

# Hinojosa Announces E-Rate Grant For Sheridan

Congressman Rubén Hinojosa announced that the Sheridan Memorial Library has received a total of \$5,545.82 in funding under the E-Rate program, which provides discounts between 20 and 90% to schools and libraries for the cost of education technology (Internet Access and Telecom Services).

The funding represents discounts schools will receive for specific technology needs, includ-

ing Internet services and access, telecommunications, and internal connections needed to bring information straight to schools and libraries.

"As our world continues to become more interconnected, more global, and more fast-paced, it is crucial that our communities have the latest technologies to help residents succeed," said Hinojosa. "These funds will help the Sheridan Memorial Library

give patrons the tools they need to stay ahead in a 21st Century world."

The E-Rate program will provide more than \$2.1 billion in discounts to tens of thousands of schools, with the costs being

covered by the Universal Service Fund, until the fund is exhausted. The E-Rate's first funding priority is for telecommunications services and Internet access, and the second funding priority is for internal connections and wiring at schools and libraries.



**Audery Gene Carter III**  
Valarie Fields of Eagle Lake and Audery Carter, Jr., of Garwood are pleased to announce the birth of a son, born July 20, at 7:09 a.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Audery Gene weighed seven pounds, nine ounces and measured 20 inches at birth.

He was welcomed home by Andrea, nine; Viantae, six; and RoyDrea, five.

Maternal grandparents are Earnest and Barbara Fields of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandfather is Audery Carter, Sr. of Garwood.

Great-grandparents are Dorothy Carter and Robert Pratt of Garwood.

**Giovanni Casanova**  
Salvador and Martha Casanova of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, a son, born July 19 at 2:55 a.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Giovanni weighed eight pounds, one ounce and measured 20 inches at birth.

He was welcomed home by his big brother, Dylan Casanova, age 2.

Maternal grandparents are Martin and Nelda Martinez and Cesilio and Lila Reyes all of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Buster and Linda Beisel of Clute and the late Richard Casanova.

Great-grandparents are Pedro and Carmen Ramirez of San Benito Texas and Herlinda Casas of Eagle Lake.

**Ev'Rett Lonell U'Gene Davis**

Sidney and Petra Davis of Wharton are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, a son, born July 18 at 7:28 a.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Ev' Rett Lonell U'Gene weighed five pounds, 12 ounces and measured 18-1/4 inches at birth.

He was welcomed home by siblings, Sydnee Sheyenne, 9; and Brittany Davis, 13.

Maternal grandparents are Tila and Felix Flores of El Campo and Joe Garcia of Wharton.

Paternal grandmother is Josephine R. Harris of Wharton.

Great-grandparents are Petra Gonzales of Wharton, Jesus and Soila Garcia of Wharton and Irene Ray of Wharton.

**Bryce Keith Givens**

Bryan Givens and Crystal Hooker of Wallis are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son, born July 22 at 2:11 p.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Bryce Keith weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces, and measured 20 inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Thomas and Carol Hooker of Cat Springs.

Paternal grandparents are Gwen Taft and Elvin Beal of Wallis.

Great-grandparents are Laura Ivory of Wallis, Wilma Malota of Orchard, and Agnes Connley of Corpus Christi.

## Munke Reunion Held July 16

The 2006 annual reunion of the Christian Munke/Margareta Laux Munke/Oeding family was held July 16 at the Swiss Alp Farm Bureau Hall. The John Munke branch, the host family, was assisted by Leo and Barbara Wick.

More than 60 members and guests attended. They came from Arlington, Austin, Brenham, Cedar Creek, Columbus, Cypress, Fayetteville, Friendswood, Houston, Katy, La Grange, Oakwood, Schulenburg, Sheridan, Spring, and Weimar.

Attendance awards were presented to Herbert Munke or Arlington for traveling the farthest, Clement and Dorothy Wind for having been married the longest, Nancy and Chad Otto for being married most recently, Martha Botter was oldest member present, and Michael Koeth, the youngest.

Several members who are working on family histories brought old family pictures. One set of four framed and dated photos included one of Judith Katharina Fietsam who was born in 1797.

A silent auction of more than 25 items included bags of oatmeal and chocolate cookies, 2# of shallots, a pair of Batman mugs, chiffon scarves, a custom-made shoe shine kit, plum jelly, pickled beets, three western hand-etched wooden wall plaques, and a Christmas lotion dispenser. The white elephant exchange included more than 35 items such as a jar of buttons, a picture frame, a dancing frog, white and yellow doilies, garden gloves, and a book light. Christine Wied of Katy guessed closest to the number of mini pretzels in a jar.

The noon meal consisted of fried chicken, many delicious casseroles and salads, and a wonderful assortment of desserts. Tea and coffee were enjoyed throughout the meeting.

The John Munke branch of the family will host 2007 reunion on the third Sunday of July 15 at the Swiss Alp Farm Bureau Hall.

## Obituaries

**Ludwig Zbranek**  
Ludwig Zbranek, 86, of Garwood passed away on July 22.

He was born on July 16, 1920 in Ellinger, the son of Paul and Albina Prihoda Zbranek.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he was a retired owner-operator of a sand and gravel trucking operation.

Mr. Zbranek was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada, the Nada Knights of Columbus, K.J.T., and the V.F.W.

He is survived by wife, Julie Kasniersky Zbranek of Garwood; daughter, Sylvia Rucka and husband, Michael, of Eagle Lake; sons, Gary Zbranek and wife, Madilyn, of El Campo and Billy Zbranek and wife, Jamie, of Cypress; sisters, Mary Ann Schoellmann of Nada and Lucy Kubecka of El Campo; brothers, Clarence and Edmund Zbranek of Nada; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Stanley Zbranek; sister, Nollie Kubecka; and brother, Bill Zbranek.

A rosary was recited at 7 p.m. Monday, July 24 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 25 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada with the Rev. Joe Vrana officiating. Burial followed at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery with Military Honors under the auspices of the American Legion.

Pallbearers were Grady Zbranek, Zach Zbranek, John Michael Rucka, Aaron Machac, Dustin Zbranek, Garrett Zbranek, and Jeff Slater.

Honorary Pallbearers were Brandy Zbranek Slater and Robyn Rucka Machac.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to your favorite charity.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

**Jeremiah 'Jerry' Dancy**  
Jeremiah 'Jerry' Dancy passed away July 15.

Born December 16, 1910 in Vox Populi, he was the 14th child of Daniel and Alberta Williams Dancy.

'Jerry' attended school in Vox Populi and accepted Christ as his savior at an early age and united with South Point Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. W.L. Gibbs, where he was a faithful member until his health began to fail.

He loved his church and served as a Deacon on the Deacon Board, the church secretary, treasurer and Sunday School Superintendent for over 50 years.

In April of 1935, he was united in holy matrimony to Carrie Usher and to this union three children were born, Thelma, Helen and Jeremiah, Jr.

In March of 1946, he later remarried Anna Nichols and became stepfather to her daughter, Dorothy.

His parents; wives, Carrie and Anna; son, Jeremiah, Jr.; stepdaughter, Dorothy; six brothers; and seven sisters; preceded him in death.

'Jerry' leaves to cherish his memories and celebrate his life, two daughters, Thelma Axel of Garwood and Helen Calhoun of Houston; nine grandchildren; 13 step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; 44 step great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; 51 step great-great grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 22 at 11 a.m. from South Point Baptist Church in Garwood with Rev. Dave Curry, pastor, officiating. Rev. Truman Scott, master of ceremony.

Interment followed in Williams Paradise Cemetery in Vox Populi. Final arrangements were entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus.

Pallbearers were Daryl Axel, Jeremy Axel, Lawrence Axel, Floyd Calhoun, Jr., Maxie Calhoun, Maxie Calhoun, Jr., and Brandon Graves.

Honorary pallbearers were Deacons of South Point Baptist Church.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



## Local Red Cross Swim Program Well Attended

**By Judy Pustejovsky**  
With two certified instructors and over 13 volunteer aides the Eagle Lake Red Cross Swim Program had 103 students enrolled in 10 different courses this year.

The season started in April with 22 students participating in the Lifeguarding, Lifeguarding Renewal, and CPR for the Professional Rescuer Renewal courses.

Then, for two weeks in July there were 81 students enrolled in the Learn-to-Swim Program. This program included the swimming courses of Levels One through Six plus Level B Child Aquatics. These courses covered skills from water exploration, stroke development, improvement and refinement, and personal water

safety. Shannan Perez and Judy Pustejovsky would like to extend a big thank you to the following for all of their help to make this year's program a huge success: Victoria and Taylor Alvarado, Carrie Gobert, Kandi and Stefani Gertson, Blythe Nava, Allyssa Young, J.D. and Megan Contreras, Keshie Perez, Misty Maldonado, Adrianna Forister, and Kristi Sepulveda. They would like to extend a big thank you to all the parents and citizens for supporting the Eagle Lake Red Cross and the Eagle Lake Pool.

Plans for swimming lessons for adults are in progress. Please call the pool for more details at 979-234-5728.

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*If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane, I'd walk right up to heaven and bring you home again.*

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*We miss you-Mom, Dad, Richard and Erica*

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**Allergic Reactions to Outdoor Plants**  
Another warm weather hazard is exposure to certain outdoor plants that can cause a severe allergic skin reaction. Three well-known outdoor plants responsible for such reactions include *poison oak*, *poison ivy*, and *sumac*. It was recently reported that approximately 50 million Americans experience allergic reactions to these plants each year. Typically the allergic reaction includes a rash that covers a large portion of the skin, blisters, swelling, and significant itching. All of this occurs as a reaction to a sticky sap in these plants called *urushiol*. Reactions can occur following plant exposure when urushiol starts penetrating the skin, especially in areas of the arms, legs, and face where the skin is thinnest.  
The best thing to do if exposed to one or more of these plants is to wash the exposed areas immediately with rubbing alcohol, before the sap penetrates the skin, if possible. Washing the same area with water is recommended as a next step. A rather large number of over-the-counter topical medicines are used to relieve the itching and inflammation associated with plant allergies. Ingredients in these products typically include *hydrocortisone*, *calamine*, *pramoxine*, *camphor*, *menthol*, and *benzethonium chloride*. If the reaction is severe, oral steroids and/or oral antihistamines may be prescribed.

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**Bible Verse of The Week**

"Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other peoples sins, keep yourself pure."  
- I Timothy 5:22  
Submitted by Neddy Phillips

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