

Jr. Golf Tournament held

The Eagle Lake Ladies Golf Association held its annual Jr. Golf Tournament Wednesday, June 24.

Winners were:

Six to nine year olds: Taylor Cook, first, 62; Cecilly Vincent, second, 65; Clayton Bowen, third, 66.

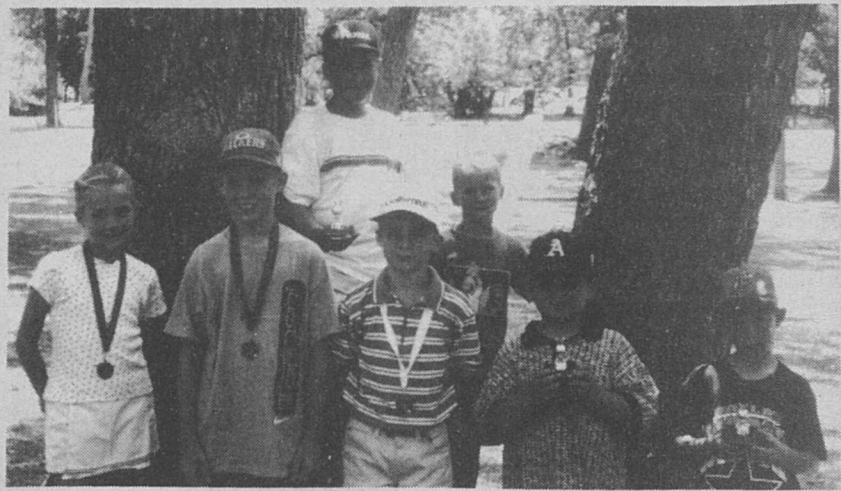
Receiving participation trophies were T.J. Ochoa, Taylor Potter and Dustin and Colton Epps.

10 to 11 year olds: Jake Rucka, first, 58; Brian Turner, second, 58; Matt Kopycinski, third, 61.

Receiving participation trophies were Bryce Vincent, Garrett Schindler, Clayton Carraway, Garrett Gilliam, Kyle Dirha and Ian Horelica.

12 to 13 year olds: Matthew Hinze, first, 45; Patrick Milentz, second, 47; Brittny Andres, third, 48.

Receiving participation trophies were Kevin Jones and Kaycee Rucka.



Winners in the six to nine year old category were Cecilly Vincent, Taylor Cook, Clayton Bowen, T.J. Ochoa, Taylor Potter, Colton and Dustin Epps.

SHERIDAN LIBRARY NEWS

The summer reading program, sponsored by the Sheridan PTS and the Texas State Library, is now in full swing.

Youngsters are reminded that the fun and activities start at 10 o'clock on Wednesday mornings at the Sheridan Memorial Library.

Kay Parham is in charge, and she has a lot of surprises for you.

Membership in the Friends of the Library is slowly increasing monthly. Forty-four patrons have enrolled.

The cost is \$5 per person, with this year's funds going toward a new library building.

Members are Chuck & Charles Wern, Lavo & Ruth Brisco, Ed & Kay Parham, Maye Beth Brocker, Wayne & Natalie Dupre, Rosalie Brocker, Evelyn Holt, Eldon & Joyce Ohm, Bill & Lillian Gohlke, Beverly Houser,

Jenavee Peterson, Charles & Mary DeShazo, Larry, Darnell, Andrew, Tiffany & Kimberly Varley;

Also, Martha Polach, Bobby Haines, Woodrow West, Bill & Gail O'Neill, Dean & Betty Varley, Eddie Ray, Lois Taylor, Patsy Fuller, Wilard & Irene Hagendorf, Bessie Dorhauer, Mary Lou Criswell, Lloyd & Gary Spittler, Everett & Minnie Spittler, Claud & Earline Perrin.

The library received book donations from Eldon and Joyce Ohm and Eddie Ray and Lois Taylor.

The library received two memorials during the month of June: in memory of Teel Blanchard: Warren and Audrey Dupre Sr.; in memory of Edna Bubolz: Ed and Kay Parham.



ELPS third graders soar in TAAS reading

Pride, hard work and determination paid off for 33 third graders at the Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS). When TAAS scores were reported, the Eagle Lake third graders had scored 97 percentile in Reading.

Students pictured who achieved 97 percentile are: in front, from left, Clayton Bowen, *Academic Recognition*; Sabrina Cavazos, Eloiza Granillo, Jonathan Galvan, Idalia Morales, *Academic Recognition*; Diana Posada, Matthew Supak, Marco Lopez, Maria Rico, *Academic Recognition*; Vanessa Casas and Ethan Reznicek. In the middle row are Mitchell Lujan, Jonathan McElwee, Kiara Pratt, *Academic Recognition*; Cunnesia Foster, Dwight Dawson, Kiara Roy, Bruno Rotter, Samuel Rodriguez, John Paul Supak *Academic Recognition* and Jackie Silva. In back, Krystle Mason, LaBrittany Hemphill, Shawn Politsch, Sumetra Fields, Irving Pena, Ashley Stovall, Shanique Williams, Amador Elizondo and Jasmine Hemphill.

In addition, Amanda Leal, Rotter, Bowen, Supak and Galvan achieved *Academic Recognition* in TAAS math. Not pictured were Leal, *Academic Recognition*; Christopher Cordova; and Noe Diaz, *Academic Recognition*.

ELPS Photo

Haas family celebrates 125 years

On March 15, 1998, approximately 180 descendants of Andreas and Rosalia Haas gathered at St. John's Catholic Church Hall to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the family's arrival into the United States.

Andreas and Rosalia were both baptized in Bolten, Austria, which now is the Czech Republic.

He was the son of Anton and Theresa (Gold) Haas.

She was the daughter of Isidor and Rosina (Dittrich) Pommer.

On Sept. 10, 1873, Andreas and Rosalia, along with their children, Theresa, Ferdinand, Franz and Marie, left Europe on the ship *Strassburg* which was built in 1872.

The ship docked in New Orleans on Oct. 3, 1873.

The four children married in St. John's, Texas, Catholic Church and raised their families about two miles from the church. (Thank you to Gertrude Davidson of Victoria for copies of Andreas' and Rosalia's baptisms in the 1880's).

Small photo albums covered with "America, Land of the Free" material by Nancy Pieper were given to the following people: longest married couple, Martha (Sternadel) and George Rab of West Columbia with 58 years; most recently married couple, Rhonda (Knezek) and Gean Tucker of San Marcos, married six months;

Also, to the oldest female, 92 year old Rosie (Pesek) Gansky of Schulenburg; youngest female, three month old Alyssa Baller of San Antonio; oldest male, 81 year old George J. Rab of West Columbia (who beat 81 year old Charles Eschenburg of Schulenburg by six days); youngest male, six month old Mathis Sternadel of Yoakum; and,

To the ones traveling the farthest distance, Theresa (Yaeger) and her husband, Billy Smith, of Marietta, Georgia.

The volunteer photographer, Marilyn (Gansky) Hunt of Baytown, took photos of all the winners and many of the families attending.

The first door prize winner was Emily (Gansky) Winkler of Schulenburg. She was celebrating her birthday so everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to her!

Thanks to Forrest Dittrich for showing the church to many of the relatives.

Descendants also visited the cem-

nity.

We'll have five fun filled days of exciting adventures. Children and pre-schoolers will enjoy hands-on experiences in different space stations as they discover Bible truths and learn how to tell others about Jesus.

Star Quest: A Galactic Good News Adventure will be an out-of-this-world experience for your children!

So mark your calendars and don't let your kids miss lift off!

For more information, call the church office at 234-2571 or Lynn Ellis at 234-7582.

Life of service beckons Shimek

Lawrence C. Shimek worked as a sales agent and regional Manager for Catholic Life Insurance for nearly 25 years when he retired in 1993.

He helped many families in the Coastal Plains area purchase the life insurance needed to secure their future.

"My plan was to continue selling insurance and serve my clients anyway that I could, but mainly I planned to relax and smell the roses," said the Garwood resident.

After five years, however, Shimek finds that his clients are still referring family and friends to him and to the products and services he offers through Catholic Life Insurance.

"For a retired person, I'm busier than I've ever been," he added.

Shimek is so busy that he's giving up retired life and going back to work (See Shimek, Page 8)

First Baptist announces Vacation Bible School

Rev. Brent Beasley, along with First Baptist Church members of Eagle Lake, invites all children, ages three years through sixth grade, to join them in a Galactic Good News Adventure: "Exploring Our Mission With Jesus", July 27 through the 31 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Would your kids like to visit a space station? How about visiting five space stations in one week? Would they like out-of-this-world fun with crafts, recreation, music and snacks?

While they're having all this galactic fun, they'll be learning great lessons from the Bible.

Get your kids ready for lift off, because in no time at all, all these exciting Vacation Bible School events will begin right here in our commu-

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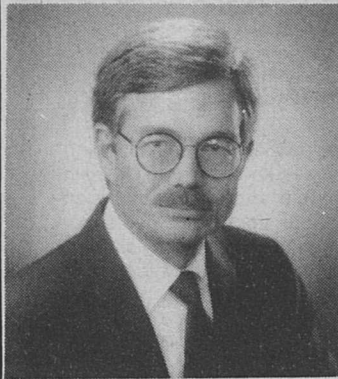
served while members and guest wandered about the cemetery.

Members reconvened at the Christ Episcopal Parish Hall for lunch, visiting and a business meeting. Bill Reading received an award in recognition for his loyal service as Vice President 1993-1995 and President 1995-1997.

The Association was organized in May 1978 in Eagle Lake for the purpose of restoring the old family cemetery.

Officers of the Association are Carol Beth Gore, President; La Quita Cox, Vice President; Dorothy Elkins Cox, Secretary; Tom Paul, Treasurer; Fair Wells, Assistant Treasurer.

The annual meeting is held the last Saturday of June each year.



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Multivitamins May Prevent Birth Defects

The possibility of birth defects is of primary concern to most expectant mothers and their physicians. The government monitors birth defects through such agencies as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). A research group including Dr. Lorenzo D. Botto of the CDC evaluated over 3,000 mothers as to their vitamin intake during pregnancy. One hundred fifty-eight women in this group had delivered a child with a congenital heart defect. All women were asked if they had taken a single vitamin such as A or a multivitamin during pregnancy, when they started, and how long they took vitamins. Women who took vitamins during pregnancy had 43 percent less risk of having a newborn with serious heart defects. However, researchers were not able to determine which vitamins in multivitamin products taken were responsible for the protective effect.

The B vitamin folic acid has been shown in other studies to reduce the risk of neural tube defects by 50 percent. Other studies suggest that B-12 may have a protective role as well. Dr. Botto recommends that women of childbearing age consume a daily multivitamin containing 0.4 mg of folic acid and eat a balanced diet containing several servings of fruits and vegetables daily.



Sheridan students present check

Student council members proudly present a check to homework house for \$500. The teachers and students at Sheridan give the homework house credit for students getting their homework in on time and raising test scores. Students are all eager at the end of the day to spend the afternoon there, completing various assignments.

Pictured above are, from left, Tiffany Varley; Clifton Spangenberg; Virginia Grafe; Krystal Buegeler, owner of the Homework House; Patty Buegeler; Travis Pittman, presenting the check; Zak Kloss; Larry Varley, principal; and Julie Houser.

Sheridan School Photo



Foot Facts



By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

THE PAIN OF PLANTAR FASCIITIS

Even if the name is unfamiliar to you, the pain that goes along with it may not be. "Plantar fasciitis" is one of the most common, and potentially most disabling, of heel problems. It involves the fibrous tissue ("fascia") that runs under the bottom of the foot ("plantar"), connecting the heel to the toes. In a case of plantar fasciitis, the tissue begins to pull away from the heel. The circumstances that can cause this type of tearing include a foot that has flattened or become otherwise unstable over time, shoes that cause the ligament to stretch severely, and sports or exercise-related injury. The swelling and pain that result must be treated to prevent further damage.

Bearing all of the body's weight with every step, the heel is subject to considerable stress. Weight gain, high impact athletic activities, even prolonged walking or standing increase such stress. When heel pain is the body's answer to this stress, there are both temporary and permanent treatments to eliminate the problems. Any treatment, however, begins with a call to your podiatrist. We are currently accepting new patients for complete foot care at Rice Medical Center. Call 234-5571 for an appointment on Tuesdays.

P.S. Untreated plantar fasciitis can actually lead to damage to the other, healthy foot, as it compensates for the disability of the injured foot.