

To The Editor & You

New Beginnings sends thanks

Dear Editor,
There are great things that happen in our lives, such as the experience of being in the Spirit of Christmas Parade. The experience was great not only for the children of our center but for parents, staff, family members and people who, out of the goodness of their hearts, took interest in making someone other than themselves happy.

I would like to give thanks to these people, because if it were up to them, they would gladly go on without mention.

gift of preparation and use of their semi-truck and flatbed trailer and their shop to prepare the float. Their semi took a couple of months to prepare. Thank you to the Perrys and Gary Smith (Yankee) for the generator; to David Perez for his willingness to help; Pauline Lira for the use of her manger; and to Rudy, Adrian, Dee, Adriana, Sonia, Patsy, Lori, Rodolfo Jr. and the staff of New Beginnings for their help and donated supplies.

Sincerely,
Martha M. Flores, owner/director

To Wesley and JoAnn Perry for the



First place business winners and best overall in the parade were, from left, Rodolfo Jr., Wesley Perry, Andrea, Rudy, Martha, Amanda, Nathan; in front, Tina, BG, Adrian, AJ, Joe Perry and Christopher.

Below, Perry takes time out before all the rosettes are handed out to pose with his big rig.



Heritage House shares letter

Following is a letter from Frances Staff to the administrator of Heritage House which they wanted to share with you.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your warm welcome and all of your efforts to make the move for my mother, Helen Psenick, to this facility, a pleasant one.

I am so pleased with the excellent

and dedicated care and concern for mother by the nursing staff, physical therapists, activity director and dietary. Everyone from all departments is very helpful and friendly to mother and me, as well. My feeling here is very comfortable.

Also, I must add, that I eat here often, and the meals-main dish and dessert — are really great.

Sincerely, Frances Staff

Fundraiser benefits Hospice

Hospice Support Inc. is sponsoring its annual "Celebration of Life" ornament sale. For a donation of \$15 or more, a personalized ornament may be purchased and hung on the Hospice Christmas trees at the El Campo Civic Center, Wharton County Museum or Wells Fargo Bank in Bay City.

Vicki Gold, Hospice volunteer and event chair, announced the 2002 ornament selections to be a crystal bell and a snowflake. The chosen ornament may be purchased in memory of a loved one or friend, in honor of a loved one or friend, the birth of a child, an anniversary or birthday, or any other special event the donor wishes to recognize.

The ornament will be placed on the tree and remain throughout the holiday season. Ornaments may be picked up at the Hospice office in Jan. 2003, or for an additional charge, the ornament will be mailed.

Proceeds from the annual fundraiser benefit Hospice Support, a non-profit organization designed to meet



Martinez graduates

Congratulations to Rosemary (Valles) Martinez who received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish from Sam Houston State University.

The commencement ceremony was held Dec. 7 at the Bernard J. Johnson Coliseum in Huntsville.

Rosemary was accompanied by her husband and son, Victor Jr., and parents, Antonio and Mary Valles.

Family/Friends

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ket, Becky Marsalia, Kathy Stern, \$15; birdhouse water fountain, Brian Ellis Family, Glenda Moore, \$45; topiary trees, Family & Friends, Sandy Bendy, \$50; Candy McCreary, \$20; bubblegum machine, Kevin & Brooklyn Ellis, Phyllis Psenick, \$15; 3 months of Internet, ELC, Kathy Stern, \$10; snowman, anonymous donor, Carla Dopslauf, \$10; stuffed angel, anonymous donor, Solia Roman, \$10; two #1 dinners, Taco Tony's, Dwayne Pagel, \$10; Mongoose folding scooter, Donnie & Kathy Stern, Jerome McAfee, \$31; angel tri-fold panel, Family & Friends, Willie Moore, \$20; hunting video, Johnny's Sport Shop, Logan Meitzen, \$16; Santa oil lamp, Dwayne Pagel Family, Phyllis Psenick, \$6; two Santa ornaments, Brooklyn Ellis, Trini Apodaca, \$10; Precious Moments basket, Val Evans & Family, Willie Moore, \$30; bed serving tray, Val Evans & Family, Cliff Ishee, \$20; TV/AM/FM lantern, Family & Friends, Danny Ishee, \$75; lube, oil & filter change, Ellison Chevrolet, Coleen Meitzen, \$25; horse carousel, Willie & Glenda Moore, Joi Ishee, \$5; wolf tree carving, Cliff Ishee, Coleen Meitzen, \$22.50; berry wreath, Anna Gertson & Laura Myres, Sandy Bendy, \$50.

Raffle winners
Basket of hair care products, Tresses, Inc.—Donna Gertson, Katie Pagel; Coggins testing for horses, Wharton Veterinary Clinic—Dr. Carlos Bonnot, John Gertson; 18 piece BBQ cook set, Family & Friends Hostesses, Brooklyn Ellis; \$50 saving bond, First National Bank Eagle Lake, Barbara Rutkowski; 2 plate lunches—Blue Plate Café, Rene Al-Obaidi, Kimberly Varley; \$10 gift certificate, Eagle Video, Trafco Industries; lube, oil & filter change, Ellison Chevrolet—Mike Ellison, Rhonda Hotz; 2 video rentals, Video-2-Go, Darilyn Henderson; red poinsettia, Canaris Nursery—Pete & Jeanette Canaris, Anna Gertson; one pound bag of Texas-Oklahoma mix, Wildseed Farms, Inc., Jimma Shanks; green plant, Lake Crest Flowers—Mrs. Pansy and Steve Berger, Diane Kennedy; rice basket with goodies, Eagle Lake Rice Dryer, Inc., Emmer Jean Tillman; one month membership, Eagle Lake Rehabilitation—Terry Sablatura, Dana Wagner; chest cooler, Kevin & Brooklyn Ellis, Alex Ramirez; curling iron, His & Hers Hair Salon—Mary Padilla, Ginger Zimmerman; one pound bag of Butterfly & Hummingbird mix, Wildseed Farms, Laura Ramirez; lube, oil & filter change, Ellison Chevrolet, Mike Ellison, Wanda Henry; \$25 Walmart gift certificate, Bill Kell, Rick Soldo; one case of automobile oil, East Side Auto Sales—B.J. Williams, Ginger Zimmerman; silver dollar, Wallis State Bank, Flora Samporia; stationary set, Kevin & Brooklyn Ellis, Ginger Zimmerman; large three wick pillar candle with Christmas floral ring, Kelcey and Ryan Zickuhr, Vicki Jetalina; one month membership, Eagle Lake Rehabilitation—Terry Sablatura,

Evangeline Whorton; 2002 State Capital Christmas ornament, The Robby Cook Family, Laura Ramirez; lube, oil and filter change for gasoline vehicle, Ellison Chevrolet—Mike Ellison, Harold Ross; \$10 gift certificate, Eagle Video, Jimma Shanks; Swiss army watch set, Family & Friends Hosts, Laura Ramirez; two video rentals, Video-2-Go, Diana Brunner; plush Christmas teddy bear, Julie & Taylor Gannon, Cliff Ishee; two video rentals, Video-2-Go, Mary Saucedo.



And the winner is...

The Rice Medical Center Ladies Auxiliary "Pink Ladies" recently held a drawing for a remote controlled truck. The winner was Kathryn Mehner of Eagle Lake. Pictured above, from left, are Charlene Konesheck (drawing the lucky ticket), Noble Anderson, Sarah Urdiales and Mary Saucedo.

Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas

WCJC

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gram. Prior to accreditation, applicants were required to have a two-year allied health degree, such as radiologic technology, before acceptance into the program.

According to Susan Johnston, sonography instructor, "The CAAHEP accreditation allows students to complete required pre-requisite courses and be eligible for admissions into the sonography program, however, it's still recommended that applicants complete a two-year allied health degree, such as radiologic technology, because the job industry prefers multi-skilled individuals."

Since WCJC offers a two-year associate's degree in radiologic technology that is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT), many students complete this program before advancing (See WCJC, Page 6)

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Highway Patrolman Dan Aultman, stationed in Columbus, was transferred to Odessa...

Community Council of Christian Women met in Lissie with Mrs. Gardner Seaholm, president, presiding...

Jan Martinek and Micky Barouch were winners in Rock Island PTA Halloween Carnival parade...

Rev. Warren Beale was officially installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church...

Mr. & Mrs. T.W. Wilson celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary at their home...

Pvt. Roy Addicks of Ft. Benning, Ga., visited here with parents, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Addicks...

Rev. Joe H. James was named president of Band Mothers Club at E.H. Henry High School...

Clark Powers and Randy Spalinger are honored at a double party on their birthdays...

The Kennie Bauer family returned to Eagle Lake from San Antonio...

The Highway Patrol is to begin using radar to check speed soon.

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What to Do About Sore Throat Pain

Sore throat (medical term is *pharyngitis*) is a common medical complaint. Roughly 12% of all Americans experience a sore throat every two months or so. Annually, pharyngitis is responsible for 15 million US physician visits. An inflamed and sore throat can be a sign of impending bacterial or viral infection, including the flu. However, other things such as cigarette smoke, air pollution, coughing, voice strain, or sinus drainage also can cause it. While it is usually self-limiting, a sore throat that lasts longer than two days should not be ignored.

Medicated throat lozenges should be placed in the mouth and sucked slowly (not chewed and swallowed). Over-the-counter lozenges containing *menthol* include Fisherman's Friend, Halls, and Vicks. Chloraseptic Spray combines *menthol* with *phenol*. Products containing *dextromethorphan* may be recommended when soreness is due to persistent cough. If lozenges or sprays are not effective, orally swallowed medicines like aspirin or acetaminophen may help relieve the pain. Severe sore throat pain is sometimes treated with prescription liquid *lidocaine* (Xylocaine), which is swished or swallowed.

Police

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At 5:13 p.m., Officer Terrazas arrested Jason Webb in the 600 block of 6th Street on an outstanding Colorado County burglary warrant. He was transported to the CCDC for confinement.

At 8:31 p.m., Officer Wiese was dispatched to the 500 block of Tate St. in regards to an emergency phone message. The message was delivered.

Dec. 9, at 9:45 a.m., Chief Lattimore met with a complainant in regards to a civil matter. The information was documented.

At 10 a.m., Officer Bryan Lasley was dispatched to the 100 block of Commerce St. in regards to a burglary of a motor vehicle. The case is open for investigation.

At 11:50 a.m., Officer Lasley spoke via phone with a Waller County Deputy Sheriff in regards to information about a vehicle which Waller County had found stripped in their county.

At 12:45 p.m., Chief Lattimore met with a complainant at the PD in regards to a civil matter. The information was documented.

At 9:07 p.m., Officer Wiese was dispatched to the 100 block of E. Waverly St. in regards to suspicious circumstances. The information was received.

At 9:45 p.m., Officer Wiese was dispatched to the 500 block of E. Main St. in regards to a case of criminal trespass. The case is open for investigation.

Dec. 10, at 10:49 a.m., Officer Lasley was dispatched to the 1600 block of E. Main St. for an activated alarm. All was found to be in order.

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