

Old Skool 1st Annual Christmas Party
Saturday, December 22
Eagle Lake Community Center
Pre-sale tickets \$10.

For additional information please contact Russell Williams (979)234-2490 or Karl Hurd (979)234-7709. Or email: us at Oldskool2007@sbcglobal.net

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Catholic Daughters Hold Christmas Domino Party

The Catholic Daughters Court Our Lady of the Rosary #1595, Nada held their Christmas Senior Domino Party for 42 seniors on Wednesday December 12, at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada.

They enjoyed playing dominos and visiting. At mid afternoon they were served homemade chicken noodle soup, chicken salad sandwiches, assorted crackers and cookies, punch and coffee.

Hostesses were Helen Noteboom, Rosemary Wied, Irene Seifert, Leona Brzozowski, Susie Korenek and Anita Meisner. Rosemary Wied donated the punch and Anita Meisner donated the noodle soup.

Domino winners were an-

nounced as follows: 42-high, Agnes Labay, and Leo Popp, 42 low, Irene Seifert, straight dominos Pauline Solomon, Joyce Zbrank, Virginia Balusek and Viola Kaluza. Chicken foot, Henrietta Patrick and Train, Helen Noteboom. The traveling prize was awarded to Frank Popp.

Door prizes were donated by Patsy Miller, Clarine Gold, Ann Cada and Dorothy Faas. Santa helper hats were made and donated by Pauline Solomon. Observing a birthday during the month was Esther Popp. A special guest was Father Tony Boatang-Mensah.

The next domino party is scheduled for January 30, 2008 at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada.

Warschak Honored By Local DAR Chapter

The John Everett Chapter DAR recently presented a certificate of appreciation to Janell Warschak for her interest in conservation, her hours of volunteering in her community and for her unselfish donations of her own hair to Locks of Love.

Besides being a wife, and a

mother to two sons, Janell has found time to take a handicapped friend to her physical therapy, to coach her sons' teams and to bake whenever the need arises at her church or the boys' school.

She also helped her family participate in the Garden Club Trash-Off Day. The John Everett Chapter congratulates Janell.



Janell Warschak

Herman Recovering From Surgery

I (Connie Herman) would like to give all the friends and family of Butch Herman an update on his medical condition.

He had a double by-pass on December 4 and remains in St. Luke's Hospital in Houston and will be there for at least another week.

He will then be transferred to South Texas Medical Center in Wharton. He would love to hear from all his friends and family.

His address is:
 Alton Herman
 Room #Y1426
 St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital
 6720 Bertner Ave.
 Houston, Texas 77030

New Arrivals



Luke Joseph and Payton Daniel Engelbrecht

With twenty new fingers and twenty tiny toes, the Engelbrecht family grows and grows. On November 2 the world welcomed two new blessings.

Luke Joseph Engelbrecht entered the world weighing in at five pounds, six ounces. Payton Daniel Engelbrecht followed two minutes later and weighed in at five pounds, two ounces. Both boys measured 18.5 inches long.

After three weeks in the NICU at Southwest Memorial Hospital, big brother, Jake, along with his parents, Darrell and Joy Engelbrecht, welcomed home his two new little brothers.

Maternal grandparents are Ralph and Bobby Johnson of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Freddie and Wanda Engelbrecht of Wallis.

Paternal great grandmother is Lennie Morton of Pasadena.

Living Hope Christmas Message

Son of God, Son of Man, Servant, King

By Pastors Joe and Mercy Fling, Living Hope Church, Eagle Lake

Jesus comes to us at Christmas. He presents Himself to us in so many ways. He is all we need. This advent season, the preparation for the coming of Jesus, the Christ, we have been declaring four of the aspects of his coming.

These can be demonstrated from the four gospel pictures given us by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and from the book of Ezekiel. Isaiah said, "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given..."

First Jesus came as son of man. This is what Jesus often called himself.

When Jesus was born in the stable in Bethlehem and lay in the manger, he demonstrated his humanity. He was brought up as the son of the carpenter. The townsfolk knew Him.

For some, this was a contradiction to what they assumed God's promised one would be.

Jesus ate and drank. He slept and thirsted.

At times he was even angry. On the cross he declared His forsakenness. In this way, he showed that he was one of us.

He was human. He is able to feel your pains, see your burdens and hear your cries. He is able to comfort us when we are tempted because he does understand.

Second Jesus came as the Son of God. God the Father spoke these words on more than one occasion, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, hear him." Jesus clearly identified with God, in saying that "I and my Father are One. He who sees me, sees the Father."

This 'Son of God-ness' demonstrates that nothing is too difficult for Him. There is no valley so low, so night so dark, no problem so big that He cannot handle it.

We learn to give up our burdens and cares to Jesus, because we know that He can bear them. God is a GREAT God. Jesus is the Son of the Most High God.

Third Jesus came as a servant. He said that if we want to be something for God, if we want to really matter in life, we must learn to serve. He then demon-

strated that by being Himself, the servant of all.

He showed this in washing the feet of His disciples and telling us to do the same for one another. Jesus said that He "Did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." St. Francis articulated this in the words, "to love rather than be loved..."

Lastly, Jesus came as king. He is King of kings and Lord of lords. The bible speaks explicitly, the creeds agree, that Jesus is seated at the right hand of God, and at the end he will come to judge the living and the dead.

He spoke in Revelation that we should come sit with Him in His throne. We sing "Joy to the World, let Earth receive her King."

In this time of Christ, Christmas, we invite you to experience Jesus the man, Jesus, God's own Son, the servant King. Welcome the Christ, the man, God's only begotten Son, our servant King into your family, into your hearts, into your lives this Christmas.

We at Living Hope Church wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a blessed and prosperous year in 2008.

Pesticide CEU Being Offered Jan. 14

A five hour continuing education program for private, commercial and non commercial pesticide applicators is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2008 at the Columbus KC Hall.

We ask that you pre register by January 11, 2008 with the Colorado County Extension Office.

There will be a \$15 fee to cover refreshments, hall rent and handouts. Registration will start at 12:30 and the program will start around 12:45 p.m.

Topics and speakers to be

presented include: Livestock and Animal Bio Security Dr. Joe Paschal Extension Livestock Specialist,

Pasture Weed Control Dr. Paul Baumann Extension Weed Specialist,

Texas Pesticide, Laws and Regulations, Melissa Barton Texas Department of Agriculture,

Common Tree Diseases Identification Prevention & Management Daniel Lewis Texas Forest Service, PH Management in Pastures/ Colorado County

Weed Management Results Dale Rankin County Extension Agent.

We look forward to seeing you on this day.

Individuals with disabilities

Union Pacific Urges Holiday Safety

Shopping trips, parties and children's school pageants are all signs the winter holiday season is here.

Union Pacific (UP) Railroad reminds motorists and pedestrians to use caution during this busy time, which encompasses Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Union Pacific urges travelers to take the extra time and use caution when crossing railroad tracks and at grade crossings, and to please stay away from railroad property.

It is essential to practice safety at highway-rail grade crossings and to heed the warnings of automated crossing gates, flashing signals, stop signs, yield signs and crossbuck signs.

When traveling near the railroad, please remember these important safety guidelines:

* Never walk along tracks and only cross tracks at designated pedestrian or roadway crossings when on foot.

* Observe and obey all warning signs and signals.

* At a multiple track crossing waiting for a train to pass, watch out for a second train on the other tracks, approaching from either direction, before proceeding.

* Do not be fooled; the train you see is closer and moving faster than you think.

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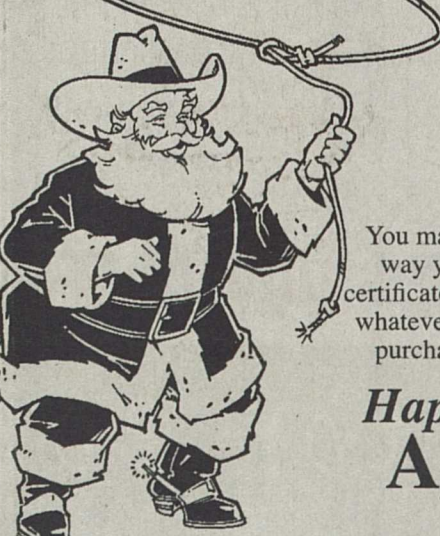
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