Winners In Summer Program Pet Show

Those were the winners in the Cats, Insects, Small Dogs and Rocks divisions of the Wintermann Library's final summer program Pet Show last Wednesday. Receiving ribbons for their entries were: front, left to right, Diana Cavazos, first in insects; Jason Duarte, third in small dogs; Patty Stephens, second in small dogs; Suzanne Corman, second in insects; standing, l. to r., Kristi Dabose, first in small dogs; John Villarreal, first in rocks; Bonnie Berger, second in rocks; Maria Thomas, second in cats; and Tammie Lamascus, first in cats.

Also winner in the Birds, Unusual and Large Animal divisions of the Wintermann Library Pet Show at the Community Center Pavilion last week were: in front, l. to r., Wade Miller, third in birds; Donna and Rhonda Prazak, first in birds; standing, l. to r., Kim Corman, first in large animals; Johnny Lamascus, second in birds; Mitchell Miller, third in birds; Ramona Fernandez, third in unusual entries; Patrick Isenhower, second in unusual; Stacy Spanihel, first in unusual; Chad Sunderman, third in large animals; and Stacey Causey, second in large animals.

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News From Wintermann Library

Enthusiasm Runs High At Pet Show

The Eula and David Wintermann Library's Summer Reading program came to an end on Wednesday of last week with a gigantic Pet Show and the awarding of reading certificates to youngsters who participated in the program.

Over fifty pets were entered in the seven divisions of the show, held under the supervision of Mrs. Cherry Corman and Mrs. Beth Waddell.

Judges for the show were Mrs. Joe (Virginia) Reed and Mrs. Rick (Debbie) Christ. While the judges were deliberating the winners of the ribbons, Mrs. Estrella Truly and others served popsicles to the youngsters taking part in the show.

Winners Named

First, second and third place ribbons were presented to the winners in each division and all other participants received a fourth place ribbon. Winners were:

Insects: first, Diana Cavazos and second to Suzanne Corman;

Rocks: John Villarreal, first; Bonnie Berger, second;

Cats: Tammie Lamascus, first; Maria Thomas, second;

Small dogs: Kristi Dabose, first; Patty Stephens, second; and Jason Duarte, third;

Birds: Donna and Rhonda Prazak, first; Johnny Lamascus, second; Mitchell Miller, third;

Unusual entries: first to Stacy Spanihel, second to Patrick Isenhower and third to Ramona Fernandez;

Large animals: first to Kim Corman; second to Stacey Causey; and third to Chad Sunderman.

The judges and chairmen extended thanks for so many entries and for so much interest in the show.

Certificates Presented

After the pet show ribbons were awarded, certificates were presented to those who successfully read at least ten books. Those receiving certificates were:

Becky Almanza, Jennifer Alvarado, Alicia Alaniz, Jo Ann Torres, Edwin Strube, Stacy Spanihel, Glenn Lipperdt, Dominique Isenhower, Wendy Gonzales, Stephanie Causey, Todd Mascheck, Cindy Gonzales, Renee' Balas, Chad Sunderman, Sally Strube, Bobby Wied, Mary Wolfe, Lupe Torres, Jr., Shelly Ramirez, Monica Ramirez, Mitchell Miller, Curt McTear, Marsha McTear, Sheryl McGrew, Patrick Isenhower, Dustin Hengst, Sandy Gonzales;

Also, Robert Gonzales, Jamie Gonzales, Laurie Gonzales, Ramona Fernandez, Jason Duarte, Viola Cordova, Kim Corman, Lera Castillo, Kathy Castillo, Bennie Castillo, Prisca Carter, Bianca Carter, Sandra Brown, Kevin Bendy, Keith Bendy, Danna Fudge, Sherri Fraka, Randy Duarte, Gracie Coronado, Robert L. Dierschke, Suzanne Corman, Dora Cordova, Sunny Chisholm, Brian Center, Diana Cavazos, Teresa Cardenas, Joyce Cardenas, Denise Cardenas, Bryon Brown;

Also, Brian Blair, Brian Balas, Laura Appelt, Noble Anderson, Darryl Anderson, Shanna Brunner, Vastrice Alexander, Belinda Alaniz, Stacy Causey, Rhonda Prazak, Wade Miller, Krista Miller, Lloyd Middleton, Steven Meinecke, Julie McInteer, Jackie McGrew, Charlene McGrew, Glen Leopold, Trisha Johnson, Johnny Lamascus, Tammie Lamascus, Tommy Johnson, Tara Johnson, Clay Hosman, Kenneth Torrez, Maria Thomas, Patti Ann Stephens, Eliza Saucedo, Leticia Saucedo, Theresa Saucedo, Daniel Sosa, Nora Sosa, Rodney Sosa, Vicki Ramirez, Trace Sanders, Lisa Ramirez, Erin Ordelt, Melissa Perry and Donna Prazak.

Sympathy to Librarian

Mrs. June Pirtle, librarian at the Wintermann Library, was unable to be present for the final activities of the summer program due to the death of her father. All extend condolences to her family in their great loss.

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Dresser Ind. Begins Work On IH-10 Plant

Dresser Industries Inc. of Houston has begun construction of an oil field equipment repair service center at the intersection of F.M. 949 and I-10.

Project Manager Ike Challis said construction is expected to be complete by November.

The facility will be located in the same area as the Mechanical Works Corp., Smith Industries and the Well-Tech Corp.

The company plans to re-work and service oil field rigs. It plans to hire from 15 to 30 persons locally. Challis said three or four employees from the main office will relocate in this area.

He said the facility would service all rigs belonging to Ideco which is a division of Dresser Industries. He said Dresser is the parent company of about 50 other companies.

Challis said the plant here would have two buildings located on a five-acre, [illegible]-surfaced area. He said the main building would be 80 feet wide and 180 feet long. The small building will be 40 feet wide and 80 feet in length.

Well-Tech Inc. of Houston announced in April, 1978 that it had purchased 74 acres at I-10 and F.M. 949 for construction of a warehouse and maintenance facility that will employ about 25 persons.

Well-Tech owns workover drilling rigs, about 165 of them as of April, 1978, operating in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana and Texas.-Colorado County Citizen.

1978 Oil, Gas Sales In County Total $62,600,000

The sale of crude oil and natural gas from Colorado County wells in 1978 boosted the county economy and accounted for $62.6-million of the $17.1-billion value placed on Texas production last year, according to Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association.

In a report on the economic impact of oil and gas industry operations in the top producing counties of Texas, the Dallas-based Association said the county ranked 66th among the 202 counties with marketed production valued at $100,000 or more, not including the sale of natural gas liquids.

The county's wells produced 706,000 barrels of crude oil, valued at $6.5-million, and 55.5-million Mcfs of natural gas, valued at $56.1-million. Owners of royalty in the county received $7.8-million as their share of the output, the Association said.

"Considering the shortfall in total U.S. petroleum production relative to our nation's energy needs, production from every Texas county is more vitally important today than ever before," said the Association's president, H. B. (Hank) Harkins of Alice, an independent producer and drilling contractor.

In addition to paying local, county, and state property taxes, producers in the county also supported state government through production tax payments estimated at $4.5-million, according to the Association. Crude oil taxes amounted to $302,000, while natural gas levies totalled $4.2-million.

Based on Texas Employment Commission figures, some 277 oil and gas industry employees in the county received wages of about $3.4-million in 1978.

In the search for new petroleum reserves in the county, oil and gas operators spent a reported $38.5-million in the drilling of 91 wells, including 27 wildcat, or exploratory, wells. This effort resulted in the completion of 47 gas wells, although some $14.5-million was lost in the drilling of 44 dry holes.

Petroleum processing also contributed to the county economy, with three natural gasoline plants, having a total daily capacity of 357.1-million cubic feet of natural gas, in operation.

Tony's Dinner

Peggy Mims — this is a ticket for a free Tony's Deluxe Dinner at Taco Tony's on Highway 90A just west of the city. You'll find delicious foods in a pleasant atmosphere. Clip this out and present at Tony's not later than Aug. 21, 1979

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Coach Rice and Captains Prepare For Workout

The Rice High School Raiders opened two-a-day football workouts on Monday of this week with over 70 athletes taking part in the preseason drills. Head Raider football coach Mike Rice, kneeling right, is shown going over the schedule for a workout with the 1979 team captains. Leading the team on the field this season will be senior Bobby Cook, kneeling left, and juniors, standing l. to r., John Schneider, Jeff Darden and Roger Fry. The Raiders will continue non-contact drills until Friday when they will start full contact workouts. A single workout has been scheduled for this Saturday, with the possibility of an intersquad scrimmage also being considered. The Raiders' season opener will be Sept. 7th at Weimar.

Final Standings In Men's League Listed

Several games played during the past weeks have determined the top five finishers in the Rice Area Summer League men's softball program for the 1979 season.

The Lakers wrapped up the top spot in this year's loop several weeks ago, finishing with a 12-1 mark.

However, several rainouts left the next four finishers in question with the rice harvest hampering the re-scheduling of the games.

Despite the complications, most of the games have been played and the second, third, fourth and fifth place teams have been determined and will receive a beautiful team trophy for their successful season.

Grigar Insurance Agency finished the year with an 11-3 record to grab second place in league play. The Sluggers, coached by John Marshall, lost to Q&O in the first game of a double header last Tuesday night to put the two teams in a tie for the third place position. But, came back to win the playoff in a thrilling 23 to 22 battle. The win gives the Sluggers a 10-5 record and third place, while Q&O, who knocked off Wintermann and Co. on Wednesday night, finishes with a 9-6 mark for fourth place.

Garwood Implement Co. takes the number five spot with a 7-7 record.

The other three teams in the league finished out of the money, but, along with the top five placers helped to provide a successful, exciting and very enjoyable summer program for the players, coaches and sponsors, as well as the many loyal fans that supported the teams throughout the summer.

Winding up the places in this year's league were Wintermann & Co., sixth place; First Baptist Church, seventh place; and the Knights of Columbus, eighth place.

WCJC Pioneer Grid Coach Optimistic

Pioneer power "on paper" pleases Carman Bonner as he surveys his new challenge at Wharton County Junior College which opens Texas Junior College Football Conference action against Kilgore Saturday, September 8 in a 7:30 p.m. Wharton game.

The 1979 pigskin pilot is admittedly "a total optimist" but also realizes "Optimism goes just so far."

Bonner determinedly looks for "improvement in 1979" and must accomplish the elusive Pioneer feat with only seven returning sophomores and twenty six freshmen.

About [illegible] ty athletes will try out Sunday, August 19 at 2 p.m. for the few spots left to be filled on the team which must be cut to 33 by August 25. Area coaches and their athletes have been given physical forms which must be filled out before tryouts.

TP&W Offers Leaflet for Fur Trappers

AUSTIN — Because of an expanding trapping industry and many inquiries concerning the fur trade, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has reprinted an article which appeared in the department magazine last November.

"Texas Fur Trade," leaflet No. 7000-62, is available free from the Literature Section, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744.

Next trapping season will start in December 1979, but licenses will go on sale in late August 1979. State residents may purchase the $5 license at P&WD district offices and at the Austin headquarters. The non-resident trapper's license fee is $300, and is available only from P&WD Austin headquarters.

For additional information, write the department's license section at the above address, or phone 512-475-4807.

Gulf Fisheries Have Vast Potential For Expanding Our Food Supply

By Robert L. Haney
TAES Science Writer

We're discarding more than 900 million pounds of fish each year in the shrimping operations of Texas-based trawlers.

Wastage on such a scale gives some indication of the magnitude of our potential fisheries in both the white and brown shrimp grounds off the Texas coast. This potential was revealed by research of scientists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, working with the Sea Grant Program at Texas A&M University.

Discarded fish are mostly demersal-bottom dwelling fish which the shrimp boats are not equipped to keep. Yet, such fish often outweigh the shrimp catch by 10 to one.

Since shrimping in recent years has been an industry of steadily increasing costs and remains only marginally profitable, there arises the distinct possibility that much of the industry's potential profits are being discarded with the by-catch.

As world population grows and demand and price for protein increase, it's obvious we are going to have to take second looks at such potential sources of human food or livestock feed.

One of the scientists who has been studying the possibilities of developing this resource is Dr. Gunnar Finne, in Seafood Technology with the Animal Science Department at Texas A&M University.

"One possible use of this underutilized resource is for the production of minced or deboned fish flesh.

"To properly utilize such a vast resource we may need floating factories in the fishing grounds, designed to process all the boats' catch.

"In addition to the shrimp which would be processed at sea, fish could be converted to human food such as fish sticks, fish paste or canned food.

"Those fish that were unsuitable for use as food could be combined with bones and other waste from the food processing operation and converted to fish meal or fertilizer.

Shrimp boats would have to be redesigned and enlarged to retain and carry the entire catch to the factory ship."

A recent study by Finne and others established both yields and quality of minced (deboned) flesh from non-traditional finfish species from the Gulf of Mexico.

The fish, which were processed both as fresh and prefrozen, included sheepshead, sandtrout, black drum, croaker, and mullet, together with freshwater tilapia.

The yield of deboned flesh varied from a high of 31.3% for fresh croaker to a low of 22% for prefrozen black drum.

The deboned flesh ranged in protein content from 14.19% for mullet to 18.69% for sandtrout. Fat content ranged from a low of 1.33% in mullet to 3.83% in croaker.

Fishes of the type being caught are very prolific and appear to be in no danger from overharvesting. Therefore, these Gulf fishes represent an enormous potential protein resource.

Reproduction characteristics of Gulf bottom-dwelling fishes contrast with the larger sizes, longer lifespans and apparently lower mortality rates of fishes in northern waters.

This apparently gives these Gulf fish such a population and growth advantage that they're not very susceptible to overfishing and they have a higher harvest potential than comparable northern fishes.

"If ways can be developed to fully utilize this vast resource in our coastal waters, it could inject millions of dollars into our fishing industry, stimulate business for suppliers, greatly increase our food resources and strengthen the State's economy," Finne concluded.

Editor's Note — Any questions regarding this column should be addressed to Science Writer, Dept. of Agricultural Communications, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.

SPORTS

Jeff Fraka, Sports Editor

Mixed Softball Tournament This Weekend

A mixed team slow pitch softball tournament will be held this weekend probably at the city ball park with 12 teams scheduled to play in the tournament.

Frank Gonzales, tournament director for the double elimination event, announced this week that a couple of spots were still open for any teams that may be interested in participating. For more information, call Gonzales at 234-2861 in Eagle Lake, after 5 p.m.

The mixed tournaments previously held in the area have attracted much attention and provided some outstanding entertainment as well as enjoyment for players and fans.

Each team must put five ladies and five men in the starting line up and the men must bat opposite of their normal batting side.

[illegible] local teams have already entered the tournament as well as some outstanding teams from surrounding communities. At the conclusion of the event on Sunday evening, some beautiful trophies will be awarded to the top teams and players.

A team trophy will be presented to each of the top six teams with individual trophies for the top two. One man and one woman will be selected as Most Valuable Player of the tournament, and one man and one woman will receive a Golden Glove award for their outstanding defensive play in the tournament.

Fans are invited to come out and support their favorite team during the play this weekend and to enjoy the mixed team competition.

Mixed Volleyball Tournament Here Aug. 25-26

The Gethsemane Baptist Mission will sponsor a Mixed Volleyball Tournament in Eagle Lake on Saturday and Sunday, August 25th and 26th.

Larry Contreras is tournament director for the event and he will be taking entries until this Thursday, August 16th.

Trophies will be awarded to the top four teams at the conclusion of the event, which will benenfit Mission activities.

For more information or to enter, call Contreras at 234-2540 by Thursday.

Rice High School Raiders 1979 Football Schedule

NON-DISTRICT

Sept. 7	Weimar	T	
Sept. 14	Hallettsville	H	
Sept. 21	Needville	T	
Sept. 28	Open		

DISTRICT 20AA

Oct. 5	Sealy	T	
Oct. 12	Hempstead	H	
Oct. 19	Bellville	T	
Oct. 26	Magnolia	H	
Nov. 2	Royal	T	
Nov. 9	Columbus	H	
Nov. 16	Waller	H	

Non-Dist. games start 8:00 p.m.
Dist. 20AA games start 7:30 p.m.

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Rice High School Raiders Junior Varsity Schedule
Game Time - 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 6	Weimar	H
Sept. 13	Hallettsville	T
Sept. 20	Needville	H
Sept. 27	Open	
Oct. 4	Sealy	H
Oct. 11	Hempstead	T
Oct. 18	Bellville	H
Oct. 25	Magnolia	T
Nov. 1	Royal	H
Nov. 8	Columbus	T
Nov. 15	Waller	T

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Rice High School Raiders '79 Freshmen Schedule
Game Time - 5:30 P.M.

Sept. 6	Open	
Sept. 13	Hallettsville	T
Sept. 20	Needville	H
Sept. 27	Open	
Oct. 4	Sealy	H
Oct. 11	Sealy	T
Oct. 18	Bellville	H
Oct. 25	Magnolia	T
*Nov. 1	St. Thomas	T
Nov. 8	Columbus	T

*St. Thomas game time 7 p.m.

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Eagle Lake Middle School 7th & 8th Grade Schedule
7th - 5:30 p.m. 8th - 7 p.m.

Sept. 13	Hallettsville	H
Sept. 20	Needville	T
*Sept. 27	Weimar	T
Oct. 4	Sealy	T
Oct. 11	Hallettsville	T
Oct. 18	Bellville	T
Oct. 25	La Grange	H
Nov. 1	Royal	T

*8th grade only - 7 p.m.

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Garwood-Sheridan Football 1979 Schedule
Game Time - 5:00 P.M.

Sept. 13	Weimar-Scri.	T
Sept. 20	Louise	H
Sept. 27	Shiner	H
Oct. 4	Schulenburg	T
Oct. 11	Flatonia	T
Oct. 18	Shiner	H
Oct. 25	Schulenburg	H
Nov. 1	Flatonia	H

Hunt Prospects For '79-80 Great

With opening day of dove season in the North Zone of Texas (not including this area), less than a month away, hunters are beginning to prepare for a fall hunting season which is expected to be one of the best in years for most game species.

Officials of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department believe the 1979-80 hunting season will be especially good for pronghorn antelope, white-tailed deer, turkey, quail and possibly doves.

As always, weather conditions are the key factor in wildlife populations, and 1979 has seen some unusual weather. In general the wet spring and summer over most of the state was a big plus for wildlife.

Prospective hunters are reminded to have a current hunting license and other required [illegible] such as federal waterfowl and white-winged dove stamps. Check the department's free Guide to 1979-80 Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Regulations booklet available where hunting licenses are sold to determine regulations in all Texas counties.

Here is a general wrap-up of hunting prospects and hunting season dates for the more popular game species:

Mourning Dove

The North Zone split mourning dove season is Sept. 1 - Oct. 21 and Jan. 5-13. The South Zone seasons are Sept. 22 - Nov. 4 and Jan. 5-20. However, in counties along the Rio Grande which have white-winged dove hunting, the fall segment of the South Zone will end Oct. 31. The mourning dove situation is somewhat encouraging, with a good carry-over of birds which nested and wintered in Texas during the past year, according to Jim Dunks, dove program leader. Surveys showed the breeding population to be about 10 percent over last year, and reports from states to the north indicate generally good populations. How long the migrating birds remain in Texas during the seasons will depend on the weather and available food, Dunks said.

White-Winged Dove

Despite some heavy freeze damage to the Rio Grande Valley's citrus trees during the past winter, there was approximately 30 percent increase in the number of breeding birds in Texas this spring, Dunks said. Whether the birds will stay in Texas for the hunting season remains to be seen. Dunks said some cropland has been converted from grain to cotton in the Texas valley area, while grain crops across the river in Mexico are extensive. This may cause some of the birds to fly south before the Texas season, which will be Sept. 1-2 and 8-9.

Quail

Over most of the western half of the state, the quail season in regulatory counties is Oct. 27 - Feb. 3. With some exceptions, the rest of the state has a Nov. 17 - Feb. 17 season.

Of all the game species, quail may be the most subject to boom or bust conditions due to the weather. Thanks to widespread rains during the critical spring nesting months, biologists are expecting a good to outstanding crop of birds in most areas of the state this fall. In fact, the Parks and Wildlife Commission has deferred setting quail bag limits until after August census line counts are completed, with the possibility of raising bag and possession limits where an inordinate surplus is found.

Deer

The deer situation looks bright, both in terms of numbers and condition. A wet winter and early spring provided ample cover and forage, and over most of the state habitat conditions have continued favorable into the summer. Antler growth is expected to be better than last year because of the better forage conditions. This prediction applies to both white-tailed and mule deer, and in some areas of the Trans-Pecos mule deer appear to be gaining ground in some areas which have had low populations for several years.

In regulatory counties throughout most of the central portion of the state, the white-tailed deer season is Nov. 17 - Jan. 1.

City In Most Progressive Era With Numerous Projects

Eagle Lake City Manager T. J. Smith reported to the Eagle Lake Rotary Club last week that the City is now in one of its most progressive eras during the sixteen years in which he has served as city manager here.

Smith outlined for the Rotarians some of the many projects that are underway or are in the immediate future.

He said that the city is in step two of the program for the construction of improving the sewer plant, a project which was started over four years ago. The engineering firm and the city are now developing final plans and specifications for updating the sewer plant in order to meet required standards but added that the standards seem to be changing every few months.

Another project which will begin immediately is the drainage improvement program in the "flat" area of the city under the $700,000 community development grant from HUD. "This project will not only improve a bad drainage situation but will also improve safety in the area of the Eagle Lake Primary School", he stated. The project will also open two streets in that area which are now dead-headed at the deep drainage ditch because of the excessive cost of building safe bridges.

Other aspects of the community development program, rehabilitation of substandard homes and demolition of other buildings, are still being developed and will probably be a year in the making.

The construction of a new water well, a new pumping facility and a new water storage tank on Davitt Street are other current projects, noted Smith. He told the Rotarians that the city expects a good job on the 500 gallon steel storage tank since the contractor, Tank Builders, Inc. has been cited by a statewide publication for having built one of the most outstanding tanks in the state in Plano, Texas.

Street Work

Schwabe and Mikes have been awarded the contract for street improvements in the city and seven carloads of material have been unloaded beside the railroad track and the contractor is expected to begin applying the materials to streets and other projects in the community in the immediate future. He added that the $94,000 paving and curb and gutter job on Austin Road by Dean & Keng is to be completed soon and will be a valuable addition to the hospital and medical facilities in that area, as well as to residents and future construction in that area.

One of the projects which is expected to be developed soon in the Austin Road area is a Senior Citizens housing project and the city manager told the Rotarians that contracts have been let for the construction and work should begin soon.

Friedman and Associates of Houston are expected to construct the 50-unit housing project.

Other progressive areas touched by the city manager included: purchase of a new backhoe and loader for the maintenance department; delivery of a new fire truck for the local volunteer fire department; hiring of two officers to bring the police department to full force; and repairs to the gas system.

Gas System Leaks

In response to questions from Rotarians, the city manager acknowledged that the city is losing money on the gas system because of the excessive leaks in the system, some of which is fifty years old. He stated that the system will probably have to be rebuilt rather than repaired in order to stop the loss of the valuable natural gas (the city is paying the supplier over $2.00 per 1,000 cubic feet).

Commissioner Bill Farris, also present, said that this project is one of the top priorities in the city and "something's going to have to be done in the immediate future", he said.

Back The Raiders!

RHS Students Get Schedules Next Thurs.

Rice High School students in the ninth through the twelfth grades may pick up their schedules on Thursday, Aug. 23rd.

The Eagle Lake students may get their schedules at the Eagle Lake Middle School from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. The Garwood-Nada students will get theirs at the Garwood School from 11:00 until 12:00 noon, and Sheridan students may pick up theirs at the Sheridan School from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Students picking up schedules on the 23rd are reminded to dress in a manner that would be appropriate for a regular school day at Rice High School.

For the ninth graders, RHS counselors will be available on Friday, Aug. 24th at the high school, to familiarize the new students with opening lockers and where they will attend classes. The school will be open from 9:00 to 3:00 on that day for those who wish to come.