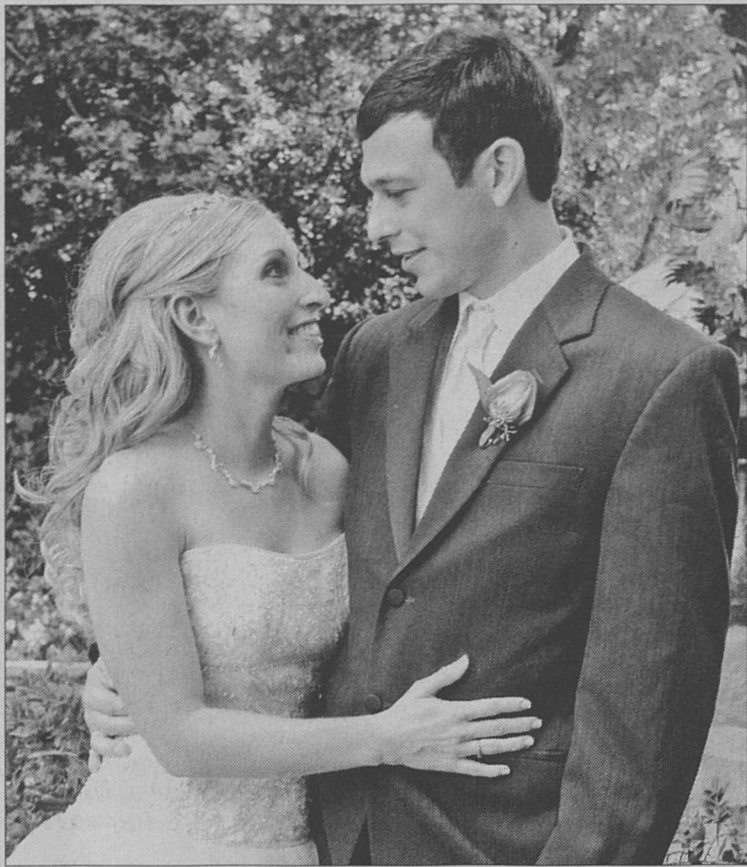




Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vargas

Sanger, Vargas Wed In San Antonio Aug. 22

Toni Sanger and Richard Vargas were united in marriage on Saturday, August 22, at 6:30 by Rev. Denise Barker at Southwest School of Art and Craft in San Antonio.

The bride is the daughter of Sondra Larcom of San Antonio and Gary Sanger of Hays, Kansas.

The groom is the son of Mary Jane and Gilbert Vargas of Eagle Lake.

Matron of Honor was Jennifer Wittman.

Maid of Honor was Laura Zadina.

Junior Bridesmaid was Arica Garza. Bride attendants were

Shawn Jimenez and Georgann Kohnle.

Flower Girl was Paige Schoenhals.

Best Men were Thomas Marsalia and Coy Sunderman.

Junior groomsman was Matthew Garza.

Ushers were Cory and Casey Sanger.

After the beautiful ceremony the guest enjoyed their dinner.

After the dinner was a dance and at this time the newlyweds danced their first dance to the song, "Be Mine" by David Gray.

After their honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple now resides in San Antonio.



First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake on Home Tour Dec. 5

A Christmas home tour would not be complete without some homemade Christmas pastries and holiday drinks to add to the festivities.

The Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club certainly knows this and will be treating home tour guests to an array of holiday cookies, punch, hot cider and coffee during the home tour on Saturday, December 5th, from 10am-7pm.

Anytime during the four hours, The Tea Room at the First Baptist Church, at the corner of Lake Street and Prairie Avenue, will be the offering Christmas refreshments, included in the price of the tour ticket.

The church was first organized in 1875, with the present church sanctuary and facilities built in 1956.

Recent renovations include the newly-refurbished kitchen and the addition of an outside prayer garden.

Home tour visitors will be invited to first enter the church sanctuary, which will be fully decorated for the Christmas season.

Focal points will include the Advent wreath, the lovely Christmas trees with their splendid handmade ornaments and the always simple and singular beauty of the Nativity.

From the sanctuary, guests should journey to the warm and inviting Tea Room to enjoy the delicious refreshments provided by the Civic Garden Club members.

As guests leave the premises, they are invited to walk through the lovely meditative prayer garden.

Open daily from 9 a.m. to dusk, the prayer garden was recently selected by the garden club as "Yard of the Month."

The Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club invites everyone to experience the special joy of the season through their local home tour, where all proceeds go toward the beautification of Eagle Lake.

The December 5th tour will include the four residences of Donna Lou Thomas Kelley, Melvin and Rita Sunderman, Donnie and Anna Mae Wiese, Dave and Val Loveday and also the Eagle Lake Santa Fe Railroad Depot, in addition to the First Baptist Church Tea Room.

Tickets may still be purchased this week through any garden club member or on the day of the tour at the Prairie Edge Museum.

Visit www.visitseaglelake.com for more information.

Best Wishes for a very Merry Christmas from the Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club!

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For cell phones and mobile devices, choose insurance protecting against loss, theft and damage, especially if you have kids or travel frequently.

*** Stock Up on Accessories:** Make sure you've purchased all needed accessories, like batteries, memory cards, connectors and wires.

Check the box or with the store to learn what's needed for your gift.

This way you won't lose precious time or money returning to the store.

*** Bulk Up:** Buy in bulk when possible.

If you're a parent loaded with toys that drain batteries fast, save by buying them in bulk.

Or, if you have several electronics buffs on your birthday or Valentine's gift lists, stock up now and take advantage of any sales.

By following these tips, smart shoppers can not only find perfect gifts, but will save on time and money -- and make sure holiday purchases are protected and enjoyed for years to come.

Thank You

The family of Reverend Coby Shorter, Jr. expresses sincere appreciation to each of you for your presence, support and numerous acts of kindness. Your demonstrations of compassion and concern will be cherished for years to come. The outpouring of support and attendance of clergy, public officials, and friends from throughout the nation made the life celebration a service reflecting Pastor Shorter's commitment to ministry and the Eagle Lake area. May God bless and keep you for all you have done.

Mrs. Claudine B. Shorter and Family

Tips For Preparing Your Home For Winter

No matter where you live, the cooler months can bring with them an array of problems.

While some are merely inconvenient, others can produce potentially serious consequences.

With some simple steps and general preparedness, winter can seem so much easier:

* Keep Moisture At Bay:

Other than the dip in temperature, winter brings increased precipitation and moisture to your home.

Without the proper measures, this influx could cause sizeable damage.

One of the easiest ways to avoid it is to clean out your house's gutters.

Left unchecked, gutters can fill up, eventually causing water to back up into the home, ultimately leading to nasty water damage.

If possible, steer gutters away from the house by at least four feet.

If water begins to pool too close to your home's base, the results could be problematic for your basement.

Make sure cracks in your home's foundation are sealed.

Not only does this keep water out of low-lying rooms, but also can prevent bigger cracks from forming should moisture freeze into ice.

* Clear Out Clutter:

Homes that transition suddenly into winter can see their fair share of clutter. An afternoon spent stowing away last season's gear and bringing out winter wares could help avoid headaches.

Rotate the equipment in your garage so gardening gear isn't front and center.

Make sure outdoor toys and patio furniture are stored safely. And stash away lighter clothing in favor of bulkier clothes.

* Be Ready For Emergencies:

Across the country, unstable winter conditions can cause blackouts, leaving residents without power for indefinite periods.

The key in a sudden blackout is to make sure you have a nearby, instant light source, particularly if you get stuck in the dark overnight.

Also keep extra drinking water on hand, as during blackouts water filtration systems that serve your neighborhood might lose power rendering your water undrinkable.

And if your home's heating system is electric, avoid heating your home by running your stove, as this can result in a fire.

* Keep Vermin Outside:

It's during winter's cooler months that mice and rats begin

their quest indoors.

Plug up any potential openings in your home. They can often be found in unchecked spots, like behind radiators and appliances or under sinks. Also be sure to keep trash cans and bins clean.

Overflowing waste receptacles are open invitations to rodents during the winter months.

Perhaps more than any season, winter can be unpredictable and even hazardous. But a few quick and simple moves can help ensure peace of mind.

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BROKEN TEETH

Broken teeth are another reason that people come to the dentist. Teeth can break when eating hard foods such as pretzels or chewing ice, from trauma during an accident, or because a cavity has weakened the tooth. If you cannot get to the dentist soon, avoid eating on the side of the mouth with the broken tooth, and eliminate hot and cold food or beverages.

Broken teeth are highly susceptible to cavities and deeper infections that may require root canal therapy or extraction if treatment is delayed. Your dentist should repair broken teeth as soon as possible, regardless of whether you feel pain or not.

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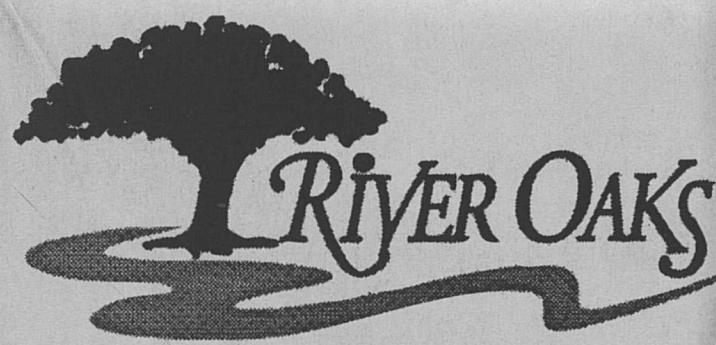
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