

Mr. and Mrs. Hank Alan Cranek

Waddell, Cranek Exchange Vows July 25

Leslie Rae Waddell and Hank Alan Cranek were united in marriage on Saturday, July 25 at the First Presbyterian Church in El Campo.

The double-ring ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Chuck Kimball. Music for the ceremony was provided by organist Nancy Maples and soloist Daniel Berglund. A reception immediately followed at Taiton Community Center in New Taiton, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Beth Waddell and Davis and Jamie Waddell all of Eagle Lake. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hauenstein and the late Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waddell.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James (Cotton) Cranek of Garwood. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cranek, Jr., also of Garwood and the late Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hoffman.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride chose a strapless ivory gown with a fitted bodice embellished with lace, pearls and clear crystals. The taffeta ball gown complete with a chapel length train had a low "V" back and accented with a pick-up skirt trimmed with matching beaded lace at the bottom. To compliment the ensemble, Leslie wore her sister, Risa's, fingertip veil that was edged with clear crystals. Leslie carried a bouquet of orange gerbera daisies, yellow roses, light green orchids and hypercurium berries tied with ivory satin ribbon.

The bridesmaids wore full length aqua mermaid colored strapless dresses. They each carried bouquets of orange gerbera daisies, yellow roses, and hypercurium berries tied with ivory ribbon.

Serving as Leslie's matron of honor was her sister Mrs. Risa Crosby. Bridesmaids included Mrs. Ashley Mathis, sister of the groom, Leslie's cousin Ms. Lauren Waddell, and friends Mrs. Brandy Hicks, Miss Jenna Hoffman, Mrs. Laura Motal, Mrs. Kolby McNeely, and Mrs. Tara Simmons.

Miss Karlee Mathis, niece of the groom, was the flower girl and master Jenson Miles was the ring bearer.

Hank's best man was Cody Thompson. Groomsmen were Brandon Mathis, brother-in-law of

the groom, Jason Crosby, brother-in-law of the bride, Garrett Cranek, cousin of the groom, Jonathan Pope, step-brother of the bride, and friends Brett Boenisch, Bill Ishee, and Cody Whittle.

Ushers were cousins of the groom Russell Cranek and Cody Cranek and friends, Klay Korenek and Tuck Wheeler.

House party members included Monica Bram, Cynthia Boenisch, Mary Kay Cook, Kayce Cranek, Kinsey Hoffman, Cathy Leopold, Phyllis Meitzen, Misty Morales, Amber Pope and Shelley Thompson.

Leslie is employed by the El Campo ISD as a fourth grade teacher.

Hank is engaged in the family rice farming business.

Following their honeymoon to Riviera Maya, Mexico, the couple will reside in Louise.

Mr. and Mrs. James "Cotton" Cranek honored Leslie and Hank at a dinner following the wedding rehearsal on Friday, July 24 at Taiton Community Center.

As appetizers, fish balls and ceviche were served. The menu consisted of fried shrimp, baked fish in cheese-mushroom sauce, salad, garlic bread and potatoes catered by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wheeler and friends. Fruit and cookies were also served by Connie Cranek.

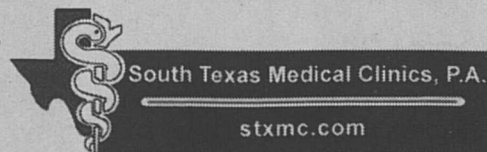
Colorado County 4-H Members Do Record Books

Four Colorado County 4-H Members submitted record books to the District 11 Record Book Judging. Books from 4-H members in the 18 county District 11 were judged on Thursday, July 16, 2009 in Goliad.

In the Senior Division, Hannah Glaeser placed 1st in the Consumer Education category and Ross Weishuhn placed 2nd with his Wildlife and Fisheries record book. Glaeser's book has advanced to the State 4-H Record Book Judging contest.

Aaron Weishuhn's Consumer Education record book placed 1st in the Intermediate Division and Christopher Phelps' Shooting Sports record book received a red ribbon in the competitive Junior Division.

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Ariel Quenneville and her dog, Katy, participated in the Junior Division.

Local Girl Wins Award in Dog Show

The Texas State 4-H Dog Show was held at Louis Pearce Pavilion in College Station July 10-12.

Four members of the Colorado County PHYDO Dog Club participated in the show.

Maggie O'Neal and her dog, Hanzu, showed in the Senior Division. O'Neal was named Best Overall Showmanship Handler, placed first in Showmanship, second in Drill Team and Agility, third in the Costume Contest, sixth in Rally and seventh in Conformation.

Paige Pavlu and her dog, Trinket, participated in the Junior Division. Pavlu placed second as the Best Overall Showmanship Handler, first in Showmanship, Costume Contest and Agility, and second in Rally, Obedience, Con-

formation and Drill Team. She was also named High Point Individual in the Junior Division.

Ariel Quenneville and her dog, Katy, also participated in the Junior Division. She placed second in Drill Team, third in Agility, fourth in Showmanship, fifth in Obedience and ninth in Conformation.

In the Intermediate Division Kayble Luedke and her dog, Daisy May, placed ninth in Showmanship and second in Drill Team.

PHYDO Dog Club will begin meeting again in September or October to prepare for next year. Anyone interested in participating can contact Kaley Kovar at 979-732-2787.

Girls Need Strong Female Role Models

According to educators and researchers, girls need strong female role models to succeed at school and in life.

However, in the frenzied wake of national spectacles like Britney Spears or Lindsey Lohan, a scarcity of intelligent and strong female role models appear in books, TV shows and music — which is causing increasing concern for parents and teachers alike.

Indeed, a survey conducted last year by the Association of Teachers and Lecturers in England found that inappropriate pop stars and celebrities topped the list of role models for adolescents. Driving home the problem was hotel heiress and reality TV star Paris Hilton, who came in sixth on the list.

"Sadly, far too many adolescent and teenage girls in the U.S. have lost the confidence and self-esteem they possessed in grade school," says Barry Hoffman, author, former grade school teacher of 30 years and father of three. "They are exposed to characters in contemporary literature and media who play second fiddle to male leads or are portrayed as weak and submissive, following teenage boys as if they don't have minds of their own."

Popular book and film franchises, such as the mega-successful "Twilight" series, are touted as premier young adult entertainment.

However, although "Twilight" has reached millions of tween and teenage girls, some criticize it for doing so without a strong, trustworthy and admirable female protagonist. The gothic story depicts a female teenager willing to dispose of her mortal life for the crush she has on her high school vampire boyfriend.

Many studies, issued by such

organizations as the National Eating Disorders Association, Temple University, the Girl Scout Research Institute and others, show that girls are consistently faced with negative messages in popular culture — from near-unachievable body images to submissiveness. Many of the messages promoted by fictional characters and media creations stand in stark contrast to current, real-life role models such as Michelle Obama, Hillary Clinton, Meg Whitman and Oprah Winfrey,

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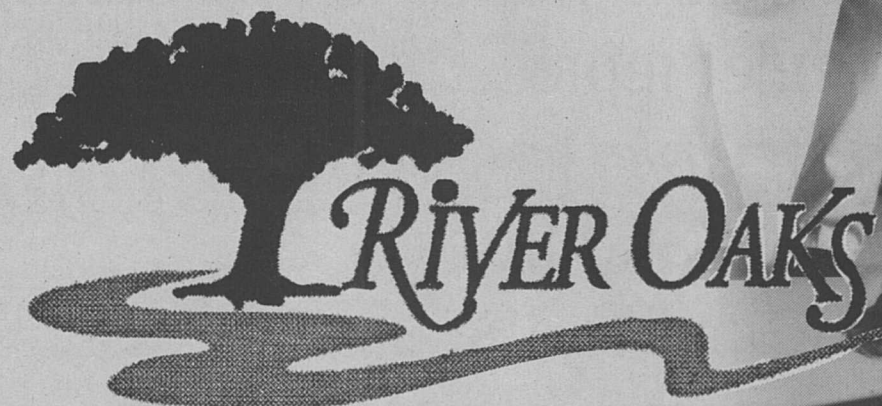
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Registration appointments are not required.

Fall classes begin August 31, 2009.

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