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## Around New Territory



Thomas Nam Nguyen of BSA Troop 1115 recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America's highest honor. Troop 1115 is sponsored by Sugar Grove Church of Christ in Meadows Place. To earn Scouting's highest award, Thomas had to earn 21 merit badges, serve a leadership position in his troop, and plan and carry out a major community service project. For his Eagle Project, Thomas, with the help of his troop, designed and constructed three concrete benches that were placed in three different locations throughout New Territory. His benches are located near the lake in Stony Ridge, on the Ellis Creek Trail, and adjacent to Walker Station Elementary. Thomas has remained active with his troop for 7 years and has earned 32 merit badges and is a member of the Order of the Arrow (National Honor Society for Scouting), and has remained in a leadership position since January 2002.

Thomas, 17, is a senior at Stephen F. Austin High School. In addition to Boy Scouts, he plays the saxophone and is a section leader in the Stephen F. Austin marching band and is a member of the National Honor Society. Thomas is the son of Kelvin and Hanh Nguyen.



Keith T. Earley of New Territory Troop 616 recently earned the Eagle Scout Rank, Boy Scouts of America's highest honor. Keith, 15, is a sophomore at Austin High School where he plays trombone with the Bulldog Marching Band and is active with the Y.E.S. (Youth Expanding Service) program.

Keith began his trail to Eagle as a Tiger Cub with Pack 150 in Bartlesville, OK and earned Cub Scout's highest award, the Arrow of Light, as a member of New Territory Pack 616.

In four years as a Boy Scout, Keith has been elected to the Order of the Arrow and earned the Mile Swim Award. During the summer of 2007 Keith attended Camp Ben Djalour's Blkhorn High Adventure program in Red Feather Lakes, Colorado.

For his Eagle Leadership Project, Keith, with the help of his troop and leaders, marked storm drains in Houston for the SWIM (Sewer Water Inlet Marking) program to discourage dumping of toxic and yard wastes, which eventually flow untreated into Galveston Bay.

Keith is the son of Tom and Audrey Earley of Sugar Land.



Sartaria's cheerleaders show how they "build" spirit during a seventh-grade football game.



Claudia Picou helps the Sartaria Sweethearts dance team entertain at a recent football game.



### Scoutmaster Recognized For Achievements

Jim Szpakowski has served as an adult Scouter for over 10 years as an Assistant Cub Scout Den Leader, Cub Scout Den Leader, Pack Committee Member, Assistant Cubmaster, Assistant Webelos Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Chair, and Crew Advisor. Within Tomahawk District, Jim's service has included Publicity Chairman, Webmaster, and Training Team.

Jim is a recipient of the District Award of Merit, the W.D. Boyce Award, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, and Distinguished Commissioner Award.

Jim has been recognized for more than 8000 hours of community service with the President's Volunteer Service Lifetime Achievement Award and the President's Volunteer Service Gold Award. He has also earned the Service to America Award for service to our national parks. Jim's community service extends for over 20 years and includes food, clothing, and book drives to benefit local communities.