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Pictured above are Gator swimmers who participated at the regional meet on Saturday. Seated, from left: Hunter Adkins, Ariel Quenneville, Victoria Alvarado, Emma Kelley, and Allyssa Young. Standing, from left: Cameron Marsalia, Hailey Ferguson, Maisyn Stancik, Logan Young, Taylor Alvarado. Not pictured: Trey and Diamond Cadriel, Arlesia Henderson, Kayla Mazzeo, Zach Derrard.

## Gators Swim At Regional Meet

On Saturday, July 14, the Eagle Lake Gators competed in Rosenberg at the Texas Amateur Athletic Association Regional Swim Meet.

The Gators competed against swim teams from all over the

Greater Houston area in hopes of qualifying to go all the way to State.

It was a long day and they had some tough competition against teams that train all year round.

The swimmers that placed 1st,

2nd and 3rd received medals and go on to the State Swim Meet at Cedar Park, Austin.

The swimmers that placed 4th thru 8th received ribbons.

Our successful State qualifier was Arlesia Henderson who came in third for her 25 yard Freestyle.

We want to congratulate all our wonderful swimmers and once again thank all our sponsors that made this swim season possible.

9-10, 50 yd. Freestyle: Diamond Cadriel, 8th.

8 & Under, 25 yd. Butterfly: Arlesia Henderson, 6th.

7-8, 25 yd. Free: Arlesia Henderson, 3rd.

9-10, 25 yd. Free: Diamond Cadriel, 6th.

8 & Under, 100 yd. Free Relay: Ariel Quenneville, Cameron Marsalia, Hailey Ferguson, Arlesia Henderson, 4th.

15-17, 50 yd. Backstroke: Victoria Alvarado, 8th.

## Sales Tax Holiday Aug. 17-19

Comptroller Susan Combs announced that the date for the annual sales tax holiday has changed from the first weekend of August to the third weekend of August.

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## Rice Board Issues Bonds

The Rice School District bond issue occurred on Monday, July 16 and about \$16.6 million was raised. The average interest rate for the bonds was 4.76 percent.

Financial advisors notified the district during their regular meeting Monday that due to its good credit and solid financial standings that the district would probably save up to \$3 million in interest over the life of the loan compared to estimates prior to the bond issuance.

Trustees expect to receive the money from the bond sale by August 23.

The money will earn about 5.25 percent interest until it is spent.

The board also passed a number of resolutions pertaining to the issuance of the bonds.

Trustees also discussed the sale of property in Columbus. After discussion, a bid of \$91,000 from Theut Glass was rejected. The property, which Weimar School District owns a share of, was appraised for about \$140,000. Superintendent Michael Lanier said that Weimar was in agreement that the offer was too low.

In other board action:

-Trustees approved meal prices for the coming school year. The board approved raising meal prices by 24 cents across the board.

-Trustees approved bids from food providers Blue Bell and Walker Produce for frozen snacks and produce/fruit respectively.

-Trustees also approved the Code of Conduct and Student Handbook for the coming school year.

-Trustees approved increasing prerequisites for pre algebra and algebra in the seventh and eighth grades. In order to take pre-algebra in the seventh grade the

student must make at least a 70 in sixth grade and a 77 on the state test. Eighth graders must make an 80 or above in pre-algebra and at least a 70 on the state test. Both classes require written parental consent to take the course.

-Trustees also changed passing requirements for grades 1-2. Currently, to pass a student must earn an average of 70 for all

subject areas and a grade of 70 or above in three of the following areas: language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. Now, to pass a student must earn a 70 average and a 70 in reading, language arts, mathematics, and social studies. Trustees indicate that the change was made to keep in line with no child left behind requirements.

## City Agrees To Firefighter Retirement Fund Contribution

The Eagle Lake City Council discussed again the subject of utility discounts for volunteer firefighters at their regular meeting July 10.

Recently council has been informed that utility discounts would be considered taxable income and that federal withholding would have to be taken on those so-called payments.

Council tabled action on the matter two times before coming to a decision on July 10.

City Manager Ron Holland said that after investigating, he was told that contributions to the retirement fund for the firefighters was not taxable and he recommended stopping the utility discount and putting that money into the retirement fund.

He said that the fire department was amicable to the proposal. He said that another positive of doing this is that volunteers who live outside the city would now receive the benefit since it is no longer tied to the utility bill.

In other council action:

-Council discussed plans for building a restroom and installing lights in E.H. Henry Park and were informed that the city might

not be able to get both grants that they were hoping to apply for. Councilwoman Jane Meldahl said that if the city got funding through one grant, that it would be unlikely to get funding for the other. The grants must be submitted by September 30 and council agreed to hold a committee meeting to discuss the matter further. The meeting was set for July 19 at 3 p.m. at city hall.

-Council approved hiring Olsen and Olsen to represent the city in a lawsuit over a property matter. Holland indicated that the firm specializes in municipal law.

## Fireworks On For Saturday

The Eagle Lake Fireworks Display has re-scheduled its annual show for Saturday night July 21 beginning at 9 p.m. on Calhoun Road.

The admission-free show will  
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## NEWSBRIEFS

### RMC Lobby renovations

Rice Medical Center (RMC) Employee Volunteers would like to announce that lobby renovations will begin soon. During this time the lobby will be closed, but there will be signage directing patrons to the new entrance. Everyone will be asked to use the 200 wing (Specialty Clinic) as the new entrance. We apologize for this inconvenience. No taxpayer monies will be used for this renovation, so if anyone would like to donate to the Volunteers to help with this cost, you may do so by sending it to the RMC Employee Volunteers, PO Box 277, Eagle Lake, TX 77434.

### RCISD Summer office hours announced

Rice CISD Administration summer office hours are as follows: Monday through Wednesday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday, closed. Regular office hours resume Monday, August 20, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### South Point Baptist Revival July 18-20

Come and share in a Revival of the spirit with South Point Missionary Baptist Church in the Vox Populi Community July 18-20 at 7:30 p.m. with host Pastor H.M. Long II; guest speaker Pastor T. Kuykendall of Mt. Sinai Evangelical Ministries. Institute speakers are on July 18 Pastor J.H. James of Northlake and Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, July 19 Pastor L.C. Robertson of Greater Union Missionary Baptist Church and on July 20 Minister M. Johnson Asst. minister of Greater Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church.

### CCHC to meet July 19

The Colorado County Historical Commission will meet Thursday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Colorado County Services Facility, 305 Radio Lane in Columbus. The program: "Great Comanche Raid of 1840" will be given by Joe Tom Davis. Hostesses will be Colleen Willrodt, Gene and Nancy Schobel, Otto and Joyce Loessin and John Mozisek. Please bring a covered dish meal.

### E.H. Henry to host reunion

E.H. Henry Alumni and ex-students will kick off their 13<sup>th</sup> reunion activities Friday night, July 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Sinai Evangelical Church with a style show and hat parade. Saturday's activities start at 10 a.m. at the Community Center. A banquet will be held at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Everyone is invited to participate or attend. Come on down we want to see all of you! For more information call Gloria Boutte at 979-234-2766 or Mary Gordon at 234-6532.

### Mt. Olive to hold worship, annual day

Greater Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church (GMOMB), 709 N. Lake St., Eagle Lake will hold a Mission Annual Workshop and Mission Annual Day. The workshop will be held July 21 at 9:30 a.m. The Mission Annual Day will be held July 22 at 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

### Fireworks to be held Saturday

It's back...The Eagle Lake Fireworks Display will be held Saturday, July 21 at 9 p.m. on Calhoun Road. For more information call 979-232-0233.

### City-Wide garage sale Saturday

The Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce will sponsor their City-Wide Garage Sale, Saturday, July 21. Plan to stop by each of their 25+ locations. The event will be held rain or shine. Maps will be provided at all locations.

### UMC Garwood to host group

The Lehrer Memorial United Methodist Church (UMC) in Garwood would like to invite the public to a service of praise and worship on July 22. David's Song, one of the most exciting groups emerging on the scene in southern gospel music, will be performing during the 9

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On Saturday, July 14 the Old Skool Organization started its First Annual H.E.A.R.T (Helping Elderly Attain Rewards Today) project. The first projected home was that of Ettie Brewer at 202 W. Davitt St. The Old Skool members coupled with volunteers and various kids throughout the community aided in completing our quest. The Brewer's Home received yard clean up which entailed: mowing, trimming, edging, and raking. We have selected five different sites here in Eagle Lake. We would like to thank Lake Lumber, all of our volunteers, and the City of Eagle Lake for their continued support. For more info you can email us at: OldSkool2007@sbcglobal.net.



The Knights of Columbus recently installed officers for the year. Front left to right: Kenneth Trochta-District Deputy, Michael Duarte-Grand Knight, Carlos Gonzales-Deputy Grand Knight, Randall Duarte-Recorder, Andy Harbich-Treasurer, Victor Espi-

nosa-Advocate, Albert Tomchesson-Chancellor. Back left to right: James Salinas-Inside Guard, David Romo-Outside Guard, Ray Sykowski-2 year Trustee, Kurt Sunderman-3 year Trustee, Gary Glaiser-1 year Trustee, Willie Moore-Financial Secretary.