



Colorado County Habitat for Humanity (CCHF) will soon be returning to Eagle Lake. The first two CCHF houses built were in Eagle Lake (1998 and 2000). The next four houses were in Weimar. Come September 2008, we will begin construction on our next house on State Street in Eagle Lake. Pictured above is a check presentation from First National Bank for \$1,000. The importance of the recent donation is to promote our return to Eagle Lake. We need to get the word out to the community, businesses and organizations so they can keep us in mind for their benevolence program, financial support of our mission. Pictured are Carol Ripper, Banking Center Manager, Carol Mitchell, Sr. VP, and Christine Moore, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity.

Older Texas Fair Held May 15

The 30th annual Older Texan Fair was held Thursday, May 15, 2008 at the Sheridan Community Center. The 2008 Colorado County Older Texan Award was presented to Karen and Robbie Brod of Cat Spring, Natalie Dupre of Sheridan, Tudy Glithero of Columbus, Edward Korenek of Nada, Myrtle Kotrla of Columbus, Ron Lewis of Sheridan, Mary Ann Peach of Weimar and Pauline Solomon of Garwood.

Older Texans in Colorado County also had the opportunity to enter items in a cultural arts contest and to visit booths set up in the hall. The Colorado County EMS offered blood pressure checks to those attending, Sheridan Go-Getters EEA had a silent auction, Nada/Garwood Gadabouts and the Nada Christian Mothers had country store items. Melba Castillo offered plants for sale and Ann Moore sold quilting fat quarters. The WCJC Senior Citizens Office and River Oaks had information booths. The WCJC office received a certificate for the booth that best followed

the theme of "Working Together for Strong, Healthy and Supportive Communities."

The program began at 10:30 a.m. Tommy Hahn, MC, welcomed the group and introduced the speaker. Cynthia Parker Robertson of the Lena Mae Farris Foundation spoke to the group about the dangers of medicine misuse. A lively game of Bingo based on medicine misuse facts was played by everyone in attendance. Following the speaker, the Cultural Arts exhibit winners were announced and the Older Texan Awards were presented.

Exhibit winners were recognized as follows: Afghans, Tablecloths and Bedspreads — Ora Spittler, Sheridan, Grand Champion and Rose Staff, Nada — Reserve Champion; Baked Goods — Helen Noteboom, Garwood, Grand Champion and Catherine Berger, Garwood, Reserve Champion; Canned Goods — Bridget Popp, Nada, Grand Champion and Rose

Staff, Reserve Champion; Crafts — Mary Ann Peach, Weimar, Grand and Reserve Champion; Floriculture — Juanita Rabel, Weimar, Grand Champion and Lillian Gohlke, Sheridan, Reserve Champion; Fresh Garden Products — Lloyd Spittler, Sheridan, Grand Champion and Charlie Paulovsky, Nada Reserve Champion; Hand-stitchery — Loudene Johnson, Grand Champion; Photography — Catherine Berger, Garwood, Grand and Reserve Champion; and Quilts — Loudene Johnson, Grand and Reserve Champion.

After the awards presentation a meal was served. Door prizes were awarded. Dale Rankin recognized the Older Texan Task Force members.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Cooperative Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap, or national origin.

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will cost \$1.20 each. Chicks will be picked up at M-G, Inc. in Weimar on August 1, 2008. Contact Lee Hasse, chairman, at 979-263-4254 for more information.

KC Golf tourney is June 8

The 24th Annual Knights of Columbus (KC) golf tournament will be held June 8. (Rain out date June 15). The 4-player scramble will have a shotgun start of 1:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Golf Course. Entry fee is \$200 per team and includes caps, mulligans, grab bags and a fried pork chop lunch. Proceeds benefit KC charities and scholarships. 1st gross and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes for net, closest to the pin #4 and #7 and longest drive. Cart rent at player's expense. Call 979-234-5981 (limited carts available reserve yours early). For more information call Glen Janow at 234-5282, Gus Seaholm at 234-2261 or Michael Duarte at 234-2630.

Extra Pleasures to have meet June 20

"Extra Pleasures" organizational meeting will be at the library on June 20 at 1:30 p.m. Come and bring your ideas for future activities. Our first activity will be a day trip to Martha's Bloomies Garden Center in Navasota.

ELIMINATING SOFT DRINKS IN SCHOOL

In a recent policy statement, "Soft Drinks in Schools," the American Academy of Pediatrics recommended that school district consider restricting the sale of sugared soda and soft drinks to safeguard against health problems that result from the consumption of sweets by school-age children. Healthful alternatives include real fruit and vegetable juices, water, and low-fat plain or flavored milk.

The statement points out that sugared soda consumption has been associated with increased risk of obesity, currently a common childhood problem, cavities and possible tooth enamel erosion.

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Recipe

Calzone Alla Parmigiana Makes 4 Calzones

- 1 recipe pizza dough (see box)
- 2 eggplants, cubed
- 12 whole garlic cloves, peeled
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil, plus extra to glaze
- 6 1/2 ounces buffalo mozzarella or cow's milk mozzarella
- 5 ripe tomatoes, cubed
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 large, heavy baking sheets
- 2 rimless baking sheets

Put the baking sheets into the oven. Preheat the oven to 400 F for at least 30 minutes.

Uncover the dough, punch out the air, and divide into four balls. Dredge with flour and let rise on floured baking parchment for 20 minutes, until soft and puffy.

Meanwhile, toss the eggplant and garlic cloves with the olive oil in a roasting pan and roast for 20 minutes.

Lightly squeeze any excess moisture out of the mozzarella then cut it into cubes. Remove the roasting pan from the oven and let cool for 10 minutes before stirring in the tomatoes, mozzarella and basil. Season to taste.

Roll or pull the risen balls of dough into 8-inch circles directly onto two sheets of baking parchment. Slide these onto two rimless baking sheets.

Spread a quarter of the vegetable mixture on one half of each calzone, leaving just over 1/2 inch around the edge for sealing. Season well.

Fold the uncovered half of the dough over the filling. Pinch and twist the edges firmly together so that the filling doesn't escape during cooking. Brush with olive oil and sprinkle with Parmesan.

Working quickly, open the oven door and slide paper and calzone onto the hot baking sheets. Bake for 30 minutes, swapping the baking sheets around halfway or until the crust is puffed up and golden.

Remove from the oven and let stand 2 to 3 minutes before serving (this will allow the filling to cool slightly). Serve hot or warm.

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