

Former Eagle Lake student travels to Spain

DeEdra Wesemann of Pensacola, Florida, embarked on a 29-day EF Educational Tour to Spain on the 4th of July. She is part of a group of 18 International Baccalaureate Program (IBP) students and two teachers from

Pensacola High School. The students will be spending three weeks with host families and attending Spanish classes in Salamanca, Spain.

DeEdra attended Eagle Lake Primary and Middle Schools before

moving to Pensacola during the last semester of eighth grade.

Upon completing 8th grade at Bailey Middle School DeEdra was encouraged to apply for participation in the IBP. Admittance was based on

grades, test scores, and teacher recommendations.

DeEdra would like to thank her teachers who believed in her and encouraged her during her early years. She wants to express special thanks to her science teacher, Mr. Jim Myers, and to her math teacher, Mr. Ronny Jones, for promptly returning necessary recommendations. A most special thanks goes to Mr. Jones whose additional comments on the recommendation pushed it over the edge.

Upon receiving these recommendations, Dr. Kuhn, head of the IBP, informed DeEdra that she was accepted into the program. For the past two years DeEdra has been working diligently to remain in the program.

The trip

Days 1-2: Jet through the night to Madrid, Spain. Meet the bilingual EF Tour Director. Stroll through the city's historic plazas on a walking tour and visit the world-renowned Prado.

Days 3-4: Guided tour featuring the 18th century Palacio Real, built for the Bourbon monarchy. Stop in the regal Renaissance complex of El Escorial. Continue on to the Valle de los Caídos, remembering casualties of the Spanish Civil War. Meet host family in Salamanca.

Days 5-22: In the heart of Salamanca's university quarter, attend three weeks of classes at the colegio covering Spanish culture, art, history, and geography as well as intensive language instruction. Class instruction includes Spanish films, social events, a guided tour of Salamanca, and guided excursions to Segovia, Avila, La Albarca, and Miranda del Castañar.

Days 23: Bid farewell to host family and transfer to Toledo, the ancient city on a hill immortalized by El Greco. Visit the city's cathedral, the Church of Santo Tome, St. Mary's Synagogue, and a damascene workshop.

Days 24-25: Follow in the footsteps of Don Quixote to Puerto Lapice. Visit Córdoba's Mezquita en route to Seville. Take a walking tour of the city followed by a Flamenco performance. Be taken by local guide inside Seville's cathedral and the Moorish Alcázar. Travel to Granada.

Days 26-28: Enter the world of Arabian Nights by stepping inside Granada's 14th-century Alhambra, Spain's last Moorish stronghold. Then, enjoy the beaches of the Costa de Sol, and finally visit exotic Tangier.

Day 29: Return to the states and home.

W.O.F.F. scheduled for July 29-30

The Wallis Chamber of Commerce and the Wallis Lions Club invite one and all to the 21st Annual Wallis Oldtime Fun Festival July 29 and 30 at the Wallis American Legion Hall.

On Saturday dance from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. with music provided by Music Masters. Hamburgers will be sold starting at 12 noon.

On Sunday, enjoy volleyball, games, auction, raffle, barbecue cook-offs, arts and crafts, calf-a-rama and

the queen's contest.

Barbecue by the plate and pound will be sold starting at 10 a.m. Barbecue sandwiches will be sold after 2 p.m.

For more information, call 979-478-6362. There is free admission to the grounds and free parking.

Sign your child up to be in the pageants at the Hall July 29-30. Categories include Little Mr. W.O.F.F. for boys, ages four to six; Little Miss W.O.F.F., for girls, ages four to six;

W.O.F.F. Princess, girls, seven-10; Jr. Miss W.O.F.F., girls, 11-14; and Miss W.O.F.F. for girls, ages 15-19.

Prizes include a satin monogrammed banner, trophy and a crown.

For more information on the pageants, contact Linda Gann at 979-478-6555 or 281-346-0414 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Proceeds from the Festival benefit the Wallis Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture and the Wallis Lions Club.

TXI promotes Fowler to Executive VP

Dallas-based TXI announced that Richard M. Fowler has been named Executive Vice President Finance. He was formerly Vice President Finance.

"As Vice President Finance, Dick was instrumental in implementing a number of changes that have had a very positive impact on TXI," said Robert D. Rogers, President and Chief Executive Officer. "This promotion recognizes the contributions Dick has made to TXI and his continuing positive influence on our company."

Fowler joined TXI in 1972 after spending seven years with Ernst & Ernst. In 1982, he was promoted to Vice President Controller and, in 1985, became Vice President Finance for Chaparral Steel. He was named TXI's Vice President Finance in Oct. 1987.

A native of Louisiana, Fowler graduated from Louisiana Tech where he received a Bachelor's degree in 1965. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a member of the Financial Executive Institute, American Institute of CPAs and Texas Society of CPAs. Fowler also serves on the Advisory Board of FM Global and the Board of Directors of Dee Brown Inc.

TXI is the largest producer of cement in Texas and a major producer in Calif.

In steel, TXI is the second largest

producer of structural steel beams in North America.

The company is also a significant supplier of steel bar, aggregate and concrete products.

Farm Bureau president calls EPA 'unbelievably arrogant'

The president of Texas' largest farm organization (the Texas Farm Bureau) said that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) displayed "unbelievable arrogance" in finalizing sweeping new water rules regulating "total maximum daily loads" of the nation's rivers, lakes and streams.

Donald Patman, a grain, cotton and cattle farmer from Waxahachie, said, "The rule, as finalized Tuesday, July 11, would be a crippling blow to Texas agriculture and it is in defiance of Congressional intent."

On June 30, Congress had passed a measure as part of the supplemental spending bill that would have prevented the EPA from implementing the rule. Patman said the EPA's action was political gamesmanship, since President Clinton is due to sign the supplemental spending bill this week, which would forbid the implementa-

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tion of the rule.

"This rule is so stringent that agriculture and forestry in this state may not be able to comply. The bar is too high," Patman said. "Many in Congress, who understand agriculture, know this to be true, but the EPA either doesn't understand, or doesn't care."

The controversy arises over so called non-point source pollution, where the agency is attempting to regulate pollution without a clearly defined source, such as sewage treatment plants or factories.

"This rule treats the farmers, ranchers and foresters of this nation just like a sewage plant, factory or other entity with a discharge pipe," Patman said. "We have come to expect nothing better from the EPA."

Patman said that great strides have been made in improving water quality with voluntary, incentive based programs.

American Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman, also a Texan, said that the new rule is so "unworkable" that litigating it will likely result in further delays in improving water quality.

Sr. Friends sponsoring 'grandparents' essay contest

How would you like to treat your grandparent(s) to dinner?

Grandparents Day is Sunday, Sept. 10, and Senior Friends of Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton is sponsoring an essay contest: What makes my grandparent(s) special?

Grandchildren, ages eight through 12, are eligible to enter. The essay should not exceed 150 words and should be written or printed in the child's own handwriting. Please DO NOT put your name on the actual essay, but attach a separate sheet with your name, address and phone number.

All essays are to be mailed to: Senior Friends, Gulf Coast Medical Center, P.O. Box 3004, Wharton, TX 77488.

The winner will receive a gift certificate to a local restaurant in order to treat their grandparent(s) to dinner.

Deadline for essays to reach the

A NEW ARRIVAL

Joshua Matthew Kelley

Mary Jane and Marvin Lee Kelley III of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, a son, born at 4:30 p.m. July 15, 2000 at the Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Joshua Matthew weighed six pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20 inches at birth.

He was welcomed home by his brother, Marvin Lee "Trey" Kelley IV, age 1-1/2.

Paternal grandparents are Marvin Lee Kelley II and Diana Laura Kelley of Eagle Lake.

His maternal grandfather is Patrick Hulin.

Zarate celebrates first birthday

Summer Lynn Zarate celebrated her first birthday Sunday afternoon, June 18, at a party given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Zarate, at the new City Park.

Guests enjoyed watching the birthday girl open her gifts and then blow out the one candle on her birthday cake, a Pooh Bear cake decorated by her maternal grandmother, Gail Gertson, and Aunt Kristi Cadriel.

Little cousins, friends and their parents joining the honoree for hot dogs, cake and punch and a stroll through the park were Dillian Gert-

son; Tre and Diamond Cadriel; Pagie Zarate; Cairo Jr., Daunte, Allen, Ada and Arizbeth Ruvalcaba; Raven Parker; Brooke and BeBe Rodriguez; Jeremy Gonzales Jr.; Meiya and Mkaela Samanigo; Steve Jr. and Jessica Torrez; Junior Pratt; aunts, Kristi Cadriel, Celca Zarate and Kandi and Stefani Gertson; and uncles, Manual Zarate and Orvil Ruvalcaba.

Special guests were Summer's maternal grandparents, Darrell and Gail Gertson, and her paternal grandmother, Martina Zarate.

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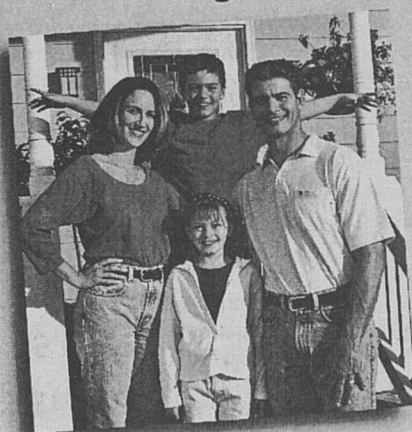
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DANCE!

The Public is invited to join in the fun with The Polka King himself, "Bobby Jones". Also meet Colorado County Sheriff Candidate, Keith Richs.



Date: Saturday, July 22
Time: 8:00 p.m.-Midnight
Place: Columbus Veteran Hall
Cost: \$10.00 per person

Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Ida Tyler, Treasurer; Keith Richs Campaign Fund, 1301 Old Altair Road, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

Did You Know...

- President Ulysses S. Grant was arrested while in office for speeding with his horse and fined \$20.
- Thomas Jefferson invented the calendar clock.
- The earthworm can clear and aerate half a pound of soil a day.
- Skippers, blues, coppers and hairstreaks are all kinds of butterflies.

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Saturday, July 29
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- Rifle & Handgun Safety Clinic
- Texas Parks & Wildlife Laser Shooting Gallery
- Kidfish Catch Tank
- Last Chance Forever Birds of Prey
- Bird Dog Demonstrations
- Salt Water & Fresh Water Fishing Seminars & Demonstrations
- Snake Demonstration
- Hummingbird Habitats Seminar
- Canoeing the Colorado River Seminar
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