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Everyone is a winner in Special Olympics

The Area III Special Olympics Track and Field Meet had approximately 170 athletes competing in compliance with the motto "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." Janice Forteson of Columbus read the motto after the lighting of the torch. The games were held March 31, in Columbus.

The exciting day began at 9:30 a.m. with Rev. Melburn Sibley of the First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake giving the invocation. The flag was raised by the Columbus boy scouts and the Pledge of Allegiance was lead by the Columbus V.F.W. Colorado County Judge Lester Cranek read the proclamation.

Eleven events took place throughout the day. Between events, athletes enjoyed visiting with Coco the Clown, Judge Cranek and representative Robert Saunders. Saunders also issued ribbons to the winners.

No time was too slow, no distance too small to earn medals, ribbons, hugs and cheers from family members, volunteers and viewers, according to Linda Lipperdt, Eagle Lake head coach.

The goal was not to win, but to try. Special Olympics enables everyone to have the chance to win since competition is grouped not only by age and sex, but also by ability level.

The Raiders won a total of 14 first place ribbons, 16 second place ribbons, 9 third place ribbons and 6 participation ribbons. The Raiders also received the trophy for Best Team Spirit.

Eagle Lake Primary School Special Olympics winners are: Beth Lipperdt, 1st, 50 meter dash, 2nd, 200 yard shuttle, and 3rd, softball throw; Socorro Cano, 3rd, 200 yard shuttle, 3rd, softball throw, and 3rd, 50 meter dash; Lacretia Sima, 1st, softball throw, 2nd, 200 yard shuttle, and 3rd, frisbee throw; and Ricky Hemphill, 1st, softball throw, 2nd, 50 meter dash, 2nd, 200 yard shuttle, and 3rd, frisbee throw.

Winners from the Eagle Lake Middle School are: David Navarro, 1st, 200 yard shuttle, 3rd, 50 meter dash, 3rd, frisbee throw and 3rd, softball throw; Frederick Foster, 1st, 200 yard shuttle, 1st, 100 meter dash, 1st frisbee throw and 1st, softball throw; Bertha Tavera, 1st, 50 meter dash, 2nd, 200 yard shuttle, 2nd, softball throw and participation ribbon, frisbee throw; Marlin Tavera, 2nd, 50 meter dash, 2nd, 200 yard shuttle and 3rd, softball throw; Juan Tavera, 1st, 100 meter dash, 1st, 200 yard shuttle, 1st, softball throw and 2nd, frisbee throw; Sidney Lira, 2nd, 200 yard shuttle, participation frisbee throw and participation ribbon, 50 meter dash; Dwayne Lopez, 2nd, 200 yard shuttle, 2nd softball throw, 3rd, frisbee throw and participation ribbon, 50 meter dash; and Anthony Mitchell, 1st, 200 yard shuttle, 1st, 50 meter dash, 2nd, softball throw and 3rd, frisbee throw.

Eagle Lake athletes are special education students from the Rice school district. Assistant coaches were Ruby Darnell and Brenda Yell.

The following are winners from the Columbus Alternate Education Center, a division of the Columbus school district: Arnold Parker, 3rd, softball throw and participation ribbon frisbee throw; Denise Newsome, 1st, 50 meter dash, 3rd softball throw, and participation ribbon frisbee throw; and Larry Tillman, 1st, 100 meter dash, 1st; standing long jump, and 3rd, frisbee throw.

Absent from the competition were Paul Ashton and Julee McInteer. Head coach was Judy Pustejovsky. Assistant coaches were Sandy Neuendorff and John Kearney.

From the Waldovogel Opportunity Center in Columbus, winners are: Roosevelt Sheppard, 1st, 25 meter wheelchair dash, 1st, softball throw, and participation ribbon, frisbee throw; Rosie Wilson, 1st, 100 meter dash, 1st, softball throw, and participation ribbon, frisbee throw; Jorge Ruez, 3rd, frisbee throw, 1st, softball throw, with the longest distance of 53 meters, and participation ribbon, 100 meter dash; and Janice Forteson, 3rd, frisbee throw, and 1st, standing long jump.

Additional winners include Pandora Denley, 2nd, softball throw, and participation ribbon, frisbee throw; Laura Henry, 3rd, frisbee throw, and participation ribbon, softball throw; and Olga Coch, 1st, softball throw, and participation ribbon, frisbee throw.

The Waldvogel Opportunity Center is an adult workshop for the mentaly handicapped. Jeannine Lowery coached the team. She was assisted by Fritzie Kulhanek, Vunnel Sanford and Inez Finly.

The day's activities came to a close with Linda Lippert thanking volunteers and all of those who helped make the program a success. A friendship circle was formed around the football field and "good byes" were exchanged.

Eleven counties participated in the Colorado County Special Olympics. The competition will be held again in Columbus next year.

The release of balloons mark the end of the opening ceremonies for the Special Olympics in Columbus.

Jorje Ruiz was one of four torch bearers to help open the games. The others were Beth Lipperdt, Dewayne Lopez, and Denise Newsom.

Roosevelt Sheppard smiles warmly just after he won first place in the 25 meter wheelchair dash. With Sheppard is Tommy Pilkington of Eagle Lake.

There were many Eagle Lake volunteers helping the olympics run smoothly. They were just as thrilled as the participants, who relished crossing the finish line, and, right, making new friends.

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Student council meets with personnel from Blood Center

By: Roxanne Ripper

On Wednesday, April 3, members of the Rice High School Student Council met in the meeting room during sixth period to listen to a program given by Ms. Patty Preice, a representative from the Blood Center.

Ms. Preice informed the council of the requirements to be a blood donor. The blood drive will be open to faculty members, students eighteen years of age, and students seventeen years of age with a signature form with their parents or a guardian granting permission.

The blood drive has been scheduled for April 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Rice High School Student Council encourages faculty members and eligible students to donate blood.

I, senior, do bequeath...

By: Cheryl Ross

Sheryl Hemphill: I would like to will my desk to Janice Hemphill, my government book to Valerie King, my basketball number to Debra Stovall, and my tennis shoes to Bertie Garcia. I would also like to give my locker to Traveny Davis. I hope you all will appreciate what you receive.

Anita Leal: I, Anita Leal, will my government book and my locker to my sister, Cynthia Leal. May they bring you better luck than they did me. Good luck in '85.

Julia Rosprim: I, Julia Rosprim, will my brains to Melinda Stiles, so she won't have to study so hard to pass her classes. I reserve the right to take back my brains if I start flunking out of college.

Roland Soto: I, Roland Soto, being of sound mind and stuff like that, do leave all of my rude remarks and funny sayings to Jason Krenek, because his aren't as funny as mine. (Ha! Ha!)

UIL debate

By: Raider Review Staff

Three Rice debate teams participated in the U.I.L. meet. They were: Team A, Brian Thomson and Melissa Wilcox; Team B, Cathy Lanyon and Freddie Hernandez; Team C, Michael Sibley and Edward Perry.

All teams participated in the first round when Team C was eliminated. Team B progressed to the quarter finals and was eliminated whereas Team C progressed to the finals and placed fourth.

Ms. Barbara Allen was the sponsor of this event, and is active in other speech events also.

Death row: Is justice behind bars

An editorial by Cathy Lanyon

Americans across the nation have probably watched the news intently to witness death row inmates being escorted to their deaths or death chamber. And if you are like the average American, you probably relished the idea of "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." But maybe someday you will come to a rude awakening while a lethal drug is being administered to a convicted criminal whose life is slowly drifting away minute by minute.

I, too, was once a spectator who relished the idea of capital punishment. However, I soon began to realize the sugar-coated, biased opinion the media presented, and thus I questioned our present judicial institution. Why must we kill? What do we accomplish? Clearly, no moral justification for the death penalty exists, and there are no easy answers to this pending situation.

Presently, there are 1202 men and 13 women waiting on death row in 33 state and military prisons. From this it is possible that innocent lives may be lost. Statistically, it is proven. Why endanger innocent lives with capital punishment when criminals can instead be housed? Economically, we save money in that the number of appeals entering the courts outweigh the cost of housing.

In addition to the faltering judicial system, the number of appeals filed on capital cases is loglamming the system. Over half of the cases reviewed by the Supreme Court are appeals. Ronald Clark "Candy Man" O'Brian took advantage of this appeals gap in the system and was successful in receiving a stay of execution by an appeal before his actual execution on March 31. And as a reaction of the massive overloading of the courts, justice is being hampered. In an interview with Chief Justice Warren Burger (U.S. News and World Report), he stated that "...in the 1961 term which ended last July (1982), there were 5,311 cases on the docket and we wrote 141 signed opinions — more than double the number of such opinions in my first year. If the increase continues at the current rate, within 14 years we will likely have 7,000 to 9,000 cases a year on the docket. No nine people in the world can handle that many cases and handle them properly."

The abolishment of the death penalty would be advantageous in several areas: it would reduce the possibility of innocents being killed, eliminate the controversial subject of state-inflicted death, and would save on the expense of appeals overloading the court docket. I will also go one step further by suggesting that if the death penalty remains, the number of appeals should be limited to three. This would then reduce the appeals case docket by one-half and thus bring about higher quality judgements.

In closing, unless the judiciary can more efficiently handle capital cases, it should be abolished altogether. If capital punishment is abolished, the courts will be less crowded and many arguments concerning the controversial subject will subside. Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark state it best in his novel, "Crime in America":

"[illegible] and in so doing create in the hearts of our people a love for mankind that will finally stifl violence. A humane and generous concern for every individual, for his safety, his health and his fulfillment, will do more to soothe the savage heart than the fear of state-inflicted death, which chiefly serves to remind us how close we remain in the jungle. So long as government takes the life of its citizens, the mandate "Thou shalt not kill" will never have the force of the absolute. Our greatest need is reverence for life — mere life — life as an end in itself."

FHA meets

By: Vicky Hernandez

On Wednesday, March 28, during third period in the meeting room, the Rice chapter of the Future Homemakers of America held their last meeting of the school year. President Billy Harrison led the opening ceremony and called the meeting to order.

Sharri Webb, vice president, then introduced their guest speakers. Mrs. Farris, advisor for the Columbus chapter, challenged members to become more involved on the area and state levels. Trish Canik presented the illustrated presentation that will be in competition at the state meeting. Camille Hunt, 1984-85 Area III President, then told the group what her leadership role meant and of the opportunities open to all members.

School Menu

Thursday, April 12: fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, English peas, applesauce, hot rolls.

Friday, April 13: figh nuggets, macaroni and cheese, black eye peas, fruited jello, hot rolls.

Monday, April 16: Cajun creation, buttered broccoli, finger salad, apple cobbler, cornbread.

Tuesday, April 17: meat and cheese pizza, vegetarian beans, fruit salad, carter cookies.

Wednesday, April 18: chili dog, oven fries/catsup, tossed salad, lunchroom doughnuts.

Thursday, April 19: turkey roast/dressing/gravy, green beans, Easter dessert, hot rolls.

Friday, April 20 and Monday, April 23: Easter holiday.

Who's zat?

By: Debbie Wilson

Can you guess who this adorable little youngster is with the big brown eyes, the candid smile, and the lacy socks? Well, this little person stumped a few people, and even had one person up in the air, and guessed it totally wrong. The wrong guessers are the following: Jeff Argo guessed it to be Michael Davis, Cathy Lanyon guessed it to be Nelson Dabney, LaDonna Dancy guessed it to be Ron McGrew, and John Adkins guessed it to be Rodney Williams.

The guesser that guessed way off the wall was Roxanne Ripper who guessed it to be Machelle Milligan.

The correct guessers were: Stacey Holden, Billy Cook, Cheryl Hemphill and Linda Korenek. They all guessed that this cutie was none other than Mel Pratt. Mel is a senior and is very athletic. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pratt of Garwood.

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