



Anna and Cody Cranek

## Conway, Cranek Wed In Wills Point Ceremony

Anna Kathryn Conway and Cody Gene Cranek, both of Canton, were married in a garden ceremony April 15, 2006 at Four Winds Ranch in Wills Point. Pastor Mike Newby officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Clayton Conway, Jr. of Canton.

Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Larry "Huck" Cranek of Garwood.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Conway, Sr. and Mrs. Nell Banks.

The groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cranek, Jr. of Garwood and Eugene Bures of El Campo.

The bride was attended by the maid of honor, Cari Martin of Edna, sister of the groom, and bridesmaid, Tammy Butler of Canton, cousin of the bride.

Katie Burns, friend of the bride, and Maci Martin, niece of the groom, were the flower girls.

Miss Abbigale, dog of the bride, was the ring bearer.

Best man was Justin Schneider of Garwood, friend of the groom, Garrett Cranek of Garwood, cousin of the groom, was a groomsman.

Ushers were Russell Cranek of College Station, cousin of the groom; and Robert C. Conway III of Canton, brother of the bride.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at the Four Winds Steak House.

Following their honeymoon in the Dominican Republic, the couple was given a barbecue reception and dance in Nada at the Nada Hall on April 22.

The bride graduated from Canton High School in 2000 and attended Texas Tech University. She works for Pro-Trac Trailers.

The groom graduated from Rice High School in 2000 and Tarleton State University in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Ag-Business. He is employed by G-N-P Sheet Metal.

The couple will reside in Canton.

## Be Sure To Buckle Up In Your Pickup Truck

Cowboys don't always ride horses anymore, but many of them drive pickups. And so do a lot of other people. In fact, 2002 data from the U.S. Census Bureau shows that almost one-quarter of the vehicles in Texas are pickups, says Sally Garrett, County Extension Agent Family Consumer Sciences.

Unfortunately many of these pickups' drivers and passengers may be riding with a false sense of security, says Bey Kellner of Texas Cooperative Extension's Passenger Safety program. Although pickups are larger and heavier than passenger cars, she said, they don't provide an extra measure of safety, especially when it comes to rollover crashes.

"Pickup drivers think they are safer in trucks than in cars, but they are not," Kellner states. "According to research from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in fatal crashes pickup trucks roll over twice as often as passenger cars do. And being thrown out of the vehicle is the most common cause of injury and death in rollover crashes."

That's the reason behind the "Buckle Up In Your Truck" campaign, she says.

But according to information on the "Buckle Up In Your Truck" Web site (www.buckleupinyourtruck.com), many people aren't listening.

Information on the Web site says the five-state region of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana is home to more than a million pickup drivers and passengers who do not wear safety belts. And more than 1,300 of them die from crashes every year.

"Pickup drivers often say they feel safer because their trucks are bigger, stronger and sit up higher than most cars on the road," the Web site stated. "But half of the fatalities in pickup crashes were killed in vehicle rollovers. Safety belts reduce the risk of dying in a rollover crash by up to 80 percent."

According to statistics provided on the Web site, about 60 percent of the region's pickup drivers involved in fatal crashes are between the ages of

15 and 39; about 86 percent are men; and about 42 percent were not using a safety belt at the time of the crash.

No doubt about it, Kellner says, safety belt use saves lives.

And "The Click It or Ticket" and "Buckle Up In Your Truck" campaigns appear to be working. During 2005, vehicle drivers and passengers in Texas increased their use of safety belts to a total of 89.9 percent in passenger vehicles and 85.5 percent in pickup trucks, Kellner says.

Because of this, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that a possible 185 lives, 3,000 serious injuries and \$600 million will be saved.

To emphasize this point even further, local law enforcement officials in the five states will be enforcing the "Click It or Ticket" campaign from May 22-June 4 this year.

According to the Click It Or Ticket Web site (www.buckleupamerica.org).

"The goal of the Click It or Ticket mobilization is not to give out tickets, but rather to influence people to buckle up and prevent injuries and fatalities. Research proves that the certainty of a ticket and costly fines convinces people to Click It."

"This year, with a network of agents around the state covering even the most rural areas, Extension is focused on getting the message out about the Click It or Ticket mobilization," Kellner says. "Buckling up in a vehicle "especially in a pickup" is a real lifesaver."

For further information on passenger or children's car seat safety, contact the Colorado County Extension office at (979-732-2530).

## Annual Czech Heritage Tribute Slated May 13

Come to celebrate Czech heritage and traditions for a full day of activities. The Annual May Fest on Saturday, May 13 will include interesting tours, demonstrations, exhibits, activities, and music at the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center (TCHCC) in La Grange.

Start the day with a tour of The Texas Czech Village from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The newly restored Hoelscher Haus, home of The Texas Polka Lovers Club Museum, will feature exhibits on music and dance. Also on the tour will be the Migl House and the TCHCC Sanford Schmid Amphitheater and concession area. The talented Chris Rybak on the accordion will entertain during the tour and at the Pavilion until 12:30 p.m.

The main attraction of the day will be activities at the pavilion. On the patio, demonstrations such as noodle making and sauerkraut making will begin at 10 a.m. Inside the pavilion, a catered meal will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. A country store will have home made items for sale and delicious desserts will be for sale at the

pastry booth. The Kovanda Band, a wonderful group that plays traditional Czech music will play from 1 to 5 p.m. for dancing and listening pleasure.

This year's celebration is a tribute to immigrants of the Czech lands who arrived in Texas during the years 1866-1870. A special display commemorating their arrival will be at the pavilion. If your ancestors came in that period, you are asked to sing a special book at the display. You will be recognized during the afternoon dance.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the development of the TCHCC. The TCHCC is located adjacent to the Fayette County Fairgrounds at 250 W. Fairgrounds Road in La Grange.

For more information, call the TCHCC at 979-968-9399 or toll-free, 1-888-785-4500.

**Happy Birthday**  
To my greatest gifts from God

April 29  
(Dee)  
Chianti

May 1  
(Poppi)  
Jon Trell

**Love, Mom**

## Prestige Office Products, LLC

**202 E. Jackson  
Weimar, Texas 78962**

Full line of office supplies • Rubber Stamps • Toners  
Competitively priced

**800-460-8422**  
Fax: 979-725-8925

Free delivery to the Eagle Lake Area  
We accept VISA • Master Card • American Express

## Xi Pi Psi Reports On Activities

The January meeting of Xi Pi Psi was on the 17<sup>th</sup> at the home of Connie Lange. The Lady of the Year votes were collected and Anna Lee Higgins was selected.

Brenda Lange, Connie's daughter, gave a wonderful program and video of the latest developments at her orphanage in Africa. Brenda is receiving recognition from the Mozambique government. Her hard work is paying off for the betterment of many people!

Jean Williams was hostess to the March 7 meeting. Jo Ann Gertson gave the program on Butterfly and Caterpillar Gardening. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of

the honor of Sweetheart 2006 to Diana Brunner. Sweetheart 2005 Glenda Blair was in charge of vote selection and made the announcement. She gave Diana a lovely floral bouquet from the Chapter sisters.

The April 4 meeting was at Ernie Sommerlatte's home. President Ernie heard business reports and made an-

nouncements. The group then worked to fix Easter Basket arrangements to be placed at the community hospital. Easter gifts were exchanged from Secret Sisters.

Refreshments and social time were enjoyed at the close of all meetings.

**WHAT ARE PLAQUE AND CALCULUS?**

Plaque is a soft, sticky substance that forms on teeth which is composed of bacteria and bacterial by-products, regardless of what foods are eaten. Calculus, also known as tartar, is a hard, mineralized deposit, somewhat like cement, that is formed from the plaque in the mouth and the minerals in saliva. While most people brush their teeth and take care of their mouths, sometimes their efforts may not be effective. Brushing quickly, using a worn brush, using a too-stiff brush, or inappropriate technique might be to blame. Some medical conditions or medicines may also cause more plaque and calculus to develop. As part of your care, your dentist or hygienist will show you how to brush effectively, as well as use floss and other tools. This will help prevent dense plaque and calculus from developing.

Presented as a service to the community by:

## SEALY DENTAL CENTER

Wesley Zboril, D.D.S. **979-885-4856**  
226 4th Street • Sealy, Texas Se Habla Español

### SPRING SPECIALS

**SAVE \$60. SAVE \$99.**

**New Patient  
Exam & X-rays**

**\$30**

**Dental  
Bleaching**

Reg. Price \$300

## AL&M

BEST LOOK™  
for the look you want!

**20<sup>39</sup>** Gallon (790117)  
Best Look™ Interior Latex Eggshell Enamel  
\*Decorator soft sheen finish  
\*Easy to keep clean  
\*25 year warranty  
5 Gallon (790125)...93.19  
Sealy 979-885-2948 888-881-2948  
Columbus 979-732-2323 888-882-7305

## Brasher Motor Company

Your Local General Motors Dealer For Over 90 Years

**2006 Buick LaCrosse CXL**  
Leather seats with seating for six  
Stock #1238181  
\$25,590 MSRP  
(\$1,000) Brasher Discount  
(\$1,000) GM Rebate  
**\$23,590** Your Price

**2007 Chevrolet Tahoe LT**  
All-new! Bucket seats, 3rd row, Bose, XM  
Stock #1131141  
\$36,794 MSRP  
(\$2,350) Brasher Discount  
**\$34,444** Your Price

**2006 Chevrolet Impala LS**  
Seating for six with 31 mpg highway!  
Stock #142599  
\$20,990 MSRP  
(\$600) Brasher Discount  
(\$500) GM Rebate  
**\$19,890** Your Price

**2006 Buick Lucerne CX**  
All-new with six passenger seating!  
Stock #1131141  
\$26,690 MSRP  
(\$1,000) Brasher Discount  
**\$25,590** Your Price

**2006 Chevrolet Equinox LT**  
Featuring multi-flex sliding rear seat!  
Stock #1022145  
\$23,085 MSRP  
(\$1,300) Brasher Discount  
(\$1,000) GM Rebate  
(\$1,000) Conquest! Cash\*  
**\$19,785** Your Price

**2006 Chevrolet Colorado Crew Cab**  
Cherry red with Z71 package!  
Stock #142160  
\$24,535 MSRP  
(\$1,500) Brasher Discount  
(\$1,000) GM Rebate  
(\$1,000) GM Bonus Cash  
**\$21,035** Your Price

**2006 Chevrolet TrailBlazer LS**  
Great value and great fuel economy!  
Stock #2120270  
\$26,210 MSRP  
(\$1,300) Brasher Discount  
(\$1,500) GM Rebate  
**\$23,410** Your Price

**2006 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab**  
OnStar, XM radio and more!  
Stock #1102436  
\$29,888 MSRP  
(\$2,250) Brasher Discount  
(\$1,500) GM Rebate  
(\$1,500) GM Bonus Cash  
**\$24,438** Your Price

Depend on Brasher for All Your Vehicle Needs

Our Service Department Offers Complimentary Pickup and Delivery

**BRASHER MOTOR CO. OF WEIMAR**

979-725-8515 WWW.BRASHERMOTORS.COM 800-375-2438  
1700 I-10 EAST, WEIMAR A FAMILY TRADITION SINCE 1915