



From the front...

Susan Gertson of Eagle Lake was kind enough to share these photos with us. It is one of several she received from Iraq and forwarded to *The Headlight*. As she said, it's unfortunate her son, Clint, wasn't in any of them. At right is the hospital he to which he is assigned.

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E.B. Chamber announces Christmas Parade

The East Bernard Chamber of Commerce will host the 2003 Christmas Parade Saturday, Dec. 6, at 10 a.m. Santa Claus will be in attendance and has agreed to take pictures with the children at the Picket Fences on Pietzsch St. at the end of the parade. Please bring your own camera or a photographer will be available for a nominal fee. Santa will be available until 1 p.m. or until the last child sits on his lap, then he will need to head back to the North Pole.

The Chamber would like to invite everyone to participate in this year's parade. There is a lot of excitement building for the parade since this will be the first Christmas Parade for East

Bernard as a newly formed City. The Chamber expects it to be the best ever. To help landmark this historical event for East Bernard, the Chamber has selected the theme of the parade to be "Christmas in the New City." The Chamber will announce next week who the "Grand Marshall" will be. We are very excited about this... stay tuned!

Participants can choose from the following categories: school organization, church, marching, twirling, or dancing unit, service organization, decorated vehicle, commercial and

new this year is an open category for all other entries to compete. The parade is open to any individual or group if you would like to participate, please contact the parade chairman, Janet Dirba at 979-335-9900 or by fax 979-335-9907.

The Chamber would like to thank the American Legion for donating the trophies for the first place winners. As an added bonus, the Chamber will award cash to the first place winners as well. The commercial division will only be awarded a trophy.

Line-up is at 8 a.m., at Gayla Industries parking lot. Judging will begin promptly at 8:45 a.m. and the parade will start at 10 a.m. Entry forms for the parade can be found at the following businesses: First National Bank, East Bernard Branch; Prosperity Bank, Southwest Bank, Vincek's Smokehouse, Savon Drugs, Klecka's and Radio Shack.

Please return entry forms to: First National Bank of Eagle Lake, East Bernard Branch, P.O. Box 460, East Bernard, TX 77435 by Nov. 28.

Dinner theatre to feature 'The Gazebo'

The Blinn Players next production will be Alec Coppel's "The Gazebo" presented Nov. 20-23 with two dinner theater performances.

All performances will be held in the MRW Studio Theater in the Dr. W.W. O'Donnell Performing Arts Center on the Blinn College Brenham campus.

The lighthearted comedy features **Brennan Jobe of Eagle Lake** in the role of Elliot Nash, a scatterbrained screenwriter who bungles an attempt to protect his wife, Nell, played by Rachel Whitman of Sealy, from meddling blackmailers Louis and The Dook, played by James Robinson of Warrenton and Cody Riedinger of Thornton.

Unknown accomplices in Elliot's attempt to cover up his own crime are Mrs. Chandler, the real estate agent, played by Elisabeth Meindl of Brenham, and Charlie Thorpe, a building contractor, played by Christopher Jack-

son of Missouri City.

Called in to investigate are Detective Jenkins, played by Joshua Singleton of Texas City, and Officer Potts, played by Matt Hollingsworth of Austin. And to make matters even more complicated, Elliot's next door neighbor is the district attorney, Harlow Edison, played by Hector Disdier of Beaufort, S.C.

The ensuing cover-up and investi-

gation turns everything upside down including his new gazebo.

Director for The Gazebo is Bradley Nies; Den Birkes is the technical director.

Tickets for the dinner theater on Nov. 20 and 21 are \$15 per person; for the Nov. 22 and 23 performances they are \$5 per person.

Reservations are required and may be made by calling 979-830-4024.

WCJC, TSTC to host 'Anniversary Celebration'

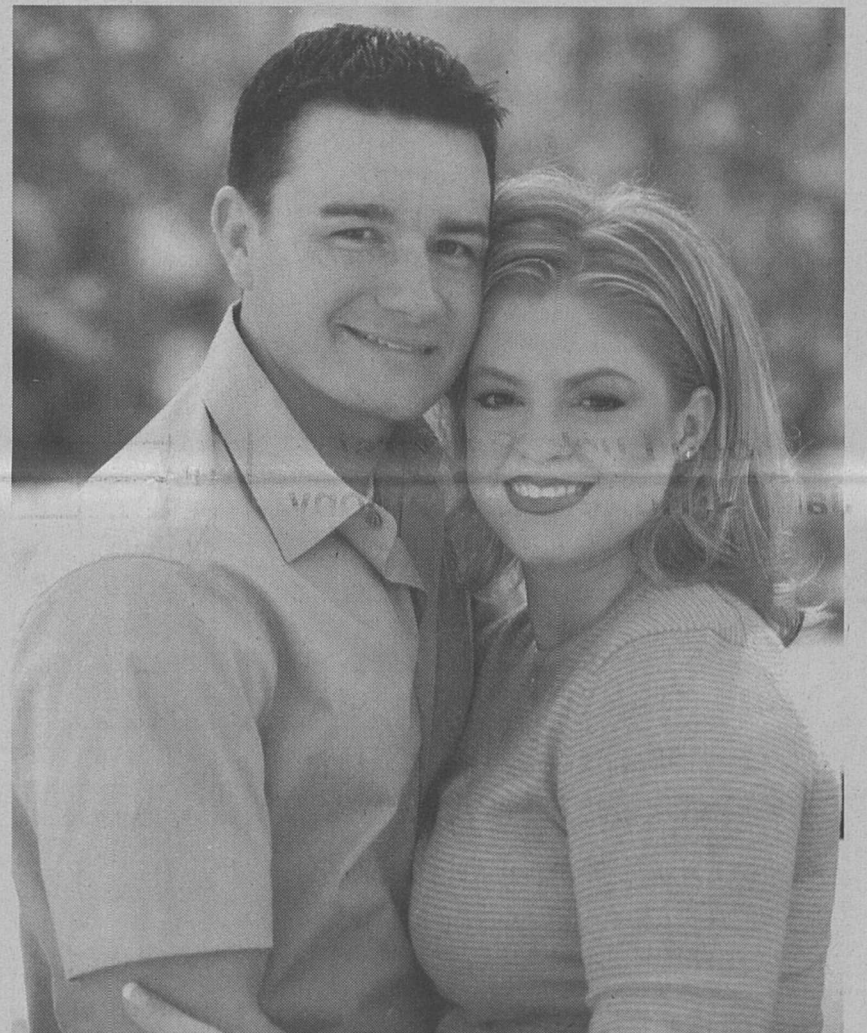
Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) and Texas State Technical College (TSTC) will hold a *Third Year Anniversary Celebration* reception for the WCJC Ft. Bend Technical Center in Richmond Thursday, Nov. 20, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The event will recognize the success of the center and the legislative support of honored guests, including Congressman Tom De Lay, Senator Kenneth Armbrister and State Reps. Dora Olivo, Charlie Howard and Glenn

Hegar. WCJC President Betty McCrohan and TSTC Chancellor Bill Segura will host the event.

"We are expecting a large turn out for this special celebration," said McCrohan. "The success of the Technical Center has exceeded our expectations each semester."

The celebration is open to the public. Reservations to attend the event should be made by contacting the WCJC Office of Marketing and Communications at 979-532-6322.



Symank, Bubela announce engagement

Gary and Linda Symank of Longview are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Lorraine, to Aaron Michael Bubela, son of Michael and Sheila Bubela of Houston.

Grandparents of the bride-elect are Herman and Dorothy Symank of Valley Mills, Texas, and the late Dorothy Shepherd of Lubbock.

Aaron is the grandson of N.J. and Annie Schneider of Garwood and Ernestine Bubela of Nada and the late Frank H. Bubela.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Spring Hill High School in Longview. She attended Texas A&M University, graduated in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and is currently employed by Accenture in Houston.

The groom-elect is a 1994 graduate of Cy-Fair High School in Houston. He attended Texas A&M University, graduated in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering and is currently employed by Chevron Texaco in Houston.

The wedding ceremony will be held January 10, 2004 at Saint Theresa Catholic Church in Sugar Land.

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MMBC Pageant is Dec. 6

The Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (MMBC) in Alleyton will sponsor its annual Miss Christian Teen and Princess Pageant Saturday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. in Sealy at the Hill Community Center. The public is invited. Admission is free. For more information, call 281-342-7557 or 936-825-6354.

Arts and crafts show is Dec. 6 in Sealy

The 2003 Holiday Arts and Crafts Show will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, in Sealy with prize drawings each hour from noon to 5 p.m. The final drawing will be for a \$500 holiday shopping spree. Stop by the sign up station in front of Sealy City Hall and sign up! You need not be present to win!

Cookie Fest is Dec. 6

Another new event for Sealy's 2003 Fantasy of Lights will be Cookie Fest. If you want to pick from a wide assortment of homemade Christmas cookies and not have to bake them, this is the event for you! Saturday, Dec. 6, at the First United Methodist Church on Atchison and Main Street in Sealy from 10 a.m. until they are gone! This event benefits the Sealy Ministerial Alliance and Sealy Chamber of Commerce.

Christmas Parade is Dec. 13

The City of Eagle Lake Christmas "Parade of Lights" has been scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 13. This year's theme is "Meli Kalikimaka" or Merry Christmas in Hawaiian. If you are interested in entering the parade or having a concession downtown, please call 979-234-2640 or 234-2780 for more information. There will also be "Caroling on the Square" starting at 5 p.m.

The Parade will start at about 6:45 and the "Big Kahuna" himself, Santa, will arrive for the finale about 8. Santa will then visit with kids, young and old, on the square after the parade. More updates to come!



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WCJC offers the following degree and certificate programs this spring:

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- ★ Art
- ★ Behavioral Science
- ★ Biology
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- ★ Criminal Justice
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- ★ Early Childhood Education
- ★ Engineering
- ★ English
- ★ Interdisciplinary Studies
- ★ Kinesiology
- ★ Mathematics
- ★ Music
- ★ Nursing
- ★ Physics
- ★ Social Science
- ★ Speech

Associate in Applied Science Degrees:

- ★ Agriculture Technology
- ★ Automotive Technology
- ★ Dental Hygiene
- ★ Drafting Technology
- ★ Early Childhood Development
- ★ Electronics Technology
- ★ Emergency Medical Services
- ★ Health Information Technology
- ★ Law Enforcement
- ★ Legal Assisting
- ★ Microcomputer Support Technician
- ★ Network Administrator
- ★ Nursing (RN)
- ★ Office Administration
- ★ Physical Therapist Assistant
- ★ Process Technology
- ★ Radiologic Technology

These programs are offered by TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE at the WCJC Fort Bend Technical Center. For more information about TSTC programs and registration call 1-800-792-8784.

Certificate and Certification Programs:

- ★ Administrative Assisting
- ★ Automotive Technology
- ★ Cisco Networking Academy
- ★ Computer Aided Drafting
- ★ Cosmetology
- ★ Cosmetology Instructor Training
- ★ Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- ★ Early Childhood Development
- ★ Emergency Medical Services
- ★ Engineering Technology/Cisco Networking
- ★ Fire Academy
- ★ Heating, Air Cond., and Refrig. Technology
- ★ Microcomputer Operator
- ★ Police Academy
- ★ Surgical Technology
- ★ Vocational Nursing

TSTC: Associate in Applied Science Degrees

- ★ Diesel Equipment Technology - Heavy Truck
- ★ Air Cond. & Refrig. Tech.
- ★ Mechanical Engineering Technology

TSTC: Certificate Programs

- ★ Machining Specialization

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REGISTRATION APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL CAMPUSES.

OR WEB REGISTRATION: NOV. 3 - JAN. 11

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