

Reduced price, free meals available to Rice CISD students

Below is a chart giving the eligibility guidelines for reduced price and free meals in the Rice School District. Questions should be directed to the individual school offices. If you now get food stamps or AFDC for your children, they can get free meals according to a letter meant to inform parents of this program. An application must be completed and returned to the school in order to participate.

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		WEEKLY	
	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE
1	\$ 8,606	\$12,247	\$ 718	\$1,021	\$166	\$ 236
2	11,544	16,428	962	1,369	222	316
3	14,482	20,609	1,207	1,718	279	397
4	17,420	24,790	1,452	2,066	335	477
5	20,358	28,971	1,697	2,415	392	558
6	23,296	33,152	1,942	2,763	448	638
7	26,234	37,333	2,187	3,112	505	718
8	29,172	41,514	2,431	3,460	561	798
9	32,110	45,695	2,676	3,809	618	879
10	35,048	49,876	2,921	4,158	675	960
11	37,986	54,057	3,166	4,507	732	1,041
12	40,924	58,238	3,411	4,856	789	1,122
Each additional family member:						
	\$ 2,938	\$ 4,181	\$ 245	\$ 349	\$ 57	\$ 81

Living Hope Church hosts presentation of new book

Living Hope Church will host a very special event Sunday evening, August 25, at 7 p.m. Pastor Joe C. Fling will be presenting an exposition of his book "Lord Of The Threshing Floor". Following a review and exhortation from the book, Pastor Fling will host a book signing party with refreshments.

"Lord Of The Threshing Floor" published by Brentwood Christian Press, Columbus, Georgia, is Pastor Fling's first book. According to the 1991 Christian Writer's Market Guide, Brentwood is the publisher of 220 titles, the most last year of any Christian publisher. In his book, Pastor Fling compares many farming principles involved with threshing to the Christian life.

Jerry Laquire, President of Brentwood has said, "Brother Fling's book contains many very interesting and inspirational observations," and predicts that having this book in print will have dynamic impact on Pastor Fling's ministry, outreach and personal witness.

The public is warmly invited to this and all services of Living Hope Church.

Add tax to swimming pool services

By John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Tax is due on the charges for cleaning and maintaining swimming pools and related equipment. Some examples of taxable services include pool vacuuming, acid washing, filter cleaning, balancing the chemicals and shocking and winterizing.

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EAGLE LAKE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL NEWS

Cardiac monitoring equipment acquired

Eagle Lake Community Hospital has upgraded its cardiac care by the acquisition of an advanced cardiac monitoring system, according to Jim Buckner, Hospital's Administrator. The system has the ability to detect heart patterns that are abnormal, and store these events in its computer for analysis by the physician. In addition, the system can monitor blood pressure and oxygen levels simultaneously with the electrocardiograms, making it a fully integrated cardiac monitoring system.

Susan Hernandez, Director of Nursing, says the new monitoring system is just the latest step the hospital has taken to treat heart disease, which is still a leading cause of death and disability in our nation.

Eagle Lake Community Hospital employs the latest technology in non-invasive cardiovascular diagnostic testing. The hospital's specialty clinic includes the services of a board certified cardiologist who is available on a regular basis to see patients and provide consultation.

In addition, the administration of a drug commonly known as TPA has saved the lives of a number of patients admitted to Eagle Lake Community Hospital while having a heart attack.

"The new monitoring system acquisition was made possible in large part through a gift from an Eagle Lake couple who wish to remain anonymous," says Buckner. He goes on to say that the hospital has been blessed with the community's generosity through the years, which is the main reason Eagle Lake Community Hospital remains open, viable, and debt-free despite the enormous economic burden of keeping pace with technological advances.

Hickey hired as ELCH Controller

Blair Hickey has been hired as the new Controller at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. A native of Bradford, Pennsylvania, Blair has lived in Texas since 1959. His wife, Elaine, is an occupational therapy assistant presently employed by the Houston Hand Rehabilitation Center.

Blair and Elaine have three children, Kurt, 30; Rachel, 26 and Laura, 24. They also have a 10 year old grandson, Jeremiah Riddle, who lives with them.

Blair is a graduate of Austin College in Sherman, Texas, and studied accounting at the University of Texas. The Hickeys live in Richmond but plan to move to Eagle Lake in the near future.

ELCH names Owen as new Radiology Director

Mary Ann Owen has been named the new Radiology Director at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Her skills include routine diagnostic x-rays, trauma, CT, nuclear medicine and mammograms.

An El Campo High School graduate, Mrs. Owen graduated from the Radiologic Technology program at Wharton County Jr. College with an Associate Degree in Applied Science. Her husband, Emil, works for Nan Ya Plastics in Wharton and they have four children, Michelle, 21; Alan, 19; Jimmie Jo, 14, who will be a freshman in high school, and Martha, 11, who will be in the fifth grade. They also have one grandson, Andrew, who is two and one-half years old.

Formerly of Louise and Weimar, the Owens make their home in Eagle Lake.

THE STAFFORD OPERA HOUSE COLUMBUS, TEXAS INAUGURAL SEASON

September 7, 1991
Chapelwood United Methodist Church Fine Arts Department
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November 2, 1991
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Colorado County wins big at TYRA State Finals

The Texas Youth Rodeo Association (TYRA) 1991 State Finals were held in Seguin August 6 through 10. The participants compete in 12 rodeos during the spring and summer, and points are kept when they place in the top 10 of each rodeo.

Out of 430 members from all over Texas, the top 25 with the most points in each event qualify for the State Finals. After the final competition at State, the top six who have accumulated the most points are the year-end buckle winners.

Colorado County buckle winners were: Misty Crane (Nada); 5th in Senior Girls Ribbon Runner; Hank Crane (Garwood); 2nd Sub-Jr. Figure 8; Ashley Crane (Garwood); 2nd Jr. Girl Ribbon Runner; Clay Cerny (Garwood); 6th Senior Boy Ribbon Roper.

Some of the other events they qualified and competed in were:

Misty: senior goat tying, senior cloverleaf, senior poles and senior girls breakaway.

Ashley: junior girls breakaway, junior figure 8's and junior girls goat tying.

Clay: senior tiedown and Team roping.

Attend your county Farm Bureau convention

The Colorado County Farm Bureau convention will be held Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the Columbus High School cafeteria at 7 p.m. A barbecue dinner will be served by Austin's Barbecue & Catering of Eagle Lake. Dinner tickets will be \$2 each if purchased by noon, Thursday, Sept. 6, or \$3.75 if purchased after the deadline or at the door.

Guest speaker will be humorist Ellis Posey from Georgetown, Texas. The main purpose of this annual meeting will be to adopt policies for the coming year. Also, new directors will be elected as well as voting delegates to represent our county at the state convention to be held December 1-4 in Lubbock.

Leaving the board this year are Max Dittmar, John Engstrom, Billy Hefner and Kenneth Koehl. The nominating committee will select replacements.

All Farm Bureau members are invited to attend this meeting, however only agricultural producers may vote or be elected to office, according to our county bylaws.

SPORTS



Left is Mark Robinson, an adult leader of the 4-H Horse club, reading off the winning raffle ticket. Also pictured is Arthur Miller, representing the Columbus Livestock Auction, and Kristy Kleinmann, president of the 4-H Horse Club.

4-H Horse Club concludes summer program

On Wednesday, August 14, the Colorado 4-H Horse Club concluded their summer program. The 4-Hers swam for two hours at the Columbus swimming pool then the party moved to the arena where 92 people enjoyed a leisurely meal.

The horse club rode each Monday night at 8 p.m. during June and July. This summer there were 35 riders participating in cloverleaf barrels, straight barrels, pole bending, pleasure, western riding and reining. The last three weeks of the program the 4-Hers practiced roping, tracking and goat tying.

Each week the riders accumulated points in the various events in their age group. The age groups were beginners, eight and under, 9-12 and 13 and over.

This year ten 4-Hers were placed in each group. The beginners received ribbons each week. The other groups were awarded prizes according to their point totals for the summer including a trophy buckle for first place. The other nine winners were allowed to pick their prizes from a table covered with breast collars with silver conchos, navajo saddle pads, equipment bags, roping bags, halters, spurs, and lead ropes. Each prize had "4-H 1991" imprinted on it.

Riding in the beginner class were Jeremy Werland, Lynden Haley, Blake Rosenbaum, Danielle Klein, Houston Haley, Matthew Janak, Jaime Billeck and William Haley.

The year-end placements were:

Eight and under group: 1st, Will Schneider; 2nd, Kaylee Robinson; 3rd, Russell Stewart; 4th, Kristy Janak; 5th, Jimmie Kleinmann. Russell Hagendorf also rode in this age group.

9-12 group: 1st, Le Shon Dromgoole; 2nd, David Fuchs; 3rd, Emily Schneider; 4th, Kevin Hattermann; 5th, Andrea Contorno; 6th, Kacey Stewart; 7th, Kim Klein; 8th, Clay Stewart; 9th, Nicole Owens; 10th, Matt Whitley. Others were Jenny

Two from Columbus named to Texas FFA alumni council

Doug Ulrich, Columbus High School Ag teacher, and Al Kaiser, Columbus FFA Alumni treasurer, were named to the FFA Alumni Council during the recent FFA State Convention in El Paso. Ulrich was named as vice chairman and Kaiser was named to serve as a member of the Council.

Among other endeavors, the council strives to assist in the development of local alumni chapters who will support the FFA program in their respective schools.

"The purpose of the association is to support and promote agriculture, ag education, the local FFA chapter and opportunities the chapter offers to its young people in developing leadership, character and good citizenship," according to Columbus FFA Alumni President Jim Swindall.

"Membership in the alumni group doesn't hinge on whether a person has been in the FFA through his scholastic years. Rather, it is open to any person interested in supporting and further promoting the FFA Agriculture Education program offered in their school system," he added.

Swindall advised that our local chapter has donated the new FFA livestock trailer to the school for use in and for agriculture projects students may have. The chapter also sponsors an annual scholarship, a get acquainted hamburger supper for new agriculture students and their families, and assists with the annual FFA stock show.

During 1990-91, the chapter donated an extra \$750 toward defraying student expenses for the State Convention and plans are in the works to be of great assistance this year.

"Columbus has a lot of talented and interested kids in this program," said Swindall, "and we want to be able to allow as many as possible to take advantage of the opportunities in FFA."

The Columbus Alumni Association meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the high school ag room. Anyone interested in seeing what's going on or in joining the group are encouraged to come out for a visit. You may contact Al Kaiser at 732-3030 or 732-8273. Jim Swindall can be reached at 732-6266 or 732-6927.

Parents of participating students are urged to join.

For further information call 478-6512 or 478-6446.

(See Talent Search, Page 11)

Faith Christian Academy... the educational alternative

Are you considering an alternative education for your child? Faith Christian Academy, a ministry of Christ Our Redeemer Church, 3 miles north of Wallis on Hwy. 36, can be just that.

The school will begin its sixth year of operation on August 26, and is now enrolling students in Kindergarten through twelfth grade. Faith Christian Academy uses the high quality Accelerated Christian Education Curriculum and offers these outstanding features to provide the alternative education your child deserves:

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9. Continuous progress for all children.

The contest will be held in conjunction with the Guardian Angel Bazaar with preliminaries held earlier on Sunday, August 25, at the Guardian Angel Parish Hall beginning at 1 p.m. A one-dollar admission fee will be charged to the public. Proceeds will benefit the CCF (Catholic Christian Formation) Church youth group who will be taking orders for taped videos.

On August 25th, three finalists are accepting entries. The contest will be held in conjunction with the Guardian Angel Bazaar with preliminaries held earlier on Sunday, August 25, at the Guardian Angel Parish Hall beginning at 1 p.m. A one-dollar admission fee will be charged to the public. Proceeds will benefit the CCF (Catholic Christian Formation) Church youth group who will be taking orders for taped videos.

Robin Bowers, New Faces book-keeping agent, will be judging the preliminary contest.

Games This Week!

Friday, Aug. 23 Lady Raiders Volleyball scrimmage at Wharton, 4:30 p.m.
Raider Football scrimmage at Hallettsville, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 24 Lady Raiders Volleyball at St. Joseph IV & Varsity Tournament at St. Joseph, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 27 Lady Raiders Volleyball at St. Joseph, 5:30 p.m.

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Views On Dental Health

DARK BROWN OR GREEN STAINS

If you've noticed any dark brown or green stains on your teeth, this may be a sign that you have gum disease. You should see your dentist for treatment as soon as possible before the disease gets out of hand and your teeth are threatened. The small dark brown or green spots that sometimes appear on teeth are indications of a gum disease condition involving calculus. Calculus not only occurs as a result of gum disease, it also contributes to it.

Calculus forms when bacteria and their by-products, such as enzymes, cause tiny ulcers to form on the inner gum lining. When the gum lining bleeds, the blood, bacteria, and dead cells harden and form deposits on the sides of the affected teeth. This can be likened to the scale that forms on the sides of ships. Calculus is much more destructive, however. Calculus attracts bacteria, which cling to it and multiply, causing the gum disease to spread, increasing the threat to gums and teeth. If you want to save teeth, have this condition treated by your dentist.

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