



Rolf, Hammond To Marry

Dr. and Mrs. K. Wynn Rolf of Waco, are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Courtney Connaught Rolf, to Tracy Hammond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary K. Hammond of Waco.

Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Louis Rolf of Eagle Lake and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woods Baxter of Waco, formerly of San Antonio.

Courtney is a 1996 graduate of Vanguard College Preparatory School, and she graduated from Texas State University in 2003.

The groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hammond of New Virginia, Iowa, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Merel Henry Young of Creston, Iowa.

Tracy is a 1984 graduate of University High School and attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The couple will wed June 21, 2008, at First Baptist Church in Waco.

Fiddlers' Frolic Slated For April 24-27

The 38th Texas State Championship Fiddlers Frolics, now attracts the world's best fiddlers and has grown into the worlds largest. Entertainment mixed in with the contest, starting Friday night at 6:30 Senior Div. Contest, 7:30 anything goes contest, and at 9:30 Fiddling Frenchie Burke and his cajun band, admission 5.00.

Cajun and American foods will be on the menu, crawfish, seafood gumbo, red beans and rice, etc. prepared by cajun cooks. Saturday Fiddling contest 9:00 am, Song Writers Serenade Contest 10:00 am, Gone to Texas contest Jack pot Bar B.Q., Sausage, and Beans 3:30 judging. Out side music Wilfred Chevis and his Cajun Band 1:00 pm. Also Pete Mayes and the Texas House Rockers 6:00 pm.

Saturday Night members of THE ACE IN THE HOLE BAND admission only 10.00. Sunday 9:30 am Guitar Pickin Contest Texas Fiddlers' Hall of Fame induction of Ricky Turpin and Rex Gillentine Texas State Championship Playoff 12:30 pm. State Championship Bar B. Q.

Judging 1:00 pm. Patrick Murphy and his band Murphy Law. The best in family entertainment, big carnival rides, arts and craft, food, refreshments, and best music that can be heard anywhere. We also have extra parking and camping. Fun for all.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reader Urges Responsibility

Dear Editor,
I would like to make a comment about teaching our children responsibility and accountability.

Sometimes it seems as though society condones and generally accepts that people shouldn't be responsible for their actions. If a child, adolescent, or adult makes an error, has an accident, or commits a crime, there seems to be a lot of time and effort spent on "how do I get out of this?" or "who can I blame?"

Quite some time ago, my son and some friends were throwing rocks in the town of a nearby community. My son's rock happened to hit the plate glass door of an unused store front property. It was a storefront being used for storage, not as an active place of business. It did not matter, and I did not question if there was already a crack to begin with or what condition the door was in before my son's rock hit the glass.

It did not matter that he possibly did not intend to hit the glass, that he and his buddies were actually having target practice at the concrete ledge between the street and the sidewalk, or if they were trying to hit the roof. It was a quiet Sunday afternoon and no one else

was around. He could have "gotten away with it."

After I was told about the incident, we found the owner of the building and one six-year-old boy marched up to the owner, told him what he did, and also told him that he would make things right.

I paid to replace the glass in the door. And that six-year-old boy did many chores around the house repaying his debt. He also spent one beautiful Saturday morning sweeping the storefront's sidewalk and pulling weeds in the cracks of the sidewalk in front of the door that he broke.

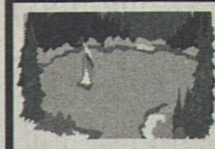
My son is now thirteen and we still have many opportunities to reinforce the lessons of taking responsibility for one's actions and being accountable. It is my hope that it becomes a way of life for him as he becomes a man.

It is refreshing when people take responsibility for their actions, be they good or bad, and it renews my faith in mankind when I see parents teaching their children and living by the creed to be accountable for what they do, even though it might be one of the hardest things to do.

Sincerely,
Kelly Randermann

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Views Around The Lake

by Cindy Klopsteck

"When they were filled, He said unto his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments (of bread and fish) that remain, that nothing be lost.'" --John 6:12

The first thing I noticed was the bread -- loaves and loaves of fresh, packaged bread -- ready to be given to those in need... "that nothing be lost..."

I was at the Eagle Lake Food Pantry housed, since its inception some 20 years ago, at the First Baptist Church on Lake Street. Having just entered the busy packing and pick-up area, the second thing I noticed were the rows of shelves holding neatly stacked cans and jars of all variety of items, including fruits, vegetables, soups, sauces and meats. But perhaps even more obvious to the eye were the busy volunteers grabbing those cans and jars and making quick work of packing them in bags and boxes. You could tell these were seasoned volunteers, not only beating out any grocery sacker I've ever seen, but also having to rarely consult posted lists of what items by number should be packed per bag according to the need of one or two clients or boxed in larger quantity for a family.

Amid the bustle, Sandra Bengel met with me to tour the small but work-efficient pantry, stopping here and there to answer a question, solve an immediate problem or greet a client or volunteer. She refuses to allow me to call her the coordinator of this community pantry, but the worker bees who fly about in accomplished form knew just where to find direction when needed. I knew I was speaking to the head of this industrious beehive.

"It's a good day," Mrs. Bengel commented as she showed me the food storage room. Viewing the packed shelves and many large boxes, she explained, "The room is full today, but sometimes it is empty. There was a time when we went a whole year without any meat."

The Eagle Lake Food Pantry, under supervision of the Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance, is also a registered food pantry receiving some foods from the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent in Victoria, and also under regulation of the government's food program. Regulations and guidelines must be met, and the pantry is inspected regularly. The Victoria Food Bank delivers to Eagle Lake, for a price. Eagle Lake's food pantries are also spent to purchase foods locally that are not provided by Victoria.

Kate Spalinger, a longtime volunteer, was one of at least four volunteers at the front entrance room checking cards of present clients and taking information to issue cards to new prospective clients. Persons or families in need of assistance must register for these ID cards, which must be renewed each year and can be used only once a month. Mrs. Spalinger explained that Rev. David Mann, a former pastor of the First Baptist Church, was the founder of the pantry, as it began in a corner of the church building and grew in size and number served since 1988. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilkerson were also greatly instrumental in initiating volunteer activity and interest in the program.

A prominent bulletin board presents the bagging information I spoke of earlier along with other new and pertinent information needed by volunteers. The active volunteer list itself is posted there, with rotating work schedules listed by churches who are part of the Ministerial Alliance. The pantry is open from 9:30-11:30 AM the first four Mondays of every month to serve its clients. But volunteers serve and work many additional hours.

Present every Monday, plus donating many of those extra hours, are Mary Rodriguez and Helen Supak, who coordinate the clothing/toy/miscellaneous section of the pantry. They accept good, gently used items and are diligent in seeing that these items are clean and properly folded or hung and easily displayed for shopping clients. They and their helpers are very busy bees. The ladies stated that items in the pantry have also been made available to local families in crisis, such as a house fire or similar disaster.

Almost everyone I spoke with at the pantry that day mentioned a certain couple who have contributed hours of care and work

to this program.

Ray and Ruthie Ziehrer have donated many hours for more than six months now and have shown amazing, caring interest and volunteer capabilities in that short time. In addition to regular volunteer work, Ray has built needed tables and shelving for the pantry facility.

This particular day, Ruthie was bagging food items and Ray was scurrying in and out of the pantry with food-laden boxes, helping to pack them in client vehicles. I slowed them down for just a minute to get some information from this industrious duo. They have expanded the pantry's stock by contacting Mrs. Baird's Bread in Rosenberg, and they now drive regularly there to procure the bread loaves that first caught my eye upon entering the pantry. They shared a story about approaching a client who was sitting outside the pantry entrance one day, bag of food at his feet. When asked if he was okay, he told them he was "just resting a bit after walking here and I now need to get my groceries home." Ray gave him a ride back to his home at Kevin Courts that day. This started a new food program of delivery to Kevin Courts for some 15 shut-ins who are unable to come to the pantry. To many thankful individuals and families there, Ray is now known as "The Bread Man." They are humbly filling a need so "...that nothing be lost..."

The Eagle Lake Food Pantry currently serves about 178 area families, two families having 10 children each. "We see such a need," says Ruthie.

And the clients I spoke to all were so appreciative of everything the pantry was providing them.

A Garwood client with a large family stated, "We use everything and I'm happy to be here." Another said, "My pantry would be completely empty without this help." A departing client summed it up best by telling me, "I just feel blessed to be able to come here."

While at the pantry that day, I visited with Anna Gertson who was representing the Ministerial Alliance by presenting a check for just over \$1700.00 to be used directly for the pantry. The money was collected through donations

at the Ministerial Alliance's annual Monday Lenten Luncheons.

It will be well spent.

Anyone interested in volunteering time or donating good items or any funds can contact the Ministerial Alliance through the First Baptist Church office, where they'll be able to speak with Jean

Williams, not only a secretary there, but another hard worker for a good cause.

At the Eagle Lake Food Pantry, they're feeding hungry stomachs and sharing plenty of heart, love and care in so many ways.

"The stomach carries the heart." --from "Don Quixote"



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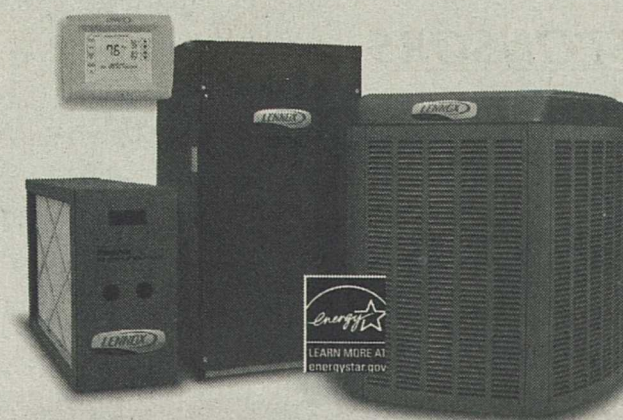
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