

Wants Ads Really Work!!

The Wintermann Library will be having their annual Book Sale on Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14. The hours for the sale will be on Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to buy new books for the Library. Come by and support your local library!!!

Please be advised
that effective
January 1, 2010
Eagle Lake
Rehabilitation Services
will relocate its
services to
600 S. Austin Road
inside the
Rice Medical Center.
If you have any
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Chicken Gizzards (reg or tenderized).....lb. .99¢
Boston Butt Pork Roasts.....lb. \$1.29
Sliced Slab Bacon.....lb. \$2.79

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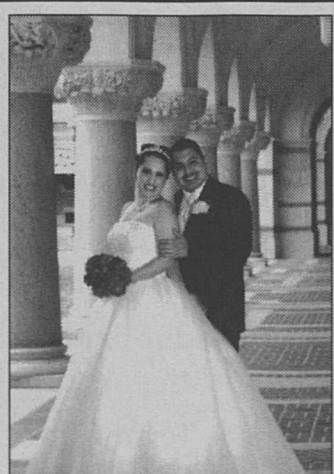
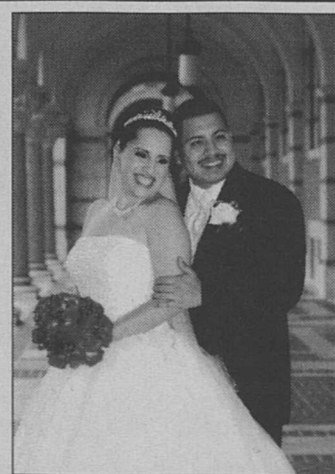
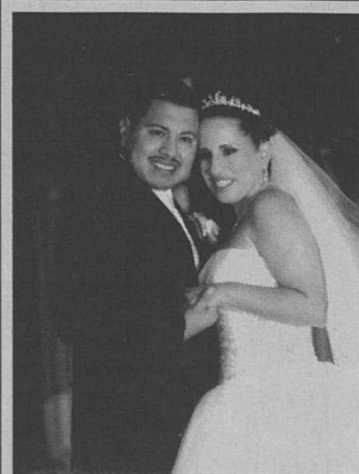
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- Specialty Items
- Stuffed Pork Chops
- Stuffed Chickens
- Boudin Stuffed Chickens
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Open: 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. David & Jill Janik, Owners



Rena Aner Rojas and Jesus Torres of Pearland were married October 10, 2009 at Lakewood Church Houston, Texas at 1 p.m.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Pearland. Rena is the daughter of Mrs. Nellie Washington and Mr. Tyrone William Washington, Attorney at Law of Houston. Maternal grandparents Mrs. Virginia Morales Sandoval of Eagle Lake and Mr. Wilfredo Morin Munoz of Wallis. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Evangeline Washington of Keywest, Florida and Mrs. Delia Rojas of Corpus Christi.

Jesus is the son of Mrs. Rosa Torres and Mr. Juan Torres of Pearland.

Rena graduated from Pearland High School 2002. She is a 2008 graduate of San Jacinto College earning a degree in History. She is employed as a kindergarten teacher at Pearland ISD. Jesus graduated from Pearland High School 1998. He graduated from Texas A&M in College Station in 2006 - with a degree in both Liberal Arts & History/ English.

Jesus is employed as a Houston Police Officer.

Police Memorial Design Contest Underway

The Colorado County Law Enforcement Association is offering a total of \$500 to be awarded to one or more winners of a design competition for a Peace Officer Memorial to be located on the courthouse square in Columbus.

It will be placed perpendicular to the sidewalk approximately 50 feet from the west side of the courthouse on the Milam Street side.

The names of 14 Colorado County peace officers who died in the line of duty, the name of their agency, and the date of their death will be included on the memorial.

The memorial design is subject to the approval of the Texas Historical Commission and must not be taller than 58".

Artists, designers, art students or anyone else may enter.

Contest rules and details, including the wording that is pro-

posed for the memorial, may be obtained at the Colorado County Attorney's Office or by e-mail at ken.sparks@co.colorado.tx.us.

Drawings must be received by January 15, 2010 at the offices of the Colorado County Attorney, 400 Spring St. in Columbus.

They will be judged by the heads of the county's law enforcement agencies.

Peace Officer Memorial Design Contest Information/ Rules

The Colorado County Law Enforcement Association is offering a \$500.00 prize to be divided among one or more winners of a design competition for a Peace Officer Memorial to be located on the courthouse square in Columbus.

The names of 14 Colorado County peace officers who died in the line of duty, the name of their

agency, and the date of their death will be included on the memorial. (See attached.) (Space should be included for additional names in the future.)

It will be placed perpendicular to the sidewalk approximately 50 feet from the west side of the courthouse on the Milam Street side. The memorial design is subject to the approval of the Texas Historical Commission.

Artists, designers, art students or anyone else may enter.

Drawings will be judged by the heads of the county's law enforcement agencies.

As consideration for entering the contest and being eligible for all or part of the total \$500 prize, all persons submitting a drawing agree to the following contest rules and conditions:

• Drawings must be received by January 15, 2010 at the offices of the Colorado County Attorney,

400 Spring St. in Columbus.

• Name, address, and phone number must be included with the drawing.

• The memorial cannot be taller than 58"; no restriction on the length or width.

• A winning design may be accepted in whole or in part and/or incorporated with design features of another winning entry.

• The Colorado County Law Enforcement Association may modify the winning design.

• Winner(s) retain no ownership interest in the design.

• Winner(s) will receive no compensation other than all or part of the \$500.00 prize.

• The winner's name will not appear on the memorial.

Please contact the Colorado County Attorney's Office by e-mail at ken.sparks@co.colorado.tx.us for complete entry information.

Give Thanks For Your Local Preservationists

As we take time to give thanks this month, remember to show appreciation for your local preservationists with a nomination for one of the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) numerous preservation awards. The awards will be presented at the agency's annual conference held in Houston, April 22-24.

The THC honors individuals and organizations committed to saving the real stories of Texas and our state's historic trea-

sures.

The Anice B. Read Award of Excellence in Community Heritage Development recognizes an individual or organization for exemplary work in downtown revitalization, preservation planning and heritage tourism.

Dedication to this work serves to promote the economic impact of historic preservation in Texas.

The award is named in honor of former THC member and founder of the Texas Main Street

Program, Anice B. Read.

Another award, the George Christian Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award, acknowledges exemplary volunteer service to historic preservation efforts in Texas.

The award remembers Texas political consultant and THC member George Christian, who also served as President Lyndon B. Johnson's press secretary.

Other awards include the Ruth Lester Lifetime Achievement

Award, Curtis D. Tunnell Lifetime Achievement Award in Archeology and the Award of Excellence in Media Achievement.

The deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. on Dec. 11, 2009.

For more guidelines contact the THC's History Programs Division at 512.463.5853.

To obtain a complete listing of awards available and a nomination form for submissions visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

Tips For Celebrating Family Holiday Traditions

Remember all those favorite holiday traditions you had as a kid?

It's time to keep them alive for generations to come and to start new ones your kids will cherish forever.

There are many ways your family can make lasting holiday memories.

Each of these activities could become a new tradition you can enjoy together this holiday and in future years:

Decorate With Family Images

Use family photos from holidays past and present to create a collage you can hang prominently in your living or family room.

Create your own ornaments that display family photos, by making picture frames from popsicle sticks or fun shapes using small balls and pipe cleaners.

Or simply go traditional and deck the halls together with old-fashioned trimmings and a well-placed family photo or two.

Create A Holiday Quilt

Traditionally, quilts have been created for milestones like the birth of a baby. Why not start a holiday quilt?

Have each family member add a holiday-themed panel to one quilt.

Get grandma, aunts, mom and the kids involved. Or create one square for each holiday during the year (New Year's, Easter, Christmas, etc.).

You even can make a photo quilt where you print family photos on fabric.

For help getting started, turn to one of the new books on the subject, such as "The Quilter's Catalog: A Comprehensive Resource Guide," by Meg Cox.

"If the word 'quilt' brings to mind elderly ladies bending over wooden hoops, try this on for size: the quilt world has doubled to 27.7 million quilters.

Even young people are getting interested, as the modern

quilter's wish-list is more likely to include a computer-driven sewing machine, designer fabric and quilt software than a handheld hoop," says Cox, stressing how kids take to this activity.

Do Good For Others

Help decorate a community park or public area for the holidays.

Volunteer together at a soup kitchen or clothing drive. Have the kids join you to purchase toys for a toy drive.

Or have them go through their toys and donate old ones.

Making The Worst Household Chores Easier

From cleaning the bathroom to ironing to dusting, everyone has some household chores he or she dislikes.

However, those chores you avoid the most may be different than the ones your neighbor dislikes.

Here are some shortcuts and tricks to make your worst household duties easier:

* Dust and Clean Smarter:

Use a lint roller to remove dust on cloth lampshades and drapery.

To keep fabrics looking and smelling fresh, use a hand-held steamer or the steam setting on your iron and gently hover over the material.

To save time on hard surfaces, use dusting cloths that are infused with cleaner.

When it comes to getting rid of stains on walls, use one of those new pads with cleanser built-in, such as the Magic Eraser.

This obviates the need for spray cleaner and sponges.

* Iron Faster:

Approximately two-thirds of people who iron their clothes do it to save money, according to a recent survey from Panasonic.

This still doesn't make it fun.

One way to get away with less ironing if you will be wearing a jacket all day, is to only iron a shirt's collar, cuffs and the middle of its front.

Reduce ironing time on all items by choosing an iron with a double-pointed and oversized soleplate iron, whose unique elliptical shape and design cuts ironing time by as much as 25 %.

* Cut Bathroom Scrubbing Time:

Let toilet cleaner soak in the bowl while you wipe down your sink and the outside of the toilet.

Get out in your community and involve the family in doing good.

Tree Twists

Many families make annual pilgrimages to choose Christmas trees and decorate them together.

Some take it one step further and venture into their backyards or the woods to decorate a tree for the animals, using edible decorations, such as popcorn, cranberries, peanut butter-covered decorations, birdseed and more.

A Virtual Family Party

If your relatives and friends

are far-flung and can't gather together for the holiday, hold a virtual get-together.

Choose a time before the holiday and coordinate a virtual family party where everyone gets on the family computer and uses a Webcam to join the fun.

Or, simply have each participant upload new family photos to a photo-sharing Web site and view them on the same night.

Be they old or new, holiday traditions make the holidays more memorable.

Colorado County Groundwater District News

Jim Brasher

I've had some interesting questions posed to me over the past few months. I think the most common answer I give though is "I don't know." This is usually in response to a question about what our District's rules will be regarding a particular subject. Since it's the Board of Director's responsibility to make those decisions, and until the rules are passed, then "I don't know" will have to suffice in many cases. Of course, it doesn't mean I won't offer an opinion. Below are some topics of interest that were expressed by concerned citizens along with my accompanying thoughts.

QUESTION: We're in a drought and my tank is almost empty, but I see Mr. Doe down the road from me pumping water almost continuously into his tank (pond) and its almost overflowing. The well on my place is spitting

and sputtering. I know that all the pumping he's doing is affecting my well. What can be done?

ANSWER: Obviously, with all the rain we've had recently, then this is less of an issue right now, but it can certainly be a concern. In my opinion, there are two potential ways to characterize Mr. Doe's attitude. He could be completely oblivious to the circumstances around him and not aware of the impact he's potentially having on his neighbor's well. Alternatively, he could just be a mean and uncaring individual that has no regard for his actions. Hopefully, Mr. Doe is the former and just letting him know that what he's doing is impacting his neighbor will be enough to make him stop. If he's the latter, then...

QUESTION: Will there be a rule that specifically addresses this situation?

ANSWER: I don't know. (I told you that this is the most common response.) The Texas Water Code does have a provision that defines waste and states that groundwater must be put to beneficial use. Creating a district rule to enforce this may be a challenge however. Whether the district ultimately has such a rule however, doesn't prevent me from chastising Mr. Doe if indeed he is being selfish and uncaring.

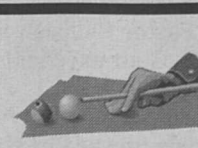
QUESTION: How can we stop a water distributor/marketer or some other entity from coming into our district and taking our water?

ANSWER: This is a phenomenally complicated question. It

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Starting Saturday November 14 The Barn
will be having Pool Tournaments starting
from 7 p.m.? Prizes awarded for first
and second place winners.