include manual manipulation, innovative surgical techniques, custom orthotics, joint replacement, and medications. Your feet are not supposed to hurt. When they do, we're available to ease your pain and get you walking in comfort. Office hours are by appointment on Tuesdays here at Rice Medical Center. Call 234-5571.

P.S. No cause for clubfoot deformity has been determined.



Study Club presents Library with funds
Eagle Lake Study Club members Betty Wilcox and Fair Wells, at left, and Ernie Sommerlatte, far right, recently presented Wintermann Library Board President Betty Wegenhoft and Librarian Vicki Powers with the proceeds from the Club's annual auction. Photo Courtesy of Barbara Pidgeon