



Views Around The Lake by Cindy Klopsteck

"Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot about puppies."
—Gene Hill

When my two daughters were young I decided to allow our sweet, beautiful cocker spaniel Lady to have one - only ONE - litter of puppies.

I remembered the loving experience of having kittens frequently born during my childhood, and each litter was a wonder and joy.

My animal preference had changed from cats to dogs, but I knew the marvelous fascination of animal babies had not changed,

and I wanted my daughters to experience it.

To this day we talk with wistful love about that litter of six puppies and the days of puppy slobber and constant feedings and tumbling playfulness...and then the tears at giving them away.

Then we rightfully had Lady spayed and the frisky puppy days were over.

Readers have hopefully noticed some endearing ads the past few weeks featuring an "Eagle Lake Pet of the Week." I now own a neutered dog and cannot

adopt another at this time, but I had to know if these cute critters were successful in finding good homes.

"They have been so far," says Dennis Ramsey, whose phone number appears in every pet advertisement.

Not only does this guy do his job as one of three animal control officers for Eagle Lake, he goes the extra mile in caring for animals and working for pet adoption in our area, working with PUPS and spending much of his own time and money in seeing

these pet stories have successful endings.

Dennis informed me that a non-profit organization called PUPS of Cat Spring (Prevent Unwanted PetS) assists him in sponsoring the "Pet of the Week." PUPS is dedicated to helping decrease the number of unwanted/ euthanized animals in our area. It currently serves seven area counties, including Colorado, where there are no SPCA services.

There is a city ordinance on dogs, and our animal control officers must pick up those dogs unclaimed and roaming the streets. Eagle Lake maintains an animal shelter, but dogs cannot reside there permanently.

After 72 hours, unclaimed dogs can be released to an agency for adoption, and that's where organizations like PUPS come in. Not all unclaimed dogs should be euthanized.

The PUPS website states their main goal as "promoting spaying and neutering of family pets, feral cat (barn cat) colonies and abandoned animals." 100% of donated monies goes toward spay/neuter costs.

Cheryl Mellenthin with PUPS said they are now doing 90 spay/neuters a month and have yet to turn anyone down who is in financial need of having this procedure done for their animal.

The adoption fee for animals in their care is \$25.00, which includes shots and spaying/neutering if the animal is old enough.

Visit the PUPS website at "pupsofcatspring.com" to check out the great work they are doing in these counties and how you can assist our community and county in animal care and adoption.

If you, as an interested person or a business, would like to sponsor a "Pet of the Week" ad, contact the Headlight office. These little guys deserve the attention and opportunity for adoption. Unlike my Lady's puppies, they were all not so fortunate to be in planned litters.

There's a lot of abandoned opportunities for love and wonder out there.

"2 dogs and all their offspring can make 67,000 dogs in 6 years."

"2 cats and all their offspring can make 420,000 cats in 7 years."
—PUPS website



Pictured above are participants in a drawing camp at The Little Red Studio in Eagle Lake taught by Lois Raabe. From left to right: Lydia Garbee of Eagle Lake, Bailey Hlavinka of East Bernard, Avery Hlavinka of East Bernard, Cathryn Myers of Alleyton, and Dylan DeBerry of East Bernard.

New Youth Activities For County Fair

Three new youth contests have been added to the slate of activities in the Colorado County Fair's Creative Homemaking Department.

The new contests include the Consumer Decision Making Contest, the Apparel, Accessory and Textile Design Contest and the Make-A-Dish Contest.

The three contests are in addition to the Second Annual Produce Knowledge Contest and the Annual High Point Contest.

The consumer contest will be held on the Saturday, September 8 in the Home Economics/Fine Arts Building on the fairgrounds starting at 9 AM.

Youth ages 8 to 19 years of age are invited to test their consumer skills as individuals or as teams. The contest is open to youth in Colorado, Wharton, Lavaca, Fayette, Jackson and Austin Counties.

Contestants will judge four classes from the following classes

—athletic shoes, backpacks, emergency radios, gift cards, gold jewelry, insect repellent, pedometers, printing digital photos and sunscreen plus a mystery class.

Entry in the Apparel, Accessory and Textile Design Contest is by portfolio only.

The portfolio is limited to one design per portfolio — one 5" X 7" illustration and a 3"x3" detail box enclosed in an 8 1/2" x 11" page protector.

Sketches may be done in pencil, charcoal, pastels, watercolors, pen and ink or crayon. Portfolios are due in at the Extension Office by August 31.

The Youth Make-A-Dish Contest will be held on Thursday, September 13 at 7 PM in the Creative Homemaking Department. Youth may enter dishes in one of four categories — main dish, fruit and vegetable, bread and cereal and nutritious snacks. Contestants must give a three-minute presentation based on the study

guide that is available from the Extension Office.

The Second Annual Produce Knowledge Contest will be conducted on Wednesday, September 12 at 6 PM.

Youth may choose to enter homegrown produce or purchased produce for the knowledge competition.

A three-minute oral presentation is required of junior and senior contestants while primary-age contestants score will be based on questions asked by a panel of judges.

A produce knowledge workshop will be held on Tuesday, September 4 at Brookshire Brothers in Columbus. There is no charge for the workshop and all contestants are encouraged to attend.

The Youth High Point Contest will consist of first, second and third place in primary, junior and senior youth categories.

Scores are based on a point system with values accessed each ribbon. To be eligible to participate in the High Point Contest, contestants must enter at least ten items in the various divisions of the homemaking competition.

For more details on the contests, please contact Beverly Tuck (Consumer Contest and Design Contest) - 732-7277, Barbara Martinek (Make-A-Dish Contest) - 732-3534, Kathy Burris (Produce Knowledge Contest) - 732-6188, Extension Office at 732-2530 or online at <http://colorado-tx.tamu.edu> (newsletter tab — catalog)

Sts. Peter and Paul Festival Is August 5

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church of Frelsburg will hold its annual festival on Sunday, Aug. 5.

The church is located 10 miles north of Columbus off FM 109, at 1031 Church Lane.

The day will begin with Holy Mass at 8:15 a.m. A meal of fried fish, buttered potatoes, hush puppies, cole slaw, pinto beans, bread, pickles and tea will be served at 11 a.m. Meal tickets will be \$7.50 for a large plate and \$4.50 for a small plate. For your convenience, there will be plates to go for \$7.50 a plate.

Through the day listen to great music provided by Douglas

Polasek. Auction begins at 1 p.m. with handmade items, including quilts and much more. There will be bingo, country store, grocery walk, silent auction, cake walk, dunking stand, plant walk, horse-shoes, fish pond, bouncing buddies and many more fun activities for everyone in the family.

Cool off with snow cones or a variety of cold drinks.

Hamburgers, nachos and snacks will be available starting at 3 p.m. The day will conclude with a free dance featuring music by the Red Ravens from 4 to 8 p.m. Come one, come all to Frelsburg for a fun time! See you in Frelsburg, Sunday, Aug. 5.

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FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY!! COME ENJOY THE FUN

Old Skool Organization has rescheduled Family and Friends Day at the E.H. Henry Park to Saturday, Aug. 4. This is a chance to meet, greet and interact with Old Skool as well as having fun with the kids. We will have FREE FOOD for everyone, a drawing and a Silent Auction on various things and also we will have T-Shirts on sale the day of the event. Stay for the Kickball Game and other activities. For additional info please contact Russell Williams 979-234-6966 or email us at: OldSkool2007@sbcglobal.net.

Striving to support and broaden our kid's horizon, One Child at a time.



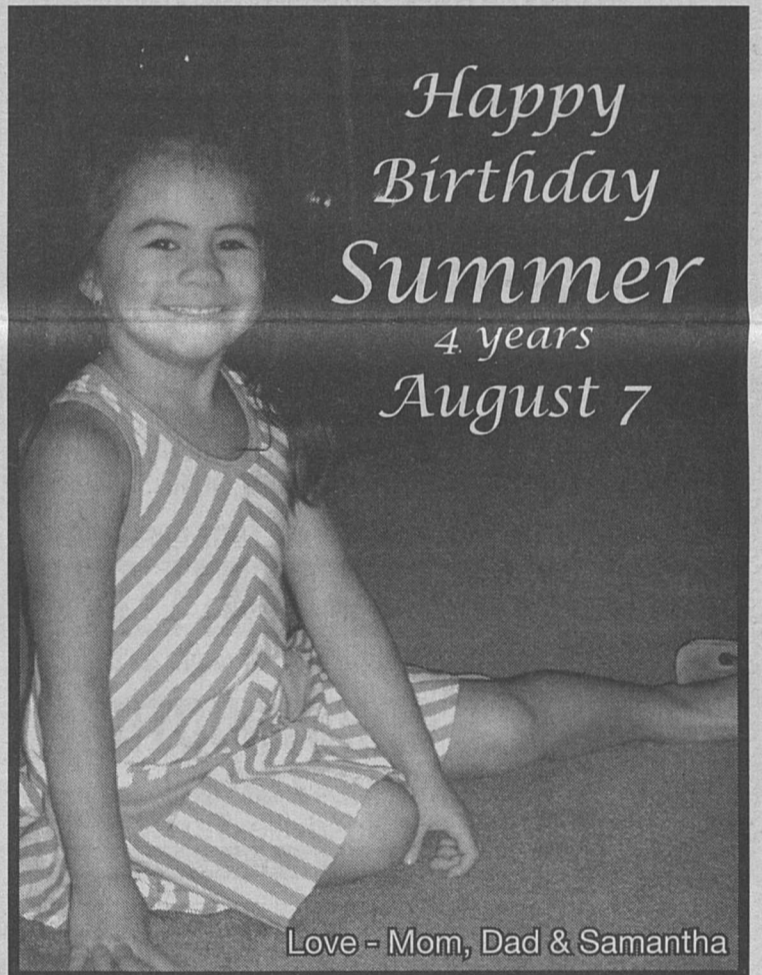
Happy
2nd
Birthday

Sarah
Nicole

Aug. 1

We Love You!

Mom and Dad, Fernando, Tyler, Kelly,
Grandpa Al, Grandma Pauline,
Grandma Molly, Grandpa Alfred



Happy
Birthday
Summer
4 years
August 7

Love - Mom, Dad & Samantha

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Thin Cows 31-41

PACKER BULLS
Heavyweight bulls 66-71
Utility cutter bulls 58-65

STEERS #1 #2
150-300 lbs 155-185 127-150
300-400 lbs 137-154 120-135
400-500 lbs 126-136 111-123
500-600 lbs 115-125 105-114
600-700 lbs 107-115 96-105
700-800 lbs 103-110 90-99

HEIFERS #1 #2
200-300 lbs 130-165 122-180
300-400 lbs 120-135 110-119
400-500 lbs 114-125 105-113
500-600 lbs 106-116 98-105
600-700 lbs 100-107 93-100
700-800 lbs 92-102 83-91

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- \$50 registration fee runs from Aug. 2007- May 2008
- Pre-K Class Begins Tuesday, August 28
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PREVENTING SENSITIVE TEETH

Good oral hygiene is important in reducing and preventing sensitivity. A soft-bristled toothbrush is best. Avoid brushing too hard - this can wear down tooth enamel and cause exposure of root surfaces and sensitive area. Also, the ingredients in whitening or tartar control toothpastes may cause tooth sensitivity in some individuals.

Good nutrition can help protect teeth, too. Foods rich in calcium and Vitamin C are good for your gums and the bones that support teeth. And, don't smoke. Smoking is linked to gum disease, which can cause gum recession and exposure of sensitive tooth roots.

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