

Good News 'Round the Grove

Briscoe Junior High students form their own dance club

By the time you'll get this, the Olympics will just about be wrapping up and the closing ceremonies almost over... I hope everyone has had the opportunity to enjoy some of the games and favorite events.

Here's what's going on in our neck of the woods...



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Dance, Dance, Dance

Recently on Feb. 13, a group of local students did just that... danced that is.

These Briscoe students, although not directly sponsored by the school, made the choice to join a social club called Club 11.

The club sponsors dances over the school year and has everyone tapping their toes.

The past Saturday, the girls and boys dressed up for the annual formal. Perhaps getting ready for the future, the youngsters wore their starley best and enjoy the evening.

I happen to be one of the chaperones of the evening and I had to say it was as much fun watching the other parent chaperones as it was the kiddos.

I think the formal threw all of us parents into shock with how beautiful our young ladies are becoming and how handsome the young gentlemen are.

It's amusing how many young ladies I hardly recognized without their hair up in pony tails and heels on their normally spunky clad feet.

And dresses to boot... say it isn't so. Of course, that's what a formal suggests, but wow... after being covered up by jeans every day of the week, it was nice to see how much effort was put into their appearances.

The evening was a huge success and several times during the evening, the dance floor packed.

Palmarez earns Scouting's Highest Honor: Eagle Rank

Albert Palmarez a Scout from Troop 1006 in Richmond recently celebrated his Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

The ceremony was held at

Grace Community Bible Church where Albert is an active youth member.

Scout William Garnes was the Master of Ceremonies for the celebration.

The court opened with a welcome and prayer by Dave Hodges Pastor of the church.

Scout Andrew Mueller did the Presentation and Retirement of Colors. Wayne Evans led the Scout Law candle lighting ceremony with the help of Scouts, Andrew and Brandon Walquist.

Then Mueller followed with the Trail to Eagle assisted by Scouts, Reid Williams and Bradley Cox.

Gus Evans presented letters of

congratulations from many dignitaries and Rich Harrison presented the Eagle Challenge and Charge.

After Albert recited his Scout Oath and Pledge he was joined by his mother and father for the pinning of metals and presentation of special gifts.

Albert spoke and thanked the many that helped him on his trail to Eagle. Michael Perry gave the closing benediction and the retirement of the colors followed.

Everyone adjourned for refreshment and dinner.

For his Eagle leadership project, Albert had the help of his troop, family and friends, as he

coordinated needed improvements for the Rainbow Room in Rosenberg.

Albert was elected by his scout peers to join the "Order of the Arrow" Scouting's National Honor Society.

Albert has attended many summer camps throughout the country and also was able to attend the Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree.

Albert is a senior at Foster High School and is in the National Honor Society.

He will graduate with the Distinguished Service Cord for community service and ranks in the top 10 percent of his class.

He was accepted and plans to attend Texas A&M. He is the son of Albert and Sue Palmarez of Richmond.

Also right around the corner...

Boy Scout Troop 1006 will have it's annual multi-family garage sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 6 at Joy Lutheran Church on Hwy 389, Richmond.

They encourage everyone to come out and find something to take home... after all, one man's trash is another man's treasure.

I'll close and wish you all a wonderful week. I look forward to hearing from you. I can be reached at mcherald@yahoo.com.



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