



Pictured above are students from Rice CISD that participated in the Special Olympics meet in Columbus. Front, from left; Mya Ruiz, Jaayla Spates, Ryan Zickuhr, Mylik Edwards, and Sierra Ruiz. Back, from left; Lee Fields, Mrs. Sherry Fruge', Nathan Cranek.

Locals Participate In Special Olympics

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On Friday March 23 Special Olympics Invitational Track and Field events were held at Columbus High School near the Marley Giddens Center.

There were 31 participants total.

Garwood and Eagle Lake joined forces to compete with La Grange ISD, Colorado County Champs and Columbus ISD.

Rice CISD Coach Judy Pustejovsky, Eagle Lake Elementary School (ELES) Special Education Teacher Sherry Fruge', ELES aides Delores Mason, Gina Sims, and Linda Tillman, Garwood Special Education teacher Richard Nava,

Garwood aides Vickie Kelley, Gloria Hemphill and Molly Valdez, CHS Special Education teacher Christine Feehery, Parent Linda Lippert, CHS head volleyball

coach Rhonda Magness, CHS National Honor Society students, HOSA students and many other volunteers were in attendance to help keep everything running smoothly. CISD Superintendent Randy Hoyer proudly awarded the medals.

Here are the medal winners from Rice ISD alphabetically by school. Representing ELES Nathan Cranek won gold in the 100 M dash and gold in the shot-put. Mylik Edwards won gold in the 25 M dash and silver in the boys tennis ball throw.

Lee Fields won silver in the 50 M dash and silver in the shot-put. Mya Ruiz won silver in the girls tennis ball throw and silver in the 25 M wheelchair race. Sierra Ruiz won gold in the 25 M motorized wheelchair race, bronze in the girls tennis ball throw and bronze in the 10 M walker race.

Jaayla Spates won gold in the girls tennis ball throw and bronze

in the 50 M dash. Ryan Zickuhr won gold in the boys tennis ball throw and bronze in the 50 M dash. Representing Eagle Lake Junior High Roman Herek won bronze in the 25 M wheelchair race and bronze in the softball throw.

Representing Garwood Elementary Ryan Casper won bronze in the 100 M dash and silver in the softball throw. Braden Odom won silver in the 25 M dash and bronze in the tennis ball throw. Ricky Rodriguez won gold in the 25 M wheelchair race, silver in the walker race and gold in the softball throw.

Seth Salinas won bronze in the 25 M dash and bronze in the tennis ball throw.

We are proud of our Rice CISD students. Always remember the Special Olympics motto, "Let me win, but if I do not win let me be brave in the attempt". They are not just brave but truly winners in the race of life.

EAGLE LAKE WEATHER REPORT

Information Courtesy of Texas A&M University System
Agricultural Research and Experiment Station, Eagle Lake

Date	Temp (H/L)	Rainfall(in.)
Mon. 4-02-07	82/66	0.01
Tue. 4-03-07	84/67	0.00
Wed. 4-04-07	69/51	0.00
Thu. 4-05-07	70/50	0.00
Fri. 4-06-07	71/46	0.00
Sat. 4-07-07	46/35	0.79
Sun. 4-08-07	51/35	0.00

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Projects

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and approaches, \$256,000.

**Construction Projects
FY 2011 and Later**
Colorado, IH 10, at Colorado River East Relief, RR, etc., widen four bridges and approaches, \$990,000.

Colorado, IH 10, at Colorado River and SH 71, widen bridges and approaches, \$1.9 million.

Colorado, US 90, at Colorado River Relief, widen bridges and approaches, \$1.3 million.

Colorado, US 90, at Colorado River Relief (3 bridges), widen bridges and approaches, \$2.1 million.

Election

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used to construct facilities in Altair for seventh and eighth grade students district-wide.

The deadline to register to vote in the May 12 election is April 12.

Voter registration cards will be accepted in person until 5 p.m. on the May 12 at the county tax office in Columbus.

Mail-in registrations must be postmarked no later than April 12.

Registration cards are available at numerous places including the Wintermann Library, the county courthouse, and driver's license offices.

For more information contact the county tax office at 979-732-2710.

**The Rock Island
Volunteer Fire
Department**

**Chicken and Sausage BBQ
(Drive Thru Only)**

**Will Be Held Sunday
April 15 At The Fire
Station In Rock Island
Serving Starts at 11 a.m.**

Plates Are \$7 Each

THE EAGLE LAKE LIONS CLUB

**WILL HOLD A BBQ CHICKEN
DINNER SUNDAY, APRIL 15
SERVING FROM 11:30 A.M.
TO 1 P.M. AT THE
EAGLE LAKE GOLF COURSE
PLATES ARE \$6 EACH**

NEWSBRIEFS

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President, Ernie Sommerlatte, 2nd Vice President, Becky Anderson, Treasurer and Margie Cason, Secretary.

City-Wide revival to be held

The Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a city-wide revival April 18-20 at 7 p.m. nightly. Rev. E.E. Thomas of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church of Sugar Land, will be the guest evangelist. Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Eagle Lake will be the host church. Come and hear ye the word of the Lord and be blessed. Rev. K. Wicks, president.

Elementary to hold registration

Eagle Lake Elementary School will hold pre-k and kindergarten registration Thursday, April 19 at 3:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. For more information call 979-234-3587.

Superintendent to speak on bond issue

Superintendent Michael Lanier has been invited to speak by the community of Altair on the school bond issue on Saturday, April 21 at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, Bowie and Columbus St. Everyone is invited to attend. A committee meeting will be held immediately following on plans for a Juneteenth Parade. For more information call 234-2315.

Auxiliary to host dinner April 22

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will host a chicken fried steak dinner on Sunday, April 22. Curb service only will be available at the Fire Station between 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. Tickets are \$7 each and are available at Golden Goose, First National Bank, Kim Jones or any Fire Department or Ladies Auxiliary member. All proceeds will benefit the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Please make plans to support our volunteers and also enjoy a delicious meal.

Gulf Coast Panhellenic Sorority Workshop

If you are a college-bound female, and are interested in becoming a member of a University Sorority, please join the Gulf Coast Panhellenic for their first annual Sorority Workshop on Saturday, April 21 at 10 a.m. The workshop will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Wharton (1717 Pioneer Street). This free event will include an educational forum on the most frequently asked questions about the sorority membership and the recruitment process. For additional information please call Kate Harrison at 282-9426 or Julie Aaronson at 532-5554.

Rice MedicalCenter to hold blood drive

Rice Medical Center (RMC) will be having their quarterly blood drive on Tuesday, April 24 from 3 to 7 p.m. The donor coach will be in the hospital visitor parking lot. All individuals who donate or attempt to donate at this drive will receive a scratch off ticket that includes numerous prizes-even watches and diamond jewelry from IW Marks, who has partnered with Gulf Coast Blood Center for April's "Diamonds for Donors" promotion. Contact Barbara Pidgeon at 234-5571, Ext. 5236 for an appointment. Walkins are always welcome.

Little League hamburger lunch April 29

The Eagle Lake Little League will hold a hamburger lunch, Sunday, April 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the little league field (drive thru only). The meal includes a homemade grilled hamburger, fixings, chips and dessert for \$5. Proceeds benefit Eagle Lake Little League. Tickets can be purchased from any player.

Crawfish Boil and Drawing

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus will be holding its annual All You Can Eat Crawfish Boil and Drawing on April 28. The Crawfish Boil will be held at the Parish of the Nativity Pavilion on S. Austin Rd. The gate will open at 3 p.m. and will serve crawfish from 4 to 8 p.m. Music will be provided until 9 p.m. The All You Can Eat Crawfish Tickets are \$20 a person. Proceeds to benefit local scholarships and charities.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

If you are a WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, or any other veteran of a foreign war, the Rice Area Memorial Post 8783 would like you to join our Post. Without you our organization can't continue to exist. Please call Len Matula Commander Post 8783 at 234-3947. (If you qualify the Post will pay your first year membership.)

Guns & Hoses

**Curly's Crazy Striped Outlaws
Relay for Life Team Invite You to a
Challenging Softball Tournament
between
Law Enforcement & Firefighters
Sunday, April 15 2 p.m.
Hill Memorial Park, Hwy. 90, Weimar**

All proceeds benefit American Cancer Society

Admission: \$5 Adults
Children 12 & Under \$1
Concession Stand Open with all
proceeds to American Cancer Society

Connect to Customer Choice

AS THE ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY that has been serving south and west Texas for over 90 years, AEP Texas knows a thing or two about energy conservation. While we no longer sell electricity or send out monthly electric bills, we recognize this is going to be a long, hot summer.

Since AEP Texas and its 1,700 employees are directly connected to the many communities we live in and serve, we'd like to share some information on how you can help manage your electric bills through active retail choice and where you can go for additional help if need be.

One of the best ways to lower higher electric bills is to shop around for a less expensive retail electric provider (REP). Finding different offers can be done quickly and efficiently.

- 1) Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at www.powertochoose.org. If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- 2) Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

Need some help?

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at info@tdhca.state.tx.us or visiting one of the following websites.

TDHCA Utility Bill Help and Other Assistance
www.tdhca.state.tx.us/assist_energy.htm

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www.tdhca.state.tx.us/assist_repair.htm

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