

## Grigar Promoted, Frnka Recognized

Joseph Grigar, currently stationed with the U.S. Navy in Oak Harbor, Washington, was promoted to Petty Officer 3rd Class on May 29, 2008. Joseph is trained as an Aviation Electrician and recently qualified as Plane Captain in training with the Navy Air Force.

Richard A. Frnka, a student at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida has been selected as a "Peter Pav Freshman Scholar" for outstanding academic per-

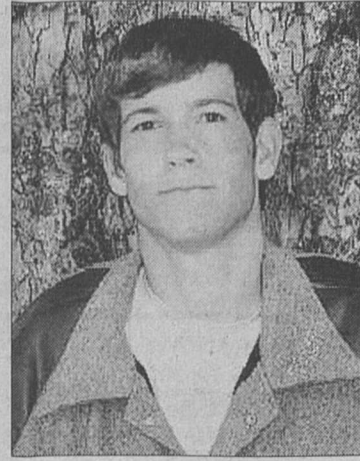
formance and citizenship at the school. Sixteen first year students were honored by the college's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Richard is majoring in Math, Physics and Computer Science.

Joseph is the son of J.J. and Janet Grigar of Lockhart, Texas. Richard is the son of Don and Rosemarie Frnka of Granbury, Texas.

Both are the grandsons of Fred R. and Eunice Frnka of Eagle Lake.



Joseph Grigar



Richard A. Frnka

## 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. 7-07-08	94/70	0.00
Tue. 7-08-08	93/72	0.14
Wed. 7-09-08	n/o	n/o
Thu. 7-10-08	94/72	0.18
Fri. 7-11-08	96/72	0.00
Sat. 7-12-08	96/71	0.00
Sun. 7-13-08	98/73	0.00

## Pace To Defend Junior Olympic Title

There will be no pomp and circumstance, no extravagant parade of the state flags, no media crazed final journey of the Olympic torch when Diamond Elaine Pace defends her title.

The only thing on display will be the true grit and tenacity of America's strongest kids; one of which is the granddaughter of Elm Grove residents Raphael and Elaine Harrison and the great granddaughter of the late Professor E. H. Henry.

She has no special flair, trademark or memorable quirks. When asked, "Who is Diamond Elaine Pace?" She quietly responds, "Just a girl, no different from any body else. I like corn, the color pink, The Cosby Show, Miley

Cyrus and Chris Brown." Yet this unassuming, fourteen year old, who describes herself as a "Christian" athlete will be returning to the Jr. Olympics to defend her title as the 2007 triple jump youth girls champion of the United States of America.

This return engagement was acquired this past 4th of July weekend at the District 6 qualifying meet where Pace competed against the top athletes from Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois.

When asked, "What makes a champion?" Pace pauses briefly then declares confidently. "A person who tries their best all the time." Her philosophy on winning? Pace says, "I only compete against myself. I only win if I've

done my best. If I jump 30 feet and get a medal and everyone else jumps 28 feet, the win means nothing. But if I jump 35 feet and every one else jumps 37 feet, I feel in my heart I am a winner, because I know that I was jumping my best."

When asked how she is able to keep from getting the big head about her awesome accomplishments. (She broke the Danville high school record in the triple jump with a jump of 35 feet one inch something she attained at the 2007 state track meet at the ripe old age of 13.)

Pace shares, "The triple jump is really nothing in the whole scheme of life. Sports are just something that you do, they don't define who you are. Besides if I tell my friends that I jumped 17 feet, and if I say it with enough enthusiasm, they will say, 'congratulations'. And if I tell them I only jumped a 37 (which I have yet to do) they will say, 'better luck next time'. Folks don't know much about the triple jump so it's hard to get the big head about something people know very little about."

Diamond Pace is looking forward to going to Michigan because she will then get to hook



Diamond Elaine Pace

up with athletes from all over the nation.

She was in awe last year when she actually got to compete and watch athletes from Wharton, Texas and Houston and Beaumont. "I got to see folks who just might know my grandmother and grandfather."

## Cooper Graduates A&M

Michael J. Cooper of Eagle Lake received a BS in Kinesiology from Stephen F. Austin State University during commencement exercises held Saturday May 10, in William R. Johnson Coliseum.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

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a Free dance from 4 to 8 p.m. with music by the Red Ravens.

### PTO to sponsor HB supper

The Eagle Lake Elementary School PTO will hold a brown bag hamburger supper on Thursday, August 21 at 5:30 p.m. in conjunction with Meet the Teacher Night. Tickets are \$5 each. All proceeds benefit the Eagle Lake Elementary School PTO.

### Fair catalogs now available

The Colorado County Fair's Creative Homemaking Department 2008 catalog is available. Catalogs may be picked up at the Silver Barn, Colorado County AgriLife Extension, Silly Stamper in Columbus, Hill Bank and Trust, The Collection and Weimar City Hall in Weimar, First National Bank in Eagle Lake, Sand Creek Drive In at Sandy Creek, Heinsohn's Country Store in Frelsburg, Schulz Grocery in New Ulm, Larry's Super Service in Garwood, and Nada Grocery in Nada. The catalog is online at [www.columbus.texas.org](http://www.columbus.texas.org) or [colorado-co.tamu.edu](http://colorado-co.tamu.edu) (newsletter tab). For more information call the Extension office at 979-732-2530 or Homemaking Department chairman Beverly Tuck at 732-7277.

### Class of 1988 to hold reunion

The Rice High School Class of 1988 has scheduled their reunion for Oct. 4. Please email Leslie Sunderman at [ricehighschoolclassof1988@yahoo.com](mailto:ricehighschoolclassof1988@yahoo.com) to give her your contact information. Help spread the word.

## Old Skool Looking For Yardwork Vols.

The Old Skool organization is looking for volunteers to do yard work as part of a community program designed to help the elderly care for their yards.

They will start on Saturday, July 19 in the 900 block of B Street. All are welcome to come lend a hand to help a neighbor.

## Eagle Lake Council

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Jamison also said that he had been in contact with Rice School District and that they would be able to handle the educational side.

He did note that a new provision in the way standardized testing figures are done, would mean that Rice would not have to include the scores from the juvenile facility in their overall measures. "The juvenile facility kids will not affect the scores for Rice," he said.

"I thank you for the effort, I know you have been working hard on this," Mayor Mike Morales told Jamison.

Council also discussed the annual report from Johnson Controls, but took no action.

A representative from the company, Pat Garner was on hand to answer questions.

Council questioned the accuracy of the report and asked that Gardner come back and address the council's questions at a future meeting.

He indicated that he would work on getting answers to their questions regarding the report.

In other council action:

-Council agreed to change a water bill for Linda Ferguson. Ferguson advised that she had been paying a commercial rate, despite having closed her retreat center business about two years ago. She said she did not realize she had been paying the higher rate, but asked council to do whatever they could. Council agreed to lower only her current water bill to the residential rate and also made sure that her status was changed for future billing.

-Council took no action on another water bill adjustment request, as the requestor was not present.

-Council discussed the demolition of condemned houses. Acting City Manager Sylvia Rucka advised that after sending out notices that they were going to demolish, one property owner began demolition on their own in order to avoid the lien. The other property that was slated for the wrecking ball is a habitat for humanity property, and they said that they would take care of it. "Those both seemed to have taken care of themselves," Rucka said.

She asked council for permission to proceed down the list of properties so that if something similar happens with others, she can just continue, without coming back to council. Council agreed that this was a good plan.

"It is good to see this happening," Morales said. "Hopefully these letters will keep working and people will step up on their own."

## Views

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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](http://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 to 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?

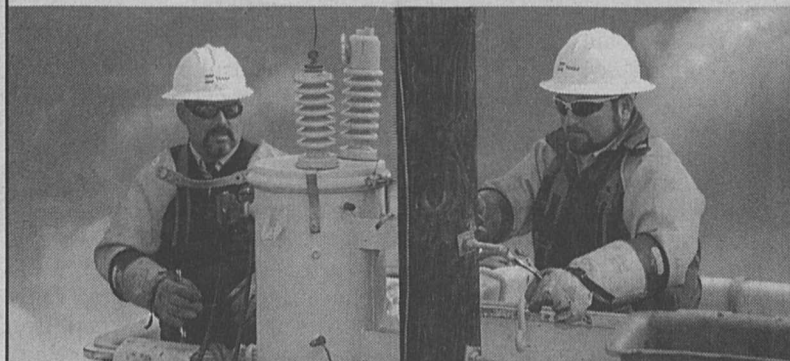
Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing 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](mailto:info@tdhca.state.tx.us) or visiting one of the following websites.

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