



Pictured above are both some of the students enrolled in the Red Cross Swim Program and some of the gracious volunteers that assisted with the class instruction.

76 Complete Red Cross Swim Lessons

Seventy-three youth and three adults enrolled in the Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Program which, just completed its two-week session at the City Pool.

Students were able to participate in the unique six-level instructional program that began with water exploration and continued with the more advanced

level skills of refined strokes and diving.

Also, five students advanced their knowledge by participating in the Guard Start class.

This course not only offered the students a chance to improve their personal safety around water but, also ways to safely rescue

others.

Shannan Perez and Judy Pustejovsky, the local Red Cross Swim Instructors, appreciate the parents and students that came out to participate, and, a special thanks to all the volunteers that helped make the program a success!

Volunteers included: Victoria, Taylor, and Helen Alvarado, Brittnee Stevenson, Danielle, Machala, and Gabrielle Herrera, Paige Vandermark, Megan Contreras, Kesslie Perez, Megan Hosman, Katie Hassin, Rocky Torres, Allyssa Young, Kathy Pustejovsky, and Linda Sanchez.



The Rice Varsity Cheerleaders recently went to a cheerleading camp at The University of Texas (story on page 13). Pictured above, from left are: Kristyna Lobpries, April Pagel (Co-capt.), Katlyn Thomas (Captain), Tori Rathburn, Kari Beth Mahalitic, Kaydi Gold, Jessica Godley, Kacie Smith (Co-capt.), Falin Braden, and Kourtney Korenek.

Rice CISD TAKS Scores By Campus Percent Passing

| | Garwood | |
|----------------|---------|------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| Reading | 97% | 98% |
| Writing | 97% | 99% |
| Social Studies | 99% | 99% |
| Mathematics | 82% | 92% |
| Science | 94% | 75% |

| | High School | |
|----------------|-------------|------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| Reading | 96% | 93% |
| Writing | | |
| Social Studies | 89% | 88% |
| Mathematics | 77% | 60% |
| Science | 55% | 61% |

| | Sheridan | |
|----------------|----------|------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| Reading | 99% | 92% |
| Writing | 99% | 96% |
| Social Studies | 99% | 99% |
| Mathematics | 98% | 88% |
| Science | 93% | 69% |

| | Eagle Lake Elementary | |
|----------------|-----------------------|------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| Reading | 79% | 75% |
| Writing | 96% | 68% |
| Social Studies | | |
| Mathematics | 76% | 66% |
| Science | 47% | 39% |

| | Eagle Lake Junior High | |
|----------------|------------------------|------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| Reading | 80% | 68% |
| Writing | 84% | 73% |
| Social Studies | 80% | 64% |
| Mathematics | 50% | 48% |
| Science | | |

NEWSBRIEFS

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will receive their books on the first day of school.

Ole Skool Dance to be held August 25

Ole Skool Dance will be held August 25 at the Eagle Lake Community Center at 8 p.m. until 1 p.m. Presale tickets are \$10 and tickets at the door are \$15. Battle of the DJ's, food and plenty of dancing so put on your dancing shoes and let's have a good time. Sponsors are Ms. O. Batische of Hair So Silky, Ms. M. Lemons of Furniture Discount, Mr. R. Carroll of Shaky Juke Joint, Mr. C. Upton of Upton and Sons, Mr. J. Martin of Jake's Diesel, Ms. K. Davidson of You'Nique Hair Care, Mr. M. Black of The Place, and Mr. I. Collins of Mark IV. Call Ms. Marsha Thomas at 979-234-5807 or Ms. Ruby Johnson at 979-234-3567 for ticket information. All proceeds will go to "The Malcom Thomas Scholarship Foundation."

Time to order lamb and goat tags

Time is fast approaching for 4-Her's and FFA students to make decisions on how many ear tags they will need for the 2008 Texas 4-H/FFA Lamb Validation and Texas 4-H/FFA Goat Validation Programs for the major livestock shows. The tags will cost \$9 each. In order to get our orders in on time we ask that you please turn in your orders to the Extension Office by August 27. Tags must be paid for at the time of order.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

Four Lawsuits In District Court

Four lawsuits were filed in District Court in Colorado County in the past week.

On Aug. 3, Terrye Branson filed suit against John Mieth in a property dispute involving a 47-acre tract of land near Sheridan.

The suit claims that Mieth had blocked driveways to Branson's property, located off Isam Road, with round hay bales.

The suit seeks an injunction to allow Branson to use the property.

On Aug. 3, Dan and Danielle

Simpson filed suit against Lana Weaver in what the Simpsons say was a dispute over a contract to employ them.

Dan Simpson said he is owed \$4,435 in regular pay, \$6,300 for welding and \$3,500 for severance, \$2,000 in commissions and a \$1,000 for a horse breeding fee.

Danielle claims she is owed \$4,800 in hourly wages.

On Aug. 7, Members Choice Credit Union filed suit in a dispute with Ruth P. Kelley over payments for the purchase of a vehicle. The suit says \$15,586 is in dispute.

In a separate case on Aug. 7,

prosecutors filed suit, seeking forfeiture of a 2007 Corvette seized in the county on Aug. 6.

The suit says the vehicle was seized by Sheriff's Deputy John

Mieth on Aug. 6 and asked that it be forfeited as contraband.

The owner of the vehicle is listed as Seifert and Son Inc. and Mark Henry Seifert.

County Democratic Party Meeting Set For Aug. 16

The Colorado County Democratic Party will hold a meeting on Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Columbus RV Park and Campground meeting room at 1011 New World Dr. off Hwy 71 South.

Comments, ideas and remaining alternate precinct judges for the next elections will be

discussed.

Refreshments, coffee and tea will be provided.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a dessert to share with all attending.

For more information, contact Raul Martinez, Democratic county chair at 979-263-5354. If no answer, please leave a message.

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. 7-30-07 | 91/75 | 0.00 |
| Tue. 7-31-07 | 93/75 | 0.00 |
| Wed. 8-01-07 | 94/74 | 0.00 |
| Thu. 8-02-07 | 91/73 | 0.35 |
| Fri. 8-03-07 | 91/73 | 0.01 |
| Sat. 8-04-07 | 91/73 | 0.22 |
| Sun. 8-05-07 | 91/74 | 0.04 |

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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.

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

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