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In Loving Memory of Gladys Elizabeth "Mat Fry" Jones



Mama it's been a year already.
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Your children and grandchildren miss you.

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Your children, Hazel E. Bradshaw Carson, Ruthie Mae Lovings and Robert Charles Harris; grandchildren, Shirley Marie Bradshaw, Roderick Charles Banics and Breanna Harris; and siblings, Lousia Coleman and John Fry, Jr.

Library Lines By Andrea Collison

¿Puedes hablar español? If you read the previous sentence and thought "Huh?", then this article might be for you.

The Wintermann Library is proud to announce that a few months ago, we purchased the critically acclaimed Rosetta Stone software.

We have two versions, one that teaches Spanish and one that teaches English.

I've given the Spanish program a test run myself and I give it two thumbs up.

The Rosetta Stone software is different from other approaches in that it teaches you the new language in much the same way a baby learns to speak - using visual, audible, and verbal cues to increase learning potential, instead of focusing on translating each individual word and sentence to the learner's first language.

You begin to think in the second language instead of struggling to translate everything you hear, therefore increasing your speed and accuracy.

It's very easy and free of charge, so all you need is a library card and a willing spirit.

So, if you've ever thought that it would be helpful to learn Spanish, but the task seemed rather daunting, come in today and let us get you started!

Para nuestros clientes en español: La Biblioteca Wintermann ahora ofrece un programa especial de ordenador que te ayudará a aprender a hablar Inglés con fluidez y facilidad.

Es gratuito, todo lo que tiene que tener es una tarjeta de biblioteca, así que venga hoy y empezar a aprender!

También ofrecemos clases de Inglés como Segundo Idioma jueves por la mañana a partir de las 10 a.m. y dura hasta el mediodía.

Estamos situados en el 101 N. Walnut aquí en Eagle Lake, por el Centro de la Comunidad.

Y no se preocupe, casi siempre hay alguien aquí que habla español!

I am also excited to announce that we just received one of my favorite children's books of all time, "Miss Nelson is Missing!"

This book is the first in a series of books written and illustrated by the talented team of Harry Allard and James Marshall.

We are taken to an elementary school set in Texas, to Room 207 where the smart but clever Miss Nelson teaches her raucous students a lesson in respecting their teachers.

The book is sure to bring laughter in children and adults alike, both through the entertaining story line and the various antics included in the illustrations.

For those of you who are partial to all things Texas, you will certainly enjoy seeing the pictures of the Texas flag hanging in the classroom as well as the Alamo figurine featured on Miss Nelson's desk.

If you know of a child that would enjoy this story, bring them to the library, take a seat in our colorful children's area, and get lost in the land of Room 207 for a while.

After all, sometimes the best vacation is the one set in your imagination.

VFW No. 8783 Reports On March Meeting

Submitted By JC Cooper

VFW Post 8783 Eagle Lake, Texas held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 11.

The meeting was called to order by Commander Len Matula at precisely 7:30 p.m.

A few business matters and some housekeeping matters were attended to.

Quartermaster Earl Rodgers reported on the financial condition of the post and it is good.

He also informed the members that he and Commander Len Matula recently presented a \$150.00 check to the United Way.

The members were notified that the Veterans Hospital in Houston and the VFW Department of Texas had post several very important items on the post communication center.

The members voted to contribute \$25.00 to the fund to be used to buy a parting gift for the outgoing state Commander, Mike Barber.

The members also voted to purchase \$100.00 worth of phone cards to be sent to our troops on active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

These cards allow the troops free minutes so they can call home to their loved ones.

Nominations for officers for the upcoming year 2010 - 2011 were made and approved. Those nominations are: Commander - Len Matula, Sr. Vice Commander - August Servantez, Jr. Vice Commander - Isidoro Ramirez, Quartermaster - JC Cooper, Post Advocate - August Servantez, Post Surgeon Billy Salazar, 3 yr. Trustee - Albert Thomchesson, 2 yr. Trustee - Jason Jones, 1 yr.

Trustee - Harry Supak, Service Officer - Robert Hernandez, Post Adjutant - Melvin Stancik, Guard - Warren Dupre, Officer of the Day - Jason Jones and Chaplin - Harry Supak.

Chaplin Supak was going to step down as Chaplin but the members felt it would be wise for him to remain in that post because he drives a Toyota.

Quartermaster Cooper was feeling a bit depressed because Toyota had rejected the new advertising slogan he had submitted.

They apparently didn't think it would be a good time to be saying, "Toyota, we build cars that just won't quit."

Earl Rodgers won the big money pot. And August Servantez was congratulated for the fantastic job he is doing putting together the Honor Guard unit.

It is a work in progress and August is putting in overtime making it better.

As more and more members are coming to the meetings they are really getting to be a fun time.

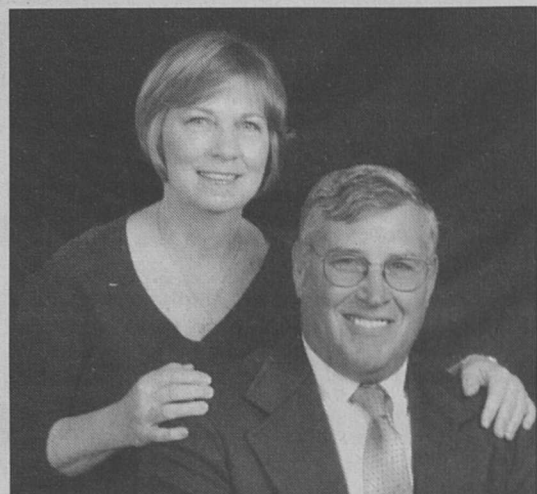
Looking forward to the next one, which will be on April 8, at 7:30 p.m.

For information on the meeting location and bulletins from the Department of Veterans Affairs, interested parties can visit the Post 8783 Communication Center at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vfwboarddirector>.

You may ask questions regarding VFW there and receive answers from qualified Veterans.

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New Trends In Outdoor Furnishings

Brighter days are ahead. That's the message coming from many economists, weather forecasters and even designers of outdoor furniture for decks and patios.

It couldn't have come at a better time. After hunkering down for months, many homeowners say they're planning to liven up their outdoor living spaces around the same time they cast off those long-sleeve shirts.

So, in designing for the 2010 outdoor season, manufacturers of outdoor furnishings have been focusing on dazzling color to brighten moods, plush comfort to ease tension and increased value to minimize the impact on wallets.

"Small improvements can have a big impact on outdoor spaces," says Jackie Hirschhaut, vice president of the American Home Furnishings Alliance, "and that's just the kind of psychologically rewarding purchase many of us are ready to make."

Color
Nothing brightens a patio faster than a splash of color, and warm, cheerful red is the color of the moment.

Some outdoor furniture mak-

ers are letting red stand alone, such as Laneventure, which has set rich cherry blossoms against a near-white background.

Others are complementing reds with other colors.

Calming shades inspired by nature, including leaf green, sunshine yellow and watery blue, also offer dashes of color this season.

Comfort
Plush cushioning is fashionable and affordable, as manufacturers take specially-engineered outdoor foam to new heights.

From deep club chairs to generous chaise lounges to sumptuous daybeds, homeowners seeking sanctuary in their outdoor spaces will find many lush choices.

Motion is increasingly popular, adding comfort to new designs.

Value
In all price points and styles, design details are exceedingly important because manufacturers are seeking to offer something extra to lure consumers back into stores.

Gracefully-curved stainless steel and artful wrought iron metal furniture now is being accompanied by elegant upholstered embellishments, such as

rope trim, fringed pillows and lush outdoor throws.

In wood outdoor furnishings, new options range from clear finishes showcasing the beauty of natural wood to smooth, high gloss, marine-grade paints.

In the woven category, manufacturers continue to transform synthetic resin into the look and feel of natural materials, including willow, banana leaf and even birch twigs. This results in detailed and delicate patterns, but with unprecedented durability.

"I truly believe this season is the perfect time for making a quality investment in new outdoor furnishings," concludes Hirschhaut.

"The selection of stylish and functional pieces is tremendous, with designs at very reasonable prices."

WCJC Facing Budget Cuts

Tuition and tax increases, are among the strategies Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) is proposing in response to Gov. Rick Perry's request to identify savings totaling five percent of the state appropriation for Wharton County Junior College for the 2010-11 biennium.

In a letter to the governor and other state legislators, WCJC President Betty McCrohan expressed concern about the long-term effects of such budget cuts.

"The future of our state depends on an educated workforce, and reductions in educational opportunities for the growing number of unemployed and under-employed citizens could undermine the state's ability to respond to future opportunities," she said.

State community colleges and universities, as well as all state agencies, were directed by Perry to submit plans to cut five percent from their general revenue appropriations for each of the fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

Given that the 2010 fiscal year is half over, McCrohan called the timing of the request "problematic." WCJC's five percent reduction for fiscal year 2010 totals \$421,745.

"Classes are already in progress for the spring semester and most appropriations have already been obligated for instructional expenses," said McCrohan.

Compounding the request for funding cuts is increased enrollments at all Texas community colleges.

WCJC has experienced unprecedented enrollment increases of 11 percent in fall 2009 and nearly 14 percent in spring 2010.

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PAINFUL TEETH

A painful tooth is most commonly caused by an untreated cavity that spreads to infect the tiny nerves and blood vessels within it.

The tooth will be sensitive to cold, then hot foods or beverages, later to biting down, and finally it will begin to hurt all the time. The best way to manage this before you go to the dentist is to avoid eating on the side of the mouth with the painful tooth, and avoiding hot, cold, or sweet foods.

The more a tooth is bothering you before you go to the dentist, the more difficult it is for the dentist to treat you comfortably. The sooner you get to the dentist, the better.

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