

2006 Sports Awards Banquet



Above are the football award winners. From left to right, Coach Bad Dumont, Derrick Frazier-Defensive Lineman of the Year, Curtis Williams-Offensive lineman of the Year, Robert Salinas-Defensive Most Valuable Player, Taylor Cook-Most Outstanding Back, and Robert Johnson-Most Valuable Player..



2005 Football captains from left to right, Zack Perry, Coach Brad Dumont, Curtis Williams, Robert Salinas, Hunter Smith and Jeremy Hill.



Pictured above are the volleyball award winners. From left to right, Morgan Dumont and Kashonda Tillman, co-defensive MVPs, Coach Desiree Blaschke, Ashley Banks and Kristen Danklefs, co-MVPs.

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also clear that any program should be part of a program that youth already accept and attending willingly. Focused help in core academic areas should be implemented in Sept 2006. We also suggest that Natl. Honor Society students consider that being part of a mentoring program to help Junior High and Elementary youth.

2) High School age young adults continue to fear that they will not be adequately trained or prepared for the workplace. Solution: Comprehensive personality & career option assessments should be offered to each junior and senior attending Rice High School. These assessments are already assembled and available at the Lighthouse. A moderate amount of funding (\$250/student) for these assessments should be made available as the overall value exceeds \$1,000/student. In addition, a hands on practical skills training facility should be established in Eagle Lake for Junior High & local high school students by this Fall 2006. This will be an opportunity for local men of good character to step up and train younger men in practical skills.

3) Too many youth are being left behind in terms of health and wellness screening. Solution - Wellness screening programs, annual Medicare physical exams and annual complete blood test records should be planned and offered to every child over age ten in this community. The importance of the school nursing program should be elevated and better funded. In addition, community service organizations should better coordinate, support and take advantage of Rice Medical Center's Annual Health Week and the Lighthouse's ongoing health assessments.

Next Steps:

1) Better Local School & Lighthouse Coordination - After visiting the Lighthouse, District Congressman Ruben Hinojosa suggested it would be beneficial for the Lighthouse to work much more closely with Eagle Lake's Primary and Middle School administration and teachers. We agree and offer to meet at anytime with administration and school board leaders to see where we can help.

2) Computer and Mentor based educational support programs will be offered starting in Sept. 2006 in reading, writing, math and science.

3) A character based comprehensive youth development program will be offered to all youth.

4) Rice High School - the Lighthouse has the capacity to offer any Rice High School student a comprehensive self assessment program rarely made available in any high school environment. This program can dramatically help any graduating student better focus their talents in continued educational or career development. This program is available for any junior or senior attending Rice High School.

5) Completion of Art House make ready with further supplies, etc.

6) Skills Training Facility needs to be identified and established.

Local Youth Statistics: Reported by Tx. Education Agency, Spring 2005.

Hundreds of at risk children from three schools:

Totals- Eagle Lake Primary (3 - 5 grade) -192 students,

Eagle Lake Middle School (6 - 8 grade)-162 students

Rice Consolidated High School (9 - 12 grade)-368 students

Total -722 students

Cultural Mix: 65% Hispanic. 30% African American. 5% Anglo.

Special Thanks to the Community: Good Things Happen Because of Good People.

Active volunteers: Mary Gordon, Erma Gordon, Jim & Sharon Kana, Larry Dulany, Judith Johnson, Pat Joyce, Linda Ferguson, Dr. Lynn Borstein, Ardie and Walt Nelson, Candy & Joe Herbert McCreary.

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John Gertson & Community Lenten Luncheon, E.L. Masonic Lodge, Mrs. Fred Frnka, Mrs. Elfie Thomas, Mrs. Fair Wells, Mrs. Anna Lee Higgins, Vic Scott, Margo Harrison, Sharon Wegenhoft, Jimmy Grounds, Fred Cantu and others.

Conclusion: A long term cycle of 'hand outs' can and will be broken by giving the youth of this community a helping 'hand up'. This cycle can be broken if the entire community, its service organizations, businesses and caring individuals continue to work closely together to prioritize and coordinate resources.

All of us reading this newspaper grew up believing that any child in E.L. willing to seek a better future should be able to find it. We all still believe this and can help make this a reality if we work together. Hope is truly within reach. Much has been done but much of substance remains to be done. Eagle Lake's children can be transformed and have a better future and, by so doing, Eagle Lake as a high quality of life community can be transformed.

A full copy of this Report is available at the Wintermann Library or via email request.

Once again we offer our sincere thanks to the community. It is a privilege to serve with you.

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(Footnotes)

¹ See Exhibit A - Economic Scorecard, Eagle Lake, Tx., See also www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html, See also www.census.gov/census2000/states/tx.html

² See Exhibit B - City of Eagle Lake: Quality of Life Scorecard.

³ Complete List of Participating Community Service Organizations available upon request.

⁴ 17 surrounding community Junior High TAKS results are compared and available upon request. See also Texas Education Agency web site for further specific reported results.

⁵ 17 Surrounding community Junior High and Elementary TAKS results as a comparison are available upon request.

Rice CISD To Sponsor Food Program

The Rice CISD announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program to be held Monday thru

Thursday, June 12, 2006 thru June 22, 2006 at Eagle Lake Elementary School, 701 Tate St., Eagle Lake, TX.

Breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Students who are eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, political belief, or religion. Any person, who believes that he or she has been discriminated against based on religion or political belief,

should immediately contact the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Civil Rights Office, P.O. Box 13247, Austin, TX 78711.

All other discrimination complaints should be referred to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call 202-720-5964 (voice and TDD).

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Gator Swim Team Gears Up For 2006

The Gator Swim Team is practicing hard and getting in shape for their first swim meet, which will be held next Saturday in Rosenberg.

The Gators are in the Coastal Cities Aquatic Association and compete against Alvin, Bay City, El Campo, Freeport, Lake Jackson, Richmond/Rosenberg, West of the Brazos, Wharton and Texas City.

The 2005 season was a great success resulting in several swimmers competing all the way to State. They are looking forward to another exciting and successful season. This year the Gators have 38 swimmers on the team including quite a few new faces.

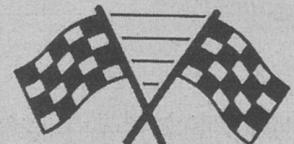
The Eagle Lake Gators would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all their sponsors for making this all possible.

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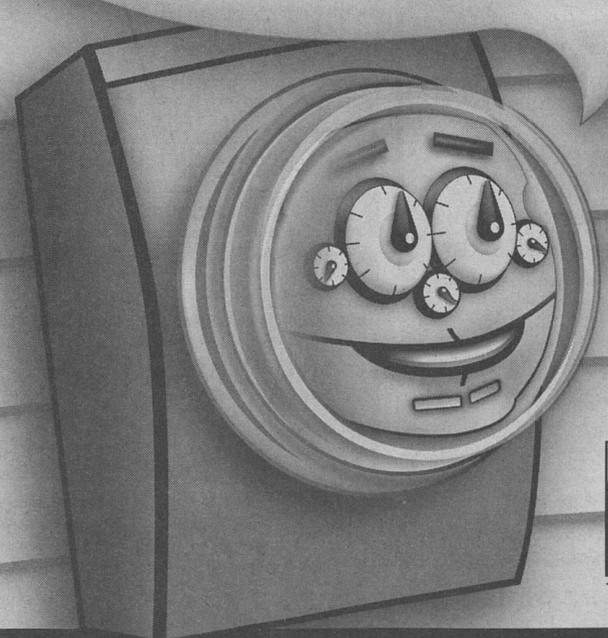
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