



**Thorne, Johnson Engaged**

Linda Black Johnson of Missouri City, Sigmund P. Johnson, Jr. of Spring and Joyce Smith Chevalier of Stafford are pleased to announce the engagement of Rann D'Lynn Thorne to Sigmund Paul Johnson, III.  
Rann is a graduate of the University of Houston-Downtown with a Bachelors degree in Business Administration.  
Rann is the granddaughter of Mrs. Thelma King of Amarillo. Sigmund is the grandson of Mr. Robert Black, Sr. and the late Doris Black of Eagle Lake and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Johnson, Sr. of Houston.  
The couple is planning a June 27, 2009 wedding in Houston.

**Views Around The Lake**  
by Cindy Klopsteck

"I do not believe that the Good Lord plays dice."  
- Quote from "Don Quixote" by Miguel de Cervantes  
My daughter, a staunch Catholic with unwavering faith that I so admire, has just recently come to believe that the Good Lord DOES play dice, and she has been rolled a very bad number.  
She lives in West Houston, has had no power since Hurricane Ike's arrival the morning of September 13th (yeah, she's already tapped into the #13 curse), and since that date, has taken her 8 month old to the doctor with an ear infection and sat with her 2-1/2 year old through minor outpatient surgery in the Medical Center, where the hospital had just regained power days before.  
On top of this, I tried to wish her a happy birthday on her date of birth, Sunday, September 14th, by commenting, "Hey, just 32 years old!" Her previously drying tears were rejuvenated as she, wailingly, reminded me that she's 31 years old. In addition to the near trials-and-tribulations-of -Job, I now made her feel that she looks a good year older than her true age.

As both my children have told me numerous times in my life, "Way to go, Mom!"  
Ahhh, children...that reminds me of the plight of my younger daughter. She and her husband were lucky enough to not lose power during the storm, even though they live near Mid-town Houston and on the west end. However, since all their friends lost power, the friends - 15 of them to be precise - moved in with them at their small two bedroom apartment for a number of days.  
First she made it sound like fun. After all, the entire group are in their mid-20's, just getting settled with good jobs after college, no children, still capable of feeling like over-grown college kids on a weekend spree.  
Soon, however, my daughter started feeling like she was running a motel and began noticing even some of her good friends have recurring, irritating habits - in HER apartment. Now that they've all moved out, the apartment complex has determined that the rain which leaked in from a window and wall in her apartment have caused the mold formation.  
As of this morning, workers had already ripped out most of their carpeting and were beginning to tear into a couple of walls. She got sick yesterday and planned to go to the doctor today (from the mold already??) but discovered her doctor's office is still closed without power.  
I tried to comfort both my daughters with worse stories coming out of Galveston and other areas of Houston, but - though they realized they were still among the luckier ones - it is hard to rationalize trying times.  
A customer I spoke with yesterday said his 90 year old mother is sitting patiently at her Houston home, awaiting power. When he expressed his concern and tried to get her to come to Eagle Lake to stay with him, she insisted she had lived through a lot worse and would be "...just fine..."  
Maybe that's the answer here: years of experience and fortitude steel us to be stronger and more resilient in life. My daughters, though living at the ripe ages of 31 and 25, have not yet lived through enough struggle or suffering to appreciate the lesser degree of... hmmm, I'll dare to call it extreme inconvenience, they are now experiencing.  
I'm trying to support my daughters, assist where and when I can, house them for indefinite periods of time and tell them over and over again that they are not so unlucky after all.  
And we in Eagle Lake and immediate surrounding areas should realize our recent luck in pretty much missing the ravages of the storm altogether.

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**Valigura, Hastings To Wed**

Allan and Sheila Valigura of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lisa Beth, to Justin Lee Hastings, son of Gary and Edith Hastings of Ganado.  
Lisa is the granddaughter of Louis Grigar and the late Willie Mae Grigar of Eagle Lake and Louis and Helen Valigura of El Campo.  
Justin is the grandson of Ponnie Bailey and the late Rafel Bailey, Sr. of Sweeny and John and Marie Shutt of Ganado. The wedding will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 4 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Columbus.

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**School Days**

Rice School Calendar Sept 29 - Oct 3

- Mon.- Volleyball-Schulenburg @ Rice-5:00
- Tue.-Balfour Presentation during lunch periods for Jr. Class-Class Rings  
FCA Meeting-Activity Period
- Thu.- JV Football-Hallettsville@Rice-7:30  
Career Fair-1:00-3:00-GYM
- Fri.- TROOPER GARY - BULLYING  
Football @ Hallettsville-7:30  
Volleyball @ Hallettsville-4:30  
End of Six Weeks

Happy Birthday  
"Lil' Carol"!!  
Sept. 26



Congrats on getting your license!  
Watch Out!!  
She's Legal to Drive...  
Love,  
CoCo, Daddy Bull, Stacy, James, Micah  
MoMo and Popo, Sarah and Chach

- school lunch menu**
- Rice Schools**  
**Sept. 29 - Oct. 3**
- Breakfast**  
Mon.-Sausage Roll, or Cereal, Juice Milk  
Tue.-Cinnamon Roll, Sausage patty or Cereal Juice Milk  
Wed.-Muffin, Sausage patty or Cereal Juice Milk  
Thu.-Waffles, Sausage Link or Cereal Juice Milk  
Fri.-Cereal Yogurt Juice Milk
- Lunch**  
Mon.-Corn Dog, Spicy Rotini, Salad, Spinach, Fresh Fruit Milk  
HS Alt: Ravioli  
Tue.-Sausage Roll, Confetti Salad, Carrots, Fruit, Milk  
HS Alt: Hot pocket  
Wed.-Cheeseburger, Burger Salad, Chips, Pickles, Fresh Fruit, Milk  
HS Alt: steak burger  
Thu.- Taco bowl/cheese, Salad, pinto beans, Fruit, Milk  
HS Alt: burrito  
Fri.-Fish Wedge, fries, cole slaw, Fresh Fruit, Milk  
HS Alt: Chicken salad sandwich

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