



**Eagle Lake ESL Class**

This is part of the current group of people taking the ESL classes sponsored by the Christ Episcopal Church. There are 35 registered for the 10-week, 20-lesson classes. The classes meet at Christ Episcopal Parish Hall and are open to everyone. A big thanks to Steve and Rosa Whitfield and Russell and Doreen Dispart for seeing a need in this area and for all their hard work in getting this started in Eagle Lake. There is a waiting list for the spring class. The cost is only \$10. If you are interested in the spring class, you need to call Steve or Rosa Whitfield at 234-3437.

Photo Courtesy of Candy McCreary

# Hard work, determination pay off

Hard work, determination, love of Country and a desire to serve and protect. Air Force National Guard Chief Shauna Taylor of Eagle Lake is making a difference.

The Chief Aviation Resource Manager, stationed in Okla. at Will Rogers Air National Guard Base, is the daughter of Jonnie Taylor of Waterloo, Iowa, and granddaughter of Homer and Louise Taylor of Eagle Lake.

Shauna is a 1995 honor graduate of Crosby High School and a recipient of numerous scholarships. While attending high school, she was employed as a research/record processor at a local law firm weekend evenings and worked at the Air Force Recruiting Office on the weekends.

Since joining the Air Force, Shauna has been attending college at night and has taken several hours of flying school in her free time. She's planning to attend navigation school after completing officer's training school.



The Chief Aviation Resource Manager is the daughter of Jonnie Taylor of Waterloo, Iowa, and granddaughter of Homer and Louise Taylor of Eagle Lake. Photo Courtesy of Homer Taylor

## CPR works on proposed groundwater legislation

The informal group of citizens that proposed House Bill 1136, the enabling legislation that would have created the Post Oak Groundwater Conservation District, has been busy since the election. After the Post Oak GCD was defeated for a second time, the informal group began talking with friends and neighbors from all parts of Colorado County in an effort to determine what the citizens of Colorado County believe is important with respect to private property rights and groundwater. In order to more effectively communicate the desires of Colorado County citizens

to State and local government, as well as the general public, the informal group formally organized and formed Citizens for Property Rights (CPR).

Patrick Bubela from the Nada area, who was elected to the Board of Directors had the Post Oak GCD been approved, states there seems to be one overwhelming concern among the people he visits with. "The people want the groundwater of Colorado County to be conserved and the existing wells protected. They don't wish to deny their neighbor the right to sell water, but conservation and protection must

come before the interests of water marketers. Everyone seems to agree, those who might abuse our aquifer (not by the ordinary people who are just using water to supply their households and livestock) must pay for the cost of such a district.

"While we understand increased development and irrigation needs must be addressed, we believe these issues can be worked out. It's the threat of individuals, corporations, and State agencies that wish to export water from our aquifer and water basin that is the big threat and the legislation we will be drawing up will be to protect us from that threat."

Some of the issues important to citizens expressed to CPR included:

- Any potential GCD shall not have the authority to levy property taxes;
- Any potential GCD shall not have eminent domain power;
- Any potential GCD shall not have the authority to buy sell or transport water, to build dams or drain lakes, draws and creeks;
- Any potential GCD shall not have the right to come on one's property without permission.
- And, Colorado County groundwater shall not be co-mingled with surface water (conjunctive use) to be exported from the county.

CPR is considering several proposals including legislation that amends the Rule of Capture to make it where there are remedies in the court system for damages. This option parallels the wishes expressed by the Texas State Supreme Court in Sipriano vs. Great Spring Water of America Inc. (Ozarka). Also under consideration are drafting better legislation for a new GCD, as well as other ground water conservation and protection measures.

CPR represents a diverse group citizens working together, representing Columbus, Mentz, Alleyton, Weimar, Garwood, Nada, Frelsburg and Eagle Lake.

CPR is planning on having a public meeting in the near future to receive more citizen input to decide what course of action, if any, is warranted for Colorado County.

"We have been told a GCD is attempting to do and that's all we're attempting to do. We want real local control, so the children and grandchildren in Colorado County will have water for their future."

"We hope to meet with those who supported the original legislation and show them why we believe ours is a better plan. We also plan to hold public meetings to allow citizens to make comments.

"Our goal is to draw up a plan that everyone can support and when the next election is held, it will not cause a fight in our community, but we can work together to get it passed," said Bubela.

## Internships take WCJC Cisco networking to new level

A newly developed internship program in the Cisco Networking Academy at Wharton County Junior College's Fort Bend Technical Center in Richmond is providing students with real world experience and enhancing their employment opportunities.

Joshua Lo, Cisco Academy director and WCJC instructor, said internship opportunities have evolved by asking local businesses to participate. Prospective partners interview students just as they do regular employees, then make their selections. Although the internships aren't required, they are highly recommended, because Lo feels they go "hand-in-hand" with skills acquired in the classroom.

That classroom experience currently includes four semesters, or 280 hours, of Cisco Networking Academy instruction to prepare students to design, build and maintain computer networks. Coursework also covers other Internet technology skills including networking, Web design, cabling, Java, and UNIX. Students are given extensive hands-on experience in a well-equipped laboratory, valued at an estimated \$80,000. It includes 30 computers, routers, switches, a WAN simulator and tools to make and test cables.

Cisco Academy graduate Shireen Abdullah praised the hands-on class work saying, "It's easier to read the book, but you really don't know what's going on until you get your hands dirty, make cables, set up networks, and ac-

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## LOH

to further research, but also to promote the recipients of all proceeds from the sale of the 2003 calendars.

They anticipate raising \$5,000 for breast cancer research and education with the sale of the 2003 calendar. The project has proved to be an overwhelming success and they're already working on the 2004 calendar. LOH is actively seeking sponsor support for the production and promotion cost of the 2004 calendar. The LOH would like to make M.D. Anderson Cancer Center the recipient of proceeds from the 2004 calendars.

They have been promoting the calendar all over the city of Houston by having calendar signings at several events. In fact, Alice was interviewed on Channel 2 Saturday, Nov. 16, and the LOH was featured in the Lifestyle section of the *Houston Chronicle* on Nov. 24.

Fox 26 is also working on a story to run in the near future. They are actively working on increased local coverage and would like to get some national coverage to promote the project.

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Eagle Lake. Parents or guardians may come to the Prairie Edge Museum from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Saturday, Dec. 21, to receive toys for their children. Donations of toys and money are needed by the Legion. New or very gently used toys and monetary donations may be left at Struss Auto Supply, Wallis State Bank or The Furniture Shoppe.

### Senior Serve is Jan. 18

The 2003 Senior Serve is set for Jan. 18. The Class of 2003 are preparing their Invitation List. If you would like to attend the Senior Serve dinner please call Diane Spaniel at 234-3941 or Abby Hammermiller at 234-5219.

### Drawing to benefit Youth & Family Services

In addition to the Holiday Homes Tour Dec. 1, the Columbus Christian Women's Organization is selling tickets for a seven-foot decorated Christmas tree. The "Lone Star Tree" is on display at Columbus Health & Fitness Center on Milam. It has many handcrafted ornaments as well as a complete collection of the official State of Texas collectible ornaments. Two-dollar tickets for the drawing may be purchased at Corner Drug Store and The Style Shop in Columbus, The Collection and Creative Expressions in Weimar, Heinsohn's in Frelsburg and Schultz's in New Ulm. This fundraiser benefits Youth and Family Services.

### Agriculture scholarship available

Monsanto, in association with the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture, has established the Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship Program. The program recognizes deserving students with a long-term career interest in agriculture and rewards them with funding for their college education. Students may contact their FFA advisors about the program; call the Colorado County Farm Bureau Office at 979-732-2383; or at [www.farmsource.com](http://www.farmsource.com) or [www.agfoundation.org](http://www.agfoundation.org). All applications must be postmarked by Feb. 15, 2003.

### Senior Friends holiday trip is Dec. 3-5

The Senior Friends Annual Holiday Tour will be Dec. 3-5 to Marshall, Texas, and Natchitoches, Louisiana. Imagine illuminated rivers, historic houses glistening with lights, fresh green garland and holiday music filling the air. Dine in a romantic Victorian setting in a historic home, tour the Wonderland of Lights and have lunch at Beau Fort Plantation. Enjoy a trolley ride to view the Christmas lights in Natchitoches and have lunch at the Melrose Plantation. Cost is \$270/double occupancy, \$15 insurance; \$345/single occupancy, \$20 insurance. Cost includes 2 continental breakfast, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, hotel accommodations, all attractions per itinerary and motor coach transportation. Call Robin TODAY at 979-282-6808 if interested!

### Eagle Lake Chamber Pageant set for March 15

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Pageant will be held March 15, 2003. Early registration deadline is Jan. 10. Registration will be held through Feb. 1. For more information, contact Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Pageant Director Kara Supak, from 9 to 5, at 979-758-9544 or 234-5878 after 5 p.m.

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The calendars are \$15 each and, again, 100% of the proceeds from the sale will go directly to breast cancer research.

The calendars may be ordered online at [www.cruzintocure.com](http://www.cruzintocure.com) or by calling Karen Hyde at 281-296-6973 or you may go by Royal Cleaners, 101 N. McCarty, or call 979-234-2847 and pick one up.

The LOH would be extremely appreciative of any support that could be provided so they can continue their efforts against breast cancer.

## ELPD

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wanted customer. The case was closed by the issuance of a criminal trespass warning.

At 9 p.m., Sgt. Alley was dispatched to the 200 block of Cemetery St. in regards to a suspicious person. Alley located and identified a local juvenile. No criminal activity was observed.

At 10 p.m., Officer Wiese was dispatched to the 200 block of Airline Dr. in regards to loud music. Wiese checked the area but was unable to locate the music.

At 10:24 p.m., Officer Wiese was dispatched to the 500 block of E. Main St. in regards to an unwanted customer. The case was closed by the issuance of a criminal trespass warning.

At 11 p.m., Sgt. Alley was dispatched to the 1100 block of E Street in regards to a juvenile disturbance. The matter was settled at a scene.

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BEREA CLADIC: 623 Maple Avenue, Eagle Lake; 234-2130.  
ROCK ISLAND FULL GOSPEL: P.O. Box 232, Rock Island; 234-5840.  
LATIN-AMERICAN ASSEMBLY OF GOD (Bethlehem of Judea Church): 1000 East E. Eagle Lake; Ruth Olvera, Pastor.  
SEALY ASSEMBLY OF GOD: 1140 Meyer, Sealy; Warren Richardson, Pastor.  
THE DAY OF PENTECOST APOSTOLISTIC REVIVAL RISING STAR: FM 102 South, Matthews; 4 p.m. (at Mt. Zion), Rev. R.L. Carter Sr.  
GREATER NEW FAITH CHURCH: 6406 Guylor, Wallis; Rev. Clay Spears, Pastor; 979-478-2169.  
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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH: East Bernard.  
CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary; 308 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; 7 a.m. (Español), 9 a.m., 11 a.m., Rev. Eddie Winkler; P.O. Box 307; 234-2842.  
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Box 97, Nada; Rev. Joseph Koebel, Pastor; 758-3218.  
GRACE LUTHERAN: 408 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; Services begin at 10 a.m.; Rev. Clement Richard, Pastor; 234-3381.  
LEHRER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST: Garwood; 9 a.m. worship.  
LISSIE UNITED METHODIST: Bill Ramsey, Pastor; 234-2112, Lissie.  
ROCK ISLAND METHODIST: Ken Seller Jr. Lay-Pastor.  
UNITED METHODIST: 200 W. Prairie, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: 106 E. State Street, Eagle Lake; 234-3368.  
VINE OF THE LORD: 1300 E. State Street, Eagle Lake; Rev. Paul Aguilar, Pastor; 234-7543.  
FRIENDSHIP A.G.: 501 Wallace, East Bernard; Fred Chambers, Pastor.  
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS: 600 W. St., Sealy; Marshall Crosby, Branch Pres.  
CHURCH OF CHRIST: 815 Milam, Columbus; Lynn Wilson, Minister.  
THE SHEPHERD'S WAY: Interdenomination Christian Fellowship; 1225 Eagle Lake Road, Sealy, Frank Lucas, Pastor; 979-885-1225.

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