



**Ag Week Declared March 15-21**

Colorado County Judge Al Jamison signs a proclamation declaring March 15-21 "National Agriculture Week." Front, from left: Commissioner Darrell Gertson, Commissioner Tommy Hahn, Jamison, Commissioner Herbie Helmcamp and Commissioner Doug Wessels. Back: Jay Knight, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service; Janis Pfeffer, Texas AgriLife Extension Service; Ryan Schoeneberg, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; Dale Rankin, Texas AgriLife Extension Service; Brian Koch, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board Wharton Regional Office; Erin Young, Colorado County Farm Bureau and W.J. Kleimann, Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District. See story on page 7.

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**Little League opening day is April 4**

The Eagle Lake Little League will hold their Opening Day ceremonies on Saturday, April 4 at noon. Other activities get underway at 8 a.m. A silent auction will be held along with the day's events. If you would like to donate an auction item please call 979-234-3927.

**RMC golf classic is April 4**

The Rice Medical Center (RMC) Classic 12th Annual 4-player golf scramble will be held Saturday, April 4 at Eagle Lake Golf Course. Shot gun starts at 8 am and 1 pm. Entry fee \$200 per team, which includes meals and gift. Prizes for 1st - 3rd place teams, closest to hole, longest drive contest and hole in one prize. Entry deadline is March 27; contact Vicky or Shara at 234-5571 for information. Proceeds to benefit Rice Medical Foundation and RMC Employee Volunteers for hospital equipment and renovations.

**Special Olympics fundraiser on April 6!**

We need your support for the trip to Austin to the Area Track and Field meet on April 25. Drawing tickets with almost 30 chances to win! You could win big prizes such as V-Tech Nitro Bilingual Notebook, manicure and many restaurant and Wal-Mart gift certificates. There are 7 spring baskets with multiple prizes in each basket. Buy a book of 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. Get your ticket from an athlete: Lee Fields, Ryan Zickhur, Roman Herek, Ricky Rodriguez or Jaayla Spates. Drawings tickets also available from parents, volunteers and coaches: Becky Almanza, Lori and James Zickuhr, Angie Herek, Cathy and Guadalupe Rodriguez, Alana Johnson, Molly Valdez, Sherry Fruge' and Judy Pustejovsky. Donations were received from over 25 businesses and individuals. We appreciate your support as always.

**Head Start applications being taken**

If you have a child that will be 3 or 4 years-old by September 1, 2009 and you would like to enroll them in an Early Childhood development Program that is free to parents: You should call 512-303-7737 or 1-800-433-7570 for an application or visit our web site at ctfhs.org. Cen-Tex Family Services Head Start Program openings available in Giddings, La Grange, Smithville, Elgin, Eagle Lake, Columbus, Stoney Point and in collaboration with BISS at Bluebonnet, Cedar Creek, Lost Pines, Mina and Red Rock. Apply Soon! Slots fill up fast!

**Head Start aceptando aplicaciones**

Si usted tiene un niño que será 3 o 4 años de edad el 1 de septiembre de 2009 y le gustaría matricularlo en un Programa del Desarrollo Temprano de Ninez que es gratis a los padres: Usted debe llamar al 512-303-7737 o 1-800-433-7570 para una aplicación o visite nuestro sitio del web al ctfhs.org. Cen-Tex Family Services Head Start Program. Las aperturas son disponibles en Giddings, La Grange, Elgin, Smithville, Eagle Lake, Columbus, Stoney Point y en la colaboración con el Distrito Escolar de Bastrop en Bluebonnet, Cedar Creek, Lost Pines, Mina y Red Rock. Aplique ahora, no espere. Los lugares se llenan rapido.

**Don't Mess with Texas**  
**TRASH-OFF**  
 April 4, 2009

**Volunteers Sought For Trash Pickup April 4**

Volunteers are gathering downtown on April 4th at 8:00 AM with a commitment to pick up litter along Highway 90A from the east side of town starting at 3013 through town to the west side, wrapping up at Calhoun Road.

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, Revitalize Eagle Lake, the Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club, and the Eagle Lake Volunteer Firemen are just a few of the organizations that have joined in with volunteers all across the state in a one day all-out drive to pick up litter and clean up our highways. Contact the Chamber office at 979-234-2780 to add your name or your group to the list.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is an annual event that encourages Texans across the state to join forces to clean up Texas roadsides. An estimated 827 million pieces of litter will collect on our highways this year alone, which means we need your help more than ever.

Volunteers throughout the state remove litter from roadsides, city parks, neighborhoods, and waterways during this annual

event. The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is the single largest one day cleanup event in the state and serves as Texas' signature event for the Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program. The Trash-Off is part of TxDOT's litter prevention program, which includes Don't Mess with Texas, Adopt-a-Highway, and a grass-roots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful.

In 2008, more than 57,000 volunteers picked up 5 million pounds of litter to help keep our state beautiful. Everyone can participate! Volunteers from all walks of life... students, business leaders, civic and non-profit organizations, individuals, families, community groups, sororities, fraternities, sports teams, etc. If you have some from free time, please volunteer and make a difference.

Your participation sends a message to Texans everywhere that the smallest efforts really do make the biggest difference. Take pride in the fact that you were part of making our great state beautiful! Join in on this event and help make a difference!

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