



# RICE CISD AWARDS



## Local students included in The National Dean's List

Students from our area are among the approximately 254,000 students included in the 27th Annual Edition of The National Dean's List 2003-2004.

The National Dean's List, published by Educational Communications, Inc., in Austin, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving college students.

Students are selected for this honor by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10% of their class, on their school's "Dean's List" or have earned a comparable honor.

Listed students are eligible to compete for \$50,000 in scholarship awards funded by the publisher, and may also use a referral service for future employment opportunities. More than

2,500 colleges and universities nationwide use the publication to recognize their academically qualified students.

To learn more about The National Dean's List visit [www.thenational-deanslist.com](http://www.thenational-deanslist.com).

Local students selected include:

**from Eagle Lake:** Jessica Allmond, Texas State University (TSU); Rebal Canaris, Houston Baptist University; Jordan Konesheck, Wharton County Jr. College (WCJC); Christopher Rodriguez, University of Texas at Austin (UTA); **Garwood:** Lori Smith, Blinn College (BC); **Columbus:** Denise Arabalo, UTA; Candice Blascke, Texas A&M; Lakeisha Brown, TSU; Deborah Charles, BC; Ryan Darr, BC; Alycha Garcia, University of Houston at Victoria; Amy Girndt, BC; Michael

Gonzalez, UTA; Andrew Koch, TSU; Patricia Koch, University of Houston (U of H); Terri Kouba, Sam Houston State University (SHSU); Amanda Potter, Texas A&M; Brian Potter, Texas A&M; Richanne Waddle, McNeese State University; Jessica Wysocki, WCJC; Joseph Zatopek, University of Texas at San Antonio; **Alleyton:** Jeff Klaus, U of H; **Cat Spring:** Marylee Barclay, Stephen F. Austin State University; Andrew Glueck, Texas A&M; Sean Horton, BC; Phyllis Sams, Sul Ross State University; Philip Truchard, BC; **East Bernard:** Kevin Baranowski, BC; **Russell Bohacek,** Texas A&M; **Kristina Gryparis,** U of H; **Ann Heimann,** WCJC; **Leslie King,** UTA; **Amanda Kuban,** SHSU; **Michelle Oliver,** St. Mary's University.

# SPORTS

## JH ladies starts basketball season

The Rice Junior High Lady Raiders started their basketball season this week against Navasota. The girls have been working hard trying to learn the game. They traveled to Navasota on Thursday, Nov. 18. Navasota defeated the 8th grade girls and the 7th grade 'A' & 'B' teams. The girls played a hard game and are now ready to play Columbus on Monday, Nov. 22 in Sheridan and then will travel to Hempstead on Dec. 2. If you are interested in supporting our junior high Lady Raiders you can log on to the school website to find a schedule of the games.

## Five County Olympians bowl for gold in Austin

By Judy Pustejovsky

Five County Olympians participated in the Special Olympics Area bowling tournament in Austin recently. A total of 875 athletes representing 34 teams competed in either singles, doubles, or team events over a course of three days. Athletes were heated by age, sex, and ability for this competition.

Representing the Rice Raider team was Roman Herek of Eagle Lake. He earned a bronze medal.

The Colorado County Champs Team was represented by Jessica Burris, Angela Duet, Beth Lipperdt, all of Columbus, and Clifford Miller of Eagle Lake. Burris claimed a sil-

ver medal while the doubles team consisting of Duet and Lipperdt won gold medals. Miller, bowling his best in memory of his younger brother, J.L. (Jerry) Miller, brought home a gold medal.

Cheering these athletes on were Lori Sanchez of El Campo, Leah Cornett, Linda Lipperdt and Judy Sheridan all of Columbus, Eric Guthrie, Lisa Tise, Gary Tise, Molly Valdez all of Eagle Lake, Allyne Sillavan of Houston and Judy Pustejovsky of Altair.

The tournament was hosted by AMF Bowling Lanes of Austin.

## Thanksgiving gives students a reason to be Thankful

By Kelly Konesheck

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and RHS students are desperately ready for their week-long break. But besides getting a full week to sleep late, they're all thankful for many other things and will be doing much more than watching TV all day.

Many kids aren't going too far to enjoy their feast. Kali Hammermill and Bryan Rodriguez are going to go to their grandma's houses to spend Thanksgiving with their families. Daniel Posada and Oscar Hercules are spending the holiday quietly at their own homes. Others, however, are skipping town. Or, in the case of Tyler

Kloss, skipping the entire country as he will be lying on the beaches of Cozumel, Mexico.

After a week of sadness, everyone has something to be thankful for. As Emerson Dawson said, "I am thankful for my loving family and that I live another day." Clayton Bowen is thankful for the experiences that he's gone through and the friends and family that he's close to. Of course, Miguel Arellano is thankful for, "...having Mrs. Grigar as a teacher. I get to see her every day."

So what, exactly, is everyone's favorite thing about Thanksgiving? To

sum up everyone's answer, in the words of Kandi Gertson, "I love spending time with family... and food!"

## Newsbriefs

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Texas Czech homes on the front and back covers, the calendars will have another collection of vintage photographs depicting the lifestyle of Texas Czechs. In addition, there will be information on given names; Czech customs, recipes, including how to make sausage; Czech idioms, and the dates of festivals, events and meetings in the Czech communities around the state. To order calendars, contact the TCHCC, P.O. Box 6, La Grange, TX 78945-0006, or call toll free at 888-785-4500.

## Hair sheep producers

The Texas Hair Sheep Association is in need of sheep skins now. The Texas Hair Sheep Association is planning on having a promotional program for the association and is in need of skins to help with this educational event. If you or interested in helping with this promotional opportunity the association will help you with this. If you or interested in this opportunity you can contact Angie Davidson, Secretary of the Texas Hair Sheep Association at 325-378-2811 or 325-378-4027. Or contact your office your office of the Texas Cooperative Extension.

## RHS yearbook staff taking orders

The Rice High School yearbook staff is currently taking orders for the 2005 yearbook. The price is \$40 with a deposit of \$20 now and \$20 due upon delivery. However, students who pay in full when placing their order will receive a discounted price of \$36. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. The only way to guarantee receipt of a book is by ordering in advance. Extra copies will not be ordered. Contact advisor Melody Grigar, editor Lindsey Thomas or business manager Jessica Escobar for further information or questions.

## Second Nature Tourism Business Development Seminar to be held in Eagle Lake

Are you interested in starting a nature tourism business to generate some additional income from your land? Do you want to know who you need to speak to regarding small business financing? Want to learn how to write a business plan for a new business? Worried about the liability issues for your land? The answers to these questions and more will be offered at a seminar in Eagle Lake, on Dec. 8, at the historic Farris Hotel just off the square at FM 102 and McCarty.

The goal of the seminar series is to help area landowners find ways to diversify their agriculture operation

and provide potential new revenue sources. The Dec. seminar will be led by experts in helpful topics such as liability issues for land owners, developing a tourism business, writing a business plan, business financing options and presentations by area nature tourism business owners. The seminar will run from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. with registration beginning at 8:30. The daylong presentation will focus on the nuts and bolts of starting a nature tourism business. The 3-part series is designed to allow individuals who are interested in starting their own business as well as those looking

to improve and grow their enterprise the opportunity to hear from industry experts and success stories from other areas of Texas.

A \$49 fee will cover the cost of the seminar, all hand-outs and a lunch. To register for the December 8th seminar or for more information on these seminars, please contact: The Texas Leadership Institute at: 1-800-776-5272, ex. 3399, The Eagle Lake Main Street office at: (979) 758-4103, or

Loy Sneary, consultant to TLI at, (979) 240-3512.

This seminar is co-sponsored by: The Texas Leadership Institute, LCRCA, Texas Cooperative Extension, San Bernard Electric, The County of Austin, The Chambers of Commerce of: Austin, Colorado, Fayette, Ft. Bend, Washington, Waller, and Wharton Counties, and Main Street-Eagle Lake.

## Wal-Mart

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if you're simply more comfy shopping in your pajamas, you can log onto [www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com) for a wide selection of popular toys, electronics, apparel and items for your home that can be shipped right to your door.

And a one-stop-shopping location such as a Wal-Mart Supercenter can help get a variety of errands checked off "to-do" lists at one time like rotating tires for holiday traveling, picking up film, getting a prescription filled, getting groceries, items for your home entertaining and even gifts for your pets. By getting all of these things done in one stop, you have more time to spend with family and friends...which is what the holidays are all about.

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., operates

Wal-Mart Stores, Supercenters, Neighborhood Markets and SAM'S CLUBS in the United States. Internationally, the company operates in Puerto Rico, Canada, China, Mexico, Brazil, Germany, United Kingdom, Argentina and South Korea. The company's securities are listed on the New York and Pacific stock exchanges under the symbol WMT. Last year, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., contributed more than \$150 million to support communities and local non-profit organizations. Customers and associates raised an additional \$70 million at stores and clubs.

## BSE Results

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expected back from NVSL within the next 4 to 7 days. If the test comes back positive for BSE, we will provide additional information about the animal and its origin.

"USDA remains confident in the safety of the U.S. beef supply. Our ban on specified risk materials from the human food chain provides the protection to public health, should another case of BSE ever be detected in the United States. "Screening tests are often used in both human and animal health and inconclusives are not unexpected. These tests cast a very wide net and many end up negative during further testing. "And some subset of these animals may even turn out to be positive for BSE. While none of us wants to see that happen, that is not unexpected either. Our surveillance program is designed to test as many animals as we can in the populations that are considered to be at high risk for BSE. "Additional measures to strengthen public health safeguards include the longstanding ban on imports of live cattle, other ruminants, and most ruminant products from high-risk countries; FDA's 1997 prohibition on the use of most mammalian protein in cattle feed; an aggressive surveillance program that has been in place for more than a decade; the banning of non-ambulatory cattle from the human food chain; the process control program for establishments using advanced meat recovery (AMR) systems; prohibiting the air-injection stunning of cattle; and, if an animal presented for slaughter is sampled for BSE, holding the carcass until the test results have been confirmed negative.

**El Campo's 17th Annual CHRISTMAS MALL**

Sponsored by the  
**El Campo Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture**  
201 E. Jackson St., 979-543-2713

**Saturday, Dec. 4**  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., El Campo Civic Center

**Sunday, Dec. 5**  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m., El Campo Civic Center

\*100 Booths with Arts & Crafts  
\*Food Available in Food Court in Dusion Room  
Admission: Adults, \$2; Children 12-5; \$1; Under school age, FREE  
\*Entertainment  
\*Door Prize Drawings Every Hour!

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| <p><b>Pictures with Santa</b><br/>Available at Museum<br/><b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b><br/>1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Lighted Christmas Parade</b><br/>Theme "Celebrating 100 years of El Campo's Christmas"<br/><b>Dec. 2nd, 7 p.m.</b><br/>Downtown El Campo</p> |
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Len Carson Jr.**

**November 26th**

From your Family Far & Near  
Clara, Xavier, Katina, Xianna (New Granddaughter), Michael, Viva, Bessie, Buddy, Genie, Ms. Kitty, Tyson, Suede, Star & the Carr Family

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Albert (Father), Mama Lois & Brandy**

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